

City of Miami Springs

News Bulletin



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MARCH 2013

IMPORTANT CALENDAR DATES

COUNCIL MEETINGS

MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2013 – 6:00 P.M.

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
 INDUCTION CEREMONY FOR
 NEWLY ELECTED CITY OFFICIALS
 CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2013 – 7:00 P.M.

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
 CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2013 – 7 P.M.

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
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CURBSIDE RECYCLING PICK-UP

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3RD
 WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17TH

SPOTLIGHT ON ... Tree Trimming and Disposal

Sprucing up properties for Spring often involves tree trimming. When properly done, trimming can beautify a tree, open the canopy to make it more wind-resistant (a real plus during tropical storms!), and make it more graceful. Pruning fruit trees keeps the fruit within reach, and pruning flowering trees helps them have more blossoms. Shade trees are trimmed to develop a balanced canopy with a single, central leader and nicely spaced lateral branches.

To keep their trees in good shape, Springs residents often use professional tree services for trimming and pruning. Our Public Works Department would like residents to be sure that, when a professional service is engaged, the quoted price includes



Leaving tree trimming debris for the City to haul away results in an extra charge to the property owner.

hauling the debris away. If the City has to remove the debris, pickup charges will be billed to the homeowner according to the

schedule chart.

The Public Works Department would also like 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.

SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL WASTE COLLECTION CHARGES

EFFECTIVE DATE 10/1/12

LOAD SIZE	DISPOSAL FEE	ADMINISTRATION CHARGE	TOTAL
Half Load	\$56.25	\$25.00	\$81.25
Full Load	\$112.50	\$25.00	\$137.50
1 1/2 Load	\$168.75	\$25.00	\$193.75
2 Loads	\$225.00	\$25.00	\$250.00
2 1/2 Loads	\$281.25	\$25.00	\$306.25
3 Loads	\$337.50	\$25.00	\$362.50
3 1/2 Loads	\$393.75	\$25.00	\$418.75
4 Loads	\$450.00	\$25.00	\$475.00



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

Big Rich's LLC

1 Curtiss Parkway
 Restaurant

Gorgy Recycling Company

Out of City
 Garbage Company

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 multipurpose 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 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 April as follows:

• **"INVESTOR EDUCATION"** – On April 3rd at 12:15 p.m., JD Candidates from the UM School of Law, who work with the school's Investor Rights Clinic, will conduct a workshop on the basics of investing, the different types of investments and how to avoid common scams and tricks when investing;

• **FREE TELEPHONES FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED** -- On April 4th from 11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m., representatives from the Hearing and Speech Center of Florida will be at the City's senior center to administer testing and distribute amplified telephones at no charge to those with verification of hearing loss and proof of Florida residency;

• **STROKE AWARENESS and FREE BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING** – Nursing Students from Barry University will provide a free screening to detect hypertension and will present information on how to identify and present strokes on April 9th from 12:00–1:00 p.m.;

• **HISTORY OF MIAMI SPRINGS** – On April 16th at 12 noon, Richard Roetz, a volunteer with the Miami Springs Historical Museum, will provide an overview of the history of Miami Springs and surrounding areas;

• **"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 Tuesday, April 23rd at 12:15 p.m.. They will alert seniors to local criminal activity and provide information on how to avoid becoming a victim; and



Harpist and Springs resident Colleen Murray entranced 115 seniors with a special St. Patrick's Day program. Do you have a special talent, interest or hobby that you'd like to share with our senior residents? Call 305.805.5160 to volunteer.

• **"SILVER SURFERS"** – A free computer and Internet 5-week training course, sponsored by S.T.E.P.S. in the Right Direction, Inc. and the Alliance for Aging, Inc., will be offered at the senior center on Tuesday mornings beginning April 23rd. Call to register as class size is limited.

Additionally, special program activities will be held in April to include: Senior Yoga classes, Chair Yoga classes, Get-in-Shape dance fitness classes, chair exercises, line dancing classes, a rummage sale to raise funds for the senior citizens club's entertainment budget (4/24), weekly Bingo games, field trips to Flagler Street Mall (4/12) and to the Latino Health & Wellness Expo/Conference at the Doubletree Miami Mart (4/26); and the monthly birthday and anniversary party (4/18).

For further information, please contact the Elderly Services Department's office at (305) 805-5160. Your inquiries and suggestions for program and service development are welcomed.

Art in City Hall

The April 2013 Art in City Hall Exhibit will feature the work of Miami Springs Elementary School art students. A reception honoring the artists and their teacher Mr. Ramon Margarino will be held on Monday, April 8th, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The general public is invited to stop in and meet them.

The theme this year is "Out of Africa". The students learned about African cultures and studied Mask making and attires worn by the people of different African countries, such as Dashikis and Kufi hats. They also learned about the cloth they use to make their clothing called Adinkra and Kente cloths. The 5th graders learned about the German Artist Albrecht Durer (1471-1528) who made an woodcut of a Rhinoceros in 1515 that is highly detailed and considered by Westerners as a true representation of a Rhinoceros even though Durer never saw the animal and did the woodcut from a description of the animal. The students created their own version of the Rhinoceros by adding their own theme and design to their animals.

Along with the "Out of Africa" theme, there are other sports related printmaking pieces created by the 5th grade students.

Everyone is invited to stop by and enjoy these pieces between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:45 p.m. Monday through Friday. 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. You may reach Barbara at 305.805.5010.

POLICE DEPARTMENT
305.888.9711

7 Things to Stop Doing Now on Facebook

Using a Weak Password

Avoid simple names or words you can find in a dictionary, even with numbers tacked on the end. Instead, mix upper- and lower-case letters, numbers, and symbols. A password should have at least eight characters. One good technique is to insert numbers or symbols in the middle of a word, such as this variant on the word "houses": hO27usEs!

Leaving Your Full Birth Date in Your Profile

It's an ideal target for identity thieves, who could use it to obtain more information about you and potentially gain access to your bank or credit card account. If you've already entered a birth date, go to your profile page and click on the Info tab, then on Edit Information. Under the Basic Information section, choose to show only the month and day or no birthday at all.

Overlooking Useful Privacy Controls

For almost everything in your Facebook profile, you can limit access to only your friends, friends of friends, or yourself. Restrict access to photos, birth date, religious views, and family information, among other things. You can give only certain people or groups access to items such as photos, or block particular people from seeing them. Consider leaving out contact info, such as phone number and address, since you probably don't want anyone to have access to that information anyway.

Posting Your Child's Name in a Caption

Don't use a child's name in photo tags or captions. If someone else does, delete it by clicking on Remove Tag. If your child isn't on



Facebook and someone includes his or her name in a caption, ask that person to remove the name.

Mentioning That You'll Be Away From Home

That's like putting a "no one's home" sign on your door. Wait until you get home to tell everyone how awesome your vacation was and be vague about the date of any trip.

Letting Search Engines Find You

To help prevent strangers from accessing your page, go to the Search section of Facebook's privacy controls and select Only Friends for Facebook search results. Be sure the box for public search results isn't checked.

Permitting Youngsters to Use Facebook Unsupervised

Facebook limits its members to ages 13 and over, but children younger than that do use it. If you have a young child or teenager on Facebook, the best way to provide oversight is to become one of their online friends. Use your e-mail address as the contact for their account so that you receive their notifications and monitor their activities. What they think is nothing can actually be pretty serious. For example, a child who posts the comment "Mom will be home soon, I need to do the dishes" every day at the same time is revealing too much about the parents' regular comings and goings.

Food for Thought from the Ecology Board ... Four Laws of Ecology

1. Everything Is Connected to Everything Else. There is one ecosphere for all living organisms and what affects one, affects all.
2. Everything Must Go Somewhere. There is no "waste" in nature and there is no "away" to which things can be thrown. Reduce, reuse, recycle!
3. Nature Knows Best. Humankind has fashioned technology to improve upon nature, but such change in a natural system is often detrimental to that system.
4. There Is No Such Thing as a Free Lunch. Exploitation of nature will inevitably involve the conversion of resources from useful to useless forms.

BUILDING & CODE COMPLIANCE DEPT.
305.805.5030

APRIL SWEEP

During the month of April we will be sweeping the Residential areas of the City for any properties that have excess materials or machinery stored or accumulated. The Code states:

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

(E) It shall be unlawful for any owner or occupant of property within the City to maintain said property in a condition that is detrimental to the public health, safety and general welfare by permitting said property:

- (1) To be in a state of general disrepair or deteriorated condition.
- (4) To fall below the standards and requirements for the establishment and maintenance of landscaping and general ground areas for any building or structure.
- (5) To remain in an unsafe manner with potential causes of personal injury, such as holes or excavations, protrusions from the ground or from a building or structure, unfinished and abandoned installation or construction sites or materials thereon, improper grading, or the improper accumulation of materials or machinery.

IF YOU HAVE EXCESS MATERIAL (CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL, SUPPLIES, BOXES, ETC.) STORED ON YOUR PROPERTY, PLEASE REMOVE IT OR PLACE IT IN AN ENCLOSED STRUCTURE (GARAGE, SHED, OR IN YOUR HOUSE). CARPORTS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE STORAGE LOCATIONS FOR EXCESS MATERIAL.

OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE REMINDER
All businesses that operate within the

City of Miami Springs are required to have an Occupational License, now called a Local Business Tax Receipt. If you are operating a business without one, you are in violation of the Code and subject to fines and other penalties. The Code states:

Sec. 113-01. Receipt required.

From and after the passage of this chapter, every person, firm, corporation, and association engaged in or managing any business in the City is required to have a City receipt, and shall annually, and always before engaging in any business, profession, or occupation, register in a book or file to be kept for that purpose by the City Manager or his delegated agent, their names, profession or occupation, and their place of business. No person, firm, corporation, or association shall engage in or manage any business, profession, or occupation until after having been so registered.

Please make sure that you have your Occupational License and it is up to date. The current receipts expire on September 30, 2010.

GARAGE SALE REMINDER! All Garage Sales need to have permission from the City to be conducted! If you wish to hold a Garage Sale, please stop by City Hall and fill out a brief request form (only for sales during the current week). We no longer can accept permit applications by phone. All approved Garage Sales are advertised each week on our website. Go to miamisprings-fl.gov and click on the Garage Sales link. You will then see a list of the approved sales for the week. By clicking on any of the addresses, you can also get a MapQuest guide to that address.

PARKS & RECREATION DEPT.
305.805.5075/76 1401 WESTWARD DRIVE

FACILITY RENTAL:

The Multi-Purpose Room is available for rentals.

The 10 x 10 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: Monday - Friday 2:45 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. 17 & under ONLY, 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: The current YOGA session is FULL. 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.

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.



2013 11 & 12 Youth Basketball League Champions "The Celtics" coached by Angel Torres

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

Class Times: 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

The Parks and Recreation Department will be hosting Storytime, at the Miami Springs Community Center. Children and Parents will enjoy stories and activities that will encourage the JOY of reading. Storytime will be held on Thursday, April 18th, 11am - 12pm for children ages 2 - 4.

Summer Camp 2013 registration for age 5 - 13 year olds will be held on Saturday, April 6th at the Miami Springs Community Center from 10am - Noon. City of Miami Springs RESIDENTS ONLY, PROOF of RESIDENCY REQUIRED. For more information please call the Miami Springs Community Center at 305-805-5075

APRIL 2, 2013 MIAMI SPRINGS GENERAL ELECTION!

Early voting is available in the Council Chambers at City Hall on Friday, March 29th and Saturday, March 30th, from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Please bring your Voter's Information Card or a picture I.D. with your signature.

The April 2, 2013 General Election will take place at the Miami Springs Golf and Country Club Dynasty Room, 650 Curtiss Parkway, Miami Springs. All registered voters in precincts 343, 344, 345 and 346 should vote at this location. Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. The ballot will contain the names of candidates seeking election to the offices of Mayor or City Council.

The collection, canvassing and tabulation processes will take place at the Miami Springs Golf and Country Club, and the election results will be announced there. The candidate for Mayor and the candidates for each Council member group receiving the highest number of votes in the election will be declared to be elected to office.

HUMAN RESOURCES DEPT. 305.805.5009

APRIL BIRTHDAYS:

Happy Birthday and Best Wishes to the following City employees:

	4/10	Janice Simon	4/17	Rosita Hernande
	4/12	William O'Neal		Albert Sandoval
	4/16	Debbie Acevedo	4/22	Misael Martin
		Joyce Cox	4/24	Ramon Tamargo
	4/17	Jorge Fonseca	4/26	Darryl Cates & Lourdes Taveras

Recognizing long term employees:

The following employees had their anniversary date in March

- Gregory Glover and Rafael Perez completed 14 years of service.
- Oscar Garcia completed 12 years of service.
- Andres Quintanilla completed 11 years of service.

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

APRIL 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT/ ZONING: 7:00 P.M.	2 MIAMI SPRINGS GENERAL ELECTION: 7 A.M.—7 P.M. CODE ENFORCEMENT: 7:00 P.M.	3 ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD: 7:00 P.M. CURBSIDE RECYCLING	4	5	6
7	8 CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING: 6:00 P.M. CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING: 7:00 P.M.	9 RECREATION COMMISSION: 7:00 P.M.	10 GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB: 7:00 P.M.	11 BOARD OF PARKS AND PARKWAYS: 7:00 P.M.	12	13
14	15 REVITALIZATION & REDEVELOPMENT: 7:00 P.M.	16 EDUCATION ADVISORY BOARD: 6:30 P.M.	17 CURBSIDE RECYCLING	18 HISTORIC PRESERVATION: 7:00 P.M.	19	20
21	22 CITY COUNCIL MEETING: 7:00 P.M.	23 ECOLOGY BOARD: 7:00 P.M.	24	25 CODE REVIEW BOARD: 7:00 P.M.	26	27
28	29	30			CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS	CITY CLERK'S OFFICE