

## City of Miami Springs

## News Bulletin



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JUNE 2013

**IMPORTANT  
CALENDAR DATES****JULY IS VACATION  
TIME FOR COUNCIL**

The month of July each year is traditionally "vacation time" for the City Council and all advisory boards. No regular meetings are scheduled for either the Council or its advisory boards during this month, though they may meet if necessary and notice would be posted on the bulletin board at City Hall should this be the case. During the "quiet time" of July, the City Manager, Department Heads and Staff are busy with budget preparations for the upcoming fiscal year.

The only scheduled meeting will be held on:

**THURSDAY, JULY 25, 2013 – 5:01 P.M.  
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING  
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

During this meeting the City Council will set the tentative operating millage levy for Fiscal Year 2013-2014.

**RECYCLING:**

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 10TH  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 24TH**

**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](mailto:Lourdes.ruiz@mail.house.gov).

**SPOTLIGHT ON ... Miami Springs Golf Course**

Spread the news – Miami Springs Golf Course has just been named as the Best Golf Course in Miami in the annual New Times "Best Of" awards! Sure, there are Crandon Park, the Biltmore and Doral Golf Courses to be considered, but MSGC was singled out as a "forgotten jewel among its more popular cousins in Doral and Coral Gables" for its rich golfing history, reasonable rates and challenging yardage. Kudos to Golf Director Paul O'Dell and staff for this recognition.

And, for duffers and scratchers who are looking for "hot fun in the summertime", circle July 8th on your calendar. MSGC reports that the all-new driving range will be opening on that day, and that golf course improvements will continue through the summer. If it's true that "practice makes perfect", then MSGC is indeed the best place in greater Miami to perfect your game.

In more news from the turf, the PJA Golf Camp is in full swing, with weekly full and half-day sessions of fun and skill-building for junior golfers ages 7 to 17. Under the direction of Certified PGA Pro and Instructor Phil Argianas, camp runs through July. There are still slots available, and interested parents may contact Phil at 305.238.7505 or [pjagolf@aol.com](mailto:pjagolf@aol.com). Discounts are available for Springs residents, multi-week campers and siblings.



MSGC offers a great experience for golfers of all ages.

**Tips from the Ecology Board**

Do you have a rain shut-off device on your irrigation system to avoid overwatering your landscape? This could be either a rain sensor or a soil moisture sensor. However you need to make sure it is functioning properly before the storms roll in! Don't be that house in the neighborhood watering during and/or after a down pour! Just because it's rainy and you don't need to irrigate your yard as often is no reason to put off having a system assessed. An evaluation of your irrigation system for leaks, uniformity and inefficiencies can be done year round. For homeowners in Miami-Dade County this is a free service, with possible cash rebates for improving sprinkler system efficiency. For more details contact Jesus Lomeli at [jlomeli@ufl.edu](mailto:jlomeli@ufl.edu) or 305-248-3311 ext. 246 or visit Green Yards Miami at [http://miami-dade.ifas.ufl.edu/lawn\\_and\\_garden/fyn.shtml#sprinkler](http://miami-dade.ifas.ufl.edu/lawn_and_garden/fyn.shtml#sprinkler)

**ELDERLY SERVICES DEPT.  
305.805.5160 SENIOR CENTER,  
343 PAYNE DRIVE****SENIOR CENTER NEWS**

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; the Miami Springs Adult & Community School; the Miami Springs Optimist Club; participant donations; local 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.

**NUTRITION EDUCATION:** Counseling and nutrition education programs are provided monthly by the program's consulting Registered Dietician or the Project Director.

**HEALTH SUPPORT ACTIVITIES:**

- **Free "YOGA-IN-A-CHAIR" CLASSES** are provided during the summer months to local residents, age 60 and over, on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:00–10:00 a.m., at the senior center with instructor Natasha Salmon-Cogno;

- **Free CHAIR EXERCISE CLASSES**, instructed by Certified Personal Trainer Natasha Salmon-Cogno during the summer months, are offered on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:00–10:30 a.m. at the senior center;

- **Free "LET'S DANCE" EXERCISE CLASSES** are held on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:30–11:00 a.m. during the summer months, and are taught by Natasha at the senior center;

- **Free WEIGHT TRAINING and SENIOR YOGA** classes for area seniors are scheduled on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00–11:00 a.m., during the summer months, at the Miami Springs Virginia Gardens Optimist Club, located at 1101 Wren Avenue. We sincerely thank the membership of the Optimist Club for their sponsorship and support in allowing us to use their building over the next few months!;

- **Free LINE DANCING CLASSES** are offered every Thursday morning, from 9:30–10:45 a.m., by Instructor Denise Gishler.

**TRANSPORTATION:** Daily pick up, utilizing the city's mini-bus, is provided to older residents with no means of transportation to and



Gail Kipple, Frances Morgan and Doris Boiesen were among the busload of seniors who attended a Miami Marlins game this month.

from the center. In addition, weekly trips are made to an area grocery store and assistance is given with shopping and carrying packages. Field trips to local stores and other places of interest are planned each month.

**RECREATION:** Social and recreational activities planned for July include: Bingo games (7/1, 7/8, 7/15, 7/22 and 7/29); a Miami Springs/Virginia Gardens Senior Citizens' Club business meeting (7/3); participation in the Independence Day Parade by the senior center's King and Queen (7/4); a field trip to Westland Mall (7/12); and the monthly birthday and anniversary celebration (7/18).

**HEALTH SUPPORT & EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS:** Health screenings and educational presentations are scheduled each month through the sponsorship of numerous community service organizations. Jacquelyn Gibson, MS, Agent IV, from the University of Florida's IFAS Extension, will present the topic, "Heart Disease, Sodium & Sugar" on 7/17. The monthly Crime Watch Program by the City's Community Policing Office is planned for 7/23 and El Jardin Pharmacy will sponsor a presentation on "Steps to Maintain a Healthy Mind" on 7/31.

Reservations are currently being accepted for the next Silver Surfers course, a free computer and Internet 5-week training program. Classes are sponsored by S.T.E.P.S. in the Right Direction, Inc. and the Alliance for Aging, Inc. The next session will be offered for English speakers on Tuesday mornings beginning August 6th through September 3rd. Call to register as class size is limited.

For further information on any of the services, activities, or special programs offered, please contact the Elderly Services Department office at (305) 805-5160.

**Art in City Hall**

Olga Salliby, Garden, oil, 24" x 32

The City of Miami Springs "Art in City Hall" exhibit showcasing the most recent oil paintings of members of the Hibiscus Fine Arts Guild, will continue through the end of July. You will be able to view the work by these local artists between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:45 p.m.

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.

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

### HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

Hurricane season began on June 1 and runs through November 30. The Miami Springs Police Department encourages our residents to develop a personalized emergency plan. Preparing for any emergency adequately takes time. Having a plan in place can reduce the chances of injury or property damage and even stress. The Miami Springs Police Department would like to suggest some tips in preparing a survival kit. Below is a checklist of some things you need to do in order to prepare.

#### Throughout the Year

Keep a Hurricane Preparedness Kit packed. This assures that you will lessen the amount of things you'll have to do when the time comes. Also, items such as batteries are easier to find when everyone isn't panicking. As a bonus, if any other event, such as a tornado occurs, you'll be prepared for that as well.

- Lots of batteries of all sizes (you can always use later what is not used during the storm). Consider buying a car battery to power battery operated devices in the home.

- A DC to AC inverter.
- Battery operated flashlights are fine if the power is out for a short time. The new LED flashlights work well, as long as a spotlight isn't needed. Stores have good ones in the \$10 range that drop into a pocket and run on AA and AAA cells. They're great for personal lights and the batteries last five to ten times as long as with regular incandescent flashlights. Make sure each person has their own flashlight and battery supply, in case you have to separate.

- After a couple of days you will need candles for light. Buy big decorative candles that will burn for days. Don't forget to get matches or lighters. Keep lanterns/candles in frequently used locations, such as the bathroom counter, next to the door, and on your bedroom nightstand. Glow sticks are safer than candles IF there are gas leaks in your area, do NOT use candles, if you do, watch them to prevent fire, especially if children are with you.

- Battery-powered fans will be very appreciated if the power is out.
- Battery-operated radio, solar powered radio, and/or a handheld cranking radio.
- Corded telephone. Even if your electricity is out, your telephone may still work. Cordless phones still require electricity, so plug in a corded phone into the phone receptacle, and you may be surprised.
- "Self Powered Lights" and "Self Powered Radios". This equipment is either

solar powered, and/or has a "crank up" generator built into the light and the radio. Some of these models will also charge cell phones.

- Cell phone and extra charged batteries. IF the cell phone towers are damaged or destroyed, cell phones will be no good.

- Solar powered garden lights. You can charge them up in the sun by day and use them indoors for lighting at night.

- Stock up early on canned goods. Buy a little extra each week. As a storm approaches buy fruits, vegetables and other foods that do not require refrigeration.

- Be sure you have at least one manual can opener.

- Water (at least one gallon daily per person with a seven-day supply). You can also fill up bathtubs if you close or seal the drains.

- Bleach. In the event that water enters your home, you will need to get it out and then kill any microbes that remain.

- A good supply of all prescription drugs.
- A pocket knife for cutting things.
- A first-aid kit, with plenty of bandages, alcohol wipes, and disinfecting solutions.

- Pre-moistened towelettes.

**Create a "take box".** The take box should have everything you need to reconstruct your life in the event you evacuate and everything is lost. Passports; birth, wedding, adoption, divorce, and armed service separation certificates; copies of insurance policies; mortgage information; house and car title; large purchase receipts. You get the idea. If you have a scanner, save yourself space and heartbreak by scanning family albums and images of other keepsakes, burn those to CD and keep a copy in your take box, or make a copy of all your pictures, videos, music and documents on a external hard drive that you can keep in your take box. But remember that CD's can malfunction. Make sure you take along the original documents, if possible, make copies of them. The CD is just for convenience when shown to officials.

Learn how to turn off the gas and power to your home and make sure that all tools needed for the job are easily accessible. If you're not sure, speak with the gas or electric company for instructions. You don't want to be running around at the last minute trying to figure out how to do these things.

Discuss and practice a disaster plan with your family. One of the most important lessons from past hurricanes was to make sure everyone in the family knows who to contact (and how to contact them) as an out of area contact. Make sure kids know enough information so that an adult can get in touch with that person should sudden evacuation be necessary when you aren't near them.

## BUILDING & CODE COMPLIANCE DEPT.

305.805.5030

### REMEMBER THE SWALE CODE!

The City Council adopted an Ordinance some years ago, regarding the use of swale areas. The Ordinance does "provide preferential use of abutting and adjacent swale areas to property owners." This means that the swale areas directly abutting any property will be used by the abutting property owner only, unless that property owner allows neighbors or other visitors to use it. Please remember this and do not park on any neighbor's swale area without their permission!

#### DOG FECES REMINDER!

Please remember the Dog Feces Ordinance. If you walk your dog anywhere in Miami Springs, you are required to remove and dispose of the feces! Below is the text of the Code;

#### Sec. 96-09. Removal of Animal Feces.

(A) Any person owning, possessing, harboring, having the care, charge, control, or custody of any animal shall immediately remove and thereafter properly dispose of any fecal matter deposited by the animal on any property in the City.

(D) The provisions of this Ordinance shall not apply to dogs used for assistance by blind persons.

(E) The provisions of this Ordinance may be enforced by any code enforcement procedure

contained in the City's Code of Ordinances or pursuant to any applicable county ordinance, state law, or other enforcement procedure by the City Code Compliance Department or City Police Department.

#### GARAGE SALE LIST ONLINE!

For all of you Garage Sellers out there, you can access a list of the permitted Garage Sales in the City each week on our Web Site. Just go to <http://www.miamisprings-fl.gov> and you will see the list right at the bottom left hand corner of the homes page. You can print the list from there or click on an address and get a Google Maps look at where it is in the City! The list is also posted on the Bulletin Board behind the City Pool at 1401 Westward Drive on Friday afternoon. Happy Shopping!

#### Code Enforcement Blast!

REMEMBER IT IS A CODE VIOLATION TO REMOVE ANY TREE IN THE CITY WITHOUT A PERMIT! YOU MAY TRIM TREES WITHOUT A PERMIT, BUT YOU CANNOT REMOVE MORE THAN ONE QUARTER (25%) OF THE CROWN OF THE TREE. VIOLATION OF THIS CODE BRINGS A FINE OF \$250 PER TREE! PROTECT OUR TREE CANOPY! IF YOU ARE UNSURE ABOUT TRIMMING OR REMOVING A TREE, PLEASE CALL THE PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT: (305) 805-5170 AND SPEAK TO THE CITY ARBORIST!

## 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

#### GYMNASIUM:

**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

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

**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 registration will be July 15th 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](http://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.



The 7 and 8-year old group of Rec summer campers having a great time at the zoo.

– 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:

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

#### SPECIAL EVENTS

Mayor & Council and the Parks & Recreation Department present

#### Our Annual 4th of July Celebrations & Festivities!

Please join us on Wednesday, July 3rd for the Annual Classic Car Show on the Circle from 6:00pm - 10:00pm

The Annual Independence Day Parade will begin at 10:00am at the Community Center & end at the Miami Springs Golf & Country Club. Please join us immediately following the parade at the Country Club hotdogs, sno-cones & water slides for the kids.

Don't forget to register for the highly anticipated Baby Contest that will take place inside the Country Club in the Dynasty Room. Registration will be from 11:30am -12:00pm and the contest will begin at Noon.


#### IT'S NOT OVER YET!

Join us one last time on the 4th as we all sit back and enjoy the FIREWORKS! The fireworks will begin at DUSK.

## HUMAN RESOURCES DEPT. 305.805.5009

#### JULY BIRTHDAYS:

Happy Birthday and Best Wishes to the following City employees:

	7/2	Andres Quintanilla	7/24	Ernest Paul O'Dell
	7/4	Gregory Glover	7/25	Jorge Capote
	7/9	Harry Mayer	7/26	Julio Ferreira
	7/14	Albert Vargas	7/27	Matthew Castillo
	7/19	Moirá Ramos		Robert Castillo
	7/23	Magali Valls	7/30	Justin Robbins
		Christopher Dweck		

#### Recognizing long term employees:

The following employees had their anniversary date in June

Jonathan Kahn	completed 34 years of service
Linda Bosque	completed 31 years of service.
Gary M. Fetters	completed 15 years of service.
Lazaro M. Garaboa and Thomas W. Nash	completed 13 years of service.
David Olivas	completed 12 years of service.
Cheryl R. Mulet	completed 11 years of service.

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

# JULY 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY! CITY HALL CLOSED!	5	6
7	8	9	10 Curbside recycling	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Curbside recycling	25 CITY COUNCIL SPE- CIAL MEETING: 5:01 P.M.	26	27
28	29	30	31		CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS	CITY CLERK'S OFFICE