

City of Miami Springs

# News Bulletin



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JUNE 2016

## IMPORTANT CALENDAR DATES

**CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING**  
 THURSDAY, JULY 28TH, 6:00 P.M.

**RECYCLING:**  
 WEDNESDAY, JULY 6th  
 WEDNESDAY, JULY 20th

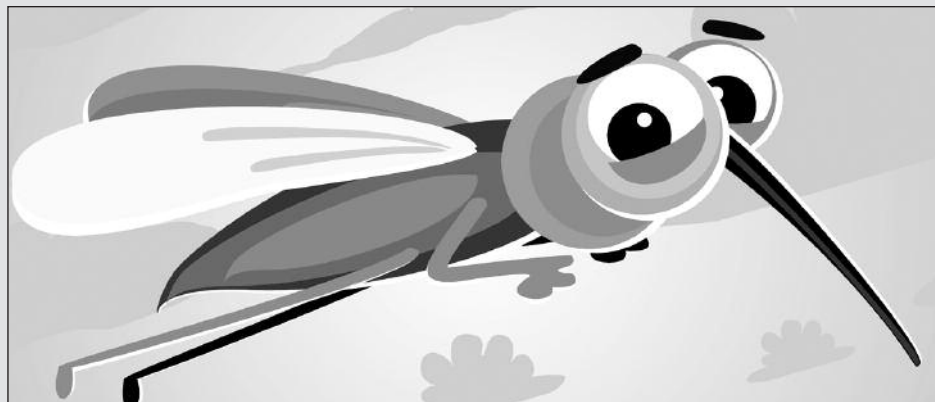
**CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED**  
 MONDAY, JULY 4TH  
 IN OBSERVANCE OF  
 INDEPENDENCE DAY.

## SPOTLIGHT ON ... Join the "Swat" Team!

Summertime in Miami Springs is really special. It's the season for vacation plans, barbecues, beach, pool and family time, our spectacular hometown Fourth of July events...it would be just about perfect if it weren't for some seasonal visitors that aren't so wonderful: mosquitoes.

Summer rains have again brought the annual invasion of 45 different species of these little suckers to Miami-Dade County. Besides being annoying to humans and pets, they can carry diseases. Of particular concern, especially to pregnant women, is the *Aedes aegyptii* mosquito. Recognized by its white striped legs, this species can carry Zika Virus as well as chikungunya and dengue fever. If you have concerns and want more specific information, the State of Florida has a Zika Virus Hotline: 855.622.6735. The City web site also has resources on this topic at [www.miamisprings-fl.gov/publicworks/zika-virus-mosquito-control-information](http://www.miamisprings-fl.gov/publicworks/zika-virus-mosquito-control-information).

Join the Miami Springs "Swat Team" to reduce mosquito numbers in our neighborhoods by removing or regularly draining breeding sources around your home. Containers with standing water such as bird baths, pet water dishes, plant saucers,



children's pools, boats, and even bromeliads are ideal breeding spots. Keep gutters clear so they drain properly, and repair any screening on windows, doors and patios. For personal protection, cover your bare skin and clothing with repellent with DEET if you must be outside when mosquitoes are most active during the hours of dusk and dawn. Wear shoes, socks, long pants, and long sleeves. Always use repellents according to the label. Use mosquito netting to protect children younger than 2 months.

While we think of mosquitoes as a sum-

mer nuisance, did you know that Miami-Dade County's Mosquito Control program takes place year-round? This program is proactive in terms of surveillance and monitoring activities. If you have a mosquito problem in your neighborhood that you can't mitigate you can call for some County help by reporting it to 3-1-1 or on line at [www.miamidade.gov/311direct/#/map/c08/PW6102](http://www.miamidade.gov/311direct/#/map/c08/PW6102)

So, to ensure that your family experiences the best of this summer season, be prepared. Fight back against the mosquitoes! And enjoy!

**SHOP** in Miami Springs.  
**EAT** in Miami Springs.  
**SPEND** in Miami Springs.  
**SUPPORT** the local businesses who support the town in which we live, work and play.

## ELDERLY SERVICES DEPT.

305.805.5160 • SENIOR CENTER, • 343 PAYNE DRIVE

**The Miami Springs Senior Center**, located on Prince Field at 343 Payne Drive, offers a variety of activities and services to older residents every Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. Current financial and programmatic support comes from: the City of Miami Springs; the Alliance for Aging, Inc. and the Florida Department of Elder Affairs; the Village of Virginia Gardens; participant donations; local business organizations, civic groups and countless volunteers. Residents of Miami Springs, age 60 and over, are eligible to participate in a variety of services and activities offered at the City's senior center.

**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.

### HEALTH SUPPORT ACTIVITIES:

The following courses require registration, as class size is limited, and are offered only to seniors enrolled in Miami Springs Senior Center activities:

- **CHAIR YOGA** instruction is provided by Natasha Salmon-Cogno on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:00–10:30 a.m. at the City's Senior Center. Classes are offered free to local residents, age 60 and over, who register with the Elderly Services Department.

- **"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. Classes are instructed by Natasha Salmon-Cogno and pre-registration is required.

- **FLOOR YOGA CLASSES**, instructed by Natasha Salmon-Cogno, are offered free to registered seniors on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00–11:00 a.m. at the Curtiss Mansion.

- **"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. Classes are instructed by Natasha Salmon-Cogno and are free to registered seniors.

- **CHAIR EXERCISE CLASSES**, instructed by Elizabeth King and free for registered seniors, are offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:45–11:15 a.m. at the Senior Center.

- **TAI CHI for ARTHRITIS** -- Tai Chi exercises, designed to help older individuals with Arthritis, are taught by certified instructor Judd Zisquit on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:30–1:30 p.m. to seniors who are enrolled in senior center activities. Classes meet at the Miami Springs Optimist Club during the summer and 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.

**RECREATION ACTIVITIES:** Recreational and social events are planned each month at the senior center. Currently, the following activities are scheduled for July: weekly Bingo games (7/5, 7/11, 7/18, and 7/25); the monthly birthday & anniversary party (7/21); and a shopping trip to Wal-Mart (7/8).

**TRANSPORTATION:** Daily pick up, utilizing the Hialeah-MS Rotary Charitable Foundation bus, is provided to older residents



Juanita and Hector Silva having a great time at the Senior Center's "Black and White" party. (photo by Mark Taylor)

with no means of transportation to and from the center. In addition, weekly trips are made to area grocery stores and assistance is given with shopping and carrying packages. Field trips to local stores, malls or other places of interest are usually scheduled each month, as well.

**HEALTH SUPPORT AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS:** Educational presentations are scheduled each month through the sponsorship of numerous individuals, community service organizations and businesses. As of this writing, the following topics are scheduled for July:

- **"MEDICARE AND YOU"** – On July 13th at 12:15 p.m., Chen Medical Centers will sponsor an informative program about the different parts of Medicare, what the coverage choices are and how to understand your benefits and bills;

- **"CRIME WATCH" PROGRAM** – Officers Jorge Capote and Janice Simon from the MSPD's Community Policing Office will conduct the monthly Crime Watch Meeting at the senior center on July 19th at 12:15 p.m. and provide information on recent, local criminal activities;

- **"DIABETES"** – Diabetes is an epidemic and 1 out of 3 people may develop Type 2 diabetes in their lifetime. 29.1 million people in the US currently have diabetes and the number is growing. On July 20th at 12:15 p.m., the American Diabetes Association will present information on this disease to help prevent it and improve the lives of people affected by it.

For further information on any of the services, activities, or special programs offered, or to volunteer your time, talent or expertise at the Miami Springs Senior Center, please contact us at 305.805.5160.

## Art in City Hall



Beached, Joan Cavalier, oil on canvas

The City of Miami Springs "Art in City Hall" exhibit through the end of July 2016 is being presented by members of the Hibiscus Fine Arts Guild, and features the most recent summer-themed oil paintings of local artists.

The Hibiscus Art Guild was organized over 40 years ago to foster art appreciation in our community. The Guild brings artists together to share techniques and to promote artistic creation. All artists are welcome, and they encourage interested local residents to join the. For information, please call 305.887.3042 or 305.888.8133.

You will be able to view the exhibit during the months of June and July 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 Carol for information about exhibit requirements and scheduling at 305.805.5054.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
305.888.9711

**Property owners have preferential right to usage of the swale area**

It has been the responsibility of property owners to maintain in good and safe condition the swale areas adjacent to their property. In light of this responsibility, and taking other factors into consideration, the City Council adopted an ordinance and resolution governing the use of swale areas at the December 11, 2006 Council meeting. This ordinance took effect on February 1, 2007. The highlights of this ordinance (#948-2006) follow:

**• Property owners are granted a preferential right to usage of the swale area abutting and adjacent to their property.**

• Property owners may permit others to utilize these swale areas for reasonable and justifiable purposes.

• Property owners can request that unauthorized use of said swale areas cease and desist. If it does not, they may contact the City's Code Compliance or Police Departments for assistance.

• It will be the goal of these Departments to seek voluntary compliance; issuing citations will be a secondary measure.

• Civil penalties for unauthorized use of a swale area, should a citation be issued, will begin at \$50.00.

**Having preferential right to usage of a swale does not mean that parking regulations can be ignored.**

Below are some of the most common violations, but this is not a complete list. All of these are parking violations punishable by a fine.



- Parking too close to STOP signs and corners (within 30' of a STOP sign)
- Parking opposite flow of traffic or perpendicular to traffic
- Parking within 15' of a fire hydrant
- Double parking - on roadway side of vehicle
- Failure to obey posted signs (e.g. "No Angle Parking", "No Parking Anytime", etc.)
- Blocking driveway access
- Parking within 20' of a crosswalk
- Parking within 30' from the points of a curb

**For the safety of all residents and visitors, the Miami Springs Police Department enforces these statutes.**

We encourage you to report habitual violations to the Miami Springs Police Department main line: 305.888.9711. For questions on this or any other matter, contact the Community Policing Office Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm. That number is 305.888.5286.

**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. The 20x20 Pavilion at Stafford Park is available for rental. Contact the Main Office at the Community Center for availability & pricing. 305.805.5075

**Open Gym Basketball Hours:**

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

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.

**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:**

- 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

Seniors 60 & Over  
Use of the Fitness Room is FREE, Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Participants must fill out the registration form at the Main Office of 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



Summer basketball campers are working hard on their dribbling skills.

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

**Basketball Camp 2016**

**Get ready for a SUMMER of BASKETBALL!** Join us for the 1st ever SUMMER BASKETBALL CAMP! A month-long specialized camp with highly experienced coaches/trainers working with campers on the fundamentals of the game: dribbling, passing, defense, rebounding, shooting and more!

Basketball camp is for ALL KIDS & skill levels ages 11- 14 years old

LIMITED SPOTS REMAIN IN THE 2nd SESSION

2nd session: Weeks of July 11th, 18th, 25th & August 1st

Registration begins Monday, April 4th at 6pm at the Miami Springs Community Center

For detailed information please call the Community Center at 305.805.5075

**Get Fit Camp 2016**

JOIN A MONTH LONG FITNESS 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!

Get Fit Camp is for ALL KIDS of ALL FITNESS BACKGROUNDS between the ages of 9-11 years old and 12-17 years old

LIMITED SPOTS REMAIN IN THE 2nd SESSION

Session 2: Weeks of July 11th, 18th, 25th & August 1st

Activity Fee: \$100 PER SESSION  
Session Fee: \$400 PER SESSION

Registration is OPEN at the Miami Springs Community Center

For detailed information please call the Community Center at 305.805.5075.

**SPECIAL EVENTS:**

The City of Miami Springs is gearing up for our Annual Independence Day Festivities to be held on Monday, July 4th. The day begins with the Parade at 10:00am, immediately followed by activities at the Miami Springs Country Club. Come cool off on the Giant Water Slides, sit & relax out of the sun, while listening to "DJ Frankie" crank out the tunes.

Registration for the Baby Contest will begin at 11:00am in the Country Club; the contest will start promptly at 12:00pm, age's birth to twenty four months. Don't forget! There's also a category for the "Most Patriotic" baby.

The day's not over yet, our Fireworks display will be held on the golf course at DUSK.

If you're interested in participating in the parade, contact Patti Bradley at the Miami Springs Parks & Recreation Department, 305.805.5075, no later than Friday, June 24th to reserve a spot. ALL parade participants must be preregistered, no exceptions.

**HUMAN RESOURCES DEPT. 305.805.5009**

**JULY BIRTHDAYS:**

Happy Birthday and Best Wishes to the following City employees:



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| Ulises Fernandez | Julio Ferreira     | Matthew Castillo |
| James Dean       | Christopher Dweck  | Robert Castillo  |
| Albert Vargas    | Ernest Paul O'Dell | Justin Robbins   |
| Moira Ramos      | Jorge Capote       |                  |

**Recognizing long term employees:**

The following employee had his anniversary date in May	
Gary M. Fetters	completed 18 years of service.
Lazaro M. Garaboa and Thomas W. Nash	completed 16 years of service.
David Olivas	completed 15 years of service.
Cheryl R. Mulet	completed 14 years of service.

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

**BUILDING & CODE COMPLIANCE DEPT.**  
305.805.5030

**PLAYING SAFELY**

Summer is here! Even though we have summer-like weather year round in South Florida, schools are now out and our children are outdoors playing and enjoying our beautiful City.

**As always, our mission is to see and address code violations that could cause unsafe situations in our streets, sidewalks and swale areas.** However, it is impossible to keep our City free of obstructions on the right-of-ways, without the cooperation of our residents and visitors.

It is unlawful to block sidewalks, the view of oncoming traffic and placing non-permanent items on the swale area that could either fall or cause a safety hazard to pedestrians and traffic.

Please take a few moments to read our City Ordinances regarding obstruction of right-of-way, view of traffic and blocking of sidewalks.

**• Sec. 96-07. - Maintenance of City parkway and swale areas.**

(A) The City shall retain sole jurisdiction over and maintenance responsibility for, all parkway areas in the City.

(B) It shall be the duty and obligation of all owners of property in the City to maintain all swale areas abutting, adjacent, or contiguous to their property in a good and proper condition. This maintenance duty and obligation for prop-

erty owners shall include, but not be limited to, sodding, grass cutting, proper landscape maintenance, removal of debris, garbage, or trash, and the elimination of any dangerous conditions or safety hazards in all swale areas.

**• Sec. 71-02. - Obstruction of roads.**

It shall be unlawful to obstruct any public road or established highway without permission of the proper authorities, or to willfully cause any obstruction to be placed therein, and each day the obstruction is allowed to remain in any highway after being so placed, shall constitute a separate and distinct offense.

(Code 1962, § 16-31; Ord. 84, passed 3-10-47)

**Cross reference—** Penalty, § 10-99.

**• Sec. 71-03. - Shrubbery obstructing view of vehicle operator.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to maintain or permit shrubbery or any growth to grow upon any parcel of land at the intersection of any highways in the City, so that it will obstruct the view of the driver or operator of any vehicle approaching such intersection from another highway.

(Code 1962, § 16-32; Ord. 84, passed 3-10-47)

We here at the Building/Code Compliance Department want to wish everyone a safety and joyful summer and Fourth of July.

# JULY 2016

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3	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY! CITY HALL CLOSED!	5	6 CURBSIDE RECYCLING	7	8	9
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## It's that time again HOTTEST DEALS OF THE SUMMER!

**Miami Springs Golf & Country Club**  
Summer Membership Application  
May 1, 2016 thru November 15, 2016

• **Residents**

Individual: \$300  
Family: \$425  
Junior (under 17) \$60

• **Non-Residents**

Individual: \$400  
Family: \$500  
Junior (under 17) \$75

- All membership rounds must pay the cart fee of \$22 + tax
- Seniors (60 and over) get a 10% discount from above: Single or Family



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