



Municipal News

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- Councilman Bob Best
- Councilman Jaime Petralanda
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FEBRUARY 2018

In the Spotlight..... MSTV77

Around the Community ... Buzz about Bees

Can you imagine being without coffee or even cotton? We all know that bees make honey, but did you know that if it wasn't for bees, the majority of our food source would be nonexistent?

In an interview with Rey Mazola, a Miami Springs resident, beekeeper, and owner of Project Bee, he explains the impact that bees have on earth, and urges us not to kill bees.

As a civic service, Rey Mazola will come to your house and safely remove the bees, free of charge! "Bees are one of the top pollinators in the world, and if they vanish from earth, mankind will have 4 years" – Rey Mazola. He goes on to say that if we don't bother them, they will not bother us. Once they sting, they die, and he guarantees us, that they don't want to die.

Having the opportunity to be up close and personal with Rey's bee hives, I can vouch for the fact that they are truly busy bees, mining their own business, working away at making honey.



Another way humankind is inadvertently killing these endangered insects, is through pesticides. According to Christina Sarich, author of Honey Love Urban Beekeepers (2013), "In just the last ten years, over 40% of the bee colonies in the US have suffered Colony Collapse Disorder (CCD)", which is likely linked to pesticides.

Rey recently rescued a bee hive from Springview Elementary and are now part of his family, safe from harm's way. You can reach Rey Mazola by visiting: www.project-bee.co (not .com, it's .co).

Watch the segment on Comcast/Xfinity Channel 77 or on YouTube @City of Miami Springs-Government,

Here's a food for thought:

If you love fruit such as apples, grapes, oranges, watermelon, strawberries, pears, and blueberries, just to name a few, "thank a bee", because most of them require cross pollination.

Nuts like almonds, cashews, chestnuts, hazelnut, pistachios, and walnuts are also products of bees. While we don't need bees to pollinate every single crop, most of what we enjoy today, are courtesy of these creatures.



MEET THE ARTISTS featured at City Hall this month! Their array of colorful art depicts Latin America through their eyes. "We stay true to our roots and heritage."

These three young men, Miguel Saludes (I.), Jefreid Lotti, and Alvaro Labañino are friends, and have displayed their art together for a little over 5 years.

This exhibition will be on view until March 30th.

BUILDING & CODE COMPLIANCE DEPARTMENT 305.805.5030

The Code Compliance Department would like to thank all the residents that have quickly responded and complied with the removal of hurricane shutters. We will continue to monitor and follow-up. We value your support and compliance.

Building permits issued by the City of Miami Springs are required to be properly displayed in a way that is visible from the street.

Permit cards are issued for construction work specified only and not as an authority to violate, cancel, alter or set aside any of the provisions of the Florida Building Codes.

Penalties for failure to display Building Permit Card can

result in a fine of \$100 (2017 Florida Building Code Sec. 105.7). Your Building Permit Card is required for all inspections, it's your record of inspections performed and it shows results for the inspections.

Proper display of Building Permit Cards avoids unnecessary field contact with Building Dept and the property owner's. Also, it lessens the amount of calls made to the Code Compliance Department to report construction work being done on properties where a Permit Card is not displayed.

We appreciate your cooperation in displaying your Active Building Permit Card.



CAFECITO WITH A COP

**Wednesday, March 28
11 a.m. —12:30 p.m.
Paco's Way at the Circle**

The Miami Springs Police Department would like to invite you and your family to join our local law enforcement for coffee and delicacies. Join us in bringing the community and police officers together to discuss issues that matter to you.

KIDS FOR COPS

It's 'Spring Break' and it's important that our kids know that our police officers are here to serve and protect them.

Sponsored by
Paco's Way Restaurant
45 Curtiss Pkwy
Miami Springs, FL 33166
305.823.9006



Cafecito with a Cop
Bringing the Community
and Police Department
together.

Kids for Cops
Bringing Kids and
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Together
Building a Stronger
Community



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IMPORTANT CALENDAR DATES

City Council Meetings

City Council Regular Meetings

- Monday, March 12, 2018 at 7 P.M. at City Hall
- Monday, March 26, 2018 at 7 P.M. at City Hall

Special Dates

VOICE YOUR VIEWS!

Congressman Diaz-Balart's Office

Visits to City Hall

Every third Wednesday of every month:
11 A.M. to 12 P.M. • Wed., March 21 at City Hall
Question & Answer session for residents!

SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE AT CITY HALL

School Board Member Susy Castillo's

Satellite Office Visits to City Hall

Wed., March 28, 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, March 14, 2018
- Wednesday, March 28, 2018



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SPECIAL PULL-OUT SECTION

SCOOP THE POOP!



In an effort to keep the City clean, healthy, and enjoyable, the Public Works Department would like to remind you about city ordinance #96-09, which requires you to pick up your dog's feces. This is being enforced by the Code Compliance and Police Departments. There is a fine of \$25 for failure to pick up your dog's feces. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping Miami Springs beautiful.

MIAMI SPRINGS GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

305.805.5180

The Miami Springs Golf & Country Club will be hosting this year's

Miami Open

March 13-15!

Recognized as the "Home of the Miami Open" from 1925-1955

Come be a spectator and ...

"Walk in the footsteps of Legends"



HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

305.805.5009

CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS CELEBRATES MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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| • Awilda Rivera | Building Department |
| • Yanelis Fuentes | Building Department |
| • Alyss Perez | City Clerk Department |
| • Ed Henry Jr. | Golf Department |
| • Armando Guzman | Police Department |
| • Graciela Vazquez | Police Department |
| • Tomas Lopez | Police Department |
| • Leah Cates | Police Department |
| • Violet Barry Dennis | Public Works Department |
| • Christopher Arguello | Public Works Department |
| • Anthony Stephens | Recreation Department |
| • Laura Fernandez | Recreation Department |
| • Gabriella Andollo | Recreation Department |
| • Joe Diaz | Recreation Department |
| • Anisa Parks | Recreation Department |
| • David Valdes | Recreation Department |
| • Daniel Marmol | Recreation Department |

Happy Birthday and Best Wishes!

CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS RECOGNIZES MARCH EMPLOYMENT ANNIVERSARIES:

- Thomas Cummings (Public Works Dept.) completed 32 years of service.
- Charles Schubert (Miami Springs Police Dept.) completed 29 years of service.
- Jose Bergueiro (Public Works Dept.) completed 13 years of service.

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

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Unless posted otherwise, Miami Springs has the following speed limits:

- Residential sections: 30 mph
- Downtown business area: 25 mph
- NW 36 Street: 40 mph
- First block of Curtiss Parkway after incoming bridge: 20 mph
- Fairway Drive: 30 mph
- Eastbound on S. Royal Poinciana Blvd. from East Drive to LeJeune Rd. (NW 42 Ave.): 35 mph
- School zones: 15 mph (during days and times listed on signs)

Speeding penalties:

- Driving 10 – 14 mph over the speed limit - **\$219.00 fine**. If within and during an active school speed zone - **\$335.00**.
- Driving 15 - 19 mph over the speed limit, **\$269.00 fine**. If within and during an active school speed zone - **\$419.00**.
- Driving 20 - 29 mph over the speed limit, **\$294.00 fine**. If within and during an active school speed zone - **\$469.00**.
- Driving 30 mph over the speed limit, **\$369.00** and a **MANDATORY** court appearance. If within and during an active school speed zone - **\$619.00** and a **MANDATORY** court appearance.

If you receive a ticket, there is no longer an 18-percent discount for taking a driver improvement course. However, you can keep points off your driving record by taking the course.

Common parking violations in commercial districts:

- Parked horizontally against the flow of traffic
- Unauthorized parking partially or totally in a handicapped space
- Parked on crosshatched lines (no parking indicator)
- Double parked (blocking the roadway, fully or partially)
- Parking in bus stop at Post Office (yellow painted curb and signs)



Common residential parking violations:

- Parking too close to a stop sign (must be at least 30-feet away)
- Parking opposite the flow of traffic or perpendicular to traffic
- Parking within 15-feet of a fire hydrant
- Double parking on roadway
- Failure to obey posted sign (No angle parking, no parking anytime, etc.)
- Blocking driveway access

Swale parking ordinance:

- By ordinance, the City of Miami Springs granted property owners preferential rights to the usage of the swale area abutting and adjacent to their property.
 - Property owners may permit others to use the swale areas for reasonable purposes.
 - Property owners can request unauthorized use to cease. If it does not, property owners can ask assistance from the city's Code Compliance Officers or the Police Department.
 - Officers will seek voluntary compliance from violators.
 - Civil penalties for unauthorized use of a swale start at \$50.

ART IN MIAMI SPRINGS



Artwork by Miguel Saludes

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.

Our featured artists for the months of February & March are:
Alvaro Labañino www.alvaro-labanino.com
Jefreid Lotti www.jefreidlotti.com
Miguel Saludes www.miguelsaludes.com

This exhibition is made possible by the City of Miami Springs and will be **on view until March 30th**.

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

COMMUNITY CENTER



The Community Center is preparing it's tents for the **First Ever Wreck Camp Out!** and **Totally Over the Moon** about **Daddy Daughter Date Night 2018!!**

Operating 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.

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

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.

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

WRECK CAMP OUT

Friday, February 23 - Saturday, February 24

Prince Field Park will be transformed into a campground for one special night! Pack your tent, sleeping bag, flashlight, and bug spray, and get ready for some family fun!

\$20 per Campsite • **TICKETS ON SALE NOW!!!**

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR THIS EVENT

COME CAMP UNDER THE STARS WITH US

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

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

2018 Daddy - Daughter Date Night

Miami Springs Country Club

Saturday, February 24, 2018

6:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.



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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 March: Walmart (3/1), Publix (3/8 and 3/22), Fresco y Mas (3/15) and Sedanos (3/29).

RECREATION ACTIVITIES:

Recreational and social events are planned each month at the senior center. The following activities are currently planned for March: the monthly birthday and anniversary celebration (3/15) and weekly Bingo games (3/5, 3/12, 3/19 and 3/26). A Rummage

Sale is scheduled for March 7th at 12:15 p.m. and 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 March:

- **Miami-Dade Public Library System's TECHNOBUS** -- The library's mobile technology innovation lab will visit the senior center on March 13th 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 smart phones, laptops, iPads, MacBook Airs, and Microsoft Surface Pro tablets. Those interested in learning more about technology are encouraged to stop by and visit on the 13th.
- **"Library Happenings"** – Rita Mayer, Assistant Branch Manager of the Miami Springs Branch Library, will present information about upcoming library services and events on March 13th at 12:15 p.m. Following her presentation, a relaxing adult coloring class will be held.
- **"Risk Factors for Memory Disorders and Alzheimer's Disease"** - Dr. Maria Grieg-Custo and Mt. Sinai Medical Center will present valuable information on how to recognize the risk factors for memory disorders on March 14th at 12:15 p.m. Dr. Grieg-Custo is a physician for the Wien Center for Alzheimer's disease and Memory Disorder Clinic and the supervisor of day-to day research operation of the Florida



Aging and Disability Resource Center. This program is part of a monthly lecture services sponsored by Mt. Sinai in an effort to better serve our community. Programs aimed at helping seniors live better, healthier lives are 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 March 20th 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.

- **FREE Blood Pressure Screening** -- Mercedes Blanco, RN, from the Miami-Dade Health Department, will provide free testing for hypertension and individual counseling at the senior center on March 21st from 10—11:30 a.m.

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.

MARCH 2018

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