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## STORMWATER POLLUTION

Pollutants entering the drains will be carried untreated into a local waterbody!

### Auto care

- $\cdot$  Use a commercial car wash that treats or recycles its wastewater or wash your car in your yard, so the water infiltrates into the ground.
- $\cdot$  Repair leaks and dispose of used auto fluids and batteries at designated drop-off or recycling locations.

## Lawn care

- · Don't overwater your lawn. Consider using a soaker hose instead of a sprinkler.
- Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly. When use is necessary, use these chemicals in the recommended amounts. Use organic mulch or safer pest control methods whenever possible.
- · Compost or mulch yard waste. Please do not leave it in the street or sweep it into storm drains or streams.

## Septic Systems

- · Inspect your system every three years and pump your tank as necessary (every 3 to 5 years).
- · Don't dispose of household hazardous waste in sinks or toilets.

## Pet Waste

· When walking your pet, remember to pick up the waste and dispose of it properly. Flushing pet waste is the best disposal method. Leaving pet waste on the ground increases public health risks by allowing harmful bacteria and nutrients to wash into the storm drain and eventually into local waterbodies.

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June 1 to Nov 30 marks our annual hurricane season. The best time to prepare for a hurricane is before hurricane season even begins. It is vital to understand your home's vulnerability and take steps to safeguard your family and property. Have a plan and be ready

to implement such a plan. Learn more from Seminole County. Click the link below for

additional Disaster Preparedness so we can be #ReadyWinterSprings!

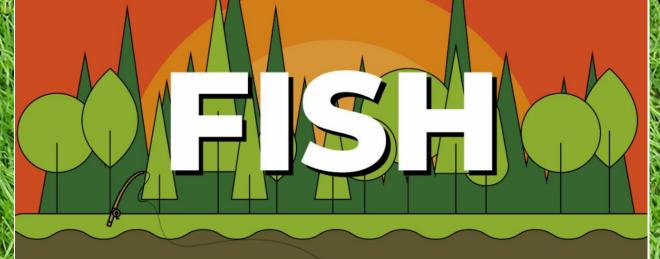
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## SENIOR CENTER SCOOP

Mayor McCann and the Commissioners were thrilled to cut the ribbon on the new and improved Sunshine Park! The beautiful new amenities (pickleball, shuffleboard, and horseshoes) are now open to enjoy! This ceremony also marks the grand re-opening of the Winter Springs Senior Center! Phase one of our re-opening was very successful, and we are now into our second phase - welcoming back our non-resident members and resuming some additional offerings. Thank you to our Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee, City Staff, Mayor, Commission, and members of our senior center for attending our ribbon-cutting ceremony. See everyone at the park!

View Pictures!



## Winter Springs ...

## FISH WINTER SPRINGS

Thank you to everyone who attended our May 8, 2021, Fish Winter Springs! We are definitely HOOKED on fishing! CATCH up on some of the great pictures at the link below!

Thank you to our event sponsors!
Fish Florida
Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

We will have more fishing dates later this year!

CELEBRATION

View Pictures!



Be sure to wear your red, white, and blue, and bring a blanket or lawn chair to enjoy this Winter Springs tradition. This is our largest event and features a wide range of vendors and

entertainment everyone can enjoy. At the end of the night, settle in to watch our Fireworks Spectacular display presented by Duke Energy.

This event hosts many local vendors ranging from informational, shopping, food, and drink. Stroll your way around the entire event area for an amazing tasting, shopping, and networking experience. Throughout the whole evening, enjoy live entertainment and musical performances.

Be sure to come to the stage at 8 p.m. for the Freedom Fling Prize Toss with the Winter Springs Mayor & Commission presented by Chick-Fil-A. As the night wraps up at 9 p.m., place your hand on your heart for the National Anthem and Presentation of Colors. At 9:10 p.m., please sit back and enjoy our world-class Fireworks Spectacular display presented by Duke Energy with your friends and family gathered around.

Park visitors are recommended to maintain six (6) feet of separation from others. Face coverings are suggested where social distancing of six (6) feet is not available.

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## FOOD TRUCK ARTISAN FAIR

Thank you to everyone who came out to our first Food Truck Artisan Fair! It was the first time we've planned an event like this, and we were thrilled to see such a great turnout! Thank you to our event partner, Rustic Journeys, and to Duke Energy for providing the hot pepper planter pods!

A HUGE shout out to our food truck partners - Tao Te Cheese, Rollin' Dough, OH MY DOGS, and Nonni's Minis for the delicious food! They were busy serving food until the very end - and wow, was it all tasty!

Thank you as well to our Artisan vendors - Gnarly Gnats, Harmony and Heart Designs, Ms. GrumpyStamps, Victor Shemwell, The Crafty Platypus, Jamie and Lois Designs, Handmade by Sofie, Olive Moon Crafts, Livvy Wellness Design Studio, KennyMade FL, Firehouse Roasters, Darline's Kitchen, Jamie's Sewing and Alterations and Dogwood Designs.

We will be hosting our next Food Truck night in August and our next Food Truck Artisan Fair in September - we hope to see everyone there!



## WSPD BLOG UPDATE

Law enforcement is such a hot topic right now. It seems like it might be hard for people to trust and feel comfortable interacting with police officers. Whether it is a traffic stop or a call for service, knowing how to interact is essential. Learn more in this month's WSPD Blog Update!

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BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT



The Rustic Journeys store features the work of various local artisans, from furniture to signs to decor, but it continues to maintain a cohesive homely feel. As you look around the store, you will find unique pieces looking to find a home. Their name originates from the creations that travel through each customer's lifetime. "Originally a small hobby of upcycling rustic home decor, we have grown into our Winter Springs location, which features a DIY studio where we offer classes to any age group looking to learn a new craft or project. Our shop is great for new homeowners and those of all ages looking for some fun in the area. Our chalk mineral paint serves all our purposes of painting furniture, projects, and signs without any volatile organic compounds often found in other DIY stores in the area. The paint has made us the number one brick-and-mortar seller in Florida and top ten internationally. Selling this paint has helped us through the pandemic, along with gift baskets and our Wednesday Facebook Live sessions. Our vision for the future is to partner with a local artisanal coffee shop where our current studio is situated. Additionally, this summer, we plan to host summer camps for young children and continue our private group sessions. We are always trying to adapt and figure out what is next for us as a business," said Luanne Parker, owner of Rustic Journeys.



## DON GILMORE COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

At the May 10, 2021 City Commission Meeting, Arnie Nussbaum was awarded the Tuscawilla Homeowners Association Don Gilmore Community Service Award. The award is presented to a resident for their outstanding contributions to their community in their service. We thank Arnie for everything he does for the Winter Springs Community! Congratulations, Arnie!



## PHOTOS AROUND WINTER SPRINGS

Winter Springs is such a beautiful and vibrant community! We love seeing your photos of what is going on around town! Today's photo entry comes from Dolly Ames; she noticed one of the locals hanging out and had to take a picture!

Do you have a picture from around town you want to be featured? Email us at **communications@winterspringsfl.org** for a chance to be featured!

# Community Youth Outreach United Outreach

## Enjoy the summer with the Winter Springs Police Department!

The Winter Springs Police Department is hosting the Community Youth Outreach program with the aim to build stronger relationships through positive experiences and interaction with local law enforcement! This program will consist of 4 weeks of activities, Monday - Friday, where children can learn, laugh, and play with WSPD's Community Relations.

COMMUNITY YOUTH OUTREACH

2021 Summer Dates: June 7 - June 11 | June 21 - June 25 | July 6 - July 9 | July 19 - July 23



## COMMISSION WORKSHOPS

The City Commission will be hosting two workshops this month:

- Diversity Workshop Monday, June 7, 2021, at 6:30 PM This annual workshop will be
  conducted in a round table format consisting of the Mayor, Commission, and citizens of
  diverse backgrounds. During these workshop meetings, the City Manager, Chief of
  Police, and other staff will conduct a self-assessment of the City's policies and
  practices by engaging the community in an open and transparent dialogue about
  successful policies and practices and policies and practices that can be improved.
- City Commission Workshop Thursday, June 10, 2021, at 6:30 PM This workshop was created at the May 10, 2021, Commission Meeting. The purpose is to discuss Charter Amendments regarding the Mayor's Position.

We hope to see you there!



## SPLASH PLAYGROUNDS

Beat the heat with our new summer hours! The Splash Playgrounds, located at Torcaso Park and Trotwood Park, are now open from 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM. These hours are from now until Labor Day!



Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting! Saturday, June 5, 2021 | 9:00 AM

## RIBBON CUTTING

Please join the Mayor and Commission as we welcome a new business to Winter Springs!

Wendy's will be giving away a free Frosty with every purchase! Door prizes for the first 200 Customers! Join their raffle for a free bike (ticket with every purchase)!







FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES

2021 HOME RULE

HERO AWARD





## FLC HOME RULE HERO AWARD

At the May 20, 2021, Tri-County League of Cities meeting, Commissioner Cannon was presented with the 2021 Home Rule Hero Award. This award is given to city representatives annually for their hard work and advocacy during the legislative session. The full press release can be found on the City's website. Congratulations, Commissioner Cannon!

**Read More** 

## COVID-19)

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## PREPARE SEMINOLE

Seminole County Office of Emergency Management, along with state and local partner agencies, are monitoring COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Visit the Seminole County Office of Emergency Management's Prepare Seminole website for county-wide updates at <a href="https://www.prepareseminole.org">www.prepareseminole.org</a>.



- Jun 2 Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Special Meeting
- Jun 3 Planning and Zoning Board / Local Planning Agency Regular Meeting
- Jun 5 Wendy's Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting
- Jun 7 City Commission Diversity Workshop
- Jun 9 Veteran and Veteran Family Advisory Committee Regular Meeting
- Jun 10 City Commission Workshop
- Jun 14 City Commission Regular Meeting
- Jun 16 Community Workshop (Chase Bank)
- Jun 22 Code Enforcement Board Regular Meeting
- Jun 29 Youth Council Regular Meeting

CITY CALENDAR

## **MEET YOUR MAYOR & COMMISSION**



**Mayor Kevin McCann** 



**Deputy Mayor Ted Johnson** 



**Commissioner Matt Benton** 



**Commissioner TiAnna Hale** 



**Commissioner Kevin Cannon** 



**Commissioner Rob Elliott** 



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

CITY PROJECTS



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