



Municipal News

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- Vice-Mayor Bob Best
- Councilwoman Mara Zapata
- Councilwoman Maria Puente Mitchell
- Councilman Jaime Petralanda
- City Manager William Alonso
- Police Chief Armando Guzman

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In the Spotlight..... MSTV77

Milam's donates to city for families in need

The City of Miami Springs received a very generous donation, \$3,000 to be exact, by Milam's Markets food stores to help families in need for the holidays. Every shopper that opted to donate money at Milam's Markets check-out, contributed to this donation, and if you are a person that donated, thank you! Proceeds were distributed in \$100 Visa gift cards and given to Miami Springs Senior Center, Miami Springs Elementary, Springview Elementary, and Miami Springs Senior High. Prior conversations with school counselors dictated what families were most in need within these particular institutions, and the donations were then given accordingly.

On behalf of the Miami Springs community, thank you Milam family!



City Sponsored
SPECIAL EVENTS

TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY
Friday, December 1 at 6 p.m.
at the Circle

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POLAR EXPRESS STORYTIME
Saturday, December 9 at 12 p.m.
at Aquatic Center

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HOLIDAY CAR SHOW & TOY DRIVE
Saturday, December 9 at 6 p.m.
at the Circle

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SANTA'S PARADE & ACTIVITIES
Saturday, December 16 at 6 p.m.
at the Circle

THANK YOU
To our veterans at City Hall
City Manager William Alonso, U.S. Army
Councilman Jaime Petralanda, Navy | Councilman Bob Best, Air Force

In other news ...

The Miami Springs Police Department trained on Autism Awareness safety, which helps educate officers on the signs and behaviors with persons that have Autism spectrum Disorder. Having the right tools to properly engage with individuals with ASD will avoid an encounter with police from escalating.

For over a decade, Bart Barta, a retired Coral Gables

Police Officer has trained police departments on the complexities of this disorder. Police Chief Armando Guzman, recognized the need for this particular training, therefore executed the Autism Safety training sessions and even brought in students with ASD from I Smile, an "Institute for Special Minds Interacting in the Learning Environment", located right here in Miami Springs. Picture

Bike Path Update

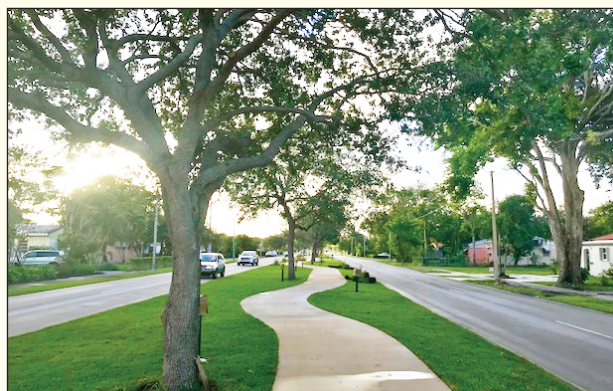
The Bike Path is near finished with an estimated time of completion of Winter 2017.

Here are some highlights on the bike path: there are special downward luminescent energy efficient/LED Ballard lighting all throughout each side of the path. Dozens of laurel oaks and fox tail palms with fencing and hedges have been planted along each of the perimeters of the path. Behind the scenes of this project is Assistant City Manager Tammy Romero and Professional Services Specialist Tammy Key. Picture

Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and our Website for information on the ribbon cutting ceremony to take place in the Winter season.

According to Care2.com, here are some reasons a bike path is benefiting for a City:

- 1. It inspires more people to ride bicycles:** New Orleans saw a 57% increase in cyclists within 6 months after bike lanes were marked. Los Angeles saw a 52% jump in cyclists, and New York City found it was able to double the number of people commuting by bicycle.
- 2. It stimulates the local economy:** In Manhattan, streets that had bike lanes, saw their business increase by



nearly 50% (this can also be attributed to a number of additional factors).

- 3. It's safer for cyclists:** Research shows city streets with bike lanes reduce the rate of cyclist injury by 50%.
- 4. It's safer for motorists:** Occasionally, motorists will get too close to bikers on the street and cause accidents that way, but having a bike lane within a median, should dramatically decrease motorist accidents involving a cyclist.
- 5. It has a real impact on the environment:** This lessens the number of vehicles on the road, therefore minimizing pollution and burning of fossil fuels.

IMPORTANT CALENDAR DATES

City Council Meetings
City Council Regular Meetings
Monday, December 11, 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., Dec. 20 at City Hall
Question & Answer session for residents!

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

Recycling Dates
Wednesday, December 6, 2017
Wednesday, December 20, 2017

City Hall Closures
Monday, Dec. 25 – Christmas Day



REMINDERS FOR A HAPPY AND SAFE HOLIDAY SEASON

There's excitement in the air as the holidays draw near and we begin to decorate our homes. Here are a few pointers to keep in mind when decorating the exterior of your property:

- Please keep safety a priority on your property for pedestrians and your visitors.
- Avoid hanging decorations that could fall on the sidewalk or on the street.
- Taping or running extension electrical cords on the sidewalk or swale is prohibited.
- Please do not place obscene or offensive decorations on your property or the public right of way.
- It is prohibited to put nails, chains or staples on the City trees, it harms the trees.

• Cords of lights, solar lights or any type of electrical lighting are not allowed on the City trees or swale areas.

• It is very important that the house number is always visible from the street, if your house doesn't have one, replace it as soon as possible.

In order to make sure our City is safe, we will be monitoring the right of ways such as sidewalks, swales and trees for potential hazards, during the Holidays. Minor infractions will not be cited, however if we see decorations that could be a hazard, you will be asked to remove it.

We appreciate your efforts and creativity in making these holidays safe and enjoyable.

Have a Joyous and safe Holiday Season.



HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

305.805.5009

Did you know that in addition to handling personnel matters, the City of Miami Springs HR Department also handles risk management functions? Risk management is all about protecting the City's assets and limiting the City's liability for loss and injury. The HR Department's risk management duties include maintaining adequate insurance policies and processing all claims for City property loss, workers' compensation, and any third party claims. After experiencing both a tornado and hurricane in 2017, the department is anxiously looking forward to a safe, tranquil, and uneventful 2018!

CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS CELEBRATES DEC. BIRTHDAYS

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| • Karen Rosson | Elderly Services Department |
| • Laurie Bland | Golf Department |
| • Juan Garcia Jr. | City Clerk Department |
| • Ana Hume | Professional Service Department |
| • Daniel Fried | Parks & Recreation Department |
| • Caitlin Smith | Parks & Recreation Department |
| • Claire Gurney | Police Department |
| • Jeffrey Collins | Police Department |
| • Theresa Michael | Police Department |
| • Carlos Sanchez | Public Works Department |
| • Roberto Gonzalez | Public Works Department |
| • Briyonna Joyner | Public Works Department |
| • Benjamin Flint | Public Works Department |

Happy Birthday and Best Wishes!

CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS RECOGNIZES NOVEMBER EMPLOYMENT ANNIVERSARIES:

- Darryl M. Cates & Robert Barrios completed 19 years of service.
 - Allene M. Paz completed 18 years of service.
- Claire E. Gurney & Jorge Capote completed 16 years of service.
- Albert Sandoval & Frank Perez completed 15 years of service.
 - Jorge L. Fonseca completed 13 years of service.

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

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Holiday Shopping Safety Tips



The Miami Springs Police Department would like to offer some holiday shopping safety tips.

Tip #1

Avoid shopping alone. Instead, take a family member or friend.

Tip #2

Dress casually and comfortably. Avoid wearing expensive jewelry.

Tip #3

Remember to lock your vehicle. Don't leave items visible in your vehicle. Put them in the trunk or underneath the seats where they are out of sight. If possible, take your bags directly home instead of leaving them in the car.

Tip #4

Carry minimal cash. Instead, use checks or debit/credit cards to make purchases. (Notify the credit card issuer immediately if your credit card is lost, stolen or misused. Keep a record of all of your credit cards numbers in a safe place at home)

Tip #5

If you are shopping with children, make a plan in case you get separated. Select a central meeting place and make sure they know they can ask mall personnel or store security employees if they need help. It is best to leave small children at home.

Tip #6

Do not leave your purse or wallet unattended for any amount of time, especially in the shopping cart or at the cashier counter.

Tip #7

Be extra cautious when using ATM's. Use machines located in highly populated areas and be aware of your surroundings.

Tip #8

Avoid overloading yourself with packages. Instead, make frequent trips to your vehicle to lessen your load.

Tip #9

When shopping during evening hours, park your vehicle in well-lit areas.

Tip #10

Beware of strangers approaching you for any reason. At this time of year, "con-artists" may try various methods of distracting you with the intention of taking your money or belongings.



If you see any suspicious activity, notify the police, security or appropriate store personnel.

Wishing you and your family a Happy and Safe Holiday Shopping Season from the Miami Springs Police Department.

ART IN MIAMI SPRINGS



Artwork by Gladys Coello

Enjoy exciting new works of art in a variety of mediums at the City of Miami Springs Gallery, 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.

Join us on Monday, December 11th from 6:30-8:30pm for a Holiday Open House featuring live music courtesy of the 99 Music Academy www.ninetyninemusic.com and showcasing artwork by members of the Hibiscus Fine Arts Guild

Don't miss out on the opportunity to enter our FREE drawing for a chance to win a gift certificate from our sponsor, Burritoville www.burritovillemiamisprings.com

This exhibition is made possible by the City of Miami Springs and will be on view until January 26th. If you are a local business that would like to sponsor an upcoming Artist reception or an Artist living or working in Miami Springs looking for exhibition opportunities, contact Tammy Key, Professional Services Specialist @ keyt@miamisprings-fl.gov

COMMUNITY CENTER



The Miami Springs Community Center is gearing up for the Holiday Season!!!
Keep a look out for upcoming events and programs!

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.

Contact Information:

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

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

Jazzercise & Jr. Jazzercise: Visit www.jazzercise.com or call 305.888.7625

For Information on Athletics & Fitness Programs
(Basketball, Volleyball, Fitness Room, Jogging Track)
Visit: 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.

AQUATIC CENTER



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Operating Hours

Monday-Friday

Lap Swim:

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Open Swim:

3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Saturday

Open Swim:

10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Sunday

Open Swim:

12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

WEATHER PERMITTING

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
- Sufferers 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

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.

There's still time to get your Player signed up for the
2017 Basketball League!! Registration has begun and continues through
Thursday, November 30, 2017 or until groups are full.



2017 BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Ages: 6 - 15 • Cost: \$100

Mondays & Wednesdays: Ages 9-10 from 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Ages 13-15 from 7:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Tuesdays & Thursdays: Ages 6-8 from 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Ages 11-12 from 7:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.

• Uniforms Provided •

Tryouts: November 6th & 7th • Games begin January 8th & 9th

Registration is ongoing



SPECIAL EVENTS



Friday, December 1st

6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Tree Lighting Ceremony

Pictures with Santa (No Bracelets Required)

Saturday, December 16th

5:45 p.m.: Santa's Parade kicks off at City Hall

6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Festivities at the Gazebo

- Visit with Santa • Rides
- Sno Cones and Popcorn • SNOW!!! (I.D. Bracelets Required)

BBQ Sandwiches, Snacks, and Drinks
Prepared By: MSSH Culinary Arts Class
Available For Sale

I.D. bracelets for Miami Springs and Virginia Gardens residents (with proof of residency) will be available at the Community Center starting Monday, November 20th @ \$5 each. Non-residents I.D. Bracelets available starting Monday, December 11th @ \$15 each. For More Information contact: 305-805-5075 or miamisprings-fl.gov/parksandrecreation



Come Enjoy a Magical day
at the Aquatic Center!!!

December 9th - 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Story time will take place at
2:30 with crafts to follow.

Visitors will be able to use the pool with paid admission, **must present resident ID in order to pay resident rate.**

Remember to bring change of clothes or towels as story time will take place aboard the Polar Express!

****PAJAMAS RECOMMENDED, BUT NOT REQUIRED****

We hope to see you aboard!!!

CONGREGATE MEALS: Hot lunch meals are served weekdays from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. to assist area seniors in maintaining a nutritionally balanced diet and to provide opportunities to volunteer and socialize with their peers.

TRANSPORTATION: Daily pick up, utilizing the Hialeah-MS Rotary Charitable Foundation bus, is provided to older residents with no means of transportation to and from the center.

- Weekly trips to grocery stores, assistance with shopping and carrying packages is provided.

- Field trips to malls and other places of interest are scheduled each month.

- Trips scheduled for December: Publix (12/14), Walmart (12/6) and Fresco y Mas (12/22).

RECREATION ACTIVITIES: Recreational and social events are planned each month at the senior center. Palm Plaza Healthcare will sponsor an "Ice Cream Social" on 12/21 to honor those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in December. In addition to the ice cream, entertainment and a raffle will be provided. The senior center's annual dinner and dance celebration of the holidays will be held at the Miami Springs Country Club this month as well. The Pelican Players will gift seniors with a free presentation of "the Best Worst Christmas Pageant Ever" on December 28th at 12:30 p.m. at the Rebeca Sosa Theater. Additionally, Bingo games are scheduled for 12/4, 12/11, 12/18 and 12/27.

HEALTH SUPPORT PROGRAMS AND EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS: Educational presentations are scheduled each month through the sponsorship of numerous individuals, community service organizations and businesses. The following topics are scheduled for December:

- **FREE EXERCISE CLASSES FOR FALL PREVENTION:** Learn special exercises that have been shown to decrease falls from the Physical Therapists of St. Catherine's West Rehabilitation Hospital and Villa Maria West Skilled Nursing Facility. Two 45 minute classes have been scheduled for December 7th, from 10:00—10:45 a.m. and 10:45—11:30 a.m. Please call to schedule your session as class size is limited.

- **Miami-Dade Public Library System's TECHNOBUS** -- The library's mobile technology innovation lab will visit the senior center on December 12th, from 10:00—11:30 a.m. The bus brings digital services and devices directly to the center and provides seniors with classroom instruction and activities on how to use MacBook Airs, iPads, Microsoft Surface Pro Tablets and Alienware gaming laptops. Those interested in learning more about technology are encouraged to stop by and visit on the 12th.

- **"Library Happenings"** – Rita Mayer, Assistant Branch Manager of the Miami Springs Branch Library, will present information about upcoming library services and events on December 12th at 12:15 p.m. Following her presentation, a relaxing adult coloring class will be held.

- **"Gastroesophageal Reflux Disorder Surgery: When and Why?"** – Dr. Devendra Joshi, a general surgeon specializing in esophagus, stomach, and pancreatic surgery at Mount Sinai Medical Center, will present this topic on December 13th at 12:15 p.m. This program is part of a monthly lecture services provided by Mt. Sinai Medical Center in an effort to better serve our community. Programs aimed at helping seniors live better, healthier lives

will be offered at 12:15 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month. A variety of medical issues will be addressed, 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 December 20th 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.



Seniors "Shine a Light" on lung cancer.

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.

DECEMBER 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 TREE LIGHTING 6:00-8:00 PM	2
3	4	5 CODE ENFORCEMENT BD: 7:00 PM	6 CURBSIDE RECYCLING	7	8	9 POLAR EXPRESS STORYTIME 12-4 PM HOLIDAY CAR SHOW & TOY DRIVE 6-10 PM
10	11 CITY COUNCIL MEETING: 7:00 PM	12	13	14	15	16 SANTA'S PARADE & ACTIVITIES 6:00-9:00 PM
17	18	19	20 CURBSIDE RECYCLING	21	22	23
24	25 CHRISTMAS DAY! CITY HALL CLOSED!	26	27	28	29	30

