

City of Miami Springs

News Bulletin



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JULY 2013

IMPORTANT CALENDAR DATES

Budget Workshop Meetings will be held on **Monday, August 5, 2013**, and **Monday, August 19, 2013** at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Council has also scheduled a Workshop Meeting to discuss revisions to the Code of Ordinances. This meeting will take place on **Wednesday, August 7, 2013** at 7:00 p.m.

In addition, the City Council will meet in Regular sessions on **Monday, August 12, 2013**, and **Monday, August 26, 2013** at 7:00 p.m.

RECYCLING:

Wednesday, August 7th
Wednesday, August 21st

Voice your views!

U.S. Congresswoman

Ileana Ros-Lehtinen's Outreach Program:

Ms. Lourdes Ruiz from Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen's office will be available in the Council Chambers in City Hall every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Citizens may contact her at 305.934.9441 or Lourdes.ruiz@mail.house.gov.

SPOTLIGHT ON ... Miami Springs Golf Course

This month our Spotlight article again brings you news of what's happening at the Golf Course. City Manager Ron Gorland recently announced the appointment of Laurie Bland to the position of Golf Course Maintenance Superintendent. She holds an A.S. in Agronomy from Florida Gateway College in Lake City, and will oversee all aspects of golf course maintenance, horticulture and ongoing sustainability efforts.

"Laurie's years of work on the Silver and Blue Monster courses at the Trump National Doral Resort have given her a great understanding of South Florida golf course construction and landscape. We are extremely pleased to have her join our team and know that she is the perfect individual to create exceptional playing conditions at Miami Springs Golf Course day in and day out for our golfers," stated Gorland.

Laurie says, "I am excited to join Paul O'Dell and the team at Miami Springs Golf Course. I feel very privileged to be part of this wonderful opportunity, and look forward to the challenge of bringing the course back up

to par and up to the next level. As an avid golfer, I approach agronomy from a golfer's perspective, and I believe in maintaining a course in a 'fast and firm', tournament-ready state. MSGC has a lot of room for improvement. I look forward to providing the TLC needed to re-establish superior conditions that allow our course to be a great source of pride for both golfers and the community," she added.

A lifelong resident of Miami, Laurie also enjoys kayaking with her five year old son Terrance in her spare time.



MSGC welcomes Laurie Bland.

And on another note: PGA Certified Instructor Phil Argianas and staff report that PJA Junior Golf Camp is having a great summer of fun and games at the Miami Springs Golf Course! All interested boys and girls 7-17 shouldn't miss this chance to improve and enjoy their golf games. The last week of summer camp is August 5th - August 9th. However, if there is enough demand (minimum total of 7 campers) we will have one more week of camp: August 12th - August 16th. The last day to register is August 2nd. Also, if campers register by August 2nd, they will receive an early registration discount plus 10 % off. For information about the camp, call 305.238.7505 or pjagolf@aol.com



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

De Zayas-Bitar Construction Co.

4471 NW 36th Street
 Contractor Office

VAPORX3

38 Curtiss Parkway
 Electronic Cigarette Sales

Varadero Studio

8 Curtiss Parkway
 Photo Studio

Zest Jolie Salon & Spa

300 Westward Drive
 Beauty Salon

Art in City Hall



Alex Abate, Miami Skyline at Dawn, gallery wrapped giclée, 24" x 48"

The "Art in City Hall" August, 2013 exhibit will feature the work of Miami Springs photographer Alex Abate. A reception to meet Alex will be held on Monday, August 5, 2013 between the hours of 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. If you are not able to attend the reception, you are invited to view the exhibit Monday through Friday in City Hall Lobby between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:45 p.m., during the month of August.

Photographer Alex Abate has been in love with Florida's wilder side since 1979 when he first came here to study marine biology at the University of Miami. "My dad was a photographer when I was growing up. I spent a lot of time watching him work and photography has always been part of my life. So has nature, and I knew from an early age that I wanted to work with both nature and photography. Here, in Florida, the wonders of the wild are all around us. I am happy to be able to capture some of the beauty that is out there waiting to be discovered."

Alex shoots with Canon cameras, using a 7D that shoots 8 frames per second, essential to capturing objects in motion, as well as a variety of lenses. Most of his work is hand-held, with the exception of landscape photography and other subjects that require a tripod.

Two years ago Alex received an Honorable Mention in Rookery Bay's Annual Florida Juried Photography Exhibit for Tiny Dancer.

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.

Waste-Free Lunch Tips from the Ecology Board

School will be starting soon, and for teachers and kids who bring their lunch from home, here are five simple ways to pack a Waste-Free and Planet-Friendly Lunch:

YES

Reusable carrier (cloth bag, lunchbox)
 Reusable container
 Thermos or mug for drinks
 Cloth napkin to wash and reuse
 Silverware to wash and reuse

NO

NO throwaway bags
 NO plastic wrap, foil or Styrofoam
 NO single use cartons or cans
 NO napkins
 NO plastic forks and spoons

Citizen Reminders

- Tree trimming crews are working in the City several days per week. Please respect their work zone signs and give them a wide berth!
- If your trees need trimming, the City advises that you use a professional service, DO NOT "top them out" (improper pruning technique, subject to stiff penalty fines) and dispose of all debris properly. If the City hauls it away, you will pay.
- If you have any tree trimming questions, please call Public Works at 305.805.5170.

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 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 August as follows:

- **"SENIORS NEVER ALONE"** - On August 7th at 12:15 p.m., Switchboard of Miami will present information on a program designed for those age 65 and over who live alone. Reassurance Specialists from their agency will establish telephone contact with seniors twice a week to confirm their well being;
- **"CARING FOR SOMEONE WITH ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE"** - Maritza Lopez, MFT, sponsored by Catholic Hospice, will present an overview of Alzheimer's Disease and offer tips for caregivers on August 20th 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 21st at 12:15 p.m. Seniors will be alerted to criminal activities affecting the local area and learn tips on how to avoid becoming a victim;
- **"TAKE CARE OF YOUR HEARING" & ICE CREAM SOCIAL** - On August 27th at 12:15 p.m., HearX/Hear USA and Care Plus Health Plans, Inc. will conduct a program on hearing issues that typically effect



This month, Mayor Xavier Garcia crowned 2013-14 Senior Center Queen Julie Campos and King Carlos Mordcovich. Among their royal duties was appearing in the Fourth of July Parade.

seniors and how individuals can help to preserve their hearing. Following the presentation, Care Plus will sponsor an "Ice Cream Social" for all senior center participants;

- **"COUNCIL REPORT"** -- Councilman Billy Bain will provide seniors with an update of recent Council actions and answer questions about important issues affecting City residents on August 28 at 12:15 p.m.; and
- **"SILVER SURFERS"** - Free beginner and intermediate computer and Internet training courses for senior citizens, conducted in English and Spanish, are held throughout the year at the City's senior center. Sponsored by S.T.E.P.S. in the Right Direction, Inc. and the Alliance for Aging, Inc., classes meet once a week for a five week period. If interested, please call to register as classes are scheduled once 12 students have enrolled.

Additionally, special program activities will be held in August to include: Senior Yoga classes, Chair Yoga classes, "Let's Dance" fitness classes, chair exercises, line dancing classes, a rummage sale to raise funds for the senior citizens club's entertainment budget (8/13 from 12:15-1:30 p.m.), weekly Bingo games, a field trip to Wal-Mart (8/2), and the monthly birthday and anniversary party (8/15). For further information, please contact the Elderly Services Department's office at (305) 805-5160.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

305.888.9711

**Miami Springs Police
Community Shred Day
on August 15th 4pm - 7pm****How does the process
work?**

The mobile unit will be located at the Miami Springs Pool parking lot. The documents to be shredded are destroyed by trained technicians.

What are the benefits of on-site shredding?

The primary advantage to on-site shredding is that it is more convenient to observe the shredding process. This allows you to physically witness your material being destroyed, if you wish to do so.

Why use a shredding method instead of just recycling?

For security. Identity theft has become one of the most common crimes. Take a stand against becoming a victim of fraud by properly disposing of all documents that contain personal information. Recycling services are not designed to provide security. Recycling services mostly use open collection containers which are accessible to anyone. Your confidential documents are transported by truck in whole form to a facility for processing and sorting before shredding. It is then taken to and stored at unsecured warehouses, which are accessible to the public, and the paper is sorted for grade. The courts have ruled that once you place your material into the trash can, recycling receptacle, or dumpster, you lose all privacy rights to that information, no matter how sensitive or proprietary it is. The laws on public domain protect the people taking the information - NOT YOU! The shredding of documents has become the recommended method for the handling of sensitive documentation to help in combating the identity theft crimes.

Why should I use a shredding company instead of just buying my own shredder?

While it is still recommended that you shred sensitive documents at home, even daily junk mail credit card offers is fine for daily use. However when doing a purging of documents, there is usually a lot more, than we thought we had. In-house shredding will not handle large volumes, and is a lot of work. By coming to the Miami Springs Police Community Shred event, they do all of the work! In minutes they can destroy what it would take home/office shredder days to do. All of the shredded documents are taken away and recycled.

What materials will they shred?

They will shred any color or type of paper, including file folders, computer printouts, brochures, flyers, bound reports, coupons, printing mistakes, over-runs. There is no need to remove paper clips, staples, or rubber bands.

Who can come to the Miami Springs Community Shred Day?

This event is open to all Miami Springs residents and business owners.

How much can I bring?

Each person may bring up to four (4) file size boxes of paper to the free MS Police Community Shred event. A standard file box is 10" height x 12" width x 15" depth, which is about the size of a copy paper box. You may keep your boxes to reuse.

How long should I keep my records before disposing of them?**Document Shredding Day**

More than half a million people find themselves victims of identity theft each year.

Different types of records need to be retained for different time periods. The time documents should be kept depends on appropriate laws, IRS and governmental regulations, and third-party requirements. After first having checked how long you may need to keep your documents here are basic guidelines:

Tax Records: Seven years, to be safe. The IRS has three years to audit your return if the agency suspects you made a mistake and up to six years if you likely underreported your gross income by 25 percent or more. If you failed to file a return for any year, keep records indefinitely.

Pay Stubs: One year. Match them up to your W2 form, then shred.

Bank Statements: One year. But hold onto records related to your taxes, business expenses, home improvements, mortgage payments and major purchases for as long as you need them. Many financial institutions now provide the option to receive your bank and credit statements online instead of by mail.

Credit Card Statements: At least 45 days. The rules here are similar to those for bank statements; hang on to those you may need for your taxes or as proof of purchase. Shred the rest after you've confirmed payment.

Medical Records: At least a year, but often longer. Keep medical bills for at least a year in case of a dispute over a reimbursement. Some experts suggest keeping other records for five years from the time treatment for the symptoms ended. Hang on to information about prescription information, specific medical histories, health insurance information and contact information for your physician.

Insurance Records: Keep policy information for the life of the policy plus an additional five years.

Additional records such as statements, hospital bills, car repair bills, copies of prescriptions, etc. should be kept up to five years from the date the service was provided.

Utility and phone bills: Shred them after you've paid them, unless they contain tax-deductible expenses.

IRA Contributions: Until you withdraw the money. You can shred quarterly statements as soon as you match them with your yearly statement.

Home Purchase/Sale/Improvements: Until six years after you sell. Improvements you make and expenses such as your real estate agent's commission are factored in when you sell your home, lowering your capital gains tax.

Warranties: As long as they are current. Expired warranties can be recycled, unless they contain personal information.

PARKS & RECREATION DEPT.

305.805.5075/76 1401 WESTWARD DRIVE

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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 12th. The registration fee is \$35.00; cost is \$8.00 per day. This includes bus transportation from Miami Springs Elementary, Springview Elementary & Miami Springs Middle. After school care is available until 6:00 p.m. Limited space is available, be sure to register early!

We also offer bus transportation ONLY from Miami Springs Middle School. This does NOT include child care once they're brought to the Recreation facility. The cost for bus transportation ONLY is \$15.00 per week.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Registration for our School Holiday Program will begin on Monday August 12th. 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:

Effective June 10th - August 16th Open Gym Basketball: Monday - Friday: The courts will not open until 6pm due to Summer Camp

From August 19th - August 25th the Basketball Courts will be CLOSED for maintenance.

Open Gym Basketball Hours: Tuesday & Wednesday evenings 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 & 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 cost is \$95.00 for an 8 week session. Please call the Community Center for details. The next YOGA



The Maroon team took the "18 and over" Basketball Championship for the 2013 season: (l to r) Jerome Harris, Rajiv Prabhakar, Chris Quiroga, Daniel Valdes, Albert Vargas, (in front) Randy Rojas.

registration will be September 16th at the Miami Springs Community Center at 6:45 pm.

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

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 1:00 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: The last morning swim lesson session will be on August 5th

Morning Classes: 9:00a.m., 10:00a.m., 11:00a.m.

Evening Classes: 4:00p.m., 5:00p.m., 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

HUMAN RESOURCES DEPT. 305.805.5009**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS:**

Happy Birthday and Best Wishes to the following City employees:

8/6	Robert Barrios	8/17	Anthony Thompson
8/8	Gene Chery		David Bente
8/9	Oscar Garcia	8/22	Charlene Thompson
8/10	Noemi Darias		Maureen Harkey-Torres
8/11	Linda Hurtado	8/23	Shiketa Duberry
8/12	Erik Estok	8/28	Allene Paz

Recognizing long term employees:

The following employees had their anniversary date in July

Joe Perez	completed 28 years of service.
Loretta M. Boucher	completed 19 years of service.
Jeffrey A. Collins & Florentino F.Vasallo	completed 14 years of service.
Theresa A. Michael	completed 10 years of service.

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

BUILDING & CODE COMPLIANCE DEPT.

305.805.5030

**CODE COMPLIANCE
CORNER****SINGLE FAMILY HOME USE
VIOLATIONS!**

PERCEIVED AS ONE OF THE MOST COMMONLY VIOLATED CODES IN THE CITY, IS THE ILLEGAL CREATION OF MULTIPLE FAMILY DWELLING UNITS. WE GET MORE COMPLAINTS ABOUT THIS VIOLATION THAN WE DO ABOUT MOST OTHERS.

The time that we usually discover these viola-

tions is when we do an inspection for re-occupancy (required before the sale of any single family home). Often homes have to be changed back to their original configuration at that time, sometimes a costly proposition.

The best way to insure that you do not violate this Code is to:

1-Always secure a permit for any work done on your house.

2-Do not subdivide a property in a single family zone to be used for multiple rentals.

WHEN IN DOUBT, CALL US

AT 305.805.5030

AUGUST 2013

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