



Municipal News

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OCTOBER 2017

In the Spotlight..... MSTV77

Debris Collection Update

What's the progress? An abundance of debris, both natural and artificial (vegetative and non-vegetative), was left throughout our beautiful City swales to be collected, after Mother Nature's wrath early last month. Hurricane Irma left major tree destruction in its fury, and although it may seem like a lifetime for these piles of trash to be collected, the City's hired contractors are working hard to finalize debris pick-up.

The City Manager, William Alonso, wants to inform you that the City of Miami Springs Public Works Department and Crowder Gulf: Disaster Recovery & Debris Management contractors, are now in the 2nd phase of clean-up, which means that alley-way debris collection has begun. Contractors are now collecting stumps and backfilling the holes. Within the next couple of weeks there will be one final pass-through in the City to make sure all Hurricane related debris has been collected. At this time we are asking that all residents go back to placing regular bulk trash collection behind their homes. All fresh green cut vegetation is not considered Hurricane related and will not be collected by contractors.

It is projected that we will complete all debris collection during the week of November 9th. As of Tuesday, October 17th, the volume of collected debris has topped 88,000 of the estimated 125,000 cubic yards left by Hurricane Irma.

Challenges we face. The residential debris mixed piles of vegetative debris with household and construction debris in the early weeks of the process slowed down debris collection. In addition, the recent rain-showers have also decreased the effectiveness of the collection process. Many residents had a significant amount of bulk garbage material along with large bulks of removed vegetation, which also lengthened the pick-up process. We greatly appreciate all the residents and business owners' patience while the cleanup efforts have been taking place. Being now five weeks post-storm, all involved have made great strides in getting our City cleaned up.

In other news, the City of Miami Springs made its video 'television debut' on local channel 77 via Comcast. Every Municipality/City Government is granted a local broadcast, courtesy of Comcast, to inform their residents of important and pressing information.

Furthermore, tune to channel 77 right here from Miami Springs or Virginia Gardens and you will see Miami Springs news and events information. Tune to channel 77 from the city of Coral Gables, for example, and you will see their city news and events information, and so on. City channels were created for residents, business owners, visitors, and anyone tuning in within the city, to be "in the know" of happenings 'around town' (past, present, or future). Some video productions you can expect to see are: Public Service Announcements (PSA) on new rules and regulations for the city, event coverage, upcoming 'dates to remember' such as City Council meetings, special meetings, and other government meeting information, and 'special event dates' such as the Jack-o'-Lantern Festival and Halloween Spooktacular Costume Contest.

Take a LOOK and submit your comments and/or suggestions to humea@miamisprings-fl.gov.

Happy Viewing! Miami Springs TV Channel 77 (MSTV77) is available to Comcast subscribers only.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and the City of Miami Springs is doing their part:



City Sponsored SPECIAL EVENTS

Halloween Spooktacular Costume Contest
Friday, October 27 at 7 p.m. at the Community Center

Jack-O'-Lantern Festival
Saturday, October 28 • 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. on Westward Drive

Veteran's Day Ceremony
Saturday, November 11 • 10:00am at the War Memorial on Curtiss Pkwy

Turkey Trot
Saturday, November 18
Registration: 6:00- 6:45 a.m. on Race Day

POLICE DEPARTMENT

305.888.9711

Halloween Safety Tips

Walk Safely

Cross the street at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks. Look left, right and left again when crossing and keep looking as you cross. Put electronic devices down and keep heads up and walk, don't run, across the street. Teach children to make eye contact with drivers before crossing in front of them.

Always walk on sidewalks or paths. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic as far to the left as possible. Children should walk on direct routes with the fewest street crossings. Watch for cars that are turning or backing up. Teach children to never dart out into the street or cross between parked cars.



Trick or Treat With an Adult

Children under the age of 12 should not be alone at night without adult supervision. If kids are mature enough to be out without supervision, remind them to stick to familiar areas that are well lit and trick-or-treat in groups.

Keep Costumes Both Creative and Safe

Decorate costumes and bags with reflective tape or stickers and, if possible, choose light colors. Choose face paint and makeup whenever possible instead of masks, which can obstruct a child's vision. Have kids carry glow sticks or flashlights to help them see and be seen by drivers.

When selecting a costume, make sure it is the right size to prevent trips and falls.

Drive Extra Safely on Halloween

Slow down and be especially alert in residential neighborhoods. Children are excited on Halloween and may move in unpredictable ways. Take extra time to look for kids at intersections, on medians and on curbs. Enter and exit driveways and alleys slowly and carefully. Eliminate any distractions inside your car so you can concentrate on the road and your surroundings. Drive slowly, anticipate heavy pedestrian traffic and turn your headlights on earlier in the day to spot children from greater distances.

Popular trick-or-treating hours are 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. so be especially alert for kids during those hours.

Homeowners

Make sure your yard is clear of items that can trip the young ones. Pets get frightened on Halloween. Put them up to protect them from cars or inadvertently biting a trick-or-treater. Battery powered jack-o'-lantern candles are preferable to a real flame. If you do use candles, place the pumpkin well away from where trick-or-treaters will be walking or standing.

Make sure paper or cloth yard decorations won't be blown into a flaming candle.

IMPORTANT CALENDAR DATES

City Council Meetings

- City Council Regular Meetings**
- Monday, November 13, 2017 at 7 P.M. at City Hall
- Monday, November 27, 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., Nov. 15 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., Nov. 22, 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.

Recycling Dates

- Wednesday, November 8, 2017
- Wednesday, November 22, 2017

City Hall Closures

- Friday, Nov. 10 – Veteran's Day
- Thursday, Nov. 23 – Thanksgiving Day
- Friday, Nov. 24 – Day after Thanksgiving Day



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SPECIAL PULL-OUT SECTION

HAPPY HAZARDLESS HOLIDAYS

Fall holidays are here and Winter holidays are quickly approaching. We want to wish our residents and visitors a fun and safe season. We sure enjoy seeing the Holiday spirit displayed at our homes and businesses, as we approach Halloween, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, Hanukah, Christmas, and other holidays. This is a reminder that placing decorations on the City right of way, which includes sidewalks and swale areas, is prohibited and could be dangerous to pedestrians and vehicular traffic.

As we decorate for various holidays, please keep safety a priority. Remember there will be families with children walking in the dark, and any obstruction in the right of way could become a safety hazard. To avoid accidents or destruction of private property or City property, we ask that you keep all decorations on your property.

Please do not place decorations on City trees, swales, light post, or across sidewalks. Also make sure to keep your home and property safe.

In an effort to keep our City safe we will be monitoring the right of ways such as sidewalks, swales, and trees for potential hazards. This is a Civil Infraction, therefore a fine could be imposed for violations.

MIAMI SPRINGS CODE OF ORDINANCES

Sec. 114-09. Carrying on business in public places; obstruction of public ways; placement of vending machines; permit for placement of building materials.

(B) It shall be unlawful to obstruct any part of the public streets, sidewalks, parkways, parks, or other publicly owned properties in the City.



Public Works Director Tom Nash pruning a tree.

As we've all learned from Hurricane Irma, the time to prevent storm-related damage to your trees and property is well before a storm hits. Once it happens, it's too late to protect your assets. You should never trim your trees right before a storm! There may not be enough time to pick up the debris, therefore making unnecessary projectiles to your property, as well as your neighbors.

Here's a look at how you can preventatively prune your trees by cutting them back to prevent and mitigate damage during and after a storm.

When you decide to preventatively prune your trees, start by encouraging proper angles: branches that extend upward at 30- to 45-degree angles. Also, look for branches that are too large to support beyond the trunk. Lateral branches should be no more than 50 to 75 percent of the trunk's diameter. Prune to create balanced crowns that promote stability and be sure to re-

move rubbing branches. Finally, don't cut back all the way to stubs.

And it's always a good idea to hire a professional if you can. They have the knowledge and experience needed to properly prune trees. If you see your trees as valuable assets, a certified arborist can help you protect those trees and prevent storm-related damage.

Don't let your trees become dangerous — protect them and yourself when you choose preventative pruning.



ART IN MIAMI SPRINGS



Enjoy exciting new works of art in a variety of mediums at the City of Miami Springs 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. Until November 27th, the Gallery will feature the paintings of **Felipe Melendrez**. To learn more about the Artist or to purchase or commission a work, please visit <http://www.felipemelendrez.com/>

This exhibition is made possible by the City of Miami Springs. 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 at keyt@miamisprings-fl.gov

Coming in December: Featured works by Members of the Hibiscus Fine Arts Guild

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 NOV. BIRTHDAYS

- Daisy Garcia Finance
- Omar Luna Recreation Department
- Mason Kegley Golf Department
- John Mulla Police Department
- Frank Perez Police Department
- Ashley Romeo Police Department
- Lazaro Rodriguez Police Department
- Armando Torre Public Works Department
- Terrence Andrews Public Works Department
- Steven Griffin Public Works Department

Happy Birthday and Best Wishes!

CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS RECOGNIZES OCTOBER EMPLOYMENT ANNIVERSARIES:

- Patricia Mann-Bradley completed 34 years of service (Recreation Dept.)
 - Janice Simon completed 19 years of service (Police Dept.)
 - Leah Q. Cates completed 16 years of service (Police Dept.)
 - Jorge Pacheco completed 13 years of service (Police Dept.)
- Jorge Romeo completed 14 years of service (Public Works Dept.)

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

MIAMI SPRINGS GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

305.805.5180

The Golf Course & Country Club is getting ready for their busy winter season, as 'snowbirds' prepare to fly in and play golf for the next few months. Specific maintenance of the golf course, during the upcoming months, is vital for the preservation of its lush turf. The golf course requires constant maintenance leading up to the winter season in order to fully and successfully preserve its trees, greens, and fairways.



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COMMUNITY CENTER



The Miami Springs Community Center has just ended another successful and exciting basketball camp! Our boys and girls are now ready to take the skills they have learned and shine on the court, just in time for our Basketball League!

Space is still available. Come on in and Register!

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



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

SPECIAL EVENTS



Costume Contest

October 27th at 7 p.m. in the Gym



The Annual Veteran's Day Ceremony will be held Saturday, November 11th at 10:00am
Location: **War Memorial on Curtiss Parkway**
Join us as we celebrate all of our Veterans past and present!



8th Annual TURKEY TROT!!

Saturday, November 18, 2017
Registration: 6:00- 6:45 a.m.

on Race Day

Or pre-register now at the Community Center

Entry Fee:

\$10 and 2 canned goods
All racers/walkers are entered in a special post-event raffle!

T-shirts for participants while supplies last, so sign up early!!

AQUATIC CENTER



Operating Hours

Monday-Friday
Lap Swim:
9:00a.m. – 1:00p.m.
Open Swim:
3:00p.m. – 7:00p.m.

Saturday
Open Swim:
10:00a.m. – 6:00p.m.

Sunday
Open Swim:
12:00p.m. – 5:00p.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.

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



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, participant donations, local business organizations, 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 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 November: Publix (11/2), Walmart (11/16) and Fresco y Mas (11/30).

RECREATION ACTIVITIES: Recreational and social events are planned each month at the senior center. Palm Plaza Healthcare will sponsor free Bingo games on November 13th. Additional Bingo games are scheduled for 11/6, 11/20 and 11/27. Also planned for November are the monthly birthday & anniversary party (11/16) and the annual Thanksgiving Luncheon (11/22).

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 November:

- **Miami-Dade Public Library System's TECHNOBUS** -- This mobile technology innovation lab will visit the senior center on November 14th and 28th, 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 scheduling a session on the bus need to call the senior center at 305.805.5150.

- **"Library Happenings"** – Rita Mayer, Assistant Branch Manager of the Miami Springs Branch Library, will present information about upcoming library services and events on November 14th 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.

- **"Lung Cancer Awareness"** – Dr. Estela Mari Rodriguez, a Pulmonologist, with Mount Sinai Medical Center, will present the topic or "Shine a Light on Lung Cancer" on November 8th at 12:15 p.m. Mt.

Sinai Medical Center will offer a monthly lecture series at the senior center over the next seven months 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.

- **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 November 14th from 10—11:30 a.m.

- **"Crime Watch Program** -- Officers Jorge Capote and Janice Simon, from the MSPD's Community Policing Office, will present the monthly crime watch program on November 28th 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.

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.

NOVEMBER 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6 BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT: 6:00 PM	7 CODE ENFORCEMENT BD: 7:00 PM	8 ARCHITECTURAL BD: 7:00 PM CURBSIDE RECYCLING	9	10 VETERANS DAY! CITY HALL CLOSED!	11 VETERAN'S DAY CEREMONY AT WAR MEMORIAL
12	13 CITY COUNCIL MEETING: 7:00 PM	14 JOINT MEETING COUNCIL & PARKS & PARKWAYS 7:00 PM	15	16	17	18 TURKEY TROT 7:00 AM AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER
19	20	21	22 CURBSIDE RECYCLING	23 THANKSGIVING DAY! CITY HALL CLOSED!	24 DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING DAY! CITY HALL CLOSED!	25
26	27 CITY COUNCIL MEETING: 7:00 PM	28	29	30		

