

# 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).

## IN THE *news*

**WINTER WONDERLAND**

**December 7 • 4:30-9:00 pm**

WINTER SPRINGS TOWN CENTER

Featuring the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Parade & 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Tree Lighting!

Presented by **AdventHealth**





# WINTER WONDERLAND

Tis' the season for joy and celebration! Stop by the Winter Springs Town Center and enjoy the festivities this holiday season at **Winter Wonderland presented by AdventHealth!** It all kicks off with one of the longest-running traditions in our city, the **38th annual Holiday Parade** featuring local talent and businesses. Gather around the Christmas Tree for the **15th annual Christmas Tree Lighting!** The Winter Wonderland event will follow with entertainment by local youth and our Winter Springs Dancers with Class. **Santa will visit with the local children by the tree**, and a fun-filled kids playland will keep your little ones merry all evening long!

The 38th annual Holiday Parade will begin at **4:30 p.m.** at Keeth Elementary School and end at Magnolia Square Fountain at the Winter Springs Town Center.

In the evening, join the Mayor, Commission, and Santa Claus to countdown to the annual Christmas Tree Lighting! Afterward, take a **FREE** picture with Santa!



Shuttle buses will begin running at **3:30 p.m.** at Winter Springs Elementary. The last shuttle will depart from the Winter Springs Town Center at **9:30 p.m.**

[Learn More!](#) ❄️

## Santa's Run

December 9-13  
5 pm - 8 pm

*Santa's coming to town!*

## SANTA'S RUN

**Santa is coming to town!** Each year Santa visits Winter Springs for one week and is escorted each night around the city by the Winter Springs Police Department to spread candy and joy to the children and families who come outside to wave to him. Check out the maps on our webpage (linked below) to view which night Santa will be traveling close by your home. On the big night, be sure to listen for police sirens!

[Learn More!](#)





## HOLIDAY GIFT DONATIONS

The Winter Springs Police Department would like to invite our community to donate new, unwrapped toys and gifts to local children in need during this holiday season! Donations can be dropped off at the Police Department (300 N. Moss Rd., Winter Springs, FL 32708) in the lobby until December 20.

[Learn More!](#)



## CITY OFFICES CLOSED

**Christmas Day:** All City offices will be closed on **Wednesday, December 25** in observance of the Christmas Holiday.

**New Year Holiday:** All City offices will be closed on **Wednesday, January 1** in observance of the New Year.





## WATER WORKS PROJECTS

Check out the before and after pictures from our Public Works team's sediment removal project at Gee Creek and Moss Road bridge crossing! This project consists of removing debris and sediment build-up for flood control and ecosystem restoration! Our next project locations will be Gee Creek at S. Edgemon Ave. bridge crossing and Bear Creek at Winter Springs Blvd. bridge crossing.

This project is being funded by a grant from the Natural Resources Conservation Service and is estimated to be completed at the end of December. Check out the link below to learn more about our Water Works projects!

[Learn More!](#)



## MOUNT TROTWOOD



Last month, we were excited to open Trotwood Park's **Mount Trotwood Playground!** The grand opening event was held on November 8 and featured a ribbon-cutting by the Winter Springs Mayor and Commission, rocky mountain music, and BBQ!



The theme of Mount Trotwood Playground is the "Rocky Mountains." The log buildouts in the playground complement the log structure of the newly built Pamela A. Carroll Memorial Pavilion, another step toward fulfilling the vision of Trotwood Park. The playground consists of two shaded, treehouse structures containing equipment designed for ages 2 to 5 years old and ages 5 to 12 years old. The structures feature slides, climbing obstacles, bridges, a tic-tac-toe panel, and much more! Around the playground, you will find river-blue and grass-green turf and climbable boulders and mountains.



This playground is a part of the **Perk up Parks Initiative**, which focuses on improving City parks and play-areas to strengthen our community and the overall quality of life. This focus aligns with the Mayor and Commission's values as well as the City's belief in the importance of **play**.



## NOV. EVENTS RECAP



On November 2, we celebrated the fall season at **Hometown Harvest**, presented by **Palm Tree Tech Center!** Our crowd-estimating experts suspect approximately 6,000 members from the community attended this fall festival. The evening was filled with pumpkin painting, free hayrides, folk music, and our Winter Springs Got Talent competition sponsored by Remax Town & Country. The winners of this year's competition were the **Winter Springs High School ASL Family!** Click

the link below to view more photos from Hometown Harvest!

[View Event Photos!](#)

On Veteran's Day, the City hosted, in partnership with the Rotary Club of



## Winter Springs, our annual Veteran's Day Tribute.

This event offered a time to honor our veterans and remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. We'd like to thank the following organizations for their involvement:

- Gus Douglas, Sr. Vice Commander and VFW Chaplin for the invocation
- The Winter Springs High School JROTC for the Presentation of Colors
- Sophie Cooper for the beautiful performance of the National Anthem
- Winter Springs High School Band of Gold for their musical tribute

This year's Hometown Hero Award was presented to Emil Abrahamian! Emil is a 92 years old Army veteran who served in World War II. He is also a cartoonist and uses his cartoons to support veterans around the US. Click the link below to view more photos from this event.



[View Event Photos!](#)

A promotional poster for the 43rd Annual Scottish Highland Games. The background is a bright blue sky with a woman in a green long-sleeved shirt and a bun hairstyle, holding a wooden staff or pole. The text is bold and colorful. The top part says "43rd ANNUAL CENTRAL FLORIDA SCOTTISH HIGHLAND GAMES" in white and yellow. Below that, it says "JANUARY 18-19, 2020" in white. At the bottom, it says "CENTRAL WINDS PARK WINTER SPRINGS" in yellow, and "Saturday 8:00 AM - 9:00 PM" and "Sunday 8:45 AM - 5:00 PM" in white.

**43<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL CENTRAL FLORIDA SCOTTISH HIGHLAND GAMES**

**JANUARY 18-19, 2020**

**CENTRAL WINDS PARK WINTER SPRINGS**  
Saturday 8:00 AM - 9:00 PM  
Sunday 8:45 AM - 5:00 PM

## SCOTTISH HIGHLAND GAMES

Join the Scottish-American Society of Central Florida & the City for the 43rd annual Scottish Highland Games on January 18th and 19th at Central Winds Park! During this two-day festival, area Scottish clans & societies gather to compete in athletic events, highland dancing, & piping to celebrate their rich heritage.

[Learn More!](#)





## Oviedo~Winter Springs *Regional Chamber of Commerce*

# **BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT**

The Music Box was created out of the LOVE of music and the desire to grow, INSPIRE, encourage and develop aspiring artists and performers in their God-given talents. The Music Box teaches music lessons in voice, piano, guitar (acoustic, electric, bass), percussion (drums), ukulele, music theory, flute, sight singing, and audition prep!

Whether it's music lessons, local performances, or summer camp, The Music Box focuses on three main principles: (1) Creative Inspiration: We believe you can never stop learning and growing. Our amazing instructors work to inspire students in fun creative ways each week, using proven techniques & their musical experience to help develop...

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# WSPD BLOG UPDATE

## HOLIDAY SAFETY

The Winter Springs Police Department wants you to have a holly, jolly, and safe holiday this season! Take note of the safety tips listed for traveling, theft, decorating, food, and gift safety. Stay safe and have a very happy holiday season from Winter Springs Police Department to you!

Many people choose to travel by car during the holidays, which has the highest fatality rate of any major form of transportation based on fatalities per passenger mile. Stay safe on the roads over the holidays and every day with these tips:

- Prepare your car for winter and keep an emergency preparedness kit with you.
- Get a good night's sleep before departing and avoid drowsy driving.
- Leave early, planning ahead for...

[Read More!](#)



At the November 18 City Commission Meeting, the Mayor and Commission were proud to recognize the Boy Scouts of America of Winter Springs to their service to the community and the Winter Springs High School Girls Cross Country Team for winning the 2019 Team 3A State Championship!





- December 3: Deputy Mayor Kevin Cannon's Town Hall
- December 4: Planning & Zoning Board/Local Planning Agency Meeting
- December 7: Winter Wonderland
- December 9: **City Commission Meeting**
- December 9-13: Santa's Run
- December 11: Citizen's Advisory Committee
- December 17: Community Workshop - Wendy's
- December 18: Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting
- December 24: Code Enforcement Board Meeting
- December 25: **City Offices Closed - Christmas Holiday**
- January 1: **City Offices Closed - New Years Holiday**

**City Calendar**



- 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**



Check out the latest proposed and current City projects from Community Development, Parks & Recreation, and Public Works & Utilities coming soon to the City of Winter Springs!

**City Projects**





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