



Municipal News

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AUGUST 2017

In the Spotlight

Administrators and educators in our community have embarked in a new school year filled with enriching lesson plans and fun-filled activities to engage students and entice them to collaborate with their peers. City Hall leaders are similarly striving to ramp-up community involvement through appealing events. Spearheading this effort is the Professional Services team, which is composed of Assistant City Manager Tammy Romero, and Professional Services Specialists Tammy Key (specializing in grants and City projects) and Ana Hume (specializing in City news and events). This team is actively organizing new and creative events designed to strengthen the relationship between the City government and its residents and enhance the community climate.



As part of this new effort, the City launched a new "meet and greet" event on August 16th, in which the



Miami Springs Police Department welcomed the community to chat over coffee and breakfast goodies. The event was held at and sponsored by Starbucks Coffee, which is located on the Miami Springs Circle. The event themes were "Coffee with a Cop" and "Kids for Cops." The event was designed to build a stronger community by discussing public safety issues, learning more about each other, and bringing awareness to our children that City police officers are here to serve and protect them.

In other news, a new video publication program has made its debut! The City launched its very first video Public Service Announcement titled "Golf Carts vs. Low Speed Vehicles." Produced in-house by Ana Hume, this news segment features Chief Armando Guzman who provides an in-depth look at what may appear to be golf carts traversing our local roads. In the video, Chief Guzman explains the differences between golf carts and low speed vehicles and explains the rules and regulations promulgated by the Florida Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles. You can watch this PSA and other video productions by visiting the City's website and subscribing to the City's YouTube Channel @ City of Miami Springs - Government. The new PSA announcements will also air on Channel 77, the City's cable channel, which is again broadcasting after encountering technical issues. These new video publications will bring our community closer together through the use of modern information technology.

More to come: Visitors' Center at City Hall, Art in Miami Springs Gallery at City Hall, City Government Week, and the very exciting Jack-O-Lantern Spooktacular on Westward Drive.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

305.888.9711

School is Open – Drive Carefully

It's that time of year again when parents and children across the country are preparing to go back to school. As part of our commitment to all the Miami Springs Police Department would like to help you with your preparations by offering these simple safety tips.

School Zone Driving Safety Tips

- Be on the lookout for school zone signals, be sure to slow down and ALWAYS obey the speed limits.
- Always come to a complete stop, checking carefully for children on sidewalks and in crosswalks before proceeding.
- Always stop for school busses that are loading or unloading children.
- Watch out for school crossing guards and obey their signals.
- Be aware of and watch out for children near schools, bus stops, sidewalks, in the streets, in school parking lots, etc.
- Every vehicle has blind spots. Check for children on the sidewalk, in the driveway and around your vehicle before slowly backing up. Teach your children to never play in, under or around vehicles.
- Never pass other vehicles, change lanes or make U-Turns while driving in a school zone.
- Never text or use a cell phone, unless it is completely hands-free, while driving in a school zone.

Riding Your Bike to School

- Children on bikes are often inexperienced, unsteady and unpredictable. Slow down and allow at least three feet of passing distance between your vehicle and a bicyclist.
- Make sure your child always wears a bicycle helmet!



- In the event of an accident, helmets reduce the risk of head injury by as much as 85 percent.
- Obey the rules of the road; the rules are the same for all vehicles, including bicycles.
- Always stay on the right-hand side of the road and ride in the same direction as traffic.
- Be sure your child know and uses all of the appropriate hand signals.
- If possible, try to ride with someone else. There is safety in numbers.

Walking to School

- Leave early enough to arrive at school at least 10 minutes prior to the start of school.
- Use the same route every day and never use shortcuts.
- Always use public sidewalks and streets when walking to school.
- Demonstrate traffic safety awareness and pick the safest route between your home and the school
- Try and walk to school with other students. There is strength in numbers.
- Only cross streets at designated crosswalks, street corners and traffic controlled intersections.
- Always look both ways before crossing the street and never enter streets from between obstacles like parked cars, shrubbery, signs, etc.
- Always walk and never run across intersections.
- Avoid talking to strangers. Teach your children to get distance between themselves and anyone who tries to approach or make contact with them.
- If a stranger does approach your child, make sure they know to immediately report the incident to you or a teacher.
- Teach your children to never get into a vehicle with anyone, even if they know them, without your permission.

Jack-O-Lantern Spooktacular

Attention local Businesses, Churches and Clubs, the City of Miami Springs is seeking your participation for the Inaugural Jack-O-Lantern Spooktacular on Westward Drive. This family friendly event will be from the Circle to Park Street on Saturday, October 28 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. and will feature music, trick or treating, our first ever Jack-O-Lantern Contest and YOU! Reserve your space by emailing Tammy Key at keyt@miamisprings-fl.gov. Participants must set up a decorated tent and/or table & chairs and provide wrapped store bought candy and promotional materials.

IMPORTANT CALENDAR DATES

City Council Meetings:

- City Council Regular Meetings**
- Monday, Sept. 11, 2017 at 7 P.M. at City Hall
 - Monday, Sept. 25, 2017 at 7 P.M. at City Hall

Special Dates:

VOICE YOUR VIEWS!

Congressman Diaz-Balart's Office Visits to City Hall

Every third Wednesday of every month: 11 A.M. to 12 P.M. • Wed., Sept. 20 at City Hall Question & Answer session for residents!

SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE AT CITY HALL

School Board Member Susy Castillo's Satellite Office Visits to City Hall
Wed., Sept. 13, 2017 – 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

FREE NOTARY SERVICE

The Office of the City Clerk offers free notary services to residents of Miami Springs and Virginia Gardens with a valid ID.
Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Don't Miss:

Driver's License & ID Card Services

Every third Wednesday of every month: 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.
Wed., Sept. 20 at Miami Springs Community Center

Recycling Dates:

- Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2017
- Wednesday Sept. 27, 2017



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SPECIAL PULL-OUT SECTION

ARE YOU MISSING YOUR NUMBERS?

We are asking home owners and business owners to check their properties to make sure that the address number is visible from the street. The Code Compliance Department 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 for the property numbers to be missing or obstructed, please replace/fix them so that they are visible from the street.



Emergency personnel has to be able to locate homes/businesses 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.

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 monument, 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)

HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

305.805.5009

The Human Resources Department manages the City's employee benefits program as one of its core functions. Open enrollment is the annual opportunity in which fulltime employees can make changes to their insurance plans. In 2017, the City's open enrollment period will run from Tuesday, September 5, to Tuesday, September 19. As we prepare for open enrollment and a new fiscal year, we wish good health and wellness to all.



CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS CELEBRATES SEPT. BIRTHDAYS

- Jeanne Malden Golf & Country Club
- Marc Pierre IT Department
- Adonys Llorens Police Department
- Cheryl Mulet Police Department
- Marco Hernandez Public Works Department
- Lazaro Garaboa Public Works Department
- Tulio Garcia Public Works Department
- Angel Urbaez Public Works Department
- David Olivas Public Works Department

Happy Birthday and Best Wishes!

CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS RECOGNIZES SEPTEMBER EMPLOYMENT ANNIVERSARIES:

- Armando Dominguez completed 24 years of service (Public Works Dept.)
- Erik M. Estok completed 14 years of service (Police Dept.)
- Antonio R. Pérez completed 14 years of service (Public Works Dept.)

Thank You For Your Loyal Service to the City of Miami Springs!

Summer time has come and the bushes and trees bordering and overhanging the alleys are growing "fast and furious." This is causing a problem for our trucks and crews! The heavy and dense foliage is damaging the equipment and creating a visibility problem for Public Works employees loading the trucks. Please help us by trimming back all overgrown vegetation to your property line. Help us prevent the obstruction of services and avoid any costs you may incur by not following our City Code, Section: 96-18/19 if we have to do the trimming for you.



See the link below for reference:

https://library.municode.com/fl/miami_springs/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=TITIXGERE_CH96STSIPA_ARTIVAL_S96-19PRAC

ART IN MIAMI SPRINGS



Enjoy exciting new works of art in a variety of mediums at the City's Gallery space located in the lobby of City Hall @ 201 Westward Drive. All exhibitions are free and open to the public, Monday-Friday from 8am-4:45pm. During August and September, the Gallery showcases the street photography of local award winning Artist, Christian F. Robotti. This exhibition is on view until September 22 and was made possible by the City of

Miami Springs with the support of Mixto Food and Drink and Ledis Flowers. If you are an Artist living or working in Miami Springs and are looking for exhibition opportunities, please contact Tammy Key, Professional Services Specialist @ keyt@miamisprings-fl.gov

Interested in purchasing a work of art? Please contact the Artist directly at www.christianrobotti.com or cfrphotography@icloud.com

MIAMI SPRINGS GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

305.805.5180

The Golf Course will be closed September 11 - 14 for aeration. It will reopen September 15 at 10 a.m. The Driving Range will remain open daily from 8 a.m. until 9 p.m.

Why do Golf Courses Aerate so Often?

In order to keep playing surfaces healthy and in good condition, aeration is essential. Aeration of the Golf Course allows the relief of soil compaction, stimulates root growth, and improves drainage. Furthermore, aeration holes filled with sand topdressing, will allow excess water from the soil to evaporate, promote root development and improve drainage.



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PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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COMMUNITY CENTER



Operating Hours

Monday – Friday: 6:00 a.m. – 9:30p.m.

Saturday: 7:00 a.m. – 8:30p.m.

Sunday: 9:00a.m. – 7:00p.m.

AQUATIC CENTER



Operating Hours

Monday-Friday
Lap Swim:
8:00a.m. – 12:00p.m.
Open Swim:
1:00p.m. – 8:00p.m.

Saturday
Open Swim:
11:00a.m. – 7:00p.m.

Sunday
Open Swim:
12:00p.m. – 6:00p.m.

WEATHER PERMITTING

COED BASKETBALL CAMP 2017

Ages: 8 - 15
Cost: \$50

Mondays & Wednesdays
September 11 - October 4

Registration begins August 14 at 6 p.m.
Specializing: dribbling, passing, defense, rebounding, and more

Times According to Division
8 - 10 Division - 6:15 - 7:10 p.m.
11 - 12 Division - 7:15 - 8:10 p.m.
13 - 15 Division - 8:15 - 9:10 p.m.

Contact Information:
Miami Springs Community Center
1401 Westward Dr.
Miami Springs, FL 33166
www.MiamiSprings-fl.gov/ParksAndRecreation
305.805.5075



The Community Center had memorable summer camp adventures! Now it's time to *Shoot for Success* with our upcoming Basketball Season.



Dive into the school year at the Aquatic Center. Classes for all ages are taking place Monday-Thursday. Come Join US! Students are carrying their love of water from summer into fall by participating in afternoon and evening lessons. It's never too late to come out and enjoy the water.

Water Aerobics

Water Aerobics is an exercise that is fun for all! It employs the resistance and buoyancy of water to condition your muscles while improving strength, flexibility and cardiovascular fitness.

Taught in our heated pool, this course is ideal for:

- Swimmers & non-swimmers alike
- Losing or maintaining weight
- Low impact exercise
- Suffers of arthritis
- Socialization

Summer Class Times:

Mondays & Wednesdays: 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Tuesdays & Thursdays: 6:15-7:15 p.m.

Fall/Winter Class Times:

Mondays & Wednesdays: 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Tuesdays & Thursdays: 6 -7 p.m.

	8 Classes	16 Classes
Resident	\$50	\$80
Non-Resident	\$60	\$100

*Classes can be completed at your leisure, and do not expire until used

Contact Information:

Miami Springs Aquatic Center
1401 Westward Dr.
Miami Springs, FL. 33166
305-805-5078
www.MiamiSprings-fl.gov/ParksAndRecreation

FACILITY RENTALS

- The Multi-Purpose Room is available for rental
- The 10x10 Pavilions at Prince Field are available for rental
- The 20x20 Pavilion at Stafford Park is available for rental

For More Information Contact: The Miami Springs Community Center at 305.805.5075
<http://www.miamisprings-fl.gov/parksandrecreation>

Fitness Room Memberships

Adults: 18 yrs. & Over \$150.00

Senior: 60 yrs. & Over \$75.00

Youth: 13 yrs. – 17 yrs., \$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.

POOL AREA RENTALS

The Miami Springs Aquatic Facility offers public and private rentals for residents & non-residents.

- The Multi-Purpose room is available for rental
- 12x12 umbrella rental or 16x16 shaded areas

For More Information Contact: The Miami Springs Aquatic Center at 305.805.5078 <http://www.miamisprings-fl.gov/parksandrecreation/aquatic-facility-rental-information>

POOL MEMBERSHIPS:

Residents

Adults: 18 & over \$90.00

Senior: 60 & over \$50.00

Youth: 17 & under \$50.00

Family of 4: \$250.00

Non-Residents

Adults: 18 & over \$150.00

Child: 17 & under \$100.00

Senior: 60 & over \$100.00

Family of 4: \$350.00

Seniors 60 & Over

FREE: Monday – Friday, 9:00a.m. – 12:00p.m

For Information

on Athletics & Fitness Programs
(Basketball, Volleyball, Fitness Room, Jogging Track)

Visit: www.miamisprings-fl.gov/parksandrecreation

Jazzercise & Jr. Jazzercise

Visit www.jazzercise.com or call 305.888.7625

For Information on Aquatic Programs

(Swimming Lessons, Swim Fit, and Water Aerobics)
Visit: www.miamisprings-fl.gov/parksandrecreation



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SPECIAL PULL-OUT SECTION

The Miami Springs Senior Center offers a variety of FREE activities and services to older residents of Miami Springs and Virginia Gardens, age 60 and over.

CONGREGATE MEALS:

Hot lunch meals are served weekdays from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

TRANSPORTATION:

Daily pick up, utilizing the Hialeah-MS Rotary Charitable Foundation bus.

- Weekly trips to grocery stores and field trips to malls and other places
- Trips scheduled for September: Walmart (9/14), Publix (9/8 & 9/21) and Fresco y Mas (9/28).

RECREATION ACTIVITIES:

- Rummage Sale (9/6), Bingo (9/5, 9/11, 9/18 and 9/25), and Birthdays & Anniversaries (9/21).

HEALTH SUPPORT PROGRAMS AND EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS:

- **"Legislative Update"** – On September 7th at 12:15 p.m., State Representative Bryan Avalia will update senior center participants on legislative actions taken this year.
- **"Library Happenings"** – Rita Mayer, Assistant Branch Manager of the Miami Springs Branch Library, will present information about library services and events on September 12th at 12:15 p.m. Following her presentation, seniors are invited to participant in an outreach art session sponsored by the MS Branch Library at the senior center.



• **Health Presentations by Mount Sinai** -- As a not-for-profit teaching hospital, Mt. Sinai Medical Center provides a range of outreach activities, including free lectures and health screenings, for the benefit of the community. They will offer a monthly lecture series at the senior center over the next eight months. Programs aimed at helping seniors live better, healthier lives will be offered at 12:15 p.m., beginning on September 13th, and will be held on the second Wednesday of each month through May 9th. A variety of medical issues, including cardiovascular health, nutrition, stress management and stroke prevention will be offered, as the hospital believes that information is the key to leading a healthy life.

• **"Crime Watch Program** -- Officers Jorge Capote and Janice Simon, from the MSPD's Community Policing Office, will present the monthly crime watch program on September 19th at 12:15 p.m. The Officers will inform attendees

about current crimes being committed in the City and will provide tips on how to avoid becoming a victim.

• **FREE Blood Pressure Screening** -- Mercedes Blanco, RN, from the Miami-Dade Health Department, will provide free testing for hypertension and individual counseling at the senior center on September 26th from 10—11:30 a.m.

• **"Protecting Your Assets in the Golden Years"** -- On September 27th at 12:15 p.m., Attorney at Law Ameli Padron-Fragetta will present a very informative workshop on how seniors can

keep their assets safe from being depleted, save money on their estate planning, and plan for the unexpected. Ms. Padron-Fragetta is now a Florida Supreme Court Certified Family Mediator and has a law office in Miami Lakes. As an alumnus of MSSH, Ms. Padron-Fragetta wanted to give back to her hometown community and offered to present this valuable information to us.

For more information on any of the services, activities, or special programs offered, or to volunteer your time, talent or expertise, please contact us at (305) 805.5160.

HEALTH SUPPORT ACTIVITIES

The following Health Support activities require registration, and are offered to seniors enrolled in the Miami Springs Senior Center activities.

CHAIR YOGA
Mondays & Wednesdays from 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.
Instructor: Natasha Salmon-Cogno
Classes meet at the Senior Center.

FLOOR YOGA CLASSES
Tuesdays & Thursdays from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Instructor: Natasha Salmon-Cogno
Classes meet at the Curtiss Mansion.

"LET'S DANCE" EXERCISE CLASSES
Mondays & Wednesdays from 10:30 - 11:00 a.m.
Instructor: Natasha Salmon-Cogno
Classes meet at Senior Center.

CHAIR EXERCISE CLASSES
Tuesdays & Thursdays from 10:30—11:00 a.m.
Instructor: Elizabeth King
Classes meet at Senior Center.

"CELEBRATION WORKOUT"
Fridays from 9:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m.
Instructor: Natasha Salmon-Cogno
Class meets at the Senior Center.

TAI CHI for ARTHRITIS
Tuesdays & Thursdays from 12:30 — 1:30 p.m. Instructor: Judd Zisquit
Classes meet at the Aquatic Center.

SEPTEMBER 2017

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3	4 LABOR DAY! CITY HALL CLOSED!	5 CODE ENFORCE- MENT BD: 7:00 PM	6	7	8	9
10	11 CITY COUNCIL MEETING: 7:00 PM	12	13 CURBSIDE RECYCLING	14	15	16
17	18	19 EDUCATION BD: 6:00PM	20	21	22	23
24	25 CITY COUNCIL MEETING: 7:00 PM	26	27 CURBSIDE RECYCLING	28	29	30

