

City of Miami Springs

News Bulletin



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SEPTEMBER 2013

IMPORTANT CALENDAR DATES

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2013, 7:00 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2013, 7:00 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

RECYCLING:

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2ND
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16TH

Voice your views!

U.S. Congresswoman

Ileana Ros-Lehtinen's Outreach Program:

Ms. Lourdes Ruiz from Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen's office will be available in the Council Chambers in City Hall every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Citizens may contact her at 305.934.9441 or Lourdes.ruiz@mail.house.gov.

SPOTLIGHT ON ... Fall Parks and Rec Activities

As the summer Florida heat gradually subsides, and Springs residents settle into another year of workday and school day routines, it's important to include time for exercise and activities to keep fit, healthy and boost energy levels, too.

Our Community Center, Aquatic Center, tennis courts, bike paths, parks and Golf Course are offering a great variety of recreational opportunities that are sure to please, no matter what your budget and schedule. Check out the detailed monthly listing here, in the News-Bulletin, every month.

Toddlers age 2 to 5 will welcome the October 24th return of Storytime. This free event is held at 11 a.m. on the fourth Thursday of each month at the Community Center. Special guest readers are featured, along with other fun activities.

The Community Center is also the site for the Teen Club for high school boys and girls, Jazzercise, Junior Jazzercise, yoga classes, and the Walking Club. Make new friends in the Fitness Room or on the indoor walking/jogging track. Youth Basketball League registration for 6-15 year olds starts October 14th, and the annual "Spooktacular" Halloween costume contest and haunted egg hunt will be on October 25th.

For details, registration, fees or other information, our great Parks and Rec staff is always ready and helpful at 305.805.5075.

WELCOME

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

Business Connection Group
4471 N.W. 36th Street
Travel agency

Cardiology On Call, P.A.
5201 N.W. 36th Street
Medical clinic

DMR Medical Research
5201 N.W. 36th Street
Medical clinic

Miami Springs Golf Course

305.805.5180

The Golf Course has made major improvements during this past summer and is looking forward to a very busy season. Some of the improvements are a new driving range, a renovation of the practice tee with the new paspalum grass, much improved golf course conditions and a new golf cart fleet that will be put in service on October 1st. Please tell your friends and come out to enjoy a great game of golf. Special rates for Miami Springs residents are available, with proof of residence. See you on the links!



Back-to-School Tips from the Ecology Board

- Save packaging, colored paper, egg cartons, and other items for arts and crafts projects. Look for other ways you can reduce the amount of packaging you throw away and recycle!
- Use and maintain durable products, or ones with a lifetime warranty. Sturdy backpacks and notebooks can be reused for many years, which helps reduce the amount of broken items tossed away each year.

Art in City Hall



Victor Linares, Tiki, C-print, 16" x 20"

Scenic photographs and photo montages by photographer Victor Linares will be featured for "Art in City Hall" during the month of October, 2013.

A resident of Miami Springs from 1987 to 2012, Victor first began his journey into the art world at the Lima Art Institute in Peru where he studied painting and photography. His enthusiasm and appreciation for this medium led to more classes at Miami-Dade College and Florida International University, and to a life-long involvement with capturing and interpreting images through a lens. He has been recognized for his work both locally and nationally and enjoys participating in various art festivals throughout Florida, including Las Olas, Beaux Arts, and Sunfest.

The general public is invited to stop by and enjoy these pieces between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:45 p.m. Monday through Friday. If you live or work in Miami Springs and feel you have some special contribution to make for a future exhibit, please contact Barbara Robinson in the City Manager's Office for information about exhibit requirements and scheduling. You may reach Barbara at 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, line dancing, Salsa dancing, Yoga 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, and as part of a continuing focus on consumer, crime, and wellness issues, health screenings and educational programs have been scheduled in October to include:

- **"ARTHRITIS EDUCATION"** - On September 9th at 12:15 p.m., health educators from Palm Plaza Medical Center will present information on the different types of Arthritis and techniques to manage it if you've been diagnosed with it. Striking one of every five adults, Arthritis is the leading cause of disability in the U.S.;
- **GLAUCOMA & CATARACT SCREENINGS** - A free screening will be provided by the medical staff of The Eye Institute on October 16th from 11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m. and a presentation on "Blindness Prevention" will be given by Chiqui Shirko-Fernandez at 12:10 p.m.;
- **"FIVE WISHES"** - Norma Trabanco, a certified Alzheimer Disease educator with VITAS Hospice, sponsored by La Colonia Medical Center, will present information on Living Wills at 12:15 p.m. on October 23rd. Ms. Trabanco will provide attendees a copy of the "Five Wishes" document, the most popular Living Will in the



Bill Coull(l) and Don Patterson(r) surfing the internet in the Senior Center Computer Lab.

country, to help seniors start and structure important conversations about their care in times of serious illness;

- **"CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAM"** - On October 29th at 12:15 p.m., the MSPD's Community Policing Officers will provide a current update of crimes occurring in the City and offer tips to help one avoid becoming a victim;
- **"9 TIPS for CANCER PREVENTION"** - 30–40% of all cancers may be prevented with lifestyle changes in diet and physical activity, according to the American Cancer Society. Specific dietary tips will be provided on October 30th at 12:15 p.m.; and
- **"SILVER SURFERS"** - A free, intermediate computer and Internet training course for English speaking seniors is scheduled to begin October 15th at the senior center. Sponsored by S.T.E.P.S. in the Right Direction and the Alliance for Aging, Inc., classes will meet on Tuesday mornings from 9:00–11:00 a.m. once a week for a five week period. If interested, please call to register as class size is limited.

Additionally, special program activities will be held in October to include: Senior Yoga classes, Chair Yoga classes, "Let's Dance" fitness classes, chair exercises, line dancing classes, a rummage sale to raise funds for the Senior Citizens Club's entertainment budget (10/22 from 12:15–1:30 p.m.), weekly Bingo games, a field trip to Flagler Street Mall (10/2), the monthly birthday and anniversary party (10/17) and musical entertainment by Giovanni DelGaudio, an exceptional electric guitarist from the MS Middle School (10/25).

The monthly "Calendar of Events" can be obtained at the senior center or viewed online at the City's website, 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.

POLICE DEPARTMENT
305.888.9711

Florida Bans Texting and Driving

On October 1, 2013 Florida State Statute 316.305, known as the "Florida Ban On Texting While Driving Law" will go into effect. The new law bans texting, instant messaging and emailing while driving. The Miami Springs Police Department would like to provide you with some basic information.

The Legislation in its intent to improve roadway safety for all, prevent crashes, and reduce injuries, deaths, property damage, health care costs, health insurance rates, and automobile insurance rates related to motor vehicle crashes, authorizes law enforcement officers to stop motorists.

Florida's "Ban on Texting While Driving Law" applies only to secondary violations; this means for the distracted violation to apply, a texting driver must first be pulled over for another traffic infraction, like speeding or running a stop sign. The law also does not apply to drivers in stationary vehicles.

The new law gives Florida the right to subpoena an accused's cell phone billing records and subpoena the recipients of the text or email to prove its case. That means that the content of the messages will be



admissible as evidence in your texting and driving trial, if it involves a crash resulting in death or personal injury.

First-time violators face a non-moving violation fine. However, second and subsequent violations committed within a five-year period are considered as "moving violations," assessing points to the drivers' licenses, making it easier for auto insurance companies to earmark high-risk drivers so that they can increase premiums or drop them entirely. For instance, texting in a school zone is only a two-point violation, in addition to the points assigned for the moving violation, passing a stopped school bus is four points, and causing an accident is a six-point violation.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
305.805.5170

REDUCE TOXIC STORMWATER RUNOFF

Rain falls on yards, roads and parking lots, flows from the gutters into storm drains, and then washes into tributaries and lakes or bays, carrying pollutants like fertilizers, pesticides, soil, petroleum products and other pollutants. Scientists have discovered that fertilizers and pesticides from residential areas are serious threats to the health of Florida's water and ecosystems.

Runoff containing nitrogen from fertilizers or toxic substances from pesticides can damage aquatic plants and animals that live in fresh and salt water environments.

Florida Yards and Neighborhoods, an educational outreach program, encourages homeowners to water efficiently, mulch, recycle, select the least toxic pest control measures, put the right plant in the right spot, fertilize only when necessary, provide food, water and shelter for wildlife, protect surface water bodies (i.e., bays, rivers, streams, ponds, etc.) and minimize stormwater runoff. Proper implementation of Florida Yards & Neighborhoods practices in your yard will protect the natural environment around us for generations of Miami Springs' residents to enjoy. Please visit the FY&N website for information on what you and your neighbors can do to protect our resources. <http://hort.ufl.edu/fyn/object.htm>

HAZARDOUS CHEMICAL WASTE DISPOSAL

If you have household or hazardous chemi-

cals to dispose of, please remember that it is illegal to dispose of them in your garbage container or bulk trash pile. The proper method of disposal is a site designated for such items. Fortunately for Miami Springs residents, we are only minutes away from the Miami-Dade County Home Chemical Collection site, which is located at 8831 NW 58 Street. The collection site is open from Wednesday through Sunday from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. For more information, please call the collection site at 305-594-1500.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLAINTS 24-HOUR HOTLINE

The Department of Environmental Resources Management (DERM) responds to environmental complaints and emergencies 24 hours a day, seven days a week. If your complaint is an emergency please call 305-372-6955. The following situations should be reported to DERM immediately:

1. Discharges or spills into storm drains, street drains, parking lot drains, waterways, or onto the open ground.
2. Tanker trucks dumping waste into man-holes, drainage structures, or waterways.
3. Any spill or discharge to the environment of suspected hazardous waste, including sewage.

For more information, please visit the DERM website at: <http://www.miamidade.gov/derm/code-report-eviron-comp.asp>

BUILDING & CODE COMPLIANCE DEPT.
305.805.5030

ATTENTION ALL BUSINESS OWNERS

The end of this Fiscal Year 2013 is approaching, which means it's that time again to renew your Local Business Receipt (Occupational License). All Renewal Invoices have been mailed out, so if you haven't received yours please contact the Building or Code Compliance Dept. to obtain a copy of your invoice. Renewal fees are due by Oct. 1, 2013 before a penalty is charged.

Also, if there have been changes to your business, for example, mailing address, phone numbers, emergency contacts or other important information, please send us a note with the changes via fax, email or in person. And if the business is no longer operating, notify us in writing so we can place the business as inactive and avoid penalties for operating

without a license. Our fax number is 305-805-5036, email is BZCP@miamisprings-fl.gov.

Sec. 113-01. License 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.

PARKS & RECREATION DEPT.
305.805.5075/76 1401 WESTWARD DRIVE
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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 at 305.805.5075

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Registration for our School Holiday Program is open. The registration fee is \$35.00, unless registered for ASC; cost is \$20.00 per day. SHP is available for: Teachers Work Days, Christmas Holiday & Spring Break from 7:00am - 6:00pm

GYMNASIUM:

Open Gym Basketball Hours: Tuesday & Thursday evenings 6:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m., Saturday 7:00 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. & Sunday 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. open play, 17 & under Free 18 & over \$4

Open Gym Volleyball: is offered every Friday night from 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. 18 & over \$4.00, 17 & under are free.

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 7:15pm- 8:15pm and Saturday mornings at 8:45 a.m. The cost is \$95.00 for an 8 week session. Please call the Community Center for details.

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

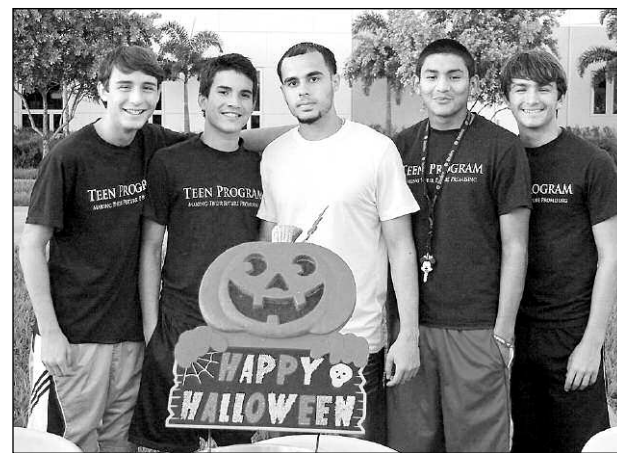
JAZZERCISE:

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.

Tuesday & Thursday Mornings: 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Monday through Thursday: 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday & Thursday: 7:05 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.



Rec Dept. Teen Club members volunteer to make the annual Halloween event a "spooktacular" success

Saturday: 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Jr. Jazzercise:

Tuesday & Thursday: 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. For information visit jazzercise.com or call 305-888-7625

AQUATICS:

Pool Hours

Monday-Friday: Lap Swimming 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Open Swim 3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Saturday: Open Swim 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Sunday: 1:00p.m. - 5:00 p.m., weather permitting

Swimming Lessons: With certified American Red Cross Instructors, and an outstanding facility, the Miami Springs Aquatic Center welcomes all children, ages six months and up, to join our American Red Cross Learn-to-Swim program.

Sessions run every two weeks and swim classes are offered year round. Our prices are \$45.00 per session and we offer various types of classes.

Class Times: 6:00p.m., 7:00p.m.

Water Aerobics: Monday and Wednesday: 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.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

SPECIAL EVENTS

The 8th Annual Halloween event will be held on Friday, October 25th from 6pm - 9pm at Prince Field, the Costume contest will be held at the Miami Springs Community Center at 6pm. The Haunted Egg Hunts will be at 7:30pm by age groups on Prince Field.

Bracelets are required. Bracelets for Miami Springs & Virginia Gardens residents will be for available beginning Monday, October 7th: 5 & under are FREE, 6- 12 year olds are \$2. Bracelets for NON-RESIDENTS will be available on Monday, October 21st: \$10 for ALL AGES.

For more information please call the Miami Springs Community Center at 305-805-5075

HUMAN RESOURCES DEPT. 305.805.5009

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS:

Happy Birthday and Best Wishes to the following City employees:



10/6	Todd Ramirez	10/16	Elora Sakal
10/7	Patricia Mann Bradley	10/24	Rafael Pérez
10/8	Carol Foster	10/26	Jason Hall
10/9	Christine Rodriguez	10/28	Jorge Romeo
10/10	Armando Domínguez		& Eneyra Encarnación

Recognizing long term employees:

The following employees had their anniversary date in September

Karen L. Rosson	completed 36 years of service.
Rosita Hernandez	completed 23 years of service.
Charlene M. Navarro	completed 21 years of service.
David A. Bente	completed 19 years of service.
Terri L. Schuh	completed 17 years of service.
Joyce M. Cox	completed 15 years of service.
Jeanne M. Malden and Roberto C. Gonzalez	completed 12 years of service.

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

October 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 CODE ENFORCEMENT: 7:00 P.M.	2 ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW: 7:00 P.M. CURBSIDE RECYCLING	3	4	5
6	7 BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT/ ZONING: 7:00 P.M.	8 RECREATION COMMISSION: 7:00 P.M.	9 GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB: 7:00 P.M.	10	11	12
13	14 CITY COUNCIL MEETING: 7:00 P.M.	15 EDUCATION ADVISORY BOARD: 6:30 P.M.	16 BOARD OF PARKS & PARKWAYS: 7:00 P.M. CURBSIDE RECYCLING	17	18	19
20	21 REVITALIZATION & REDEVELOPMENT 7:00 P.M.	22 ECOLOGY BOARD: 7:00 P.M.	23 HISTORIC PRESERVATION: 7:00 P.M.	24 CODE REVIEW 7:00 P.M.	25 HAPPY HALLOWEEN	26
27	28 CITY COUNCIL MEETING: 7:00 P.M.	29	30	31	CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS	OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK