



Municipal News

**City Officials:**

- Mayor Billy Bain
- Vice-Mayor Maria Puente Mitchell
- Councilwoman Mara Zapata
- Councilman Bob Best
- Councilman Jaime Petralanda
- City Manager William Alonso
- Police Chief Armando Guzman

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DECEMBER 2017

In the Spotlight..... MSTV77

Introducing an Automated License Plate Recognition System

The City of Miami Springs Police Department recently installed an automated license plate recognition system on the incoming bridge where Canal Street meets Curtiss Parkway. A mobile ALPR has already been in operation for a little over a year.

These devices give law enforcement agencies information on the various vehicles that the cameras pick up, for the purpose of receiving information on stolen cars and stolen plates, and also to capture wanted and recover missing persons. "It captures every vehicle, but if we are not looking for that tag, nothing comes of it" - Chief Armando Guzman.

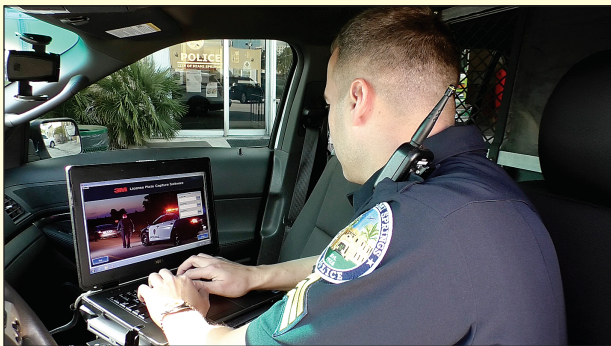
The function of an ALPR is to photograph license plates from the front or rear of the vehicle in public spaces and in plain view, a constitutionally protected activity.

The only information that is recorded is the date, time, and location of where the photograph was taken. Miami Springs Chief Armando Guzman's main focus is to "capture vehicles that are wanted or have been used in a crime, to recover a stolen car and/or plate, and other things of that nature." Furthermore, the equipment automatically runs the tag to identify who the vehicle is registered to and recognizes if that person is a wanted felon or criminal and has an arrest warrant.

According to Vigilant Solutions, here are some facts on ALPR:

- Real time ALPR gives law enforcement immediate alerts to help find known wanted persons or vehicles on existing hot lists
- Usage of ALPR has strict access codes and usage monitoring
- Federal state and local law-enforcement use real time ALPR data every day to investigate a wide range of crimes
- ALPR helps solve crimes faster
- Over 70% of all crimes involve a vehicle
- Over 87% of Law Enforcement reported that ALPR helps solve major crimes

In addition, the Chief emphasizes that "this technology enhances an officer's safety because if an officer



stops a car without having this information prior, it is a much more dangerous situation."

For the full story, watch the news video/Public Service Announcement by visiting our website at: www.miamisprings-fl.gov/community/introducing-mspd-automated-license-plate-recognition-system

US Marine retired Gunnery Sergeant Louis Slagle and co-ordinator of 'Toys for Tots' in Monroe County, came by to collect the many toys that were donated during the City's Holiday Car Show. These toys will be distributed to over 500 kids for the holidays, kids that lost their homes because of hurricane Irma.



Holiday Happenings



Councilwoman Mara Zapata reads to children at the Polar Express Storytime held at the Aquatic Center



ANNUAL HOLIDAY CAR SHOW

IMPORTANT CALENDAR DATES

City Council Meetings

- City Council Regular Meetings**
- Monday, January 8, 2018 at 7 P.M. at City Hall
- Monday, January 22, 2018 at 7 P.M. at City Hall

Special Dates

SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE AT CITY HALL

- School Board Member Susy Castillo's Satellite Office Visits to City Hall**
- Wed., Jan. 24, 2018 – 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

FREE NOTARY SERVICE

- The Office of the City Clerk offers free notary services to residents of Miami Springs and Virginia Gardens with a valid ID.
- Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Recycling Dates

- Wednesday, January 3, 2018
- Wednesday, January 17, 2018
- Wednesday, January 31, 2018

City Hall Closures

- Monday, December 25 – Christmas Day
- Monday, January 1 – New Year's Day
- Monday, January 15 – Martin Luther King Day



POLICE DEPARTMENT

305.888.9711



Stay Safe for the Holidays

• Theft overall tends to rise in the months of November and December. Remember to lock your residence, set your house alarm, remove valuables from your vehicle, and make sure the doors are locked.

• If leaving on vacation only tell trusted family or friends, don't advertise it on social media, have your house lights on a timer, leave a radio on, stop your mail and newspaper delivery, leave a car in the driveway, have a neighbor check on your home and fill out a vacant house form with the police department.

• Having packages delivered to your house is very convenient but make sure you are home to receive them. If not have them delivered to a neighbor who is home, a post office box, or if possible to your work.

• Having decorations makes for a festive holiday but

please set them up safely. Do not over use extension cords or lights with frayed wiring. Make sure not to run extension cords through windows or garage doors. Just the smallest opening/crack can expose a home to thieves.

• Dispose of your presents boxes creatively. Try and break down boxes and other packaging as to not give away the wonderful gifts you received.

• Do not advertise all the gifts you received on social media or your out of town plans.

• Criminals can try and scope out your home posing as a delivery person or someone looking for charitable donations. Be cautious when talking to people you're unfamiliar with and don't let them in your home.

• Call the Miami Springs Police if you see something suspicious (305) 888-9711



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SPECIAL PULL-OUT SECTION

REMINDERS FOR A HAPPY AND SAFE HOLIDAY SEASON

There's excitement in the air as the holidays draw near and we begin to decorate our homes. Here are a few pointers to keep in mind when decorating the exterior of your property:

- Please keep safety a priority on your property for pedestrians and your visitors.
- Avoid hanging decorations that could fall on the sidewalk or on the street.
- Taping or running extension electrical cords on the sidewalk or swale is prohibited.
- Please do not place obscene or offensive decorations on your property or the public right of way.
- It is prohibited to put nails, chains or staples on the City trees, it harms the trees.

• Cords of lights, solar lights or any type of electrical lighting are not allowed on the City trees or swale areas.

• It is very important that the house number is always visible from the street, if your house doesn't have one, replace it as soon as possible.

In order to make sure our City is safe, we will be monitoring the right of ways such as sidewalks, swales and trees for potential hazards, during the Holidays. Minor infractions will not be cited, however if we see decorations that could be a hazard, you will be asked to remove it.

We appreciate your efforts and creativity in making these holidays safe and enjoyable.

Have a Joyous and safe Holiday Season.



HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

305.805.5009

THE HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT EXTENDS ITS BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY, SAFE AND HEALTHY HOLIDAY SEASON TO THE CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS RESIDENTS, EMPLOYEES AND THEIR FAMILIES.

HAVE A GREAT YEAR 2018!

CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS CELEBRATES JAN. BIRTHDAYS

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| • Thomas Nash | Public Works Department |
| • Mary Arguedas | Building Department |
| • Kyle Collins | Police Department |
| • Erika Gonzalez | City Clerk Department |
| • Carlos Nunez | Police Department |
| • Castella Postell | Public Works Department |
| • Tammy Romero | City Manager's Office |
| • Jose Bergueiro | Public Works Department |
| • Nelson Figueredo | Police Department |
| • Jacob Dweck | Police Department |
| • Charles Schubert | Police Department |
| • Mike Ramos | Recreation Department |
| • Jose Perez | Recreation Department |
| • Alessandra Salazar | Recreation Department |
| • Ashley Lycke | Recreation Department |
| • Andrea Ramirez | Police Department |
| • Eliseo Ares | Building Department |

Happy Birthday and Best Wishes!

CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS RECOGNIZES DECEMBER EMPLOYMENT ANNIVERSARIES:

- John Mulla completed 27 years of service (Police Department)
- Lourdes I. Taveras (Code Compliance Dept.) & Tulio J. Garcia Sr. completed 15 years of service (Public Works Dept.)
 - Jorge E. Irizarry, Shiketa Duberry & Ramon Tamargo completed 14 years of service (Police Dept.)

Thank You For Your Loyal Service to the City of Miami Springs!

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Monday December 25th there will be NO GARBAGE COLLECTION

The City will resume regular pick up on Tuesday December 26th and will provide additional equipment to ensure all residents will have service during the week.

Happy Holidays!

Merry Christmas!

Miami Springs Golf & Country Club Annual Membership Application

(Lasting one year from sign-up date)

RESIDENT

Individual: \$1,425.00 • Family: \$1,900.00 • Junior (under 17): \$450.00

NON-RESIDENT

Individual: \$1,950.00 • Family: \$2,450.00 • Junior (under 17): \$500.00

* All membership rounds must pay the cart fee of \$25.00 + tax*

Seniors (60 and over): Get a 10% discount from above (single or family)

Add 7% sales-tax



650 Curtiss Parkway
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www.miamispringsgolfclub.com

**ALL FOOTJOY SHOES:
25% off**

Save on Titleist Golf Balls

Titleist Golf Bags: \$200.00+ tax

(Great Christmas Gifts)

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Avoid the mall craziness, shop locally

ART IN MIAMI SPRINGS



Artwork by Gladys Coello

Enjoy exciting new works of art in a variety of mediums at the City of Miami Springs Gallery, located in the lobby of City Hall @ 201 Westward Drive. All exhibitions are Free and open to the public, Monday-Friday from 8am-4:45pm.

During the months of December and January, the gallery will feature works by the Hibiscus Fine Arts Guild. The Guild has been active since 1969 and supports local artists through weekly classes, exhibitions and through annual art awards for area el-

ementary school students. For information on how to become a member, email HibiscusArt@hotmail.com

This exhibition is made possible by the City of Miami Springs and will be on view until January 26th. If you are a local business that would like to sponsor an upcoming Artist reception or an Artist living or working in Miami Springs looking for exhibition opportunities, contact Tammy Key, Professional Services Specialist @ keyt@miamisprings-fl.gov

PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT



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For Holiday Hours, visit: www.miamisprings-fl.gov/community/recreation-department-holiday-hours

COMMUNITY CENTER



Operating Hours

Monday – Friday: 6:00 a.m. – 9:30p.m.

Saturday: 7:00 a.m. – 8:30p.m. • Sunday: 9:00a.m. – 7:00p.m.

Contact Information:

Miami Springs Community Center: 1401 Westward Dr. Miami Springs, FL 33166
www.MiamiSprings-fl.gov/ParksAndRecreation • 305.805.5075

FACILITY RENTALS

- The Multi-Purpose Room is available for rental
- The 10x10 Pavilions at Prince Field are available for rental
- The 20x20 Pavilion at Stafford Park is available for rental

For More Information Contact: The Miami Springs Community Center at 305.805.5075
<http://www.miamisprings-fl.gov/parksandrecreation>

Jazzercise & Jr. Jazzercise: Visit www.jazzercise.com or call 305.888.7625

For Information on Athletics & Fitness Programs
 (Basketball, Volleyball, Fitness Room, Jogging Track)
Visit: www.miamisprings-fl.gov/parksandrecreation

Fitness Room Memberships

Adults: 18 yrs. & Over \$150.00
Senior: 60 yrs. & Over \$75.00
Youth: 13 yrs. – 17 yrs., \$150.00 (must be accompanied by a **PARENT**)
Family of 2: \$188.00
Family of 3: \$263.00
 Additional family members \$75.00*Immediate Family Members ONLY*
Seniors 60 & Over
 Use of the Fitness Room is **FREE** Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

AQUATIC CENTER



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Operating Hours

Monday-Friday

Lap Swim:

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Open Swim:

3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Saturday

Open Swim:

10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Sunday

Open Swim:

12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

WEATHER PERMITTING

Water Aerobics

Water Aerobics is an exercise that is fun for all! It employs the resistance and buoyancy of water to condition your muscles while improving strength, flexibility and cardiovascular fitness.

Taught in our heated pool, this course is ideal for:

- Swimmers & non-swimmers alike
- Losing or maintaining weight
- Low impact exercise
- Sufferers of arthritis
- Socialization

Summer Class Times:

Mondays & Wednesdays: 10:30-11:30 a.m.
 Tuesdays & Thursdays: 6:15-7:15 p.m.

Fall/Winter Class Times:

Mondays & Wednesdays: 10:30-11:30 a.m.
 Tuesdays & Thursdays: 6 -7 p.m.

	8 Classes	16 Classes
Resident	\$50	\$80
Non-Resident	\$60	\$100

*Classes can be completed at your leisure, and do not expire until used

Contact Information:

Miami Springs Aquatic Center
 1401 Westward Dr.
 Miami Springs, FL. 33166
 305-805-5078
www.MiamiSprings-fl.gov/ParksAndRecreation

POOL AREA RENTALS

The Miami Springs Aquatic Facility offers public and private rentals for residents & non-residents.

- The Multi-Purpose room is available for rental
- 12x12 umbrella rental or 16x16 shaded areas

For More Information Contact: The Miami Springs Aquatic Center at 305.805.5078 <http://www.miamisprings-fl.gov/parksandrecreation/aquatic-facility-rental-information>

POOL MEMBERSHIPS:

Residents

Adults: 18 & over \$90.00
Senior: 60 & over \$50.00
Youth: 17 & under \$50.00
Family of 4: \$250.00

Non-Residents

Adults: 18 & over \$150.00
Child: 17 & under \$100.00
Senior: 60 & over \$100.00
Family of 4: \$350.00
Seniors 60 & Over
FREE: Monday – Friday, 9:00a.m. – 12:00p.m.

For Information on Aquatic Programs

(Swimming Lessons, Swim Fit, and Water Aerobics)
 Visit: www.miamisprings-fl.gov/parksandrecreation

SPECIAL EVENTS

Save the Date



2018 Daddy Daughter Date Night

Saturday, February 17, 2018

Tickets go on sale
JANUARY 17, 2018

Happy Holidays!

From the staff of the
 Miami Springs
 Parks & Recreation
 Department

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SPECIAL PULL-OUT SECTION

The Miami Springs Senior Center offers a variety of FREE activities and services to older residents of Miami Springs and Virginia Gardens, age 60 and over. Current financial and programmatic support comes from: the City of Miami Springs, the Alliance for Aging, Inc., the Florida Department of Elder Affairs, the Village of Virginia Gardens, participant donations, local business organizations, civic groups and countless volunteers.

CONGREGATE MEALS:

Hot lunch meals are served weekdays from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. to assist area seniors in maintaining a nutritionally balanced diet and to provide opportunities to volunteer and socialize with their peers.

TRANSPORTATION:

Daily pick up, utilizing the Hialeah-MS Rotary Charitable Foundation bus, is provided to older residents with no means of transportation to and from the center.

- Weekly trips to grocery stores, assistance with shopping and carrying packages is provided.
- Field trips to malls and other places of interest are scheduled each month.
- Trips scheduled for January: Publix (Walmart (1/3) Publix (1/11 & 1/25) and Fresco y Mas (1/19).

RECREATION ACTIVITIES:

Recreational and social events are planned each month at the senior center. At the time of this writing, the monthly birthday and anniversary celebration is planned for 1/18 and the weekly Bingo games are scheduled for

1/2, 1/8, 1/15, 1/22 and 1/29. Additional programs will be announced.

HEALTH SUPPORT PROGRAMS AND EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS:

Educational presentations are scheduled each month through the sponsorship of numerous individuals, community service organizations and businesses. The following topics are scheduled for January:

- **Miami-Dade Public Library System's TECHNOBUS** -- The library's mobile technology innovation lab will visit the senior center on January 16th, from 10:00—11:30 a.m. The bus brings digital services and devices directly to the center and provides seniors with instruction and activities on how to use MacBook Airs, iPads, Microsoft Surface Pro tablets, laptops and smart phones. Those interested in learning more about technology are encouraged to stop by and visit on the 16th.
- **"Library Happenings"** – Rita Mayer, Assistant Branch Manager of the Miami Springs Branch Library, will present information about upcoming library services and events on January 9th at 12:15 p.m. Following her presentation, a relaxing adult coloring class will be held.
- **"Leg Pain: Could it be Vascular Disease?"** – Dr. Brandon Olivieri, a surgeon specializing in minimally-invasive state of the art technology in the treatment of peripheral vascular disease, visceral and aortic aneurysms, deep vein thrombosis, and portal venous hypertension. Mt. Sinai Medical Center will sponsor this presentation on

Wednesday, January 10th at 12:15 p.m. This program is part of a monthly lecture services provided by Mt. Sinai in an effort to better serve our community. Programs aimed at helping seniors live better, healthier lives will be offered at 12:15 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month. A variety of medical issues will be addressed, as the hospital believes that information is the key to leading a healthy life.

- **"Crime Watch Program** -- Officers Jorge Capote and Janice Simon, from the MSPD's Community Policing Office, will present the monthly crime watch program on January 17th at 12:15 p.m. The Officers will inform attendees about current crimes being committed in the City and will provide tips on how to avoid becoming a victim.



For more information on any of the services, activities, or special programs offered, or to volunteer your time, talent or expertise, please contact us at (305) 805.5160.

HEALTH SUPPORT ACTIVITIES

The following Health Support activities require registration, and are offered to seniors enrolled in the Miami Springs Senior Center activities.

- CHAIR YOGA**
Mondays & Wednesdays from 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.
Instructor: Natasha Salmon-Cogno
Classes meet at the Senior Center.
- FLOOR YOGA CLASSES**
Tuesdays & Thursdays from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Instructor: Natasha Salmon-Cogno
Classes meet at the Curtiss Mansion.
- "LET'S DANCE" EXERCISE CLASSES**
Mondays & Wednesdays from 10:30 - 11:00 a.m.
Instructor: Natasha Salmon-Cogno
Classes meet at Senior Center.

- CHAIR EXERCISE CLASSES**
Tuesdays & Thursdays from 10:30 —11:00 a.m.
Instructor: Elizabeth King
Classes meet at Senior Center.
- "CELEBRATION WORKOUT"**
Fridays from 9:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m.
Instructor: Natasha Salmon-Cogno
Class meets at the Senior Center.
- TAI CHI for ARTHRITIS**
Tuesdays & Thursdays from 12:30 — 1:30 p.m. Instructor: Judd Zisquit
Classes meet at the Aquatic Center.

JANUARY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1 NEW YEAR'S DAY! CITY HALL CLOSED!	2	3 PARKS & PARKWAYS BD: 7:00 PM CURBSIDE RECYCLING	4	5	6
7	8 CITY COUNCIL MEETING: 7:00 PM	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 MLK DAY! CITY HALL CLOSED!	16	17 HIST. PRES. BD: 7:00 PM CURBSIDE RECYCLING	18	19	20
21	22 CITY COUNCIL MEETING: 7:00 PM	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31 CURBSIDE RECYCLING			

