

City of Miami Springs

# News Bulletin



The City of Miami Springs pays for the News Bulletin

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MAY 2016

## IMPORTANT CALENDAR DATES

**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING:**  
MONDAY, JUNE 13, 2016

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MONDAY, JUNE 27, 2016

**RECYCLING:**  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8TH  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22ND

City Hall will be closed on Monday, May 30 in honor of



You are invited to attend a special Memorial Day observance at the War Memorial on Curtiss Parkway

## Art in City Hall

The City of Miami Springs "Art in City Hall" exhibit for June and July 2016 will be presented by members of the Hibiscus Fine Arts Guild, and will feature the most recent 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.

The reception to meet the artists will be held on Monday, June 6th, 2016 between the hours of 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. If you are not able to attend the reception, 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.

## SPOTLIGHT ON ... Hurricane Amnesia

With the 2016 Hurricane Season officially starting June 1st, weather forecasters are telling Floridians, over and over, that they're at risk from tropical storms. The problem is making them take the warnings seriously and prepare to reduce the impact tropical storms can have on their lives and property.

It's just so nice here, day after day, year after year. And with nearly 11 years since our most recent hurricane landfall – Wilma in October 2005 – "hurricane amnesia" has set in. Residents who are "new" Floridians have little or no hurricane experience. For them, these are just reports on TV. "Weathered" residents have become a little complacent, too, with over a decade to forget the havoc, debris, property destruction, impassable roads, downed trees, power lines and traffic signals, shattered windows and roof tiles and challenges of life without electricity, refrigeration and internet.

**Note:** Elderly residents and those who need special assistance or require specific medical monitoring may use the Miami-Dade County Emergency Evacuation Assistance Program (EEAP). You must pre-register for EEAP services. Do not wait until a hurricane is pending. You may call the Miami-Dade Answer Center at 3-1-1 to receive an application in English, Spanish, or Creole. Applications in English and Spanish may also be downloaded at [www.miamidade.gov/hurricane/evacuation-assistance.asp](http://www.miamidade.gov/hurricane/evacuation-assistance.asp)

At least Miami Springs isn't in a flood-prone evacuation zone, so residents can minimize their hurricane exposure and damage by preparing to be ready, set and safe while sheltering in place.

To assist residents with "battering down the hatches", last year the City mailed out a very informative "Emergency Preparedness Guide" to every home and business. If you didn't receive yours, or have misplaced it, copies are available in City Hall and the Community Policing Office in both English

and Spanish. We encourage you to read this booklet, run through your pre-hurricane checklist and gather supplies for your family, home, pets and business to be self-sustaining for a minimum of three days because aid may not be able to reach us due to storm damage.

And finally, don't be the last to know when a hurricane is coming. Sign up to receive Miami-Dade County emergency text alerts for weather alerts and other emergency events at [www.miamidade.gov/alerts](http://www.miamidade.gov/alerts).

## A MESSAGE FROM THE EDUCATIONAL ADVISORY BOARD

Miami-Dade County Public Schools is offering the following community engagement opportunities:

### MENTORS

"Everybody Mentors" provides an opportunity to be a positive adult role model in a child's life by devoting at least one hour a week engaging in low key fun activities that send a child the message that she or he is important in this world. For more information, go to [www.engagemiamidade.net/#!community-everybody-mentors/c18bt](http://www.engagemiamidade.net/#!community-everybody-mentors/c18bt)

### INTERNSHIPS

#### Option #1

Students, are you looking for to gain real world, hands-on educational experience, and make lasting professional connections? Or are you a local business owner looking for enthusiastic, prepared, and highly conscientious workers and a chance to train and recruit future

employees? Check out [www.GetMyInterns.org](http://www.GetMyInterns.org) for information on what's available to post opportunities for local students to work for your business.

#### Option #2

#### Career Experience Opportunities (CEO)

CEOs engage business and community leaders to expand learning through partnerships that connect to the students' career pathways. Students enrolled in a Career Academy Program are eligible to participate in an internship experience.

#### Honors and Executive Internship Program (HEIP)

HEIP provides exciting opportunities for high school juniors and seniors in Miami-Dade County Public Schools, who are paired with community professionals to gain experience and first-hand knowledge in their intended collegiate field of study. For more information, go to <http://www.engagemiamidade.net/#!community-internships/c7pc>

## ELDERLY SERVICES DEPT.

305.805.5160 • SENIOR CENTER, • 343 PAYNE DRIVE

**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 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 health, nutrition, and consumer education workshops and classes 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 for those who cannot leave their homes without assistance.

Special health support and recreational activities are scheduled in June to include the following classes:

- **TAI CHI for SENIORS** -- Tai Chi exercises, designed for individuals age 60 and over, are taught by Judd Zisquit on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 12:30–1:30 p.m., at the Senior Center to seniors who register with the City's senior center. Classes focus on improving joint flexibility, balance, muscular strength, and general fitness and health.
- **CHAIR EXERCISE CLASSES**, instructed by Elizabeth King and free for registered seniors, are offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:30–11:00 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- **CHAIR YOGA CLASSES** are offered free to local residents, age 60 and over, on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:00–10:30 a.m. at the City's Senior Center. Registration with the City's Elderly Services Department is required.
- **"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. Registration is required.
- **FLOOR YOGA CLASSES** are offered free to Springs' seniors,



**Raquel Linares, Representative for the FL Telecommunications Relay, Inc., answered individual questions from Lois Floyd and Bill Coull regarding the State's free amplified phones available to persons with mild to severe hearing loss. Also, pictured on the left, Marie and Manny Careri are awaiting their turn.**

age 60 and over, on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00–11:00 a.m. at the Curtiss Mansion. Students must pre-register.

• **"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 and is free to those age 60 and over who register with the City's Elderly Services Department.

Upcoming events also include: a field trip to Wal-Mart (6/9); weekly Bingo games (6/7, 6/14, 6/21 and 6/28); the monthly meeting of the MS/VG Senior Citizens Club (6/14); and the monthly birthday and anniversary party (6/16).

For further information, please contact the Elderly Services Department's office at (305) 805-5160.

## WELCOME

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

### Americars RC, LLC

901 S. Royal Poinciana Blvd.  
General Offices

### Management Resource Inc

700 S. Royal Poinciana Blvd.  
Adult College



## POLICE DEPARTMENT

305.888.9711

### Are You Ready?

South Florida Hurricane season begins June 1, 2016 and ends November 30. Every hurricane season, forecasters sing the same refrain: It just takes one storm to end our state's decade-long dry spell, so you'd better be ready. Residents generally know the basics — boarding up their windows, protecting important documents and seeking safe evacuation space — but it's important to consider the specifics, too. Here are some important steps to keep in mind as homeowners and boat owners prepare for the arrival of hurricane season.



#### Protecting your documents

- Here's a step you can — and should — take right now, long before any storm warnings. Make a list of your important documents and prepare to make at least one copy of every single one. When a hurricane hits, you don't want to be in the position of scrambling to find the documents that prove your identity and verify what you own.

That means insurance policies, car titles, important receipts, passports, Medicare cards, appraisal documents, medical paperwork, birth certificates, tax returns, Social Security cards — the list goes on. Don't neglect your pet's paperwork.

- Remember that your cell phone won't do you any good if the power is off for an extended period of time. That makes it doubly important to have physical copies of your documents and photos of your belongings, helping to speed up the process of reporting storm damage.

- That said, it helps to have electronic scans of receipts and other documents, which the IRS accepts, saved on an external hard drive as a backup. You can also back up files on the Cloud through free and paid services such as Dropbox and Google Drive.

- Sporting goods stores sell watertight bags that can protect your paperwork and

photos, and PelicanCases.com stocks airtight, watertight and "crushproof" cases. Some tackle and ammunition boxes with O-ring seals can also keep documents safe from water.

#### Protecting your home

- When you cover your window with plywood, don't make the mistake of drilling directly into the frame, which lets water inside. Instead, apply bolts, nails or screws to concrete or wood about every 6 inches. Act quickly: Everybody in your area will be rushing to the same stores to buy the same equipment.

- Experts say taping your windows doesn't prevent them from shattering, so save yourself the trouble.

- When it comes to the garage door, you can buy a bracing kit from a home-improvement store. To do it yourself, use long wooden 2 by 4s to brace the door horizontally and vertically.

- French doors and double doors are additional vulnerable spots you'll want to reinforce. Add extra locks or slide bolts, and pay extra attention to doors that swing inward.

- Give your roof and eaves a close look. The impact of a storm will likely accelerate any damage. Same goes for broken trusses or beams.

- Anything on your lawn that winds could turn into a projectile needs to be taken inside or secured. Do a sweep of the yard for things like lawn ornaments, old tree limbs, sports equipment and garbage cans.

## BUILDING & CODE COMPLIANCE DEPT.

305.805.5030

### ARE YOU MISSING YOUR NUMBERS?

Once again here we are asking our home owners and business owners to check their properties to make sure that your address number is visible from the street. The Code Compliance Dept. has received various complaints from the Police Department, Building Inspectors and Postal Service personnel stating that they are having difficulties finding the correct addresses. If your house or building has been painted, remodeled or the vegetation has overgrown, causing the property numbers to be missing or obstructed, please replace them so they are visible from the street or remove any obstructions.

Our main concern is that emergency personnel can locate your home or business as quickly as possible to avoid further complications to services being rendered. We suggest that you take a moment to review the Florida Building Code and our City Municipal Code to ensure that you place the correct number size, color and location.

#### FBC SECTION R319 SITE ADDRESS

R319.1 Address numbers. Buildings shall have approved address numbers, building numbers or approved building identification placed in a position that is plainly legible and visible from the street or road fronting the property. These numbers shall contrast with their background. Address numbers shall be Arabic numbers or alphabetical letters. Numbers shall be minimum 4 inches (102 mm) high with a minimum stroke width of 1/2 inch (12.7mm). Where access is by means of a private road and the building address cannot be or viewed from the public way, a monu-

ment, pole or other sign or means shall be used to identify the structure.

#### CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS MUNICIPAL CODE

##### Sec. 96-05. - Display of street numbers.

(A) The street numbers assigned to all structures in the City shall comply with the following requirements:

(1) Must be at least three (3) inches in height.

(2) Must be in a contrasting color to that of the structure to which it is attached.

(3) Must be visible and easily readable from the roadway fronting the displayed street number.

(4) No trees, shrubs, or other foliage shall be maintained in such a manner as to obstruct the visibility of any street number from the roadway fronting the displayed street number.

(B) Notwithstanding the foregoing, street numbers may be displayed upon attached or detached mailboxes, so long as the location and placement of the street numbers on the mailboxes is in compliance with the requirements of the preceding section.

(C) All street numbers which are currently easily readable and visible from the roadway fronting the displayed street number shall have two years to comply with all the requirements of subsection (A) of this section.

(D) All street numbers which are not currently easily readable and visible from the roadway fronting the displayed street number are required to immediately comply with the requirements of subsection (A) of this section.

(1962 Code, § 19-5; Ord. 247, passed 4-25-60; amend. Ord. 1028-2011, passed 11-28-11)

## 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:

Effective Monday, June 13th – Friday, August 19th: The courts will not open until 6pm due to Summer Camp

**Monday & Tuesday:** 6:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.: 17 & under Free, 18 & Over \$4

**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 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

#### 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, ages birth to 24 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 Monday, June 27th to reserve a spot. ALL parade participants must be preregistered, no exceptions.

## HUMAN RESOURCES DEPT. 305.805.5009

#### JUNE BIRTHDAYS:

Happy Birthday and Best Wishes to the following City employees:

Gary Fetters	Edwin Dominguez	Errol Vassell
Rose Piniella	Jorge Pacheco	Jessie Crumpler
Ronald Gorland	Maria Hernandez	Jimmy Deal

#### Recognizing long term employees:

The following employee had his anniversary date in May

Cheryl Mulet completed 14 years of service.

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

# JUNE 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 PARKS & PARKWAYS: 7:00 P.M.	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 CURBSIDE RECYCLING	9	10	11
12	13 CITY COUNCIL MEETING: 7:00 P.M.	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 CURBSIDE RECYCLING	23	24	25
26	27 CITY COUNCIL MEETING: 7:00 P.M.	28	29	30		