

City Commission Message

pring has arrived, summer is fast approaching, and we are excited to share the recent progress and upcoming initiatives within our community.

As a Commission we are very appreciative for the community's participation in the recent Visioning Summit where we gained valuable insights from residents in six key focus areas of city aesthetics, education, city events, housing, parks programming, safety, and economic development. The next phase of the process includes transitioning from "Vision to Action." This phase will see the transformation of ideas into tangible initiatives over the next decade. Together, we will collaborate closely with city leadership to implement innovative solutions and address the needs identified through the survey process.

Through resident feedback, and as part of our strategic goal to be a healthy, active community, we recognize residents want an outdoor destination attraction. We are pleased to share that the "Everglades Loop" project, intended to serve this purpose, is moving ahead. The loop will aim to physically connect Coral Springs to the Everglades and provide enhanced recreational opportunities for residents and visitors alike. The continued development of this project falls directly in line with our dedication to environmental consciousness and sustainable growth. We look forward to keeping the community updated on its progress.

Since launching our Sustainability Action Plan in 2022, we have made significant progress toward establishing a more environmentally sustainable Coral Springs. Recently the city launched household composting, which allows residents to collect food waste and drop it off at the Waste Transfer Station. From composting, to decreasing the dependence on single use plastic, and additional initiatives, we remain dedicated to ensuring a more sustainable and resilient community.

We are proud of our open and transparent approach to government, from public Commission and Workshop Meetings, to office hours, we enjoy meeting with and hearing from residents and business owners.

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









GET INVOLVED!

Residents and business owners who want to get more involved in government are invited to join our Boards, Committees or Groups. These active volunteers meet regularly and provide a vital community service. To learn more about vacancies, visit our website.

Youth Mock Commission Meeting

Coral Springs City Commissioners handed the gavel to some of the community's future leaders as part of a Youth Mock Commission Meeting held in City Hall Commission Chambers. More than 40 5th graders, representing nine elementary schools, participated in the meeting that was structured to mirror a real commission meeting and that allowed students to discuss and vote on a fictitious topic of public interest. Students were assigned roles including Mayor, Vice Mayor, Commissioner, City Clerk, residents and more.











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FLC Home Rule Hero

The Florida League of Cities (FLC) recognized Coral Springs Commissioner Joy Carter with the 2024 Home Rule Hero Award for her work and advocacy efforts during the recent Legislative Session. Commissioner Carter worked tirelessly throughout the session to protect the Home Rule powers of Florida's municipalities.

Message From The City Manager

am pleased to share an update on our accomplishments and plans for the City of Coral Springs in 2024.

Exciting improvements have been made at our city parks, including the addition of fitness stations, an obstacle course, and expanded Pickleball courts at Riverside Park. On the western edge of the city, we have placed an Earthcam that overlooks the expansive Everglades. Viewers have enjoyed watching radiant sunsets on this 24/7 livestream and will be able to see the progress once our Everglades Loop project begins to take shape.

In emergency situations, our public safety teams consistently deliver a timely and reliable response. The expectation for greatness starts at the training level. Our Coral Springs Regional Institute of Public Safety (CSRIPS) was selected this year as the 'Florida Fire Service Training and Education Provider of the Year, for a record-setting fifth time by the Florida Fire Training Directors Association. I am immensely proud of this honor and appreciate the hard work of our CSRIPS staff and instructors.

This year's Business Excellence Award winners showcase the best of our commerce community. I am pleased to see a range of industries, sizes, and specializations represented among the winners, and I look forward to watching as these businesses grow, thrive, and contribute to the economic vitality of the city.

At the State of the City event held earlier this year, our Commission and city staff recognized the many volunteers who provide continuous support and selfless service across many city functions. It is incredible how many ways our volunteers show up to support this community and I applaud those efforts.

On behalf of the City of Coral Springs, it is our honor to fulfill the strategic priorities set forth by our City Commission which ensure we remain the premier community to live, work and raise a family.

Frank Babinec, City Manager











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THE MAGAZINE FOR THE CITY WITH EVERYTHING



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OUR COMMUNITY

Local Business Owner Chosen as MLK Monument Winner

The Coral Springs Martin Luther King, Jr. (MLK)
Committee voted to award the 2024 MLK Monument Award to local business owner and philanthropist, Dan Bruck, owner of Kilwins Coral Springs, for his valuable service and contributions to the Coral Springs community.

As the owner of Kilwins Coral Springs for 22 years, Bruck not only serves hand-crafted chocolates, creamy fudge, and original recipe ice cream, but he also devotes himself to paying it forward with donations, fundraising initiatives, and overall support. In recent years, Bruck has donated items from Kilwins to support fundraising initiatives for

many local organizations in Coral Springs. Bruck has also supported the Coral Springs Annual MLK Golf Tournament with raffle baskets that helped raise crucial funds for the MLK Scholarship Fund.

The MLK Monument Award honors local individuals or organizations who embody the ideals of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



HONORING OUR HOMETOWN HEROES

We are proud to honor military veterans and active-duty service members through our Hometown Heroes Banner program. Coral Springs residents or business owners are encouraged to submit their military family members for recognition:

CoralSprings.gov/heroes.



NEW COMMUNITY BUS ROUTES!

Effective immediately, the blue and green community buses have new routes. To plan your route and explore all available stops, visit the city's website today:

CoralSprings.gov/communitybus.

LYNNE JOHNSON AWARD WINNERS

We're pleased to announce the six Lynne Johnson Award Winners for 2024. This program recognizes city volunteers who went above-and-beyond during the past year to support our community. The City of Coral Springs relies on its volunteers to contribute to our city's success.



Valerie
Campbell:
Senior Making a
Difference



Joseph
Martinez:
Working with
Senior Citizens



Kasey Ardron: Youth Making a Difference



Chuck James:Committed to
Enhancing City
Services



Audrey Ehlin (Posthumous): Enhancing the Lives of Coral Springs Residents



Dylan Cordoba: Enhancing and Preserving the Natural Environment in Coral Springs

SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESS!

BUSINESS EXCELLENCE AWARDS WINNERS 2024

Congratulations to the winners of our 2023 Business Excellence Awards! These shining stars contribute to the economic vitality of our city by creating job opportunities, generating revenue, and embracing a spirit of community pride.



Commissioner Award: Friends & Family Spinal Care



Heart of the Community: Hellenic Republic



Sustainability: YOUniversal Yoga



Legacy Award: Darby's Florist



ESG (Event Services Group)



Company to Watch: Genesis Counseling

NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTION

The city was proud to partner with the Crossings community at Paul Barre Memorial Park as part of our Neighborhoods with Integrity initiative. The goal for the meet and greet is to foster community pride and connect city staff with the community. If you have a project or program you would like to see started in your neighborhood like a landscape project, educational gathering or friendly sporting activity, apply today at: CoralSprings.gov/NWI.



NOBODY FIGHTS ALONE

The City of Coral Springs was proud to support and participate in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life held at Coral Glades High School. This volunteer-led event celebrates cancer survivors, honors loved ones lost to cancer, and raises funds for cancer research and advocacy. So many in our organization and in our community have been impacted by cancer and this participation is part of our ongoing commitment to cancer prevention.

EDUCATION

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

Meet the Marvelous Moms of the Coral Springs Parent Education Group

ehind most successful children is a dedicated mom who supports their dreams, nurtures their talents, and advocates for opportunities in their education.

Nearly 50 moms of Coral Springs students comprise the Parent Education Group, a group made up of officers from parentteacher organizations, city leaders, and the city's Education Relationship Manager, who meet quarterly to discuss topics of interest to local schools, to share ideas, and to stay informed on local government decisions that may affect schools.

Meet three moms who are active members of the Coral Springs Parent Education Group and learn why it's important to them to remain involved in their child's education.

Eunhye Leung:

Mom Eunhye Leung still remembers attending her first meeting of the Parent Education

"I was amazed at how much our city cared for our schools and was willing to listen to us to see what they could do to support our kids in Coral Springs," Leung said.

Since that first meeting. Leung, along with the other parents in the group, have made an impact in the community with their involvement. Leung, who is mom to Country Hills Elementary School students, first got involved in the school's PTA, then the Student Advisory Council (SAC), and Student Advisory Forum (SAF) meetings. She guickly found that, through her involvement, she could help to create a positive learning environment for her children and other students in their class.

Moving forward, Leung hopes more parents will get involved in their children's education. She feels that when parents realize how important it is to

be involved in their child's school, they can become advocates for all children and create an environment where they can flourish.

Nicole Morst:

Nicole Morst believes that there is a need, now more than ever, to get involved in the community. Upon moving from Texas to Florida, Morst, a mom of three, and PTSO President of Coral Glades High School, joined the Parent Education Group to stay informed about policies



Volunteering is not just cutting paper. It's advocating for things that you see a need for.

- NICOLE MORST, PARENT EDUCATION GROUP MEMBER

that could affect her children's education.

"There are so many ways you can make real change. There is a great need for community participation," said Morst.

For Morst, the most important part of the Parent Education Group is, "building relationships and collaborating with city leaders to support our schools." Looking forward, Nicole hopes that Coral Springs will embrace a "small town in a big city feel" for the children. Nicole further emphasizes the importance of helping neighbors, supporting youth, being a role model for children, and making an overall difference in the community. Through the Parent Education Group, Morst hopes that she can be a small part of the big change needed to inspire others to get involved. Nicole plans to continue to inspire and be a part of the change our city needs to support the schools and families.

"It really does take a village," says Morst.

Stephanie Garcia:

As an active mom of two boys, ages 4 and 7, Stephanie Garcia and her family typically enjoy "all things sports and outdoor activities."

When she's not cheering for her boys on the sidelines during a North Springs Little League game, coaching youth volleyball in a nearby city, or helping families through her full-time career in wealth management, Garcia is busy planning parties, developing fundraisers, and staying involved in her oldest son's education as Eagle Ridge Elementary PTA president.

Garcia also serves as part of the Coral Springs Parent Education Group, a coalition that she feels has the potential to serve as a foundation for future parents to increase their involvement in their child's education.

"I love how the Parent Education Group has brought together a group of PTA/PTO and local officers together who want to connect on a much deeper level to, not only

deeper level to, not only advocate for our school, but also to bring our voices and community of Coral Springs together," Garcia said. "I am looking



forward to all the wonderful accomplishments we will continue to make as we pave the way for a brighter future for all children."

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MORE INFO

CoralSprings.gov/Schools





Coral Springs Charter School: 25th Anniversary

Cheers to 25 years! The Coral Springs Charter School opened on August 28, 1999, at the former site of the Coral Springs Shopping Mall. The structure was converted into a middle and high school, and, today, serves students in grades 6 through 12. Coral Springs Charter School has consistently received an "A" grade based on the state's

school grading system and was recently ranked 9th in Broward County for Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) Testing, which meant 83% of 2023 graduates passed the AICE or Advanced Placement (AP) test. earned industry certification, or participated in a dual enrollment class.

SAT PREP COURSE NOW OFFERED

To invest in the academic future of Coral Springs high school students and reaffirm our commitment to improve educational offerings, the city provides the opportunity for students to enroll in an intensive SAT-prep workshop for \$20 per student. This initiative is part of the city's ongoing commitment to elevate school-related

priorities. Offered in partnership with ScoreAtTheTop Learning Centers and Schools, the course allows students to practice with real tests, master time management, learn multiplechoice test-taking strategies. and gain confidence. The final session of the year will take place on Saturday, May 18 at Coral Springs Charter School

(3205 University Drive) from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Pre-registration is required for participation.



MORF INFO CoralSpringsSATPrep.com

SUMMER CAMP FUN GUIDE

Whether your child loves art, drama, sports, or something in between, Coral Springs has exciting summer camps for all ages and interests. We encourage you to check out our full list of camps to find the perfect fit for your child!

Safety Town (ages $4 \frac{1}{2}$ -6):

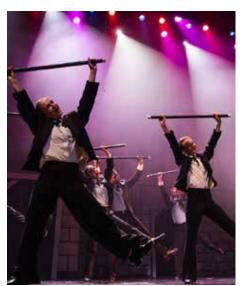
Offered weekly through July the camp teaches children valuable lessons about bike safety, fire safety, and personal safety at the fun and interactive "Miss Mary's Place" at Kiwanis Park. Participants can only enroll for one week throughout the summer.

Tennis (ages 5-16):

Hosted at the Tennis Center, the camp includes instruction, games, rules, and competition. Students are grouped according to age and ability level.

Museum of Art (ages 6 ½-12):

Introduce your mini masters to the magic of art! Discover the museum through hands-on artmaking activities using many materials and techniques such as painting, collage, sculpture, and more.



Camp Wild (ages 6-12):

Held at the Sawgrass Nature Center, the outdoor atmosphere and wide range of activities make this camp a one-of-akind experience! Each week will feature a different nature-filled theme and will include arts and crafts, science experiments, outdoor exploration, and animal encounters.

Next Stop Broadway

(Youth/Teen options):

The premier training center for young performers in South Florida for the last 22 years is back for another show-stopping summer at Next Stop Broadway! Star in a musical and train in acting, singing, and dancing all summer long.

LEARN MORE!

For all available camps, visit **CoralSprings.gov/camps.**





SENIOR CORNER:

At the Senior Center at Sartory Hall, age is just a number! Embracing the spirit of their golden years, seniors ages 55 and older find joy and purpose in many engaging activities.

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LEARN MORE!

CoralSprings.gov/seniors







PARKS & RECREATION

Four ways to Stay Heart Healthy in Coral Springs

mall heart healthy actions, like visiting a park, taking a CPR class, or eating garden grown vegetables can make a big difference to protect our hearts. Here are four ways to stay heart healthy in Coral Springs:

1. Stay Active:

Fresh, crisp morning air, along with greenery, is everywhere you look in Coral Springs. The easiest way to stay heart healthy is to stay active. The City of Coral Springs maintains 49 parks with pathways to take leisurely strolls, stations for various exercise routines, playgrounds meant for free play, and more. Natural outdoor environments can increase blood circulation to the brain, lower blood pressure, and much more.



2. Get AED or CPR Trained:

Properly trained bystanders can be the difference between life and death if someone experiences a heart emergency. That is why it is so important to stay up to date on AED and CPR best practices. The City of Coral Springs holds AED and CPR training sessions to keep residents prepared for all situations. These courses can keep our community heart healthy and even save lives. Class information can be found at 911cpr.org.



3. Grow at Our Community Garden:

At the Coral Springs Community Garden (3000 Sportsplex Drive) the use of non-organic fertilizers and pesticides is prohibited to keep the vegetables as healthy

and clean as possible. Residents can reserve a bed as a new gardener for \$120 or \$60 for existing gardeners.



4. Visit Our Peace Garden or **Natural Areas:**

A calm and peaceful walk is sometimes exactly what's needed to reduce stress and a busy mind. Our International Peace Garden was built with the intent for quiet times and peaceful reflection. Coral Springs is full of other natural areas for residents to unwind and connect with their surroundings.



UPCOMING EVENTS:



FAMILY FUN NIGHT • MAY 8

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

Get ready for an evening filled with excitement, activities, and free ice skating provided by the Parks and Recreation Department. Residents Only. Please be sure to enroll EVERY MEMBER of the family who will be attending the event, regardless of if they are skating or not.

JUICE BOX JAM • MAY 16

10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Coral Springs Gymnasium 2501 Coral Springs Drive

Let's jam! Toddlers and their grown-ups can enjoy play, socialization, and music in a safe and engaging open play area designed for kids ages 1 to 4. No registration is necessary. Space is limited.







LET'S PLAY! CHECK OUT THESE RECENT PARK IMPROVEMENTS

Riverside Park

The fitness park at Riverside Park provides an optimal space for regular fitness groups, high school sports teams, and individual athletes who use our facilities for training and exercise.

The park features: fitness stations, an obstacle course, pickleball courts, basketball courts, group training areas, an improved walking path and a new playground dome.

Aquatic Complex

Swim teams, water enthusiasts — and even prospective Olympians — can now utilize enhanced features at the Coral Springs Aquatic Complex (12441 Royal Palm Blvd.) thanks to an American Rescue Plan (ARPA)-funded renovation project that includes critical infrastructure replacement of the upper and lower pool decks, installing new starting blocks and diving boards, and additional improvements to come in future phases.

PUBLIC SAFETY

WATER SAFETY: SIMPLE STEPS, SAVE LIVES

In Florida, drowning is the leading cause of death for children under age five. It only takes seconds for an unattended child to get into trouble in the backyard pool, canal, or pond.

Parents, remember the following:

- Remind your children not to go near a pool without an adult.
- Tell children if they see someone struggling in the water, not to jump in, rather run and get an adult to help.
- Have children practice going into the pool while wearing clothing to experience the sensation.

- Remind children that if they fall into a pool, not to panic, turn around, find the wall, and climb out or yell for help.
- Take turns assigning a responsible adult to watch the children while swimming or playing near the pool.
- Install water barriers such as fences and gates with locks.
- Learn CPR so that you can jump into action during an emergency until help arrives.

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LEARN MORE!

CoralSprings.gov/watersafety









CORAL SPRINGS PUBLIC SAFETY MEMORIAL GARDEN

The City of Coral Springs, and unions that represent the city's police and fire departments, have been working to create a memorial in honor of fallen police officers, firefighters, and dispatch personnel at the Public Safety Building (2801 Coral Springs Drive.) The memorial will offer a gathering space for reflection and remembrance.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

SHRED-A-THON • MAY 4

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

The Coral Springs Police Department will host a free Shred-A-Thon event for city residents. Limited to three file-size cardboard boxes or reusable bins per vehicle.

WATER SAFETY DAY • MAY 18

10 a.m. - 2 p.m. • Coral Springs Aquatic Complex • 12441 Royal Palm Blvd

The Coral Springs-Parkland Fire Department invite you to participate in water safety activities and learn about resources to keep your child safe around water.



Coral Springs Training Institute Receives State Recognition

he Coral Springs Regional Institute of Public Safety (CSRIPS) was selected as the 'Florida Fire Service Training and Education Provider of the Year' for a record-setting fifth time by the Florida Fire Training Directors Association.

Previously honored in 2007, 2011, 2013, and 2017, this 2023 award further solidifies the institute's outstanding contributions in the field of fire service training and education.

Established in 1999, CSRIPS has demonstrated excellence in fire service training, significantly impacting not just the South Florida region but also state and national levels. With a diverse range of innovative programs, including minimum standards firefighter, emergency medical technician, paramedic, AED, stop the bleed, fire service career development, and technical rescue to name a few. CSRIPS also provides crucial training such as Struggle Well, a mental wellness

initiative geared towards the well-being of first responders. CSRIPS has consistently adapted to the evolving needs of the fire service community. These programs and the institute's innovative training methods set CSRIPS apart in its field.

This award highlights CSRIPS's significant community outreach efforts and its role in hosting critical fire service projects, such as the annual Job Fair & Career Expo and the Fire Explorer/ Cadet Competition. These initiatives not only aid in professional development but also foster community engagement and support.

LEARN MORE!

For more information about the Coral Springs Regional Institute of Public Safety and its programs, visit *csrips.org*.

SUSTAINABILITY

City Launches Household Composting

oral Springs residents can help make our community more sustainable and environmentally friendly by participating in the city's new composting program. The program provides residents an opportunity to drop off approved food and yard waste items at the Waste Transfer Station (12600 Wiles Road) every Saturday from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Composting is the process of naturally decomposing organic materials, such as food waste and yard clippings.

The resulting "compost" is a nutrient-dense soil amendment. The practice sustainably diverts waste from incinerators and landfills. It also lowers greenhouse gas emissions. Compostable wasted food is responsible for 58% of landfill

methane

emissions, and methane is more than 28 times more potent than carbon dioxide at trapping heat in the atmosphere.

The Compost Coral Springs program aims to reduce waste by diverting organic material from landfills and incinerators. many of which in South Florida are reaching capacity. Eco-conscious residents who want to participate are instructed to collect materials at home in a bucket with an airtight lid or any type of sealed container and empty that container during designated hours for the program.

The Compost Coral Springs program is being run in conjunction with Filthy Organics, a local business through which professional composters collect and safely manage materials from homes and businesses.

Compost Coral Springs is offered free of charge and is available to all residents. ID with proof of residency is required at the time of material drop off.

I FARN MORE! For all things composting, visit: CoralSprings.gov/compost

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EMERALD AWARD RECOGNITION

We are so proud that the Coral Springs Community Garden and Food Forest was honored with the prestigious 2024 Emerald Award during the Broward County Water Matters Day event. This recognition celebrates our city's commitment to sustainable practices and eco-conscious initiatives.



WATERWAY CLEANUP

The city participated in the **Broward County Waterway** Clean Up, organized by the Marine Industries Association of South Florida. City staff joined community volunteers to collect four yards





FROM THE EVERGLADES TO YOUR SCREEN: CITY LAUNCHES NEW EARTHCAM

Those across the globe can now catch a glimpse of the western edge of Coral Springs thanks to a new EarthCam livestream camera at Sportsplex Drive facing west to the Florida Everglades. Viewers

can enjoy our majestic Florida sunsets, see the weather approaching in from the west, and monitor progress during the construction of the city's planned Everglades Loop and Overlook. In addition, it

has views of the Sawgrass Expressway traffic patterns between the Coral Ridge/ Atlantic Avenue exits. TAKE IN THE VIEW! CoralSprings.gov/Earthcam

IMPORTANT UPDATE!

New Solid Waste Provider for Trash and Recycling Pickup Effective Oct. 1

Following a detailed vetting process, the Coral Springs City Commission unanimously approved the selection of Coastal Waste & Recycling (Coastal) of Boca Raton as the new solid waste provider for the City of Coral Springs.

The city was required to seek proposals for a new contract

Coastal

for solid waste collection due to the completion of the existing contract, including all extensions, with Waste Pro, USA (Waste Pro), the city's trash hauler since 2013. Coastal will be responsible for the collection of solid waste, recyclables, yard waste, and bulk trash in Coral Springs, effective October 1, 2024. The contract will run through September 30, 2031,

> and will include two options for five-year renewals. Service disruptions are

not anticipated during the solid waste provider transition; however, some routes and pickup schedules may change.

Residents should continue to use their current collection carts. Coastal will provide additional communication to residents and businesses via mail and through the city's website, eNews, and social media outlets starting this summer.

..... FOR ALL UPDATES: CoralSprings.gov/waste

Flooding: Know Your Risk

ARE YOU PREPARED?

he South Florida rainy season can bring threats of street flooding and rising canal levels in Coral Springs. Our Public Works Streets and Stormwater Division works to ensure the storm drains are clear of debris all year; however, a large amount of rainfall in a short period can burden any drainage system. The City of Coral Springs voluntarily participates in the Community Rating System program to increase the awareness of flood protection and prevention principles throughout the city.

Know Your Flood Hazard: The most common cause of flooding in Coral Springs is excessive rainfall. Between hurricanes and heavy summer storms, we face these events yearly. Even though much of the city is not considered within the special flood hazard area, that does not mean properties are exempt from flooding.

Insure Your Property: Based on the frequency of heavy rainfall events, and because more than 25% of all flood insurance claims are issued to properties that are not located in the special flood hazard area, officials strongly encourage all property owners to invest in flood insurance.

Protect People: When encountering flood waters of an unknown depth, DO NOT attempt to cross. There may be underlying hazards that are not visible. In the case of

a flood, you should avoid all flood waters and in the unlikely event of an evacuation order. you should designate a location where your family can meet if needed.

General emergency preparedness: In addition to hurricane preparations, CoralSprings.gov provides information for general emergency preparations, including tips and recommendations, such as taking a photo inventory of all of your belongings and placing your important financial and insurance information in a safe place. Residents are encouraged to sign up for text alerts

Build responsibly: Be sure to obtain a building permit from the Building Department. The permit review process will ensure your project is at or above any required elevations. Most properties contain a designated drainage easement along the property line that should not be impeded.

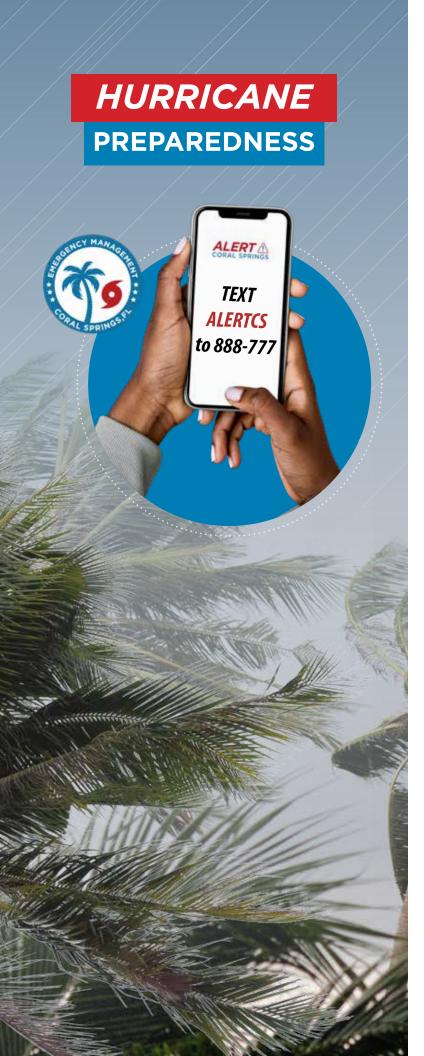
Protect Floodplain Functions:

Chemicals and other pollutants should not be dumped into the storm drains. Other pollutants can also include open soil areas on construction sites. If you see a broken silt fence, please report it to the Engineering Department at 954-344-3458.

Protect Your Property: The simplest way to protect your property is to keep our stormwater system free of debris and trash. Manufactured debris should be properly disposed of. Grass clippings and yard waste should not be blown into the street or storm system.

Be "flood" educated: It's important to be familiar with the various topics covered here, and you can gain more insight by visiting our website at CoralSprings.gov/flood.





HURRICANE SEASON

Before:

The City of Coral Springs is dedicated to helping residents prepare for the potential impacts of a hurricane and offers these recommendations to properly prepare for a hurricane ahead of time:

- Sign up to receive emergency alerts by texting the keyword AlertCS to 888-777
- Make sure to have enough food and water for each person for at least five days. We recommend having one gallon of water per person, per day.
- Fill prescriptions and have medicines on hand.
- Store enough batteries and chargers for flashlights, cellphones, and radios.
- Gas up vehicles.
- Have extra cash in your wallet.
- Strengthen your home (trim trees on your property, get approved window coverings, secure all loose outdoor items.)

After:

After the storm has passed, residents are asked to follow these guidelines to prepare their garbage and debris for collection.

- Place household municipal waste (garbage) in your garbage can or cart at the curb or swale on your next regularly scheduled day.
- Keep waste separated: regular garbage from vegetative waste, and nonvegetative hurricane debris, such as broken fences and patio furniture, separate from garbage and vegetative waste. These items will be collected separately, with regular garbage being picked up first.
- Do not place debris items in your garbage can or cart.

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LEARN MORE!

CoralSprings.gov/Hurricane







ARTS & CULTURE

CORAL SPRINGS MUSEUM OF ART

CoralSpringsMuseum.org • 954-340-5000 2855A Coral Springs Drive

Current Exhibit

Which Side Are You On?

Presented by Toxic/Nature Studio, featuring photographs by Scott Schneider

East Gallery On view through July 20

Toxic/Nature Studios features environmental photography by Scott Schneider that celebrates the majesty of nature and laments its demise. in small moments. Using closeup macro techniques with his iPhone, the photographs express Schneider's appreciation for and concern about the environment. With the practice of taking photos daily of his surroundings, Schneider creates archival, digital prints from these images using environmentally friendly inks on bamboo paper.

Near the rivers, there are many large springs

Milena Arango, Donna Ruff, KX2 (Ruth Avra and Dana Kleinman)

Main Gallery On view through July 20

Near the rivers there are many large springs is an exhibition that highlights the Florida landscape from the lenses of four South Florida artists that use historical elements, raw data, repurposed materials, and nature to create awareness of the changing environment in the area. The title of the exhibition comes from the book Ferns of Florida by John Kunkel Small, repurposing a phrase used to describe the lavish conditions that Florida's landscape offers for the abundant growth of ferns.

PROGRAMS:

ARTventures MAY 11 • JUNE 8

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

Join the Coral Springs Museum of Art for ARTventures Family Fun Day every second Saturday of the month. Together families will enhance their education in arts and culture with creative activities such as storytelling, music, and art production. ARTventures starts with a tour of the current exhibit and culminates with a fun and engaging activity for the whole family.



THERE'S MORE!

CORAL SPRINGS CENTER FOR THE ARTS

The Coral Springs Center for the Arts is a cultural hub dedicated to showcasing performing arts, music, and visual artistry. With its stateof-the-art theater, it hosts an array of events, from concerts and Broadway-style productions to exhibitions

and community gatherings. Its commitment to arts education and promotion makes it a focal point for cultural enrichment in the region.

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MUSEUM OF CORAL SPRINGS HISTORY

The Museum of Coral Springs History is a state-recognized historic landmark. In its original form, it was the first building in the city and used as the Coral Ridge Properties (CRP) real estate office. The 20' x 30' building was physically moved around town when CRP outgrew it and donated the building for use as the first police station, as various club houses, and a fire training facility.

The current renovation includes the installation of a state-of-the art interactive touchscreen, which was purchased in part thanks to the

Department of State Historical Resources grant funding. With limited space in the museum, the touchscreen allows for hands-on learning and exploration of our city's unique past.

The Museum of Coral Springs History is open for tours on various dates in 2024. Tours are guided by Coral Springs Historical Advisory Committee members. The City Historian will also be onsite to answer auestions and to provide additional information. No reservations are required, and admittance is free.

MUSEUM TOURS:

Upcoming tours:

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The museum is located inside Mullins Park next to Mullins Pool • 10250 NW 29th Street.

- Saturday, May 18
- Saturday, June 29

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10250 NW 29th Street CoralSprings.gov/history





EVENTS

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER MAY 2

7 p.m. • Coral Springs Center for the Arts 2855 Coral Springs Drive

The Clergy Coalition of Coral Springs and Parkland, in partnership with the Coral Springs Multi-Cultural Advisory Committee, will honor and celebrate the Annual National Day of Prayer.



BITES-N-SIPS • MAY 3

5:30 - 9:30 p.m. • City Hall Lawn 9500 W. Sample Road

May the force be with you! Join us for food trucks, entertainment, and more with a fun Star Wars theme.







MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY • MAY 27

9 a.m. • Veterans Park 8601 Royal Palm Blvd.

The city, in partnership with the Veterans Coalition of Coral Springs, will host a special Memorial Day Ceremony to honor the brave men and women of our military who have given their lives in service to our nation.







KING OF CORAL SPRINGS CHESS **TOURNAMENT • JUNE 1**

8 a.m. - 2 p.m. • Coral Springs Charter School 3205 N University Drive

The tournament, in partnership with the National Scholastic Chess Foundation, is open to two age divisions: Ages 5-11 and Ages 12-18. The tournament is free, but all playing participants must pre-register.



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GAME NIGHT AT THE DEN • JUNE 11

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

All ages are invited to the Panthers IceDen for a cool night of interactive games, plus a party DJ, food, free ice skating and more! Admission is free but tickets for all guests must be obtained in advance (residents receive first priority.)







JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION • JUNE 19

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

The City of Coral Springs will host an indoor celebration in honor of Juneteenth, a day that symbolizes the abolition of slavery in the United States of America.







FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION • JULY 4

5-9 p.m. • Mullins Park 10000 Ben Geiger Drive

CoralSprings.gov/fourthofjuly

Celebrate Independence Day at Mullins Park! The fun begin at 5 p.m., and residents receive express access to select activities! Admission and parking are free, and the grand fireworks display starts at approximately 8:45 p.m.





INTERNATIONAL DINNER DANCE **AUGUST 24**

7 p.m. • Marriott Heron Bay 11775 Heron Bay Blvd

The city is excited to host its popular International Dinner Dance celebrating Spain! Enjoy a variety of hors d'oeuvres, complimentary dinner wine, a live show, and the opportunity to dance the night away. For ticket information, visit

CoralSprings.gov/dinnerdance.





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CoralSprings.gov/photos



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