

# CITY OF WINTER SPRINGS



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The Winter Springs Insider is the official City of Winter Springs newsletter and has been since 2001. The goal of this newsletter is to communicate city-related information about news, events, programs, projects, initiatives, and activities to Winter Springs residents and the community. To view past editions, visit [www.winterspringsfl.org/newsletter](http://www.winterspringsfl.org/newsletter).



## **PLAYGROUND OPENING**

On Thursday, September 26, the Mayor and Commissioners were excited to cut the red

ribbon at the **Field of Dreams Playground Grand Opening at Central Wind Park!** The grand opening featured music, hotdogs, popcorn, and a stampede of children ready to play! This playground consists of three play areas: an inclusive tot playground with equipment designed for ages 2 to 5 years old and children with disabilities, the main playground with equipment designed for ages 5 to 12 years old, and a swing set area that is friendly to both age ranges.

This playground is a part of the **Perk up Parks Initiative**. This initiative focuses on improving City parks and play-areas to strengthen our community and the overall quality of life. The Field of Dreams Playground is just one project from the initiative; the next areas the City is already focusing on Trotwood and Torcaso Park's playground equipment and play areas.

[View More Pictures!](#)



## **2030 AND BEYOND SURVEY**

We are looking to 2030 and beyond to create a vibrant community to live, work, and play. The City has created a survey to gather feedback from you! We want to know your values, priorities, and actions for the City. Let your voice be heard and participate in this survey to help grow our community. **The deadline to take the survey is October 16.**

**CLICK TO TAKE THE  
WINTER SPRINGS: 2030  
AND BEYOND  
survey**



## ARTOBERFEST

Winter Springs ARTOBERFEST is celebrating 12 years of exceptional art, tasty German food and drink, rockin' entertainment, kids' crafts and much more. Join us on October 19-20, Saturday and Sunday, for this not-to-be-missed community event!

Set on beautiful Blumberg Blvd in the Winter Springs Town Center, this is an opportunity to enjoy award winning art and meet the artists, savor the finest German food, let your kids explore their artistic talents at the kids art tent, and explore unique artists at the student and senior art tents. All this and admission is FREE!

Want to be a Sponsor or Patron and get all the info on ARTOBERFEST? Just visit [wsfota.org](http://wsfota.org) or call 407-278-4871. Produced by the Oviedo-Winter Springs Regional Chamber of Commerce in partnership with the City of Winter Springs.

[Learn More!](#)



## HOMETOWN HARVEST

Celebrate fall at our annual **Hometown Harvest** presented by Palm Tree Tech Center! On **Saturday, November 2** from **5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.** enjoy **FREE** hayrides, live musical performances, and more! This fall festival hosts a large collection of fun and activities including the Winter Springs Got Talent competition sponsored by REMAX Town & Country!

Various vendors will be available with food, drink, and other goods. Kids can enjoy the Hay Play area and pumpkin painting! See Winter Springs' very own Dancers with Class and even join them for a line dance!

[Learn More!](#)



## GHOULISHLY GOOD TIME

Bring your family and join the Winter Springs Police Department for **Ghoulishly Good Time!** Enjoy an evening of viewing of *Hocus Pocus* (Rated PG) on **Friday, October 18 from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.** at Torcaso Park (104 N. Moss Rd.)

Be sure to bring a blanket and chairs! Popcorn, food, drinks, and goodie bags will be available on a first-come first serve basis.



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## BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Discover extraordinary assisted living and memory care in Winter Springs!

At The Watermark at Vistawilla, you'll feel right at home in our vibrant, intimate community of friends. Enjoy a carefree, service-supported lifestyle filled with abundant choices, top-

notch services and amenities, and fulfilling ways to optimize personal health and well-being. From affordable studio apartments to spacious two-bedroom suites, outstanding cuisine, unparalleled customized care, engaging Watermark University classes, Extraordinary Outings and fun events, the options for an active lifestyle of growth and discovery are endless...

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## HALLOWEEN SAFETY

### WSPD BLOG UPDATE

Navigating the neighborhood while trick-or-treating, or to visit haunted houses is a special Halloween tradition. But at the same time, the Winter Springs Police Department wants parents and children to enjoy a fun and safe Halloween. Here are some treat-or-treating safety tips:

- A parent or responsible adult should always accompany young children on their neighborhood rounds.
- Have flashlights with fresh batteries for all children and their escorts.
- If your older children are going alone, plan and review the route that is acceptable to you. Agree on a specific time when they should return home
- Only go to homes with a porch light on and never enter a home or car for a treat.
- Law enforcement authorities should be notified immediately of any...

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# NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

**National Night Out** is the night a community celebrates its ability to walk freely through its streets without the fear of being victimized by crime. The Winter Springs Police Department encourages you to come celebrate National Night Out at **Hometown Harvest on November 2** at the Winter Springs Town Center.

WSPD will have specialty vehicles, equipment, and personnel for you to gain a valuable and personal experience with your local law enforcement. We will have tables set up with bags for adults and children. Come on out and enjoy the autumn night in our community!

[Learn More!](#)



## COFFEE WITH A COP

Join the Winter Springs Police Department for **Coffee with a Cop** on **Tuesday, October 15** from 9:00 am to 11:00 am! Coffee with a Cop brings police officers and the community members they serve together—over coffee—to discuss issues and learn more about each other. Building relationships over one cup of joe at a time.

[Learn More!](#)



## NUTRIENT POLLUTION

Nutrient pollution is one of America's most widespread, costly and

challenging environmental problems, and is caused by excess nitrogen and phosphorus in the air and water. Nitrogen and phosphorus are nutrients that are natural parts of aquatic ecosystems. But when too much nitrogen and phosphorus enter the environment - usually from a wide range of human activities - the air and water can become polluted.

Nutrient pollution has impacted many streams, rivers, lakes, bays and coastal waters for the past several decades, resulting in serious environmental and human health issues, and impacting the economy. **Please click below to view some helpful solutions on what you can do to prevent pollution at home**

[Read More!](#)



# AWARDS & *presentations*



At the September 9 City Commission Meeting, the Mayor and Commission was pleased to accept a monetary donation from the Tusawilla Homeowners Association for the purchase of a new police canine for the Winter Springs Police Department!



On Thursday, September 19, the Oviedo-Winter Springs Regional Chamber of Commerce

hosted The Ovations Awards Gala. At the ceremony, the City of Winter Springs was excited to win the following awards:

**Best Winter Springs Community Events**

First Place - Scottish Highland Games

Second Place - Hometown Harvest

**Best City Park**

Second Place - Central Winds Park

Thank you to our awesome community for casting your vote for us!



During October 2019, the City Commission has two (2) regular meetings scheduled:

**Monday, October 14, 2019, at 6:30 p.m.**

**Monday, October 28, 2019, at 6:30 p.m.**

Please note, meetings may be canceled for various reasons. For more information about any City board or committee meetings, please reference the [City Calendar](#) or visit [www.winterspringsfl.org/meetings](http://www.winterspringsfl.org/meetings).



Mayor **Charles Lacey**

District One Commissioner **Jean Hovey**

District Two Deputy Mayor **Kevin Cannon**

District Three Commissioner **Ted**

**Johnson**

District Four Commissioner **TiAnna Hale**

District Five Commissioner **Geoff**

**Kendrick**

[Contact Information](#)





- October 2:** Best Foot Forward Launch
- October 2:** Planning and Zoning Board/Local Planning Agency Regular Meeting
- October 9:** Citizen's Advisory Committee Meeting
- October 14:** City Commission Regular Meeting
- October 15:** Coffee with a Cop
- October 16:** Tuscawilla Lighting and Beautification District Advisory Committee Regular Meeting
- October 16:** Winter Springs Police Explorers Post #708 Meeting
- October 17:** Community Workshop - The Gatherings at Winter Springs Town Center
- October 18:** Ghoulishly Good Time
- October 19-20:** Winter Springs Festival of the Arts, ARToberFEST
- October 22:** Code Enforcement Board Regular Meeting
- October 28:** City Commission Regular Meeting
- October 31:** Happy Halloween!

[City Calendar](#)



Check out the latest proposed and current City projects coming soon to the City of Winter Springs!

[City Projects](#)



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