

City of Miami Springs

News Bulletin



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MARCH 2014

IMPORTANT CALENDAR DATES

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS:

MONDAY, APRIL 9, 2014, 7:00 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2014, 7:00 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2014, 7:00 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

RECYCLING:

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2ND
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16TH

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 ... Upcoming opportunities for input on New Aquatic Center

Save the date:

NEW MIAMI SPRINGS AQUATIC CENTER COMMUNITY FORUMS

- FRIDAY, APRIL 25, 2014 - 12 P.M. - SENIOR CENTER
- FRIDAY, APRIL 25, 2014 - 7 P.M. - COMMUNITY CENTER
- SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2014 - 3 P.M. - COMMUNITY CENTER

Please plan to attend one of them! Your input is important!

Reserva la fecha:

NUEVO CENTRO ACUÁTICO DE MIAMI SPRINGS FOROS COMUNITARIOS

- VIERNES, 25 DE ABRIL, 2014, 12 P.M. - SENIOR CENTER
- VIERNES, 25 DE ABRIL, 2014, 7 P.M. - COMMUNITY CENTER
- SÁBADO, 26 DE ABRIL, 2014, 3 P.M. - COMMUNITY CENTER

Por favor haga planes para asistir a uno de ellos! Sus sugerencias son importantes!

ALSO – please fill out and submit the public survey on the new aquatic facility that will be coming soon to your mailbox. It will also be available on the web at <http://www.miamisprings-fl.gov/parksandrecreation/aquatics-2014>. So that your comments count, all input must be received by the close of business on April 30th.



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

AAP PHARMACY
181 Westward Drive
Pharmacy

AIR BOARD TECH LLC
4471 NW 36 Street
Import/ Export

JC BARGAIN MART CORP
240 Albatross Street
Home Business Phone and internet sales

LISMORE INTERNATIONAL LLC
4471 NW 36 Street
Import/Export

MOLLY MOO SOAPS
260 Albatross Street
Home Business phone & internet sales



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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, many programs have been scheduled for April and the public is invited to attend.

• **"ALLERGIES and HAY FEVER"** - On April 2nd at 12:15 p.m., Misael Valdes Triana, RN from Leon Medical Center Health Plans, will present information on the signs and symptoms caused by exposure to specific allergens and how to treat them.

• **REZONING & SELLING OF PARCEL OF GOLF COURSE PROPERTY** - A presentation will be made on April 3rd at 12:15 p.m., as requested by participants of the senior center, to clarify the issue to be voted upon by Miami Springs citizens in the upcoming 4/8 election.

• **FREE TELEPHONES FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED** -- On April 9th from 11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m., a representative from the Hearing and Speech Center of Florida will be at the City's senior center to distribute AMPLIFIED TELEPHONES at no charge to those with verification of hearing loss and proof of Florida residency.

• **FREE HEALTH SCREENINGS** - Mount Sinai Heart Institute will sponsor free CHOLESTEROL, GLUCOSE and BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS for the community on April 16th from 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. No fasting is required.

• **GOLDEN PASSPORT EASY CARDS** - The M-D Transit/Golden Passport Unit will be at the Miami Springs Senior Center on Thursday, April 17th from 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. to issue free GOLDEN PASSPORTS. All applicants must be permanent residents of Miami-Dade County and present a current valid Florida ID or driver's license. Seniors age 65 and over will receive a card that is valid for twenty years. Applicants age 64 years of age and younger must also submit a current printout from the Social Security Administration verifying they receive benefits and will need to renew their pass annually.

• **"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 April 22nd 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.

• **COUNCIL REPORT** - Councilman Michael Windrem will present



Sephanie Soltero, RN (l) and Misael Valdes Triana, RN (r) from Leon Medical Centers Health Plans speaking with our seniors about the prevention and treatment of osteoporosis.

information on current Council actions and other topics of interest to the citizens of Miami Springs on April 24th at 12:15 p.m.

• **NEW MIAMI SPRINGS AQUATIC CENTER COMMUNITY FORUM** -- On April 25th at noon, a presentation on the proposed new aquatic facility for the City will be made and citizen input will be welcomed. This opportunity is one of three forums to be held. Plan to attend to learn more about a possible new City pool and to offer your suggestions!

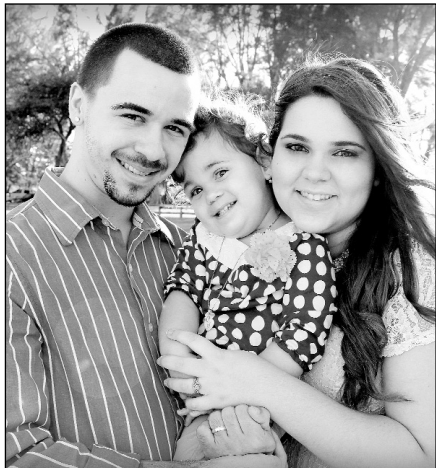
• **"SAFE STEPS/PASOS SEGUROS"** - On April 30th at 12:15 p.m., representatives from the Florida Department of Transportation will present a free pedestrian safety workshop at the senior center. As Miami-Dade County has the highest number of elder pedestrian injuries and fatalities in the state, the community is invited to join the discussion about walking safely in our community.

• **"SILVER SURFERS" COMPUTER CLASS** - A free, basic level computer training course for Spanish speaking senior citizens will be offered at the City's senior center in April. Sponsored by S.T.E.P.S. in the Right Direction, Inc. and the Alliance for Aging, Inc., classes will meet on Wednesday afternoons from 12:30–2:30 p.m., once a week for a five week period, beginning April 2nd. If interested, please call to register as class size is limited.

Special health & wellness classes, as well as recreational activities, will be held in April to include: Chair Yoga (M & W from 9:00–10:30 a.m. at the senior center); "Let's Dance" exercise classes (M & W from 10:30–11:00 a.m. at the senior center); Weight Training (Tu & Th from 9:00–9:30 a.m. at the community center); Floor Yoga classes (Tu & Th from 9:30–11:00 a.m. at the community center); Line Dancing (Thursdays from 9:30–11:00 a.m. at the senior center); "Celebration Workout" (Fridays from 9:30–11:00 a.m. at the senior center); and Art Classes (Fridays from 12:30–1:30 p.m. at the senior center).

Upcoming events also include: field trips to the Curtiss Mansion (4/11), the Vizcaya Museum and Gardens (4/23), and Wal-Mart (4/29); a rummage sale (4/15); a Hawaiian Luau Dinner & Dance (5/7); weekly Bingo games; and the next monthly birthday and anniversary party (4/17). For further information, please contact the Elderly Services Department's office at 305.805.5160.

Art in City Hall



Photograph by Yasi Matilla, "Family"

The City of Miami Springs Art in City Hall exhibit for the month of April will showcase photography by Springs resident Yasi Matilla.

Tasi says, "Photography has been my creative outlet for many years. Being that I have been working with my parents for most of my life, I wanted something to belong to me, and be completely mine. It is something I work hard to achieve. My subjects in my photographs range from nature to children, to mothers-to-be, to the new beginning of a couple in their long awaited journey into their new lives. I love all forms of Photography and I cannot wait to share it all with you."

The public is invited to attend a reception to meet Ms. Matilla in the lobby of City Hall on Monday, April 7th at 6:30. The display may be seen between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:45 p.m. throughout the month.

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

Spring & Summer Safety

Scooter, Bike and Pedestrian Safety

Scooters, bikes, in-line skates and skateboards are associated with numerous injuries yearly.

- Wear a comfortable, properly fitted helmet bearing the label of an independent testing lab. Be sure that the helmet sits level on top of the head—not rocking in any direction—and always fasten the safety strap.

- Be sure that safety gear (wrist, elbow and kneepads) fits properly and does not interfere with the rider's movement, vision or hearing. Wrist pads are not recommended for scooter riders as they may affect their ability to maneuver.

- Ride scooters and bikes only on smooth, paved surfaces and only ride during daylight hours.

Learn the proper hand signals and use them when you turn or stop.

- Come to a complete stop before entering driveways, paths or sidewalks, then look left, right and left again for bikes, cars or pedestrians heading your way.

- Teach crossing safety to children by example.

Barbecue Safety

Beware when you barbecue. In 1998 alone, there were 6,100 reported home fires involving gas or charcoal grills in the U.S., leading to \$29.1 million in direct property damage, according to NFPA.

- When using barbecue grills always be sure to leave sufficient space from siding and eaves.

- Always supervise a barbecue grill when in use.
- Keep children and pets far away from grills.

- With charcoal grills, only use charcoal starter fluids designed for barbecue grills and do not add fluid after coals have been lit.

- With gas grills, be sure that the hose connection is tight and check hoses carefully for leaks. Applying soapy water to the hoses will easily and safely reveal any leaks.

- Always follow the manufacturer's instructions and have the grill repaired by a professional, if necessary.

Spare propane cylinders should never be stored indoors or under or near the grill.

Water Safety

Extra caution should be used when around water, for children and adults.

- Only swim in approved areas.
- Always supervise children near water at all times and make sure that children learn to swim.

- Check the depth of the water with a life-guard before jumping in.

- Always wear a U.S. Coast Guard-approved PFD (personal floatation device) when boating, jet-skiing, tubing or water-skiing. Air-filled swimming aids, like water wings or inner tubes, are not substitutes for approved PFDs. An adult should always supervise children using these devices.

- Be sure to extinguish all smoking materials and shut down motors, fans and heating devices before fueling a boat. In case of a spill, wipe up fuel immediately and check the bilge for fuel leakage and odors. After fueling and before starting the boat's motor, ventilate with the blower for at least four minutes.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
305.805.5170

Protect Our Trees

The Public Works Department reminds all residents to protect our trees by trimming them safely. Unfortunately, we lose too many trees due to improper (and illegal) trimming.

The City Code of Ordinances states that:

54-06. Tree removal standards It shall be unlawful for any person, directly or by direction, to cut down, destroy, remove or move, or to effectively remove or destroy, through the infliction of damage, any tree within the City without first obtaining a permit from the building and zoning department... Not more than one third of the total crown area should be

removed at a single operation. A cutting exceeding this standard will be considered to have rendered the tree nonviable, and shall be presumed, subject to rebuttable evidence to the contrary, to be effective destruction of the tree.

Violations of this Ordinance carry a fine of \$250.00. Property owners can avoid a visit by Code Compliance personnel and help keep our City green and beautiful by dealing with a Certified Arborist or licensed tree trimmers, and by arranging for proper debris removal. For information and questions about tree issues, please contact the Public Works Department: 305.805.5170.

Miami Springs Golf Course • 305.805.5180

We are proud to have the Miami Springs Golf Course included in The Florida Historic Golf Trail. This program is designed to enhance public awareness of Florida's historic golf courses and increase an appreciation for historic preservation and Florida history.

Florida's golf history, recognized as one of the oldest in the nation, dates back to the 1880s, when a number of early courses were created along with the development of railroads and hotels in the state. Some of the courses on the trail, such as ours, have retained much of their historic character while others have been modified over the years.

At each of these sites, golf has been played for more than a half century - and can still be played today. We are excited to announce that the first phase of the project website is up and running and you can view it at www.floridahistoricgolftrail.com. The website is still a work in progress, and over the next few months more information and brief histories for each of the 62 historic golf course will be added under the COURSES section. Check it out, and go back often!

BUILDING & CODE COMPLIANCE DEPT.
305.805.5030

It's Time to "Spring" Into Action

It's that time of the year again, when the weather is perfect, not too cold, not too hot, and very few storms. Now is the best time to jump on those maintenance of property projects, such as painting, window cleaning, and removal of excessive plants, materials and items around your house or business. Because of numerous construction sites around our City this year, there seems to be more dust and debris around properties and structures. Dirty windows of businesses give the location the appearance of being closed or unattended! So let's "Spring" into action and make our homes and businesses ready for the summer activities and festivities. The Building and Code Compliance Department wishes all a safe and happy Spring.

Sec. 93-13. Maintenance of property by owner.

(A) It is the duty of all owners or occupants of property within the City, including both developed and undeveloped whether vacant or occupied, to maintain such property in a safe, clean, and presentable condition. It shall be unlawful to deposit, store, keep, or maintain, or permit to be deposited, stored, kept, or maintained any of the following items listed in Sections (1)-(7) below on any lot, parcel, or tract of land or body of water in any zoning district. It is not the intent hereof to prohibit the deposit of trash or junk in a usual location for waste collection, provided it is not, or will not become, a nuisance and the trash or junk will be collected by the waste division of the public works department or a City-licensed commercial waste collector as provided in § 93-12.

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: 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

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 and special activities to make the class fun and challenging.

Tuesday and Thursday: 5:00 p.m.
For information visit jazzercise.com or call 305.888.7625.

AQUATICS:

THE POOL IS HEATED

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



After the 9 & 10 year old championship basketball game the players are all smiles awaiting their trophies!

classes are offered year round. Our prices are \$45.00 per session and we offer various types of classes.

Class Times: 6:00p.m.

Water Aerobics: Monday, Wednesday and Friday: 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.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 4th Annual River Cities Festival 5K Run/ Walk will be held on Saturday, April 12th "at the Circle"

Registration begins on Wednesday, March 26th at the Miami Springs Community Center and is \$10. Race day registration is from 6:00 a.m. - 6:30 a.m. and is \$15. Shot-gun start at 7:00 a.m.

T-shirts available while supplies last, REGISTER EARLY!

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt & Festivities will be held on Saturday, April 19th
Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: Prince Field

No child will be admitted without an ID bracelet

ID bracelets will be available beginning Monday, March 31st at the Community Center

Miami Springs & Virginia Gardens Residents, 6 - 13: \$2.00, 5 & under free,

Proof of Residency Required

Non-resident bracelets will be available on Monday, April 14th, \$10.00, all ages

Get Fit Camp

Join us for the first ever Get Fit Camp! Get Fit Camp is for kids of ALL fitness backgrounds between the ages of 12 - 17 years old. During camp kids will work on their strength, flexibility, speed, balance, cardiovascular & respiratory endurance to reach their peak fitness and performance.

Registration will be held on Monday, May 5th at 6 p.m. at the Miami Springs Community Center. There will be two four-week sessions and the cost to register is \$400 per session and a \$100 activity fee per session.

Be sure to register early - there are only 20 spots per sessions!

For more information please call the Community Center at 305.805.5075 or visit our website at <http://www.miamisprings-fl.gov/parksandrecreation/get-fit-camp-2014>

HUMAN RESOURCES DEPT. 305.805.5009

APRIL BIRTHDAYS:

Happy Birthday and Best Wishes to the following City employees:



Janice Simon	Ola Mustipher	Misael Martin
William O'Neal	Jorge Fonseca	Ramon Tamargo
Debbie Acevedo	Rosita Hernandez	Darryl Cates
Joyce Cox	Albert Sandoval	Lourdes Taveras

Recognizing long term employees:

The following employees had their anniversary date in March

Rafael Perez	completed 15 years of service.
Andres Quintanilla	completed 12 years of service.
Ronald K. Gorland	completed 10 years of service.

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

APRIL 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD: 7:00 P.M.	2 CURBSIDE RECYCLING	3 ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD: 7:00 P.M.	4	5
6	7 BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT/ ZONING: 7:00 P.M.	8	9 CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING: 7:00 P.M.	10 GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB: 7:00 P.M.	11	12
13	14 CITY COUNCIL MEETING: 7:00 P.M.	15	16 CURBSIDE RECYCLING	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD: 7:00 P.M.	24 CODE REVIEW BOARD: 7:00 P.M.	25 COMMUNITY FORUMS ON NEW POOL: 12 PM - SR CENTER & 7 PM - COMMUNITY CENTER	26 COMMUNITY FORUM ON NEW POOL: 3 PM AT COMMUNITY CENTER
27	28 CITY COUNCIL MEETING: 7:00 P.M.	29	30 DEADLINE FOR COMMUNITY SURVEYS ON NEW POOL		CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS	CITY CLERKS OFFICE

WHERE DO BIG IDEAS BECOME THE NEXT BIG THING?



At the Curtiss Mansion - where the National Inventors Hall of Fame (and inductee Glenn H. Curtiss) is offering the nationally-acclaimed Camp Invention to kids entering grades 1 - 6. The Camp is an exciting, weeklong adventure all about big ideas - kids working together to find innovative solutions to real-world problems and sharpening critical learning skills through four fun modules Super Go™, Design Studio: Morphed™, Amplified™, I Can Invent: Pinbug™.

Register on or before March 28 to receive \$25 OFF the base price of \$220. Availability is limited.

Registration is open to children entering grades 1 - 6. Visit www.campinvention.org or call 800.968.4332 to reserve your child's spot today! Camp is July 14- July 18 from 9:00AM-3:30PM, and directed by Springview Elementary teacher Kelley Garcia.



Camp Invention inspires confidence in curious children like yours. Not just for a day or a week, but for a lifetime.

Curtiss Mansion

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