

## City of Miami Springs

## News Bulletin



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JULY 2015

**IMPORTANT CALENDAR DATES****CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS:**

**MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2015**  
BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING

**MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2015**  
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

**MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 2015**  
BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING

**MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2015**  
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

**MONDAY, AUGUST 31, 2015**  
BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING

**RECYCLING:**

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5TH**  
**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19TH**

**SPOTLIGHT ON ... Keeping "Connected" with what's happening in Miami Springs**

Did you know there are several ways to stay "Connected" with what's happening in Miami Springs? Well it's Council and staffs primary focus and goal to keep our residents well informed with up-to-date City information and notices, so check out your options:

- **"Springs Connection"** is our very own 8-page full-color bilingual newsletter mailed quarterly to every address in the City. It keeps residents "Connected" with various hot topics as well as general information.

- **@MiamiSpringsFL** you can follow us on Twitter for news and event reminders.

- **www.miamisprings-fl.gov** is the City's official web site and you'll find links to all City departments including the following:

- **www.miamisprings-fl.gov/meetings/upcoming** is the City's online public meeting calendar

- **www.miamisprings-fl.gov/calendar?type=calendar\_event\_general** is the community events calendar page, updated several times a week.

- **www.miamisprings-fl.gov/finance/city-check-registers** contains the City's Check Register, listing all checks issued during the prior month

- **www.miamisprings-fl.gov/webcast** on our webcast page you can watch a Council meeting in real-time or any previously archived meeting.

- **"on the Circle" message board** is updated regularly with events around town.

- **bulletin board** posts local "for sale", "for rent", "lost dog" and yard sale notices, etc. It's new location is on the fence at the Senior Center on the Payne Drive side next to the entry gate.

- **Channel 77** re-broadcasts 24 hours a day City Council meetings, public service and safety announcements for Comcast subscribers.

- **News-Bulletin** located in the "big issue" of the River Cities Gazette is delivered monthly to residents with important information from several City departments (Police, Recreation, Code Compliance, Public Works and Senior Center) and contains important information such as: schedules, advisory board and Council meeting dates, etc.

- **Racks of brochures and flyers** are available in City Hall, the Community Policing Office and the Senior Center with community resources.

- **Posters and banners** with Special City-sponsored events and activities are placed in City Hall and the Recreation Center as well as other busy locations throughout town.

- Still can't find what you're looking for? Call City Hall at **305.805.5000** or send an email to **info@miamisprings-fl.gov** for a prompt reply from the appropriate department within the City.

Follow us on Twitter:  
**@MiamiSpringsFL**

**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 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 health, nutrition, and consumer education workshops and classes 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 for those who cannot leave their homes without assistance.

**In addition to these core service offerings, the following educational programs have been scheduled for August:**

**"COUNCIL REPORT"** – Councilman Bob Best will present information on current Council actions and other topics of interest to the citizenry on August 5th at 12:15 p.m.

**"HYPERTHERMIA: TOO HOT FOR YOUR HEALTH"** – On August 11th at 12:15 p.m., Maritza Lopez from Catholic Hospice will address the topic of Hyperthermia.

**"EATING HEALTHY ON A BUDGET"** – Learn strategies to select more nutritious foods and save money when shopping at the grocery store during this presentation scheduled for August 12th at 12:15 p.m.

**"FALL PREVENTION"** – Trained staff from the Florida Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) at Miami Jewish Health Systems will provide important information on how to minimize the risk of falling on August 19th at 12:15 p.m.

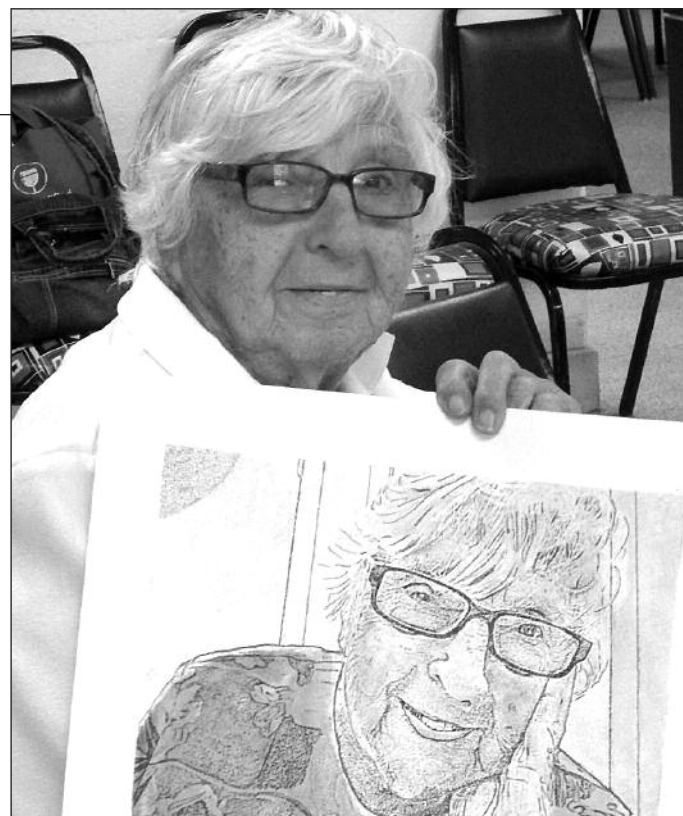
**"CRIME WATCH" PROGRAM** -- Officers Jorge Capote and Janice Simon from the MSPD's Community Policing Office will present the monthly Crime Watch Program at the senior center on August 25th at 12:15 p.m. Participants will be alerted to the types of criminal activities affecting the local area and will be provided tips on how to avoid becoming a victim.

**Special health support and recreational activities are scheduled through August to include the following classes:**

**CHAIR YOGA CLASSES** are offered free to local residents, age 60 and over, on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:00–10:30 a.m. at the City's Senior Center. Registration with the City's Elderly Services Department is required.

**"LET'S DANCE" EXERCISE CLASSES**, free to area seniors, are scheduled on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:30–11:00 a.m. at the senior center facility. Registration is required.

**FLOOR YOGA CLASSES** are offered free to seniors, age



**Dottie Adams shares a self-portrait she made in the art class offered to participants of the City's Senior Center.**

60 and over, on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30–11:00 a.m. at the Curtiss Mansion. A warm-up session using light weights is held from 9:00–9:30 a.m. Students must pre-register.

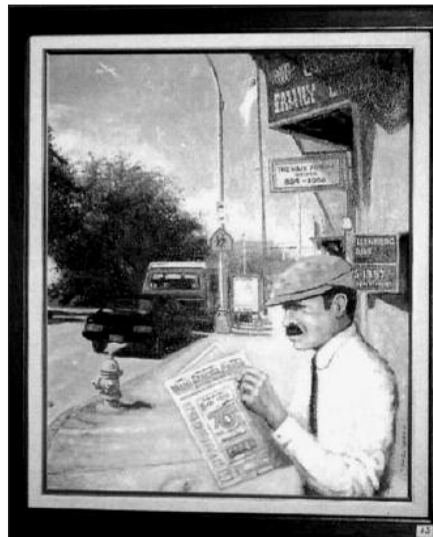
**"CELEBRATION WORKOUT"** classes, designed to work on memory and physical fitness, are held every Friday morning from 9:00–11:00 a.m. at the City's Senior Center and is free to those age 60 and over who register with the City's Elderly Services Department.

**TAI CHI for SENIORS** -- Tai Chi exercises, designed for individuals age 60 and over, are taught by Judd Zisquit on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:30–1:30 p.m. to seniors who register with the City's senior center. Classes will meet at the Miami Springs Optimist Club

August 4th–20th and will return to the M.S. Community Center beginning August 25th. Course work will focus on improving joint flexibility, balance, muscular strength, and general fitness and health. Interested seniors must pre-register at the senior center office located at 343 Payne Drive.

Upcoming events also include: a field trip to Wal-Mart (8/13); weekly Bingo games (8/3, 8/10, 8/17 8/24 and 8/31); the monthly meeting of the Miami Springs/Virginia Gardens Senior Citizens Club (8/4); a fundraising Rummage Sale (8/18); and the monthly birthday and anniversary party (8/20).

For further information on any of the services or activities offered at the City's senior center, or to volunteer your time, talent or expertise, please contact the Elderly Services Department's office at (305) 805-5160.

**Art in City Hall**

**Photo of Glenn Curtiss by Charles "Skip" Wood**

The "Art in City Hall" exhibit for August and September will be a display of historic sites in Miami Springs to recognize the City of Miami Springs 89th birthday. The exhibit will include paintings of the Miami Springs Parker Vertical Lift Bridge, Gazebo, Curtiss Mansion, Fair Havens Center, the Lua Curtiss home, and others paintings done by Charles "Skip" Wood (Deceased), longtime Miami Springs resident. The exhibit will also include paintings of local areas submitted by members of the Hibiscus Fine Arts Guild and the Miami Springs Historical Society.

You are invited to a reception in the City Hall lobby being held on Monday, August 3, 2015, from 6:30 until 8:30 p.m. If you cannot attend the reception, be sure to come see these painting Monday through Friday during the months of August and September between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:45 p.m.

If you live or work in Miami Springs and feel you have a 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.



**POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
305.888.9711

**Parents and Caregivers to Think 'Where's Baby? Look Before You Lock**

With summer temperatures across the nation continuing to escalate above average highs, it is more important than ever to understand the effects on children. Infants and young children are particularly sensitive to extreme heat and must rely on others to keep them safe. When left in a hot vehicle, a young child's body temperature can increase three to five times more quickly than an adult's.

Parents and caregivers of young children are reminded to be mindful that it doesn't take long for a child to pass away from heatstroke if left unattended in a parked car.

It doesn't take much to lose a child. When outside temperatures are in the low 80's, the temperature inside a vehicle can reach deadly levels, in only 10 minutes, even with a window rolled down two inches. Children's bodies, in particular, overheat easily and infants and children under four years of age are at the greatest risk for heat-related illness.

Heatstroke death and injuries often occur after a child gets into an unlocked vehicle to play without a parent or caregiver's knowledge. Other incidents can occur when a parent or caregiver who is not used to transporting a child as part of their daily routine inadvertently forgets a sleeping infant in a rear-facing seat in the back of the vehicle. When a child's temperature reaches 107 degrees, they risk death.

**Here are a few simple things you can do:**

Make it part of your everyday routine to account for all children in your care. Set up a backup system to check and double check



that no child is left in the vehicle. Never leave a child unattended in a vehicle - even if the windows are partially open or the engine is running with the air conditioning on as vehicles can heat up quickly even in these conditions..

> Always make a habit of looking in the vehicle - front and back - before locking the door and walking away.

> Get in touch with designated family members if a child who is regularly in your care does not arrive as expected.

> Create reminders to ensure that no child is accidentally left behind in the vehicle. Place an item that is needed at your final destination in the back of the vehicle next to the child or place a stuffed animal in the driver's view to indicate that a child is in the car seat.

> Call the Miami Springs Police at 305-888-9711 or 911 immediately if you see a child left alone in a hot vehicle. If he or she is in distress due to heat, get the child out as soon as possible and cool him or her down rapidly.



**BUILDING & CODE COMPLIANCE DEPT.**  
305.805.5030

**AUGUST CITY SWEEP!**

During the month of August Code Compliance will be scouting the entire City looking for proper display of house street numbers. New construction is required to place the numbers at a minimum of four (4) inches and existing numbers could be kept at three (3) inches in height.

As we're driving around the City we have noticed that many houses do not have visible street numbers on them. Even though we had conducted a city wide sweep for street number displays not so long ago, some houses have been painted, remodeled or the vegetation has overgrown causing the house numbers to be missing or obstructed.

Code Compliance will be performing another city wide sweep because the Florida Building Code has been revised and we want to make sure that our City is in compliance with the new code, however, our main concern is the safety and wellbeing of our residents. We want our emergency vehicles to be able to find your home as quickly as possible, and this can only be done if your house number is visible, in a well lit area.

Refer to the new Florida Building Code Section R319 SITE ADDRESS below:

**R319.1 Address numbers.** Buildings shall have approved address numbers, building numbers or approved building identification placed in a position that is plainly legible and visible from the street or road fronting the property. These numbers shall contrast with their background. Address numbers shall be Arabic numbers or alphabetical letters. Numbers shall be minimum **4 inches** (102 mm) high with a minimum stroke **width of 1/2 inch** (12.7mm). Where access is by means of a private road and the building address cannot be or viewed from the public way, a monument, pole or other sign

or means shall be used to identify the structure.

The current City Code Section 96-05 DISPLAY OF STREET NUMBERS is as follows:

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

(1) Must be at least three (3) 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 VITAL TO YOU IF EMERGENCY SERVICES (POLICE OR FIRE/RESCUE) ARE TRYING TO LOCATE YOUR HOUSE! THANKS FOR YOUR COOPERATION.**

**PARKS & RECREATION DEPT.**  
305.805.5075/76 1401 WESTWARD DRIVE  
FOLLOW US ON TWITTER @MIAMISPRINGSREC

**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

**AFTER SCHOOL CARE**

After School Care registration will begin on Monday, August 4th. The registration fee is \$35.00; the cost is \$8.00 per day or \$35 per week. This includes bus transportation from Miami Springs Elementary, Springview Elementary, AIE Charter School & Miami Springs Middle. After school care is available until 6:00 p.m. Limited space is available.

**SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM**

Registration for our School Holiday Program is will begin on Monday, August 4th. 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 & Spring Break from 7:00am – 6:00pm

**GYMNASIUM:**

**Open Gym Basketball Hours:**

Effective Monday, June 8th – Friday, August 21st, the courts will not open until 6pm due to Summer Camp

**Monday & Tuesday:** 6:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.: 17 & under Free, 18 & Over \$4

**Saturday:** 7:00 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.: 17 & Under Free, 18 & Over \$4

**Sunday:** 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.: 17 & under Free 18 & over \$4

**Open Gym Volleyball:**

**Friday Evening:** 6:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.: 17 & under Free 18 & over \$4

**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.

**ATHLETICS:**

Youth Basketball Camp: Registration for the youth basketball camp is coming up! The camp will be twice a week at the Community

Center for children 8 – 15 years old. Space is LIMITED! Call the Community Center for more information 305-805-5075

**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

**GET FIT PROGRAM:** THIS IS A TWICE-WEEKLY PROGRAM WITH HIGHLY-EXPERIENCED COACHES / TRAINERS, TRAINING ATHLETES FOR TOP-NOTCH STRENGTH, FLEXIBILITY, SPEED, BALANCE, CARDIOVASCULAR AND RESPIRATORY ENDURANCE, CONDITIONING AND COORDINATION DESIGNED TO HELP KIDS REACH PEAK FITNESS AND PERFORMANCE!

This fitness program is for kids of all fitness levels and backgrounds between the ages of 11 – 15 years old. The Get Fit Program will be held on Tuesday & Thursday evenings.

The cost is \$50 per participant and SPACE is LIMITED. Registration will begin in August at the Community Center.

**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.

Monday through Thursday: 6:00 p.m.  
Saturday: 10:00 a.m.

**Jr. Jazzercise:** is a fitness class for girls ages 5-11. The format combines dance and aerobics with group games & special activities to make the class fun and challenging.

Tuesday & Thursday: 5:15 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.  
For information visit jazzercise.com or call 305-888-7625.



The Get Fit campers show off after they went rock climbing.

**HUMAN RESOURCES DEPT. 305.805.5009**

**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS:**

Happy Birthday and Best Wishes to the following City employees:

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| Robert Barrios | Erik Estok        | Shiketa Duberry |
| Loaine Mendoza | Anthony Thompson  | Allene Paz      |
| Noemi Darias   | David Bente       |                 |
| Linda Hurtado  | Charlene Thompson |                 |

**Recognizing long term employees:**

The following employee had his anniversary date in July

Joe Perez	completed 30 years of service.
Loretta M. Boucher	completed 21 years of service.
Jeffrey A. Collins & Florentino F.Vasallo	completed 16 years of service.
Theresa A. Michael	completed 12 years of service.

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

# AUGUST 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING: 7:00 P.M.	4 BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT: 6:00 P.M.	5 Curbside Recycling	6	7	8
9	10 CITY COUNCIL MEETING: 7:00 P.M.	11	12 BOARD OF PARKS & PARKWAYS: 7:00 P.M.	13	14	15
16	17 CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING: 7:00 P.M.	18	5 Curbside Recycling	20	21	22
23	24 CITY COUNCIL MEETING: 7:00 P.M.	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING: 7:00 P.M.					