

THE MAGAZINE FOR THE CITY WITH EVERYTHING

# CORAL SPRINGS UNDER THE SUN



# City Commission Message

**A**s the city embarks on a new year, we envision 2024 and beyond as a future filled with promise and potential for residents and businesses.

Looking ahead to the future, residents and business owners are invited to join us at the Vision 2035 Summit taking place on Saturday, January 27 at the Coral Springs Museum of Art (2855 Coral Springs Drive.) At the summit, we will work alongside representatives from our community to discuss and explore responses from our visioning survey, which was distributed throughout 2023.

The results will assist with the strategic planning process and budget initiatives, while providing a long-term, aspirational, and flexible framework meant to serve as a blueprint for city planning into 2035. We look forward to coming together as a community, sharing ideas, and collectively shaping the future of Coral Springs.

Downtown Coral Springs is coming to life! The first tenants have moved into the Modera apartments and construction of the North Block is underway. We look forward to welcoming new businesses to the city as they continue to shape our downtown.

The City Clerk's Office regularly updates the Coral Springs website with information about upcoming public meetings, including agenda documents. Public meetings, including Board and Committee meetings, are open to the public. It is important to note for public meetings, if there is not a quorum, the meeting may be canceled.

If you have questions about public notices or meetings, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 954-344-1065.

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If you would like to schedule an appointment with any member of the Commission, please call 954-344-5911.



For more office hours, visit [CoralSprings.gov/events](https://CoralSprings.gov/events).

## Commissioners Elected to Board of Directors and Policy Committees

Commissioner Joshua Simmons was elected to the National League of Cities (NLC) Board of Directors. Commissioners Nancy Metayer Bowen and Joy Carter were appointed to serve on two Florida League of Cities (FLC) 2023-2024 Legislative Policy Committees. Commissioner Nancy Metayer Bowen was selected to serve on the Finance, Taxation & Personnel Committee and Commissioner Joy Carter was appointed to the Land Use & Economic Development Committee.

## QR Codes

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## On the Cover



*In December, the City Hall lawn showcased lighted holiday displays and helped the community celebrate the season in style.*

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# Message from the City Manager

I am incredibly proud of the work city staff planned for and completed during the past year.

The city cut the ribbon on three large projects including the Public Safety and Public Works Campus, the long-awaited Splash-n-Play at Betti Stradling Park and the new Station 64 at Kiwanis Park. These projects are in addition to the repaving of five miles of city streets, the completion of ADA compliant sidewalks and multiple projects to enhance our parks.

We have many new projects planned or underway and recently received federal funding of \$600,000 for drainage infrastructure and security enhancements. In addition, the city sought \$41 million dollars in grant funding and obtained \$7.3 million dollars in that funding, all with the purpose of improving our community through infrastructure, aesthetics and public safety. To learn more about projects led by the city or other agencies in Coral Springs, visit [CoralSprings.gov/workaroundown](http://CoralSprings.gov/workaroundown).

Throughout the year, city staff joined residents for special celebrations honoring the city's 60th year. Events included a Campout, Community Concert, Ice Cream Bash and the city's Largest Pizza Party. For the employees and resident ambassadors who played a critical role in celebrating the city all year, I applaud your efforts and creativity.

Throughout the holiday, we lit up the lawn at City Hall and helped spread holiday joy to underserved families in our community.

I am incredibly proud to serve as the City Manager of a progressive, responsive city like Coral Springs and look forward to sharing our continue progress in the future.



Frank Babinec,  
City Manager



# VISIONS & MILESTONES

## Visioning Summit

Saturday, January 27, 2024

9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Coral Springs Museum of Art  
(2855 Coral Springs Drive)

Join city leaders, community supporters, and local business owners as we map out the future of Coral Springs as part of our in-person Visioning Summit.

All year we've collected responses via our Visioning Survey where residents and business owners have shared their hopes and desires for the City of Coral Springs. At The Visioning Summit, we will delve into the responses and examine the community feedback that will, ultimately, help to shape the city's future goals. Complete the registration form to secure your seat and participate in this important conversation shaping the next era!



**CORAL SPRINGS**  
**VISIONING SUMMIT • 2023**  
IMPRESSIONS ON THE FUTURE

***SPACE IS LIMITED!***



For more information, visit [CoralSprings.gov/visioning](https://CoralSprings.gov/visioning)

## City receives NLC Milestone Award

The City of Coral Springs was recognized by the National League of Cities (NLC) with a Milestone Award at the NLC's City Summit held in Atlanta, Georgia. Mayor Scott Brook, Vice Mayor Shawn Cerra, Commissioner Joshua Simmons, and Commissioner Joy Carter attended the event to represent the city and accept the award. The award is given to cities that have maintained continuous membership with NLC for 50 years. The NLC is an organization of city, town, and village leaders who are focused on improving the quality of life for their current and future constituents.





# CITY CONCLUDES 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



Thank you to all who joined us!

Coral Springs has grown from a master-planned “piece of gold on the gold coast” to a thriving city, with a bright future! We appreciate everyone who celebrated our city’s 60 years in 2023 with fun and unique community events.



WATCH THE RECAP!





60<sup>TH</sup> SIGNATURE ART

60th Anniversary sculpture dedicated

In honor of our 60th Anniversary in 2023, the City Commission approved the Public Art Committee’s selection of “The Living Story of Coral Springs” by artist Casto Solano. The Corten steel-paneled pieces feature engraved depictions of city history during the past six decades and is located next to the Museum of Coral Springs History (10250 NW 29th Street) inside Mullins Park. The public is invited to view this interactive public art during normal park hours.

For more about city history and to schedule a museum tour, visit [CoralSprings.gov/history](http://CoralSprings.gov/history).



# DOWNTOWN & BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

## Modera Coral Springs welcomes first residents

Modera Coral Springs is a luxury, mixed-use apartment community located in Downtown Coral Springs. Featuring spacious one, two and three-bedroom apartment homes, intermixed with ground-level retail, restaurants, and entertainment, the complex aims to provide ample opportunities for residents and the surrounding community to live, work, and play in a bustling downtown setting. The south block is complete and has started to welcome its first tenants, while the north block is currently under construction with an estimated completion date of fall 2025.

### Coming soon:

- Tacocraft (*south block*)
- Gary Rack's Farmhouse Kitchen (*north block*)

[CoralSprings.gov/downtown](http://CoralSprings.gov/downtown)



## Nominate a Business for an Excellence Award

The Business Excellence Awards are given annually to businesses who are located in Coral Springs and who exemplify good business practices. The program was created to give formal recognition to Coral Springs businesses that have contributed to the economic well-being of the city and have demonstrated a commitment to serving customers and clients with integrity. Business Excellence Award winners are featured on several city outlets, including social media, website, e-news, and Under the Sun magazine.

Nominate a business: [CoralSprings.gov/BEA](http://CoralSprings.gov/BEA)



# WORK AROUND TOWN

## City Breaks Ground on Habitat for Humanity Townhomes

Leaders from the City of Coral Springs, along with partners at Habitat for Humanity of Broward, broke ground last fall on new, affordable townhomes at 3630 Riverside Drive in Coral Springs.



## Fire Station 64

We were proud to join the Coral Springs-Parkland Fire Department to officially cut the ribbon at Fire Station 64. Station 64 is located adjacent to Kiwanis Park and serves the southeast edge of Coral Springs. It is named for Russell “Russ” Donovan, former Coral Springs Fire Chief, who was in attendance at the ribbon cutting ceremony last fall.



## Sidewalk Replacements

As part of the annual sidewalk replacement program, the city replaced the existing asphalt sidewalk with concrete and upgraded the ADA ramps at NW 107th Drive.



To learn more about projects led by the city or other agencies in Coral Springs, visit [CoralSprings.gov/workarroundown](https://www.CoralSprings.gov/workarroundown).

**READ MORE  
HERE!**



# PARKS & RECREATION

## Pickleball Rules Reminder

Pickleball is one of the fastest growing sports in our community! That's why it's so important to make sure everyone respects the rules.

### Remember:

- If a game is in progress, use paddle holders to show you are next.
- During peak hours, honor the "4 on and 4 off" system to allow everyone to have a turn.
- Organized groups must reserve a court in advance and obtain a permit.
- Those using more than two pickleballs per court will be considered a private lesson and asked to leave.
- Remember, it's our community and our courts. Follow the rules so we can all have a ball!



## SENIOR PROGRAMS

Coral Springs residents ages 55+ can learn a new language, stay active, sharpen mental know-how, enjoy a musical performance, and more by joining the Senior Center at Sartory Hall (10150 NW 29th Street.) Featuring a dynamic schedule of classes, programs, and groups, taking place year-round, membership is free and open to all senior residents. Membership applications can be requested and completed at the Senior Center. Proof of Coral Springs residency is required. More information can be found at [CoralSprings.gov/Seniors](https://CoralSprings.gov/Seniors).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### OPEN PLAY CHESS JANUARY 3, FEBRUARY 7, MARCH 7, APRIL 3

6-8 p.m. • Sartory Hall  
10150 NW 29th Street

Checkmate! The city's Parks and Recreation Department invites residents of all ages to their open play chess program! It is free to participate, and registration is not necessary.



### FAMILY FUN NIGHT JANUARY 10, MAY 8

6-8 p.m. • Locations may vary  
Family Fun Nights are hosted by the Parks and Recreation Department and bring the community together with a variety of fun and interactive activities such as movie nights, trivia, game nights, and more. For themes and locations, visit:

[CoralSprings.gov/FamilyFun](https://CoralSprings.gov/FamilyFun)

### JUICE BOX JAM JANUARY 18, FEBRUARY 15, MARCH 21, APRIL 18

10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Coral Springs Gymnasium  
2501 Coral Springs Drive

Let's jam! Toddlers and their grown-ups can enjoy play, socialization, and dance in a safe and engaging open play area designed for ages 1 to 4. Upon entry, each toddler will receive a juice box and snack. No registration is necessary. Space is limited.

## Coral Springs tennis instructor travels to Ghana

READ MORE  
HERE!



### SPREADING LOVE THROUGH TENNIS

**W**hen Coral Springs Tennis Instructor David Russell steps onto one of the professionally surfaced, brightly lit, and meticulously maintained tennis courts at the Coral Springs Tennis Center, he's immediately overcome with gratitude.

The privilege of playing at an award-winning facility with 16 courts might be lost on most, but for Russell, a recent trip to an underdeveloped part of the world reaffirmed that not all communities are as fortunate. Russell, along with former Coral Springs Tennis Instructor, Dennis Quaye, recently returned from Tema, Ghana where they held the 3rd Annual Ghana Give Back, a trip planned and organized by "Dennis Tennis Serving Love." The nonprofit organization, co-founded and directed by Quaye, aims to provide under resourced youth the opportunity to learn and enjoy the game of tennis through donations of clothing and equipment, engaging tennis clinics, and empowering health and fitness activities.

"What I hope the Coral Springs community will gain from an experience like this is gratitude," Russell said. "I often find myself

having to remind them (local tennis players) about the blessings they have at their disposal."

While in Tema, the pair – both seasoned tennis experts – worked with children who ranged in age from 4 to 18. They conducted regular, hands-on tennis clinics and donated gently used tennis equipment to the locals. Despite Tema's 2-court facility lacking the bells and whistles that tennis players in Coral Springs would be used to, many Ghanaians still exhibited a newfound love for tennis by the end of the trip, with many even embracing their local courts as a regular "hangout" spot and offering to assist with club operations.



## Tennis Instructor to offer free lessons for children with cancer

Coral Springs Tennis Instructor, Dan Bobrow is known for opening his heart and sharing his love of tennis with those in-need. Bobrow is offering free 30-minute tennis lessons for local children who are currently undergoing active treatment for cancer illnesses. Lessons are offered on Sundays at the Cypress Hammock Tennis Courts from 2 to 5 p.m. The program is offered for Coral Springs residents. Contact the Coral Springs Tennis Center at 954-344-1840 to learn more.



# SUSTAINABILITY EFFORTS

## Coral Springs chosen for Cities Forward Program

The City of Coral Springs was selected as one of just 24 cities among the U.S., Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) to participate in the Cities Forward program, a collaborative initiative between the U.S. Department of State, ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability, Resilient Cities Catalyst, and the Institute of the Americas, taking place now through 2025. Selected from 129 applicants, Coral Springs was chosen for its commitment to urban sustainability, resilience, and inclusion.

Through the program, cities in the U.S. are paired with another city in Latin America or the Caribbean, to share local expertise and global perspectives. Coral Springs has been paired with Freeport, Bahamas, and we plan to work closely with their sustainability representatives to share ideas and projects that will, collectively, strengthen sustainability efforts.

Coral Springs participated in the Cities Forward Program Kickoff in Mexico City. This is the first event of the three-year program aimed to provide a peer-to-peer exchange, capacity building, and diplomatic engagement all focused on resolving critical urban challenges around sustainability, inclusivity, and resiliency.

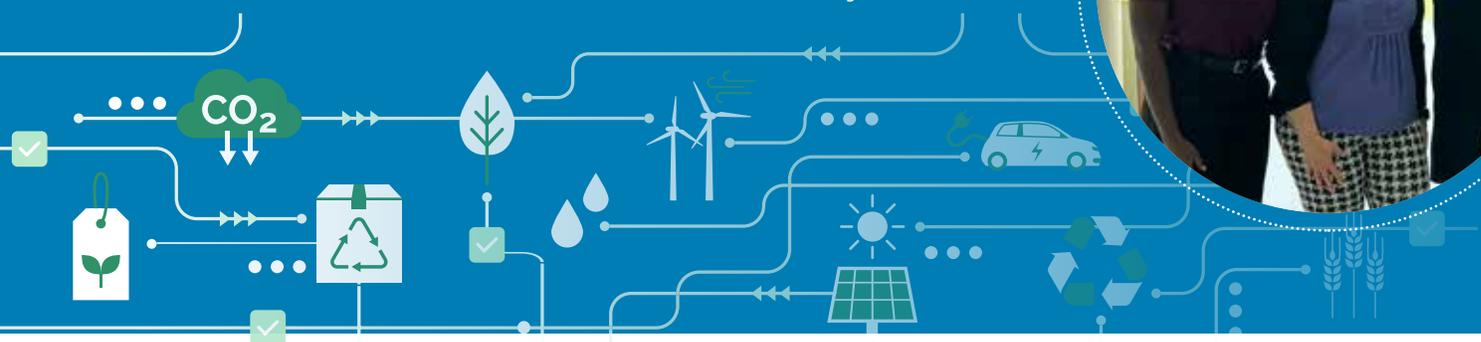


More information about the city's sustainability initiatives can be found at [CoralSprings.gov/GoGreen](https://CoralSprings.gov/GoGreen).

### LOOKING FORWARD TO OUR FUTURE

## Commissioner Metayer Bowen attends county environmental event

Commissioner Nancy Metayer Bowen, alongside city staff, joined forces with experts and leaders from across Broward County to discuss innovative solutions for building a more resilient and sustainable future for our community.



## Coral Springs Community Garden expands

Those looking to test their green thumbs can now apply to lease one of several garden beds available as part of the now-complete expansion of the Coral Springs Community Garden in partnership with the Rotary Club (2915 Sportsplex Drive.)

Nearly doubling the number of available flower and plant beds, the garden has been redesigned to include more than 100 beds available for community use, compared to the previous count of 54 beds. Beds cost \$60 per year for existing members and \$120 for new members. Reserving a bed allows gardeners to sow and nurture plants and flowers within their selected bed for a period of one year. Individuals, families, or groups can reserve their bed on the city's website.

In addition to more beds, the Community Garden also now features an educational garden and a children's garden where volunteers plan to host classes, workshops, and field trips that they hope will encourage further knowledge about Florida gardening and sustainable practices.

Recently, construction was completed on a new Community Garden Pavilion named in memory of Kevin Connor, Jr. The Coral Springs Rotary Club President Stef Verleysen, former Coral Springs Mayor Roy Gold, P&H Interiors owner Susan Connor, and the Levitz Family Foundation teamed up to fund the construction of the pavilion to provide shade and a place for picnics and gatherings. To register visit:

[CoralSprings.gov/garden](http://CoralSprings.gov/garden)



## What's your Recycle Right style?

We all want to do our part for the planet, but recycling can be complicated. We get it! Still, keeping contamination rates low is important to ensure the city's curbside recycling program can continue. That's why we're breaking it down for those who want to **Keep it Basic** or **Be a Little Extra!**

### KEEP IT BASIC

Want to stick to just the basics? Here's what you need to know!

#### You can recycle:

- Plastic water bottles
- Aluminum cans
- Intact Magazines and Newspapers
- Broken-down cardboard and paperboard

**Important:** All materials placed in the blue bins must be clean and dry!

### BE A LITTLE EXTRA!

Are you a recycling aficionado who wants to step up your game? This list is for you!

- Plastic bottles with symbol #1; screw tops only
- Plastic bottles with symbol #2
- Plastic containers with symbol #3 to 7
- Aluminum, steel and tin cans (i.e., coffee cans, vegetable cans)
- Brown, clear, or green glass food and beverage containers
- Mixed paper (i.e., newspaper, mail, magazines, glossy inserts, pamphlets, catalogs, phone books, and office paper; no shredded or smaller than 4 inches)
- Uncoated paperboard (i.e., cereal and snack boxes; no milk or juice cartons)
- Uncoated corrugated containers and cardboard (cut and flatten)



View a complete list of recyclable materials and what not to recycle at [CoralSprings.gov/Recycle](http://CoralSprings.gov/Recycle)

# PUBLIC SAFETY

Our 2023 Public Safety  
'Wrapped Report' is here!



9-1-1 answer times  
are within 10 seconds

**93.98%** of the  
time.

Fire/EMS public education  
programs provided to

**14,000+**  
residents ages 5-11



Water Rescue  
Rings placed  
along bodies  
of water in  
**DOZENS**  
of city parks



**30**

**AEDs**  
placed at  
9 parks and  
City Hall



New promotional/informational  
social campaigns produced  
with over  
**13.8 million views!**



Our fire  
department  
performs  
**HIGHER** than  
the national  
average on  
the Cardiac  
Arrest Registry  
to Enhance  
Survival (CARES).

**THOUSANDS**  
of toys and goods  
given to families  
in need as part  
of our annual  
holiday giveaways  
and toy drives.



## Lithium battery safety

The Coral Springs-Parkland Fire Department is constantly training and evolving our policies and procedures on how to best deal with Lithium-ion fires to keep our community safe. Lithium-ion batteries are the kind you find in everyday items such as cell phones, laptops, hoverboards, and electric vehicles. These types of batteries are useful, however they can be dangerous in certain circumstances such as overheating, physical damage, or if used incorrectly.

### A few safety tips to keep in mind:

- Always use the charger that came with your device
- Keep all batteries away from heated environments and surfaces
- Never throw batteries in the trash
- Never leave batteries charging unattended.

If you notice your device's battery looking "puffy", making noises, or is hot to the touch, immediately stop using it and move it to a safe location, preferably outdoors away from any objects. If it is not safe to handle a battery or device, notify the Fire Department by calling 911 and get everyone out of the area to a safe location.

### LEARN MORE!

[Batteryfiresafety.org](https://Batteryfiresafety.org)

### SHRED-A-THON • FEBRUARY 3

9-11 a.m. • Sportsplex Park  
2575 Sportsplex Drive

The Coral Springs Police Department, in partnership with Shred Monkeys, will host a free touchless Shred-A-Thon event for city residents only at the Sportsplex. All residents are reminded to prevent identity theft, it is critical to properly dispose of information-sensitive documents.

# RECOGNITIONS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## Division Chief presented with Lifetime Achievement Award

Christopher Bator, Division Chief – Safety and Health for the Coral Springs-Parkland Fire Department, was presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Florida Fire Chiefs’ Association. Chief Bator was honored for his unwavering commitment to enhancing Florida’s firefighters’ safety, health, and well-being. He has profoundly impacted the State of Florida and inspired positive changes in the fire service nationwide and here in Coral Springs.



## Community Involvement Unit earns Unit of the Year Award

The Coral Springs Police Department’s Community Involvement Unit was awarded with the Florida Crime Prevention Unit of the Year Award from the Florida Crime Prevention Association. This statewide recognition is a testament to the unit’s outstanding efforts to foster strong connections between our community and law enforcement and their overall success in educating the public to prevent criminal victimization. Our police community outreach is second to none, and this recognition reaffirms the team’s commitment to Coral Springs.



## Battalion Chief honored with Broward County Humanitarian Award



In recognition for his dedication and empathy, Battalion Chief Scott Nebrasky has been honored with the prestigious 2023 Fire Chiefs Association of Broward County (FCABC) Humanitarian Award. Chief Nebrasky’s career, which began in 1983, has been marked by outstanding leadership, unwavering dedication, and innovative approaches in public safety.

The Humanitarian Award highlights his exemplary response during a medical crisis involving one of our employees, showcasing his ability to manage sensitive situations calmly and efficiently. Chief Nebrasky’s selection for this award is a testament to his extraordinary contributions and the deep respect he has earned within the firefighting community.

Congratulations, Chief Nebrasky, on this well-deserved honor!

# EDUCATION

## DID YOU KNOW?

### Top Code Violations

Our Code Compliance Division works hard to ensure the public's health, safety, and welfare through the enforcement of city ordinances and codes. Here are the top three violations reported in Coral Springs and how to avoid them.

Visit our website for resources and more homeowner's tips!



### Meet new Education Relationship Manager

Aiming to increase the quality of education and foster greater partnerships with parents and school leaders, the city welcomed April Wyche, former Country Hills Elementary School Assistant Principal, to serve as its first-ever Education Relationship Manager.

Wyche serves as a connection between the City of Coral Springs, Broward County Public Schools, and the community - with a goal to elevate school-related priorities, interact with local parent groups, develop an alliance among city schools, and increase the flow of school related information to the community.



# OUR COMMUNITY

## Meet Broward County Pioneer, Maureen Berk

**A** longtime Coral Springs resident, community advocate and former Vice Mayor, Maureen Berk, was chosen as a 2023 Broward County Pioneer.

When Maureen and her husband Mickey, moved to Coral Springs in 1972 Sample Road consisted of just two lanes and only one permanent school building to accommodate students. Over the next 51 years, the couple lived, worked, and raised their family, quickly growing to love Coral Springs as more than just a place of residence. It became their cherished home.

Maureen was elected and served on the Coral Springs City Commission from 1994-2003. Among her many accomplishments in office, Maureen was able to secure 12 new school facilities, start new school initiatives, and establish the MLK Scholarship, which has since awarded thousands of dollars to deserving students. In addition to her education-related accomplishments, Berk aimed to enhance the quality of life for residents by spearheading the establishment of senior bus transportation and the creation of the Coral Springs Police bike patrol.

Maureen's passion for her community extended far beyond Coral Springs. She was appointed by the Broward County School Board to serve on the Blue Ribbon Committee; she served on the Broward County Site Acquisition Committee, and President of the Broward League of Cities. In addition, she is the founder and Past President of the South Florida Cancer Hotline.

Maureen Berk's involvement in various volunteer activities reflects her steadfast commitment to improving the lives of Coral Springs' children and residents.

Beyond her public roles, Maureen found joy in various hobbies and personal pursuits,

including her passion for art as an artist for Hallmark cards and her involvement with the Coral Springs Museum of Art as Chair. In addition, she enjoyed watching her three children participate in Coral Springs sports leagues, including baseball, soccer, and cheerleading. She was also involved in the Our Town America festival and established the Coral Springs Community Chest, a non-profit organization that provides community resources to those in-need.



*Maureen Berk at a 1992 swearing-in ceremony*



# ARTS & CULTURE

## MUSEUM OF ART

[CoralSpringsMuseum.org](http://CoralSpringsMuseum.org) • 954-340-5000  
2855 Coral Springs Drive

### EXHIBITIONS

#### Denise Treizman

Main Gallery  
On view: January 18 -  
March 30



#### AP Superintendent Exhibition

East Gallery  
On view: January 18 -  
February 17



#### Empty Walls

East Gallery  
On view: February 22 -  
March 30



## CSMoA PROGRAMS

### ARTventures

Every Saturday • 2-3 p.m.

Limited Seats | Ages 2+  
\$6 Members • \$8 Non-Members

Join the Coral Springs Museum of Art for ARTventures Family Fun Day on select second Saturdays of the month. Together families will enhance their education in arts and culture with creative activities such as storytelling, music, and art making. Each ARTventures is unique and themed to match the current exhibition or season. This is a great opportunity to spend some creative time together.



### New Art & Culture Program Manager

Meet our New Art & Culture Program Manager, Juliana Forero. Forero oversees the Coral Springs Museum of Art and the city's Public Art program.

Her responsibilities include visioning strategizing, and implementing goals and objectives for the continued success of the museum and representation of art the community



THERE'S MORE!



## CORAL SPRINGS CENTER FOR THE ARTS

*TheCenterCS.com • 954-344-5990*  
*2855 Coral Springs Drive*

### UPCOMING SHOWS

An Evening with Sal Valentinetti  
January 20

Yacht Rock Revue  
January 26

In the Air Tonight, Celebrating  
the Music of Phil Collins & Genesis  
January 28

Lucinda Williams and Her Band  
February 3

Funny Women of a Certain Age  
February 15

MusicWorks Presents:  
"Tonight's the Night"  
February 16

MusicWorks Presents:  
Foreigner's Journey  
February 17

Mania - The ABBA Tribute  
February 18

Peter Lemongello, Jr. In Concert  
March 2

Love, Loss and What I Wore  
March 3

## Meet New Center for the Arts Manager



The City of Coral Springs selected Meera Hammad to lead the facility as its new General Manager.

Hammad served as the Marketing Director for the facility, a position she started in May 2014. As General Manager, Hammad is responsible for overseeing The Center's day-to-day operations including staffing, ticketing, marketing, and more. She is also responsible for management of The Center's upcoming programming, including shows.

Ilana Glazer Live!  
March 7

An Evening with Bobby Collins  
March 15

Gary Puckett &  
The Union Gap/The Grass Roots  
March 28

NEXT STOP BROADWAY PRESENTS:  
Legally Blonde the Musical  
April 13

NEXT STOP BROADWAY PRESENTS:  
High School Musical  
April 18

The Price is Right Live!  
May 1

# EVENTS

## MLK ART & LITERARY EXHIBIT JANUARY 6 - 11

Coral Springs Center for the Arts  
2855 Coral Springs Drive

Stop by the Coral Springs Center for the Arts to view the winning work from Coral Springs students. This year's MLK Art and Literary project honors MLK by focusing on the theme - "Dream of Love and Peace: In Color"



## COMMUNITY CONCERT • FEBRUARY 10

7 p.m. • City Hall Lawn  
9500 W. Sample Road

Residents can enjoy live music, food trucks and updates from our City Commissioners. Admission is free.



## MARDI PARTY • FEBRUARY 17

6-8 p.m. • Coral Springs Center for the Arts  
2855 Coral Springs Drive

Party the night away with drinks, music, and, of course, beads at the first-ever Mardi Party at the Center for the Arts. This 2-hour event is for adults 21+. Purchase \$30 tickets at [CoralSprings.gov/MardiParty](http://CoralSprings.gov/MardiParty)

## MLK GOLF CLASSIC • MARCH 8

7 a.m. • Country Club of Coral Springs  
10800 W Sample Road

The Coral Springs MLK Committee hosts a golf tournament to benefit the annual MLK Scholarship Program. More details are available at [CoralSprings.gov/mlkgolf](http://CoralSprings.gov/mlkgolf)



## CORAL SPRINGS FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

Saturday, March 16 and Sunday, March 17  
10 a.m. - 5 p.m. • The Walk  
2570 University Drive

This outdoor festival highlights some of America's finest artisans and crafters as well as music, dance, theater, and literary presentations. More information is available at [csfoa.org](http://csfoa.org).



FOR EVERYTHING CITY EVENTS, VISIT: [CoralSprings.gov/events](http://CoralSprings.gov/events)

### HOPPIN' INTO SPRINGS • MARCH 23

9 a.m. - 12 p.m. • Sportsplex Park  
2800 Sportsplex Drive

Coral Springs residents will enjoy a morning hunting for eggs and spring-themed activities. Registration is required. For details, visit [CoralSprings.gov/egghunt](http://CoralSprings.gov/egghunt).



### GAME NIGHT AT THE DEN • MARCH 28

6-8 p.m. • Panthers IceDen  
3299 Sportsplex Drive

All ages are invited to the IceDen for a cool night of interactive games, plus a party DJ, food, ice skating, and more. Admission is free.



### TEEN POLITICAL FORUM • APRIL 4

6:30-9:30 p.m. • Center for the Arts  
2855 Coral Springs Drive

High school students are encouraged to participate in this open mic-style forum where they can raise questions and converse with state, county, and local elected officials about issues that are important to them.



### MAYOR'S CHESS CHALLENGE • APRIL 27

10 a.m. - 12 p.m. • Mullins Hall  
10150 NW 29th Street

Families and students of all ages are invited to join Mayor Scott Brook along with elected officials and community leaders, for a game of chess. This is a free, open play event, so registration is not necessary.



### EARTHFEST • APRIL 27

9 a.m. - 12 p.m. • Sawgrass Nature Center  
3000 Sportsplex Drive

The city will celebrate Earth Day by hosting an EarthFest celebration, including a native plant giveaway for residents.



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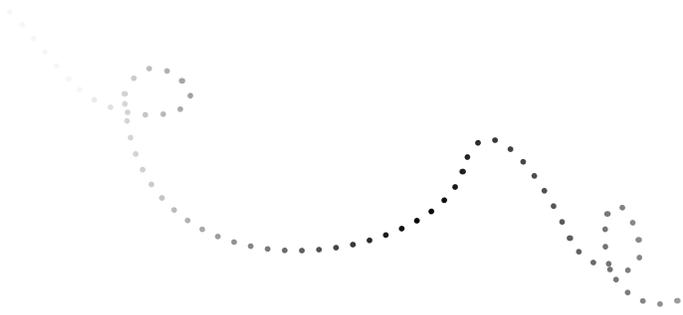
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**PICTURE PERFECT MOMENTS!**

From festivals that celebrate art and culture, commemorations, celebrations and milestones, residents came together in many ways over the past year. These moments are a testament to the power of community and reaffirm Coral Springs is the premier community in which to live, work, and raise a family.





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