

City of Miami Springs

News Bulletin



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JULY 2012

IMPORTANT CALENDAR DATES

COUNCIL MEETINGS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2012
 LABOR DAY HOLIDAY
 CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED!

MON., SEPTEMBER 10, 2012 – 7 P.M.
 CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
 FIRST BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING
 CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MON., SEPTEMBER 24, 2012 – 7 P.M.
 CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
 SECOND BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING
 CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

CURBSIDE RECYCLING PICK-UP

Wednesday, September 5, 2012
 Wednesday, September 19, 2012

SPOTLIGHT ON ... Registering to Vote

Fall is here, and much daily attention of the news media has turned to the upcoming Presidential Election on Tuesday, November 6th. Voting is the best and most impactful way to have a say in important issues that affect our lives. In the recent Primary Election on August 14th, 1,858 of the 7,935 registered Miami Springs voters cast their votes in races at all levels of government, and expressed their wishes on a variety of issues, from pit bulls to charter changes. As the Presidential Election season heats up, we encourage all eligible residents to register and exercise their right to vote. In order to participate in this important election, all new voters must be registered by Tuesday, October 9th.

To register to vote, residents must:

- be 18 years or older;



up the forms at City Hall in the Clerk's Office, the County Elections Department Offices,

- be a U.S. citizen;
- be a permanent resident of Miami-Dade County. There is no specific time requirement to live in Miami-Dade County to be considered a permanent resident.

October 9th is also the deadline for anyone interested in changing their political party affiliation. Since Florida is a closed primary state, it is important for voters to know what party they are registered as. With the deadline just a little over a month away, options for those interested in registering to vote are 1) pick

State public assistance agencies or a Florida Drivers License Bureau, fill them out and mail them in to the Miami-Dade County Elections Department; or 2) visit the Miami-Dade County Elections Department website and click on "Register to Vote." After completing the online form, it must be printed, signed, and mailed to the Elections Department at:

Supervisor of Elections
 P.O. Box 521550
 Miami, Florida 33152

This form MUST be postmarked by Tuesday, October 9th to be accepted as valid for this election.

Voters who wish to change their party affiliation can do so online at register@miamidade.gov or by submitting a signed written notice that contains the date of birth or voter registration number by email or fax to 305.499.8371. For more information, please visit www.miamidade.gov/elections or call 305.499.VOTE (8683).

ELDERLY SERVICES DEPT.

305.805.5160 SENIOR CENTER,
 343 PAYNE DRIVE

THE CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS SENIOR CENTER, located on Prince Field at 343 Payne Drive, offers a variety of activities and services to older residents age 60 and over. The city's multipurpose senior center is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m.--5:00 p.m. and provides older citizens with numerous opportunities to: improve their health by participating in the nutritionally balanced, daily lunch program, free nutritional counseling, and in health support screenings and activities; improve their knowledge through informal health, nutrition, and consumer education workshops scheduled each month; obtain information and referral assistance to services available throughout the county; stay active by socializing with their peers, volunteering to help others and participating in recreational activities; and improve their use of leisure time. Older citizens may also be eligible to utilize the center's transportation service or the home delivered meal program.

In addition to these core service offerings, and as part of a continuing focus on consumer, crime, and wellness issues, the following programs have been scheduled for September as follows:

- **BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING** – Medical personnel from Miami-Dade County Health Department will provide free screenings to detect hypertension and individual counseling for senior center participants on 9/5 from 10:00 a.m.-12 noon;
- **"LIVING A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE"** – On 9/12 at 12:15 p.m., Dr. Esther Amador-Del Valle, sponsored by Mt. Sinai Heart Institute, will provide seniors with information on how they can make changes in their lifestyles that can improve their health;
- **FREE TELEPHONES FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED** -- On 9/13 from 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m., representatives from the Hearing and Speech Center of Florida will be at the City's senior center to administer testing and distribute amplified telephones at no charge to those with verification of hearing loss and proof of Florida residency;
- **"FALL PREVENTION AWARENESS"** – On 9/19 at 12:15 p.m. American Providers and the Alliance for Aging's Health & Wellness Department will present a seminar on the subject of how to prevent falling;
- **"HEART DISEASE & SALT"** -- Jacquelyn Gibson from the University of Florida's M-D County Extension Services will present this topic at 12:15 p.m. on 9/21;



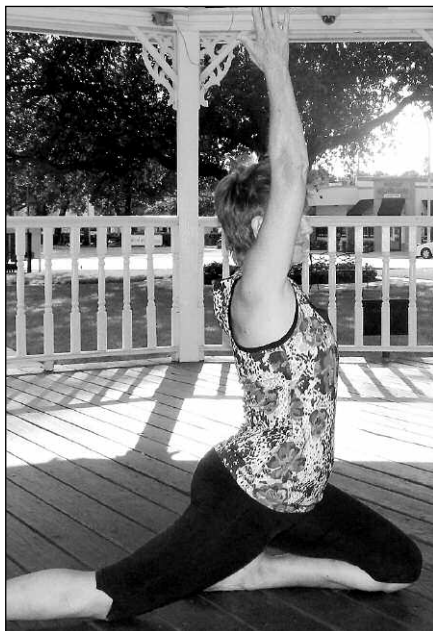
The Senior Center 2012 Royalty: Queen Jacqueline Rivera and King Jaime Ortiz

- **"CRIME WATCH" PROGRAM** -- Officer Janice Simon, from the MSPD's Community Policing Office, will conduct the monthly Crime Watch Meeting at the senior center on 9/25 at 12:15 p.m. and will alert participants to local criminal activity and provide information on how to avoid becoming a victim.
- **"SILVER SURFERS"** -- A free, basic computer and Internet 5-week training course, sponsored by S.T.E.P.S. in the Right Direction, Inc. and the Alliance for Aging, Inc., is currently offered on Tuesday mornings from 9:00–11:30 a.m. for those that have registered.

A monthly "Calendar of Events" can be obtained at the senior center, at city hall or on the City's Website. Special activities are listed each month to include: Yoga classes, Get-in-Shape dance fitness classes, chair exercises, line dancing classes, computer classes, a rummage sale to raise funds for the senior citizens club's entertainment budget, weekly Bingo games, a field trip and a monthly birthday and anniversary party.

For further information, please contact the Elderly Services Department's office at (305)805-5160. Your inquiries and suggestions for program and service development are welcomed.

Art in City Hall



September is National Yoga Month - Discover the Yoga in You

Celebrate National Yoga Month with Natasha Salmon-Cogno's yoga students from the Miami Springs Community Center and the Senior Center, with a photographic exhibit in City Hall Lobby throughout the month of September.

Their photos bring the beauty of their discipline outdoors into scenic Miami Springs, which serves as a backdrop. Rather than shooting in a studio, they have taken their creativity and inspiration from the world outside, and have captured in their poses the translucence, insight and atmosphere that only a living environment could bring.

Everyone is invited to attend a reception being held in the City Hall lobby on Tuesday, September 4, 2012, from 6:30 until 8:30 p.m., to help celebrate National Yoga Month with Natasha and her yoga students. The exhibit will be on display from Monday through Friday (8:00 a.m. 4:45 p.m.) during the month of September.

If you live or work in Miami Springs and feel you have some special contribution to make for a future exhibit, please contact Barbara Robinson in the City Manager's Office for information about exhibit requirements and scheduling. The telephone number is 305.805.5010.

Back-to-School Tips from the Ecology Board

Successful recycling just takes a little thoughtfulness, effort and creativity. Here are some tips for reducing usage and waste as our students head back to school:

- Print only what you need.
- Print on both sides of the paper, especially the less important documents. This practice helps to reduce paper usage and waste by 50%!
- If you bring your lunch, use reusable containers rather than paper or plastic bags that must be discarded after a single use.
- Reuse scrap paper for taking notes.
- Purchase paper products that are made of recycled paper, such as printing paper, note pads, and even paper towels.

Watch Channel 77

on COMCAST Cable for the latest updates to events and activities.



POLICE DEPARTMENT
305.888.9711

Bicycle Theft Prevention

PARKING & LOCKING BASICS

Unfortunately, bike theft is a real problem. While the Miami Springs Police Department is working to stop the theft, personal responsibility is the best way to make sure your bike is still there, where you left it. The Miami Springs Police Department's Community Policing Office offers residents the opportunity to register their bicycles by applying a sticker and entering its information to the Department's data base.

The first rule: What's the first thing to do when you get a new bike? Write down the serial number and keep the number in a safe place. Look for the serial number stamped on your bike's head tube, seat post tube, under the crank, or on the frame's rear wheel mount.

Identifying Marks: You can discourage thieves by engraving your name or driver's license number in an obvious place on your bike frame. Or put a card with your name and phone number inside the handlebar tube and seat tube--so if you find your stolen bike at an auction, junk shop, or flea market, you can prove it's yours.

Security: Always lock it. Never, never leave your bike unlocked--even if you're leaving it for only half a minute. A thief can grab your bike in seconds. Lock your bike to something that's permanent and not easy for a thief to take. Lock to a bicycle rack, a parking meter, a metal fence post, or a large tree. Don't lock to another bike, a door handle, or small tree. And if you keep your bike in a garage, carport, or on a porch, lock it. Storage sheds are good, but only if they are secure, make sure you have a good lock on it. Too often sheds are broken into and bikes are taken. Take the appropriate steps to secure your shed and protect your personal items and bikes.

Visibility: Park in open areas where many people pass by and your bicycle can be seen easily. Thieves usually don't like an audience.

Keep It Close By: Put your bike where you can get to it fast. Thieves like to steal bikes whose owners are far away.

WHAT LOCKING HARDWARE SHOULD YOU USE?

U Locks: Some U locks are stronger than others; make sure you buy a strong steel alloy lock. If the manufacturer offers a warranty or insurance, register the lock and write down the lock's serial number and when you bought it. One drawback to U locks: you can't lock up to thick objects such as street lights; so for these, carry a thick cable.

Padlocks and Chains: Look for anti-theft security chains, the thicker, the better. Chain links and lock clasps should be at least 3/8 of an inch thick. Look for locks and chains that are case-hardened--a process that makes them harder to cut.

Cables: Some cables are actually harder to cut than chains, because they don't snap and thieves can't pry them open. Use a cable at least 3/8 of an inch thick with a lock as thick, or thicker.

HOW TO LOCK UP YOUR BIKE

When locking to an object, make sure it's securely in the ground. Sometimes, sign posts aren't always secure. Before locking to a pole, check whether you can pull it out of the ground. Also check how easily a thief



NO! Your bike is only protected by a flimsy cable -- a thief can cut this off in less than 10 seconds with tools easily bought at any hardware shop!



Better, by locking your back wheel inside the rear triangle, you protect your wheel and the frame. It's nearly impossible to cut the rim of a wheel. Just make sure your lock is around the rim and through the triangle. Bonus hint: Front wheels are cheap- back wheels have special gears and cost about twice as much, so if you can to only protect one wheel, make it the back one!

could remove the sign and slide your bike over the top of the pole.

A thief with enough time and the right tools can break any lock. But you can discourage many thieves if you follow these tips about locking your bike:

Lock the Whole Bike: You should put your chain, cable, or U locks through your frame and both wheels--taking the front wheel off if you have a quick-release hub. Never lock through your wheel without locking the frame, because thieves can remove your wheel and steal the rest of the bike. A good way to foil thieves is to use more than one kind of lock. For example, put a U lock through your frame and rear tire, and put a cable or chain through your frame and front tire.

Placing the Lock: Thieves may break a lock by putting it against a wall or sidewalk and smashing it with a hammer. If you use a padlock, try to put it where it's not close to the ground or against a wall or another solid surface--leaving little or no slack in your cable or chain. When using a U lock, leave little or no space in the lock's middle to prevent prying.

Removable Items: When you leave your bike, remove any parts you can't lock and a thief could steal easily: a quick-release seat, horn, bike bag, pump, cycle computer, or lights. If removing quick-release parts is a hassle, replace them with permanent ones.

If Your Bike Is Stolen: Call the police department and tell them where your bike was stolen. Try to find your bike's serial number and/or your Miami Springs Bicycle Registration information if you have it.

Sometimes you can find your bicycle at places like pawn shops, auctions, or resale shops that might deal in stolen merchandise. But if you find your stolen bike among other property that someone's selling, remember that they won't just give it to you; you must prove it's yours. Keep your serial number or use identifying marks as described above. Do not become confrontational, if needed call the police department for assistance.

PARKS & RECREATION DEPT.
305.805.5075/76 1401 WESTWARD DRIVE

FACILITY RENTAL:

The Multi-Purpose Room is available for rentals. Contact the main office at the Community Center for availability and pricing. 305.805.5075

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Register now for the School Holiday Program. The registration fee is \$35.00 unless registered for ASC; cost is \$20.00 per day. SHP is available for: Teachers' Work Days, Christmas Holiday and Spring Break from 7:00 a.m. -- 6:00 p.m.

GYMNASIUM:

Open Gym Basketball

Hours: Monday - Friday 2:45 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. 17 and under ONLY, Tuesday & Thursday 6:00 p.m. -- 9:30 p.m., Saturday 7:00 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. & Sunday 9:00 a.m. -7:00 p.m. open play, 17 & under Free 18 and over \$4

Open Gym Volleyball: is offered every Friday night from 6:30 p.m. -- 9:30 p.m. 18 and over \$4.00, 17 and under are free.

Walking Club: Register Now! Members will be rewarded for miles completed. We'll not only walk on the Indoor Jogging/Walking Track in our Gymnasium we'll also do different trails located throughout the Miami Springs area. For additional information, contact Caitlin Smith.

FITNESS:

Fitness Room & Jogging Track Hours: Monday -- Friday 6:00 a.m. -- 9:30 p.m., Saturday 7:00 a.m. -- 8:30 p.m. & Sunday 9:00 a.m. -- 7:00 p.m.

Fitness Room Memberships are NOW AVAILABLE:

Adults: 18 & over \$150.00
Senior: 60 & over \$75.00
Youth: 13 -- 17, \$150.00 (must be accompanied by a PARENT)
Family of 2: \$187.50
Family of 3: \$262.50
Additional family members \$75.00*

*Immediate Family Members ONLY

Yoga: The yoga class is hosted by certified yoga teacher and personal trainer, Natasha Salmon Cagno. Yoga is held Monday and Wednesday evenings from 7:15 p.m.- 8:15 p.m. and Saturday mornings at 8:45 a.m. The next yoga registration will be on Monday, September 10th at 6:45 p.m. at the Miami Springs Community Center. The cost is \$95 for an 8 week session. Please call the Community Center for details.

We are now offering a Saturday drop in yoga class. The cost per class is \$5.00 and starts at 8:45 a.m.



Summer Camp may be over, but did you know that our Aquatic Center offers swimming lessons year-round?

JAZZERCISE:

Burn up to 600 calories in one fun and powerfully effective 60-minute total body workout. Every Jazzercise group fitness class combines dance-based cardio with strength training and stretching to sculpt, tone and lengthen muscles for maximum fat burn.

Tuesday & Thursday Mornings: 9:00 a.m. -- 10:00 a.m. Monday through Thursday: 6:00 p.m. -- 7:00 p.m. Tuesday & Thursday: 7:05 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Saturday: 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Jr. Jazzercise:

Tuesday & Thursday: 5:00 p.m. -- 6:00 p.m. For information visit jazzercise.com or call 305.888.7625

AQUATICS:

Pool Hours

Monday-Friday: Lap Swimming 11:00 a.m. -- 1:00 p.m., Open Swim 3:00 p.m. -- 8:00 p.m.
Saturday: Open Swim 1:00 p.m. -- 5:00 p.m.

Swimming Lessons: With certified American Red Cross Instructors, and an outstanding facility, the Miami Springs Aquatic Center welcomes all children, ages six months and up, to join our American Red Cross Learn-to-Swim program.

Sessions run every two weeks and swim classes are offered year round. Our prices are \$45.00 per session and we offer various types of classes.

Class Times:

Afternoons: 6:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m.
Water Aerobics: Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10:00 a.m. -- 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday and Thursday: 6:00 p.m. -7:00 p.m.
Cost: \$40.00 for 8 classes, per participant

Pool Memberships are NOW AVAILABLE:

Adults: 18 and over \$80.00
Child: 17 and under \$40.00
Senior: 60 and over \$40.00

BUILDING & CODE COMPLIANCE DEPT.
305.805.5030

SEPTEMBER CODE COMPLIANCE SWEEP!

During the month of September we will be covering the entire City looking for one violation. That will be proper display of Street Numbers.

Our Code of Ordinances (this section was updated last November) states the following:
Sec. 96-05. - Display of street numbers.

(A) The street numbers assigned to all structures in the City shall comply with the following requirements:

- (1) Must be at least three inches in height.
- (2) Must be in a contrasting color to that of the structure to which it is attached.
- (3) Must be visible and easily readable from the roadway fronting the displayed street number.
- (4) No trees, shrubs, or other foliage shall be maintained in such a manner as to obstruct the visibility of any street number from the roadway fronting the displayed street number.

(B) Notwithstanding the foregoing, street numbers may be displayed upon attached or detached mailboxes, so long as the location and placement of the street numbers on the mailboxes is in compliance with the requirements of the preceding section.

(C) All street numbers which are currently easily readable and visible from the roadway fronting the displayed street number shall have two years to comply with all the requirements of subsection (A) of this section.

(D) All street numbers which are not currently

easily readable and visible from the roadway fronting the displayed street number are required to immediately comply with the requirements of subsection (A) of this section.

(1962 Code, § 19-5; Ord. 247, passed 4-25-60; amend. Ord. 1028-2011, passed 11-28-11)

PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOUR STREET NUMBER IS PROPERLY DISPLAYED. THIS COULD BE VITALLY IMPORTANT TO YOU IF EMERGENCY SERVICES (POLICE OR FIRE/RES-CUE) ARE TRYING TO LOCATE YOUR HOUSE! THANKS FOR YOUR COOPERATION

If you have any questions about Code Compliance, feel free to contact the Code Compliance Officer for your area:

Lourdes Taveras • 786.255.0995
ALL COMMERCIAL AND MULTIPLE FAMILY ZONES

Jose Sadin • 786.367.4962
ALL RESIDENTIAL AREAS AT THIS TIME

Tex Ziadie • 786.255.0497
SUPERVISOR-DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR

Remember that you can access all of our City Codes free of charge online at our website. Simply type in <http://www.miamisprings-fl.gov> in your browser's address window. At the top of the website, you will see a tab on the far right side that says "Online Services." Click on the tab and scroll down to "Online Municipal Code." This will take you to Municode.com, where you will see our entire Code of Ordinances.

HUMAN RESOURCES DEPT. 305.805.5009

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

Happy Birthday and Best Wishes to the following City employees:

9/1	Jeanne Malden	9/7	Barbara Robinson
9/3	Alicia Gonzalez	9/29	David Olivas
	Lazaro Garaboa	9/30	Cheryl Mulet
9/5	Tulio Garcia Sr.		



Recognizing long term employees:

The following employees had their anniversary date in August

Thomas D. Kelly	completed 25 years of service.
Armando Dominguez	completed 19 years of service.

Thank you for your loyal service to the City of Miami Springs.

September 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 LABOR DAY HOLIDAY—CITY HALL CLOSED!	4 Code Enforcement: 7:00 p.m.	5 Architectural Review: 7:00 p.m. Curbside Recycling	6 Small Claims Court: 6:30 p.m.	7	8
9	10 City Council Meeting: 7:00 p.m. First Budget Public Hearing.	11 Recreation Commission: 7:00 p.m.	12 Golf and Country Club: 7:00 p.m.	13 Parks and Parkways Meeting: 7:00 p.m.	14	15
16	17 Revitalization & Redevelopment Meeting: 7 p.m.	18 Education Advisory Board: 6:30 p.m.	19 Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart Open House: 2:45 p.m. Curbside Recycling	20 Historic Preservation: 7:00 p.m.	21	22
23	24 City Council Meeting: 7 p.m. Second Budget Public Hearing	25 Ecology Board: 7 :00 p.m.	26	27 Code Review: 7:00 p.m.	28	29
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