

City of Miami Springs

# News Bulletin



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NOVEMBER 2014

## IMPORTANT CALENDAR DATES

MONDAY, DEC. 8, 2014, 7:00 P.M.  
 CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2014  
 CHRISTMAS DAY HOLIDAY  
 CITY HALL CLOSED!

## RECYCLING:

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3RD  
 WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17TH  
 WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31ST

## SPOTLIGHT ON ... Christmas at the Gazebo



Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow! Santa Claus is coming to town on Saturday, December 6th, from 5:45 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Arriving by fire truck with his special helpers from Miami-Dade Fire and Rescue and the Recreation Department staff, his visit will kick off the annual holiday festivities of "Christmas at the Gazebo".

For more than a quarter of a century this great night of family fun has been the highlight of the downtown Miami Springs holiday season. Amid the twinkling of holiday lights, residents of all ages are invited to enjoy musical entertainment provided by the Miami Springs Senior High School Band. Sno cones, kiddie and pony rides, a giant pile of snow, face painters, a bounce house and the traditional Christmas train ride will entertain our littlest elves and Christmas angels, who are reminded to bring their Wish List for Santa. Moms and Dads will want to bring their cameras to capture these special moments.

To participate in the festivities, families in Miami Springs and Virginia Gardens are reminded that a special ID bracelet is required for each child, which can be obtained at the Community Center. The cost (with proof of residency) is \$2 for ages 6 to 13, and children 5 and under are free.

For non-residents of all ages, ID bracelets will be available starting Monday, December 1st, and the cost is \$10.



**MAYOR ZAVIER GARCIA AND COUNCIL & PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT PRESENT**

# CHRISTMAS AT THE GAZEBO

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6th, 2014**

**5:45 P.M. SANTA'S PARADE KICKS OFF AT CITY HALL**  
**6:00 P.M. FESTIVITIES AT THE GAZEBO**

- \* VISIT WITH SANTA
- \* RIDES
- \* PONIES
- \* KIDDIE TRAIN
- \* FACE PAINTERS
- \* SNOW!!!

**I.D. BRACELETS REQUIRED FOR ALL ACTIVITIES**

**I.D. bracelets for Miami Springs and Virginia Gardens residents (with proof of residency) will be available at the Community Center starting Monday, November 10th \$2 children 6-13, 5 and under free**

**I.D. bracelets for non-residents (ALL ages) will be available at the Community Center for \$10 starting Monday, December 1st**

*For information : Call 305.805.5075*



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

**Airport Pharmacy Corp.**  
 4869 NW 36th Street  
 Pharmacy

**BKS Media, Inc.**  
 5465 NW 36th Street  
 Audio Visual Production

## Art in City Hall



Members of the Hibiscus Fine Arts Guild will be displaying their favorite paintings of fall and winter scenes during the annual "Holiday Art Exhibit" in our City Hall lobby. With the City Hall lobby decorated for the holiday season, it will be a very festive occasion.

You are cordially invited to meet the artists during a reception to be held on Monday, December 8th, 2014, 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 art exhibit during the months of December and January, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:45 p.m.

If you live or work in Miami Springs and you have a special contribution you would like 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.

## 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 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 such as field trips, Bingo, special celebrations, art class, Tai Chi and other fitness classes; 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.

In addition to the core service offerings, health and wellness classes are scheduled for seniors. As class size is limited, interested participants must pre-register for the following classes instructed by Natasha Salmon-Cogno, Personal Trainer and Certified Yoga Instructor:

**Free CHAIR YOGA CLASSES** are offered to local residents, age 60 and over, on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:00–10:30 a.m. at the City's Senior Center.

**"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.

**FLOOR YOGA CLASSES** are offered free to seniors, age 60 and over, on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30–11:00 a.m. at the Curtiss Mansion. A warm-up session using light weights is held from 9:00–9:30 a.m.

**Free "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.

Other programs and activities scheduled for December at the City's senior center:



Senator Rene Garcia presents a check for Senior Center services and meals to Elderly Services Director Karen Rosson and Council

**ENTERTAINMENT by the HIALEAH GARDENS MIDDLE SCHOOL JAZZ BAND** – December 3rd from 12:15–1:30 p.m.;

**FIELD TRIP to WAL-MART** – December 11th from 1:15–5:00 p.m.;

**XIQUE FAMILY TRIO MUSICAL PERFORMANCE** – December 15th at 12:15 p.m.;

**"CRIME WATCH PROGRAM"** – December 16th at 12:15 p.m.;

Presentation on **"RESPIRATORY INFECTIONS"** – December 17th at 12:15 p.m.;

Program on **"PREVENTING ADVERSE DRUG REACTION"** – Dec. 19th at 12:15 p.m.;

**"HEALTHY HOLIDAY EATING"** – December 30th at 12:15 p.m.

The monthly "Calendar of Events" can be obtained at the senior center or viewed online at the City's website, [www.miamisprings-fl.gov](http://www.miamisprings-fl.gov), on the Elderly Services Department tab. For further information on any of the services, activities, or special programs offered, please contact Karen or Betty at 305.805.5160.

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**@MiamiSpringsFL**



**POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
305.888.9711

**Shopping Safety – Personal Safety:**

During this holiday season Miami Springs Police Department is asking citizens to be on their guard and be vigilant in order to make sure that everyone has a safe and happy holiday season.

The criminals will be shopping this holiday season – will you give them the opportunity to make you their Santa Claus?

Here are some basic steps citizens can take to prevent or minimize the risk of becoming a victim of assault, robbery and car break-in. Some basic shopping safety tips:

- Keep all purses and bags zipped and snapped closed. Men should carry their wallets in their front pockets.
- Do not flash large amounts of cash when paying for merchandise.
- If using a debit card, keep the card close to your body so the card number will not be able to be photographed by a cell phone. Take only the debit/credit cards you plan on using.
- Always shop with a buddy, you are less of a target when you have someone with you.
- If you have to take a phone call or text message – don't let your guard down and get distracted while shopping.
- Let someone know where you are going and what time you may be returning.
- If using a shopping cart, do not leave your purse in the cart or bags unattended.
- Do not carry large amounts of merchandise at one time.
- Do not carry your social security card or birth certificate in your wallet or purse.
- Carry only a minimum amount of credit cards at one time.



- Report any suspicious people to the store security, or customer service or 911.
- Keep children secure in a stroller or shopping cart at all times. Do not allow your children to wander off.
- Speak with your children about a plan if you are separated while shopping.
- Before leaving your home, make sure your car is in good working order and your cell phone is charged.
- If you typically keep your cell phone in your purse, its best to keep your cell phone on your person, ready to be used in an emergency situation.
- Park in a well lit parking lot. Always lock your doors, whether you're driving or parking.
- Be aware of your surroundings. Be suspicious and aware. If you get a gut feeling that something is not right, then act on your instinct.
- When returning to your car, have your keys ready, look under, in and around your car while approaching it.
- Don't leave valuables in plain view in your car.
- Be confident and look people in the eyes, doing so may dissuade an attacker from attacking you.

**PARKS & RECREATION DEPT.**  
305.805.5075/76 1401 Westward Drive  
Follow us on Twitter @miamispringsrec

**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:**

**Monday – Friday:** 12:00 p.m. – 3 p.m.: 18 & Over \$4. 3:00 pm – 5:30 p.m.: 17 & under ONLY, Free  
**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. 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 7:15 p.m.- 8:15 p.m. and Saturday mornings at 8:45 a.m. The cost is \$95.00 for an 8 week session. The next YOGA registration will be held in January please call the Community Center for more information.

We are now offering a Saturday drop in YOGA class. The cost per class is \$5.00 and starts at 8:45 a.m.

**GET FIT PROGRAM:** THIS IS A TWICE-WEEKLY PROGRAM WITH HIGHLY-EXPERIENCED COACHES / TRAINERS, TRAINING ATHLETES FOR TOP-NOTCH STRENGTH, FLEXIBILITY, SPEED, BALANCE, CARDIOVASCULAR AND RESPIRATORY ENDURANCE, CONDITIONING AND COORDINATION DESIGNED TO HELP KIDS REACH PEAK FITNESS AND PERFORMANCE!

This fitness program is for kids of all fitness levels and backgrounds between the ages of 11 – 15 years old. The Get Fit Program will be held on Tuesday & Thursday evenings and there will be one field trip on a Saturday per session.

The cost is \$50 per participant and SPACE is LIMITED.

Registration is ongoing at the Community Center.

**AQUATICS:**

\*The POOL is HEATED\*

**Pool Hours:**

**Monday – Friday:** 3:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.  
**Saturdays:** 10:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.  
**Sundays:** 10:30 a.m – 5 p.m.  
**Swimming Lessons:** Please call the Pool for more information at 305.805.5078  
**Water Aerobics:** Monday and Wednesday Evenings: 6:30 p.m – 7:30 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

**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: 5:00 p.m.  
For information visit jazzercise.com or call 305.888.7625

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

**Christmas at the Gazebo** will be held Saturday, December 6th. The parade will begin at 5:45pm in front of City Hall and will drop Santa off at the Circle. The fun on the circle will be from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Be sure to bring your wish list to give to Santa and your camera to have your picture taken with Santa too! Mark your calendar; you don't want to miss out on another festive year of cheer.

I.D. Bracelets for MIAMI SPRINGS AND VIRGINIA GARDENS RESIDENTS (with proof of residency) are available at the Community Center. 5 & under are free, 6-13 are \$2

ID Bracelets for Non- Residents will be available at the Community Center beginning on Monday, December 1st ALL AGES \$10

**SAVE THE DATE!** Daddy & Daughter Date Night will be held on Saturday, February 21st at the Miami Springs Golf & Country Club. RESERVATIONS are REQUIRED & SPACE is LIMITED. Beginning Monday, January 19th reservations will be accepted at the Miami Springs Community Center. Payment must be made at time of reservation. For more information please call the Community Center at 305-805-5075

Stop by the  
**Miami Springs Golf Course**  
Pro Shop  
**Holiday Sale**  
Selected items  
**40% Off**

**BUILDING & CODE COMPLIANCE DEPT.**  
305.805.5030

**SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE**

**The City Code states:**

Sec. 96-16. - Repair of unsafe sidewalks; notice to owner.

Whenever it is reported to the City Manager that any sidewalk in the City is in an unsafe condition and likely to endanger the safety of the inhabitants of the City, it shall be the duty of the City Manager to send to the owner of property a notice to immediately put such sidewalk in a safe condition.

(1962 Code, § 19-15; Ord. 51, passed 2-26-45)

This includes sidewalks that are dirty with mildew or tree residue which makes them slippery and unsafe, especially in wet weather. Please be considerate of your neighbors and keep your sidewalk clean and free of debris, mildew, etc. There are a number of companies around town that do pressure cleaning work at a reasonable price. Most sidewalks can stand to be pressure cleaned at least once a year. In areas with large trees that shed, they may need it twice a year. Why not clean yours for the holidays!

**HUMAN RESOURCES DEPT. 305.805.5009**

**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS:**



Happy Birthday and Best Wishes to the following City employees:

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|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Ángel Casas      | Claire Gurney   | Karen Rosson    |
| Peter Baan       | Rene Alonso     | Theresa Michael |
| Carlos Sánchez   | Jeffrey Clark   | Laurie Bland    |
| Caitlin Smith    | Loretta Boucher |                 |
| Roberto Gonzalez | Jeffrey Collins |                 |

**Recognizing long term employees:**

The following employees had their anniversary date in November

Suzanne S. Hitaffer	completed 22 years of service.
James S. Pessolano	completed 17 years of service.
Darryl M. Cates & Robert Barrios	completed 16 years of service.
Allene M. Paz	completed 15 years of service.
Jorge D. Capote & Claire E. Gurney	completed 13 years of service.
Albert Sandoval & Frank L. Perez	completed 12 years of service.
Jorge L. Fonseca	completed 10 years of service.

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



# DECEMBER 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> CODE ENFORCEMENT: 7:00 P.M.	<b>3</b> CURBSIDE RECYCLING	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> CITY COUNCIL MEETING: 7:00 P.M.	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> CURBSIDE RECYCLING	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> CITY COUNCIL MEETING: 7:00 P.M. CANCELED	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> CHRISTMAS DAY! CITY HALL CLOSED!	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> CURBSIDE RECYCLING			



Mary Cordero & Bob Mezyk  
786.506.5366 & 305.343.8118

- Overnight Stays
- Daily Visits
- Feeding
- Walking
- Trips to the Groomers
- Trips to the Vet

## Why use a Pet Sitter?

### Advantages for a pet include:

- The pet remains in his or her familiar, secure environment, where all the sights, smells and sounds are familiar.
- The pet follows his or her customary diet and exercise routine.
- The pet is not traumatized by travel in a vehicle.
- The pet is not exposed to illness of other animals.
- Most importantly, the pet receives love and personal attention while you are away.

### Benefits for the owner include some of the following:

- You are not inconvenienced (or traumatized!) by transporting the pet.
- You do not have to impose upon a friend, neighbor or relative.
- Your home is looked after as well since most pet sitters provide crime-deterrent services.
- You can leave home worry-free, knowing your pet is in good hands.
- You can return home at any hour of the day and find your healthy, happy pet eagerly awaiting your return.



An important service we provide  
Long working hours and lengthy commutes can mean a long day for your dog as well. Let us give your best friend some Middy exercise and attention.

References Available • Se habla español

If we're not watching your pets ...  
We Should Be