



Municipal News



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NOVEMBER 2018

In the Spotlight·····

City Sponsored Christmas Time Fun!

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TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

Mayor Billy Bain and Council, along with the Parks and Recreation Department invite you to the City's annual Tree Lighting Ceremony taking place at the Glenn Curtiss Circle on Saturday, December 1 at 6 p.m. This event features pictures with Santa and it is free of charge.

PARADE AND CHRISTMAS AT THE GAZEBO

Saturday, December 8 Santa's Parade kicks off at 5:45 p.m. from City Hall and continues through Westward Drive, ending at the Glenn Curtiss Circle. There are lots of fun holiday activities at the gazebo such as: visit with Santa and train rides. There will be food for sale, pre-



MSPD in Honor of WORLD PANCREATIC CANCER DAY November 15, 2018

"Pancreatic cancer is one of the world's deadliest cancers, and we need more attention, awareness and progress to help patients fight and survive this disease. Join us on Thursday, November 15, to Demand Better in the fight against the world's toughest cancer." http://www.worldpancreatic-cancerday.org/

ART IN MIAMI SPRINGS

pared by the Miami Springs Senior High Culinary Arts Class.

POLAR EXPRESS STORYTIME

The Aquatic Center invites you on Saturday, December 15 from noon through 4 p.m. to journey through the North Pole for the enjoyment of the entire family for an entertaining reading of the Polar Express in a train-like atmosphere. There will also be arts and crafts for the kids, like letter to Santa, and a Polar Plunge (heated pool) from noon through 12:30 p.m.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY CAR SHOW & TOY DRIVE AT THE CIRCLE

Come and see holiday decorated vehicles on Saturday, December 15 from 6pm-10pm on the Circle. Raffle: Flat Screen Tvs and Gas cards



Turkey Trot Parks & Recreation Staff & Volunteers

Another successful year!

Interested in showcasing your car, call Jumpin Jack Production for additional information at 305.214.2277

It is \$10 to enter and 1 unwrapped toy or \$20 for all participants and any guest is welcome to bring toys as well. This year, the City is teaming up with the Lion's Club to transport all the toys to the victims of Hurricane Michael in the panhandle. Thanks to Lee Fisher, President, and wife Elizabeth Fisher, they are using a trailer they've been using to collect items since the devastation occurred.



Thanks to city Council and city officials & the Miami Realtors, our Tiki Hut area is open to the public.

IMPORTANT CALENDAR DATES

City Council Meetings

City Council Regular Meetings

Monday, Dec. 10, 2018 at 7:00 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. 19 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.

DRIVER'S LICENSE SERVICES

Wednesday, December 19, 2018 Located at the Miami Springs Community Center -1401 Westward Drive (10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.)

Recycling Dates

Wednesday, December 5, 2018 Wednesday, December 19, 2018







Miami Springs Police Department suggests following these safety tips to avoid problems during your travels:

Personal Travel Plan: Think Before You Go

File a "travel plan." Let someone know where you are going, the route you plan to take, when you plan to arrive and how to contact you. If you deviate from that plan, let someone know.

- Travel with friends. There is safety in numbers.
- Make sure your house appears "lived-in" when you are away. Lock all doors and windows, set household lights (inside and out) on timers.
- Trim your hedges and bushes so thieves cannot have a place to hide out.
- Have a neighbor park a car in your driveway to make it appear as if someone is home.
- Have a neighbor pick up your mail and newspapers while you are away or have them held at the post office.
- Invest in an alarm. An alarm system controls access points to your home and lets you know if someone has invaded your space.

Driving: On the Road Again

- Always lock your car doors. Keep valuables out of sight, preferably in the trunk of
 - Never pick up hitchhikers.
- Park in well-lighted areas and close to the building.
- Do not stop alongside the road if possible. If your car is bumped from behind or if someone indicates there is something wrong with your car, go to a service station or a welllighted, populated area and call for help.
- Fill the gas tank before dark; lock your car doors and roll up your windows if you step away from the car for any reason.

Travel Destination: Checking In

• Use all hotel locks and other security devices, even when you're in your room.



- Store valuables in the room safe or in the facility's main safe.
- Don't tell strangers the name of your hotel, your room number, or other personal
- Guard your room keys. Don't leave them unattended or visible at restaurants, the pool, or clubs.
- Don't prop open your door or open your door to strangers. Use the peep hole before opening the door.
- Don't leave your purse or bags unattended at hotel buffets or lounges.

Personal Safety: On the Town

- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash. Take only the cash you need in your purse or wallet.
- Limit the number of credit cards you carry. Bring only the necessary credit card(s) with you and carry money separately from credit cards.
- Women should keep purses closed and snuggled tightly against the body.
- Men should keep wallets in a front pants pocket or coat pocket.
- Know your route and stick to welllighted, well-traveled streets.
- If you feel threatened, get away and call for help, or try to go to a crowded place.
- Always let someone know where you are going, who you are with, and when you will return.
- Avoid going off with strangers, and always use the buddy system.
- Avoid using alcohol and other drugs. Impaired judgment can put you in potentially dangerous situations.
- Select ATM machines in visible, welllighted locations.

HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTN

CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS CELEBRATES DEC. BIRTHDAYS

December 01	Dylan Carter	Parks & Recreation		
December 03	Miguel Despian	Police Department		
December 04	Ronny Gonzalez	Police Department		
December 05	Damary Reyes.	Police Department		
December 05	John Hall	Building & Code Compliance		
December 08	Henry Holleman	Golf & Country Club		
December 08	Peter Baan	Golf & Country Club		
December 10	Carlos Sanchez	Public Works		
December 10	Maria Mitchell	City Council Member		
December 11	Caitlin Smith	Parks & Recreation		
December 11	Franklin Yalledy	Golf & Country Club		
December 14	Juan Garcia	City Clerk's Office		
December 15	R <mark>oberto Gonzalez</mark>	Public Works		
December 16	Bri <mark>yon</mark> na Joy <mark>ne</mark> r	Public Works.		
December 17	Claire Gurney	Police Department		
December 17	Ana Hume	Professional Services		
December 18	Jessica Proenza	Finance Department		
December 19	Cameron Duvic	Golf & Country Club		
December 20	Jeffrey Collins	Police Department		
December 22	Gabriela Ari <mark>a</mark> s	Parks & Recreation		
December 22	Karen Rosson	Senior Center		
December 25	Laurie Bland	Golf & Country Club		
December 25	Mallory Rodriguez	Police Department		
December 27	Nicolas Fernandez	Golf & Country Club		
December 27	Theresa Michael	Police Department		
December 31	Robert Best	City Council Member		

Happy Birthday and Best Wishes!

CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS RECOGNIZES THE FOLLOWING NOV. EMPLOYMENT ANNIVERSARIES:

• Darryl Cates and Robert Barrios have completed 20 years of service.

Jorge Capote, Albert Sandoval

and Frank Perez have completed 16 years of service Jorge Fonseca has completed 14 years of service

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



MIAMI SPRINGS GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

650 Curtiss Parkway 305.805.5180

Monday - Saturday: 6am - 9pm

BUILDING & CODE COMPLIANCE DEPARTMENT

305.805.5030

REMINDERS FOR A HAPPY & SAFE HOLIDAY SEASON

There's excitement in the air, the houses are being decorated for the coming Holidays. And we enjoy seeing the Holiday spirit. However, the days will soon be shorter and more pedestrians will be out enjoying outdoor activities. Here are a few pointers to remember when decorating your homes for the holidays:

- 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.

ATTENTION ALL BUSINESS OWNERS

The end of this Fiscal Year 2018 is approaching, which means it's that time again to renew your Local Business Tax License. All Renewal Invoices have been mailed out, so if you haven't received yours please contact the Local Business Tax Division to obtain a copy of your invoice.

Renewal fees are due by November 1, 2018 to avoid any penalties. Also, if there have been changes to your business for example, mailing address, phone numbers, emergency contacts or other vital information please send us a note with the changes via fax, email or in person and if business is no longer operating notify us in writing so we can place the business as inactive and avoid penalties for operating without a Local Business Tax Receipt.

Contact the Local Business Tax Official, Roberto Quintero with any questions:

Fax: 305-805-5036

Office: 305-805-5000 Ex. 1013 Email: quinteror@miamisprings-fl.gov 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 license, 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. The City Manager shall provide a listing of validated licenses for each fiscal year to the City Clerk.

Do I need a permit?

In general, any maintenance and repairs under \$500** can be done without a permit. HOWEVER, THERE ARE EXCEPTIONS AS **FOLLOWS:**

All Structural work must have a permit. All Exterior Windows or Doors, new or replacement, must have a permit.

All Drywall work must have a permit.

All Stucco work must have a permit.

All Fascia must have a permit (Per Building Official, this is a new rule as it may affect structural, roof, drip, etc.).

All gutters must have a permit.

All Electric other than simple fixture change outs*** must have a permit.

All Plumbing other than simple repairs (leaks, etc.) must have a permit. All fixture additions or replacements must have a permit.

All Mechanical/Air Conditioning work must have a permit. This would include any replacement of condensing units or air handlers and any addition of duct. For other maintenance such as cleaning coils or ducts, the \$500 rule would apply.

All Roofing work valued at over \$300** or 3 squares (3 squares=300 square feet) must have a permit and any roofing with hot mop or structural must have a permit.

Replacing Cabinets does require a permit. By the Electrical Code, if you replace cabinets you must upgrade the electric outlets to the current Code as to distance, number, GFI, etc. so a permit is required for that and for any CHANGE to the plumbing configuration. The cabinets themselves require a miscellaneous permit to inspect that the installation was done properly.

ALL fencing must have a permit.

Any fencing repairs where support posts or poles are replaced must have a permit. If only changing the chain link or wood panels and not changing the support posts, then the \$500 rule applies.

ALL slabs, pavers, driveways, walkways or any other type of permanent ground covering must have a permit (including gravel driveways).

Political Signs

During this election season, please remember the following guidelines regarding political signs:

- 1. Only one sign per candidate or ballot issue per property.
- 2. No Political signs on public property, including your swale area.
- 3. Where there is no sidewalk, please place political signs ten feet from the road-
 - 4. No illuminated signs
- 5. No signs that inhibit visibility or passage on a public right of way.
- 6. Please remove all signs within ten (10) days of the end of the election.





MIAMI PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMEN

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The Parks and Recreation Department serves as a community resource for all of the sports, recreational, and cultural activities in the city, including cooperative relationships with all local groups. The Department is composed of two main buildings and three fields: The Community Center and The Aquatic Center, and Prince Field, Stafford Park, and Peavy Dove Field, to provide opportunities for residents to improve their social, mental, and physical well-being through participation. Below you will find the times and dates for these programs and special events.



The Miami Springs Community Center is getting ready for the Holiday Season! Be Sure to Mark your Calendars!

> Don't Miss your chance to see Santa at the Gazebo or Feel the Magic of The Polar Express at the Aquatic Center!

Operating 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.

Contact Information:

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

OPEN GYM BASKETBALL HOURS:

Monday - Friday

12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.: 18 & Over - \$4 Monday - Thursday Evenings: 6:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. 18 & Over - \$4

Saturday: 7:00 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.:

17 & Under - Free; 18 & Over - \$4

FACILITY RENTALS

- The Multi-Purpose Room is available
- 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/parksan-

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

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.

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

For Information on Athletics & Fitness Programs

(Basketball, Volleyball, Fitness Room, Jogging Track) **Visit:** www.miamisprings-fl.gov/parksandrecreation

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December 1st

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Tree Lighting Ceremony *Pictures with Santa (No Bracelets Required)

December 8th

5:45 p.m. - Santa's Parade kicks off at City Hall 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

- Festivities at the Gazebo*

* Visit with Santa* * Rides*

* Sno Cones and Popcorn*

* SNOW!!!*

(I.D. Bracelets Required) Food For Sale!



Operating Hours

POOL IS HEATED

Saturday

Open Swim:

10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Sunday Open Swim: 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

WEATHER PERMITTING

Contact Information:

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

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

Monday-Friday

Lap Swim: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Open Swim:

3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

- Sufferers of arthritis
- Socialization

POOL AREA RENTALS

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

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

For More Information Contact: The Miami Springs Aquatic Center at 305.805.5078 http://www.miamispringsfl.gov/parksandrecreation/aquatic-facilityrental-information

Fall/Winter Class Times: Mondays & Wednesdays: 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Summer Class Times:

Tuesdays & Thursdays: 6 -7 p.m. 8 Classes 16 Classes

Mondays & Wednesdays: 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Tuesdays & Thursdays: 6:15-7:15 p.m.

Resident \$50 \$80 Non-Resident \$100 *Classes can be completed at your leisure,

and do not expire until used

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

NEW REDUCED RENTAL FEES FOR FALL!!!!

For Information on Aquatic Programs (Swimming Lessons, Swim Fit, and Water Aerobics)

Visit: www.miamisprings-fl.gov/parksandrecreation



December 15th - 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. 12:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. - Polar Plunge (Swimming) 2:30 p.m. Storytime

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Arts & Crafts Visitors will be able to use the pool with paid admission,

must present resident ID in order to pay resident rate.



SPECIAL EVENTS



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. Current financial and programmatic support comes from: the City of Miami Springs, the Alliance for Aging, Inc., the Florida Department of Elder Affairs, the Village of Virginia Gardens, and Mount Sinai Medical Center, participant donations, local business organizations, medical doctors, civic groups and countless volunteers.

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

- 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 currently scheduled for December: Walmart (12/6), Sabor (12/13), Fresco y Mas (11/21) and Publix (12/27).

RECREATION ACTIVITIES:

Recreational and social events are planned each month at the senior center. As of this writing, the following activities are scheduled for December: the monthly birthday and anniversary celebration (12/20); weekly Bingo games (12/10, 12/17, 12/24 and 12/31) and a Super Bingo game sponsored by Care-Plus Health Plans (12/3); and shopping trips to Walmart and various grocery stores each week...

HEALTH SUPPORT PROGRAMS AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS:

Educational presentations are scheduled each month through the sponsornumerous individuals, community service organizations, businesses, and medical facilities. The following topics are currently scheduled for December:

- Captioned Telephones for the Hearing Impaired -- On December 5th at 12:15 p.m., representatives from CapTel will demonstrate a captioned telephone available, at no cost, to those with a certifiable hearing impairment. This amazing amplified telephone provides "captions" of what is being said during a telephone call. CapTel service is designed exclusively for individuals with hearing loss and is funded and regulated by the FCC. Qualified seniors must have an audiologist or doctor complete a form and have a telephone line and an internet signal to receive this free telephone, installation and service.
- Miami-Dade Public Library System's TECHNOBUS -- The library's mobile technology innovation lab will visit the senior center on December 11th from 10:00—11:30 a.m. The brings digital services and devices directly to the senior center and provides residents of all ages with instruction and activities on how to use smart phones, laptops, iPads, MacBook Airs, and Microsoft Surface Pro tablets. Those inter-

ested in learning more about technology are encouraged to stop by and visit.

• "Facts to Know About Abdominal Hernias"-- On December 12th, at 12:15 p.m., Dr. Jennifer Davies will be a guest speaker at the senior center. As a general surgeon, Dr. Davies performs a range of surgeries and operations, usually focusing on areas and organs of the abdomen and their related organs. This presentation is sponsored by Mt. Sinai Medical Center, a not-for-profit teaching hospital, that provides a range of outreach activities, including free lectures and health screenings, for the benefit of the community. In an effort to better serve our seniors, Mt. Sinai offers a monthly lecture series at the

Miami Springs Senior Center over an eight month period each year.

• "Crime Watch" Program- Officers Jorge Capote and Janice Simon, from the MSPD's Community Policing Office, will facilitate the monthly crime watch meeting at the senior center on December 18th at 12:15 p.m. The Officers will inform attendees about current crimes being committed in the City, solicit observations and questions from the participants, and provide tips on how to avoid becoming a victim.

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 & HANDWEIGHT **EXCERSISES**

Mondays & Wednesdays from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Instructor: Natasha Salmon-Cogno

FLOOR YOGA CLASSES

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

Classes meet at the Senior Center.

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Tuesdays & Thursdays from 12:30 —1:30 p.m. Instructor: Judd Zisquit Classes meet at the Aquatic Center. **AEROBIC DANCE CLASS** Mondays & Wednesdays from

WEIGHT EXERCISES and

10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Instructor: Natasha Salmon-Cogno Classes meet at Senior Center.

CHAIR EXERCISE CLASSES

Tuesdays & Thursdays 10:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Instructor: Elizabeth King Classes meet at Senior Center.

"BALANCE and FALL PREVENTION"

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

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
							1 TREE LIGHTING @CITY HALL 6PM-8PM
2		3	4	5 RECYCLING DAY!	6	7	8 SANTA'S PARADE 5:45PM @CITY HALL CHRISTMAS @GAZEBO 6PM -9PM
9		10 CITY COUNCIL MEETING @CITY HALL 7PM ART RECEPTION @CITY HALL 6:30PM-8:30PM	11	12	13	14	POLAR EXPRESS STORY TIME & POLAR PLUNGE @ AQUAT- IC CENTER 12PM-4PM HOLIDAY CAR SHOW @CIRCLE 6PM-10PM
1	6	17	18	19 CONGRESSMAN DIAZ- BALART'S OFFICE VISITS CITY HALL 11AM—12PM DRIVER'S LICENSE SERVICES @MS COMMUNITY CENTER 10AM—2PM RECYCLING DAY!	20	21	22
2	3	24	25 Christmas Day! City Hall Closed!	26	27	28	29
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