

City of Miami Springs

# News Bulletin



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JANUARY 2013

## IMPORTANT CALENDAR DATES

### COUNCIL MEETINGS

**MONDAY, FEB. 11, 2013 – 7 P.M.**  
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

**MONDAY, FEB. 25, 2013 – 7 P.M.**  
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

### CURBSIDE RECYCLING PICK-UP

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH

## SPOTLIGHT ON ... What's Happening

In Miami Springs, the sunny, temperate weather of mid-winter is the perfect time to get out and experience something fun, new and exciting here "in the heart of it all".

Many locals agree that this is the best time for a friendly game of golf on the beautiful greens of our unique golf course, and of course, you get to enjoy the day at the special resident rate. No time for a full game? You can work on your swing 'til late on our lit grass tee driving range. Reserve your tee time now at 305.805.5180.

Weather permitting, the Miami Springs Aquatic Center Pool is open every Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. for family swim. (Aren't you glad we don't live in the Midwest this month???)

The Adult Basketball League season is starting soon in our state-of-the-art double gym. Put together a "Firehouse Five" and pound the

boards in some fast-paced hot competition. To sign up, call Albert or Caitlin at 305.805.5075.

A Round Robin Invitational Tennis Tournament for amazing players ages 11 and under from throughout the region takes place on Saturday, February 2nd at the Tennis and Racquetball Center, 401 Westward Drive. Spectators are welcome. If you're interested in attacking the net at your own pace, call the Pro Shop at 305.805.5093 for adult and after-school kid's lessons.

If amateur sleuthing is your cup of tea, join the Pelican Playhouse at the Sosa Theater in our Community Center for dinner and an interactive murder mystery on Saturday, February 23rd. Dinner starts at 6:30 p.m. and so does collecting clues and receiving parts to play. The MSHS Math Club will be providing the dinner. After dinner, the fun begins as Barbara Fox of Mystery on the Menu leads the

group through a murder that takes place at a community theater! Once the murder is solved, dessert is served. For tickets, call 305.884.6804.

On Thursday, February 28th, Curtiss Mansion will be starting an "After Dinner Series" of community interactive lectures, activities, films and performances at either no or low cost on a wide variety of subjects. The events will start at 7 p.m. and coffee, tea and dessert will be available for a donation. Watch for the complete program listing in the Gazette.

This is just a sampling of the many choices available to you right here in the greatest and friendliest place to live in South Florida. To find out more about what's happening in our hometown, tune in to Comcast Channel 77 or go to [www.miamisprings-fl.gov](http://www.miamisprings-fl.gov) and click on "Community Events" on the right side of the page, under "Meetings and Events".

# WELCOME

The City of Miami Springs welcomes the following new businesses to our City, and wishes them every success:

**Bayamo Auto Care**  
5305 NW 36 Street  
Auto Repair

**Crossfit Crossfire**  
5425 NW 36 Street  
Exercise Studio

**Kory's Fun and Games Cafe**  
58 Curtiss Parkway  
Restaurant

**Timeless Flowers, Etc.**  
261 Westward Drive  
Floral Shop

**Tur Express**  
5305 NW 36 Street  
Gas Station

## FREE INCOME TAX PREPARATION ASSISTANCE

FREE TAX COUNSELING and PREPARATION ASSISTANCE for the 2012 tax returns will be offered again this year by AARP Tax-Aide Counselors to all taxpayers. For over 16 years, these IRS trained and certified counselors have been assisting local residents with their returns and answering questions regarding special federal tax provisions for pensions, credit for the elderly or disabled, intangible taxes, and other important issues.

Tax-Aide Counselors will be available, by appointment only, every Tuesday afternoon from February 5th through April 9th at the City of Miami Springs Senior Center, located at 343 Payne Drive on Prince Field. Electronic filing will be available on the premises.

If you are in need of this free service, call the senior center at 305-805-5160 to schedule your appointment as soon as possible. Those scheduled for assistance must bring the following documents (as applicable) with them to their appointment:

- a copy of last year's income tax return and supporting documentation
- social security cards for all dependents

### Income Information

- W-2 and W-2p forms from each employer
- Unemployment compensation statements
- SSA-1099 form showing the total Social Security benefits paid to you for the year, or Form RRB-1099, Tier 1 Railroad Retirement benefits
- 1099 forms reporting interest (1099-INT), dividends (1099-DIV), proceeds from sales (1099-B), as well as documentation showing the original purchase price of your sold assets
- 1099-R form if you received a pension or annuity, especially if you had a portion withheld for income tax purposes
- 1099-MISC form showing any miscellaneous income

### Payment Information

- All forms and canceled checks indicating federal income tax paid (including quarterly estimated tax payments)

### Deduction Information

Most taxpayers have a choice of taking either a standard deduction or itemizing their deductions. If you have a substantial amount of deductions, you may want to itemize. You will need to bring the following information:

- 1098 form showing any home mortgage interest
- Receipts or canceled checks for medical/dental expenses (including doctor and hospital bills) and medical insurance premiums
- Receipts for prescription medicines, costs of assisted living services and bills for home improvements, such as ramps and railings for people with disabilities
- Receipts for contributions to charity
- Receipts or canceled checks for all tax income and property taxes you paid, as well as records of tax refunds

### Credits

- Dependent care provider information (name, employer ID or Social Security number)
- Receipts, canceled checks or 1099 forms related to continuing education

## Art in City Hall



Barbara Robinson, *Geeze, Off on Canvas*, 14" x 18"

Our Hibiscus Art Guild members have graciously extended the current display of their paintings through the month of February. Their work will be on display daily, Monday to Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. in City Hall Lobby. The Guild was organized over 40 years ago to bring local artists together to share techniques and to promote artistic creation. All artists are welcome to join them. For information please call 305.888.8133.

If you have paintings, drawings, photos or other two-dimensional work that you'd like to display in City Hall, and reside or work in Miami Springs, please call Barbara Robinson at 305.805.5010.

## ELDERLY SERVICES DEPT. 305.805.5160 SENIOR CENTER, 343 PAYNE DRIVE

### SENIOR CENTER NEWS

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 health and wellness, consumer, crime, and civic issues, the following programs have been scheduled for February as follows:

- **"INJURY PREVENTION PROGRAM"** - Cindy Magnole, R.N., Injury Prevention Coordinator for the Emergency Care Center at Jackson Memorial Hospital, will present information on pedestrian safety, poison prevention and motor vehicle safety on Thursday, February 7th at 12:15 p.m.;
- **"COUNCIL REPORT"** - On Wednesday, February 13 at 12:15 p.m., Councilwoman Jennifer Ator will provide seniors with an update of recent Council actions and answer questions about important issues affecting City residents;
- **"CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE and EXERCISE"** - Florida Healthcare Plus and the Alliance for Aging will sponsor a presentation on this topic on Wednesday, February 20th at 12:15 p.m.; and
- **"CRIME WATCH" PROGRAM** - Officers Jorge Capote and



Evelyn Dow, Local Coordinator for AARP's Tax Preparation Assistance Program, will return again this year to help area residents file their 2012 income tax returns. Call the senior center to schedule your appointment now!

Janice Simon from the MSPD's Community Policing Office will conduct the monthly Crime Watch Meeting at the senior center on Tuesday, February 26th at 12:15 p.m. They will alert seniors to local criminal activity and provide information on how to avoid becoming a victim.

Additionally, special program activities will be held in February to include: AARP's Income Tax Preparation Assistance Program, Senior Yoga classes, Chair Yoga classes, Get-in-Shape dance fitness classes, chair exercises, line dancing classes, a rummage sale to raise funds for the senior citizens club's entertainment budget, weekly Bingo games, a field trip to Wal-Mart on 2/8, a Valentine's Day celebration, and the 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.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
305.888.9711

**Residential Tips  
for Protecting  
Your Home**

Due to the recent rise in home burglaries the Miami Springs Police Department would like to offer the following tips to help protect your home against burglaries.

- Remove or prune bushes that hide windows and doors, thereby eliminating a hiding place for someone trying to break into your home. Plant thorny bushes under windows, they can help to keep intruders away.

- Light the outside entrances, garage doors, pathways, stairwells and parking areas. Consider different types of lights, like motion sensor floodlights or photoelectric lights that turn on automatically at dusk and off at dusk.

- Put only your first initial and last name on mailboxes and building directories. If you live alone, list a fictitious roommate.

- Don't leave ladders or tools outside. A burglar could use them to break in.

- Don't hide house keys anywhere outside. A burglar might find them; instead leave a spare with a trustworthy neighbor.

- Be sure that outside doors are solid metal or hardwood. Frames and hardware must also be strong. Whenever possible, use deadbolt locks.

- Secure sliding glass doors by placing a broomstick or steel rod in the track. You can also drill a hole through the upper part of the slider and track. Then insert a sturdy nail, bolt or screw, be sure you can remove it easily.

- Check windows to make sure your windows close properly and are locked. Inspect windows to be sure they are firmly attached to the window frame

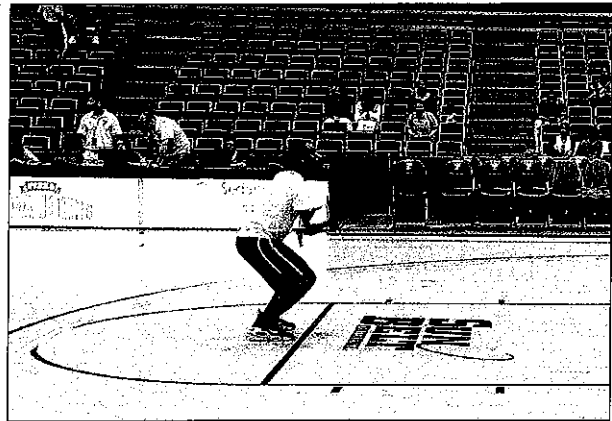
- While you're away from your home for an extended period of time, make your home look occupied. Timers can be used to turn some lights on and off, as well as radios or TV. Turn the telephone ringer down to "low" or "off" so a burglar won't hear the phone ringing and realize no one is home.

- Ask a neighbor or family to collect your mail and newspapers daily. Or contact the post office and newspaper to stop delivery while you're away.

As a Community residents can take steps to help each other prevent becoming a victim. If a car is parked and occupied, if someone looks out of place, suspicious call the Miami Springs Police Department at 305.888.9711. We will always be happy to respond, it's better to prevent than to lament.

For further information you may also contact the Miami Springs Community Policing Office at 305.888.5286

**PARKS & RECREATION DEPT.**  
305.805.5075/76 1401 WESTWARD DRIVE



One of our Youth Basketball League participants shoots a free throw during halftime at a FIU Men's Basketball Game

**FACILITY RENTAL:**

The Multi-Purpose Room is available for rentals. The 10x10 Pavilions at Prince Field are available for rentals. Contact the main office at the Community Center for availability & pricing. 305.805.5075

**SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM**

Register now for the School Holiday Program is going on. The registration fee is \$35.00 unless registered for ASC; cost is \$20.00 per day. SHP is available for: Teachers Work Days & 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 & under ONLY, Saturday 7:00 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. & Sunday 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. open play, 17 & under free 18 & over \$4

**Open Gym Volleyball:** is offered every Friday night from 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. 18 & over \$4.00, 17 & 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: \$188.00  
Family of 3: \$263.00  
Additional family members \$75.00\*  
\*Immediate Family Members ONLY

**YOGA:** YOGA is held Monday and Wednesday evenings from 7:15pm- 8:15pm and Saturday mornings at 8:45 a.m. The current YOGA session is full. The next YOGA registration will be in March at the Miami Springs Community Center. The cost is \$95.00 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 11:00 a.m.

**JAZZERCISE:**

Burn up to 600 calories in one fun and powerfully effective 60-minute total body workout. Every Jazzercise 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. Sunday: 1:00p.m. - 5:00 p.m., weather permitting

**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:** 6:00p.m., 7:00p.m.  
**Water Aerobics:** Monday, Wednesday & Friday 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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

**Pool Memberships are NOW AVAILABLE:**  
Adults: 18 & over \$80.00  
Child: 17 & under \$40.00  
Senior: 60 & over \$40.00

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

The Parks and Recreation Department will be hosting Story Time, at the Miami Springs Community Center. Children and parents will enjoy stories and activities that will encourage the JOY of reading. Story time will be held on Thursday, February 21st, 11 a.m. - noon for children ages 2 - 4.

**BUILDING & CODE COMPLIANCE DEPT.**  
305.805.5030

**CODE COMPLIANCE  
CORNER**

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.

**FEBRUARY CODE COMPLIANCE SWEEP!**

During the month of February we will be continuing to cover the entire City looking for two types of violation. The first will be the proper display of Street Numbers.

Our Code of Ordinances (this section was updated last year) 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/RESCUE) ARE TRYING TO LOCATE YOUR HOUSE! THANKS FOR YOUR COOPERATION.**

The second sweep will be for illegal parking of Recreational vehicles. Remember that per the Code, Recreational vehicles can only be parked in completely enclosed structures, or in rear yards. Side yard parking is illegal without a variance and front yard parking is never allowed.

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 residential south of Westward Drive.
- Christine Rodriguez 786.367.4956  
All residential north of Westward Drive.
- Tex Ziadie 786.255.0497  
All Commercial and Multi-Family areas.

**HUMAN RESOURCES DEPT. 305.805.5009**

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS:**

Happy Birthday and Best Wishes to the following City employees:



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|-----|------------------|------|----------------|
| 2/1 | Noslen Penaranda | 2/10 | William Alonso |
| 2/2 | Robert Evans     | 2/14 | Tex Ziadie     |
| 2/5 | Steven Carlisle  | 2/25 | Linda Bosque   |
| 2/7 | Joe Perez        |      |                |

**Recognizing long term employees:**

The following employees had their anniversary date in January

- |                               |                                |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Steve Carlisle                | completed 29 years of service  |
| Jeffrey Clark & Armando Torre | completed 25 years of service  |
| Jerry Balester & Magali Valls | completed 22 years of service. |

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

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check us out at [www.miamisprings-fl.gov](http://www.miamisprings-fl.gov)



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# FEBRUARY 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS	CITY CLERK'S OFFICE				1	2
3	4 BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT/ ZONING: 7:00 P.M.	5 CODE ENFORCEMENT: 7:00 P.M.	6 ARCH. REV. BOARD: 7:00 P.M. CURBSIDE RECYCLING	7	8	9
10	11 CITY COUNCIL MEETING: 7:00 P.M.	12 RECREATION COMMISSION: 7:00 P.M.	13 GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB: 7:00 P.M.	14 BOARD OF PARKS & PARKWAYS: 7:00 P.M.	15	16
17	18 REVITALIZATION & REDEVELOPMENT: 7 P.M.	19 EDUCATION ADVISORY BOARD: 6:30 P.M.	20 CURBSIDE RECYCLING	21 HISTORIC PRESERVATION: 7:00 P.M.	22	23
24	25 CITY COUNCIL MEETING: 7:00 P.M.	26 ECOLOGY BOARD: 7:00 P.M.	27	28 CODE REVIEW BOARD: 7:00 P.M.		

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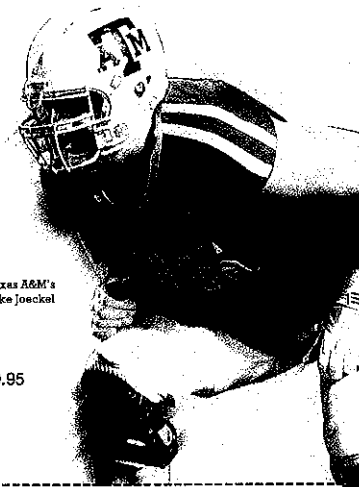
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Luke Joeckel

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