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Disaster Preparedness

#ReadyWinterSprings

Hurricane season is from June to November. Be sure that you and your family are #ReadyWinterSprings. Find information about creating a plan, protecting your home, staying informed, creating a disaster supply kit, and more!

#READYWINTERSPRINGS
DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

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Emergency Notifications

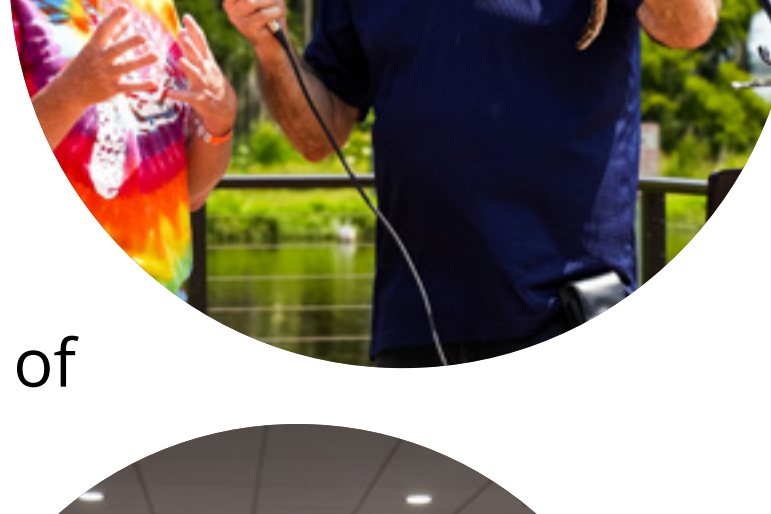
Seminole County residents are encouraged to register for emergency alerts through Alert Seminole, Seminole County's emergency notification and warning system.
Text SEMINOLE to 888-777

News and Information

IN LOVING MEMORY OF ARNIE LEE NUSSBAUM



The City of Winter Springs Mayor, Commission, and staff are saddened to hear about the passing of a longtime resident, board member, military medic, radio personality, event host, and friend, Arnie Lee Nussbaum. We send our deepest condolences to Arnie's family and loved ones. Arnie hosted numerous community events for the City of Winter Springs, including Explore Outdoors, Festival of the Arts, and Celebration of Freedom. Arnie was known as "the voice of Winter Springs." Not only did he serve at events, but Arnie was also a proud member of the Oviedo-Winter Springs Regional Chamber of Commerce and on the Winter Springs Parks and recreation board.



In 2021 Arnie 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. He was a great example of a public servant and loved his community. On September 26, 2022, Commission meeting Mayor McCann said, "He's been a fixture in our community...We are very, very fortunate to have him. He was a wonderful man and will be missed." To which Deputy Mayor Kevin Cannon added, "There is a void in this city with his passing, and those are shoes we won't be able to fill." THOA works towards carrying on Arnie's memory by continuing his charitable toy donation. *Thank you, Arnie Lee Nussbaum.*



WINTER SPRINGS EMPLOYEE HIGHLIGHT MEET OUR DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR

Meet Nicole Baerga, Winter Springs development coordinator.

As a Development Coordinator, it is Nicole's responsibility to read and review building plans, stay up to date with Florida Statutes, and ensure safety through permitting and construction. Another important part of Nicole's role is assisting local businesses with their tax receipt.

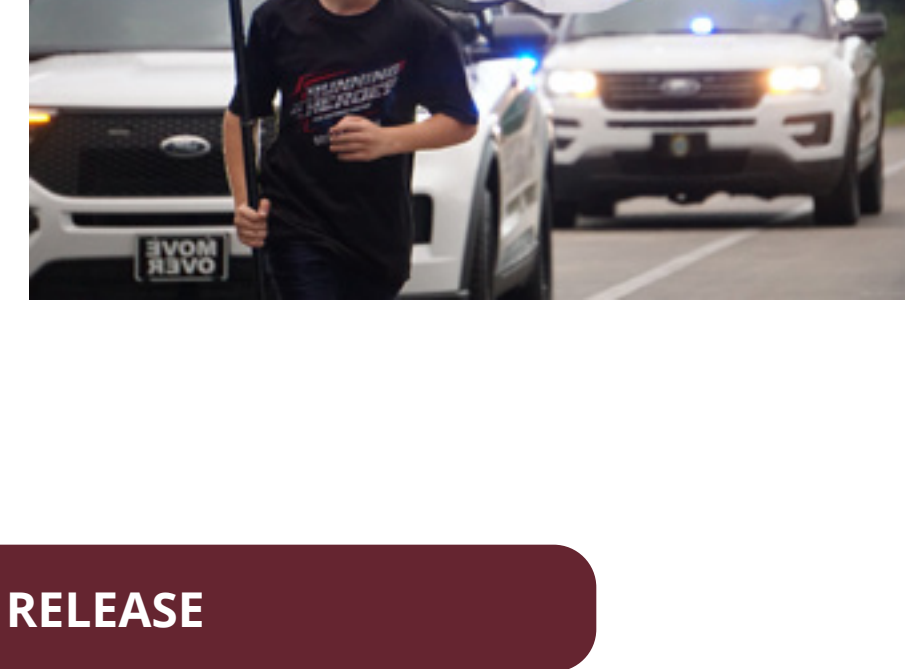
Nicole also enjoys helping Winter Springs homeowners get the proper documents and product approvals for renovations. When asked about the renovation process, she replied, "We are the first step for residents to renovate their homes. Whether that's pools, kitchens, or roofs, they can email, call, or visit us at city hall. We would be happy to help."

Learn more about Nicole in our Employee Spotlight article

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

RUNNING 4 HEROES GRAND OPENING POSTPONED TO OCTOBER 15, 2022.

Many residents look forward to the grand opening of the Running4Heroes Grand opening and ribbon cutting, which was postponed to October 15, 2022, at 9 AM due to Hurricane Ian. Running 4 Heroes, founded in 2019 by 10-year-old Winter Springs resident Zechariah Cartledge, is a non-profit organization that supports Injured First Responders, K9's, and Families of our Fallen Heroes, all while honoring each fallen hero with a 1-mile run. Join your Winter Springs City Commission, Mayor, and Police Department for Running4Heroes Tribute Hall and Headquarters grand opening. This grand opening will feature a ribbon cutting and tour of the tribute Hall. Running 4 Heroes organization will also award an Oviedo officer a grant. For more information, read their press release by clicking the button below.



RAH PRESS RELEASE

FLOATING BEEMAT UPDATE

Our Beemat Floating Wetlands have experienced a lot of growth since May, with some plants growing over 4 feet tall. Each island received maintenance, trimming, and root treatment. A sample of the plants was collected so that they could be studied in the labs. Periodic harvesting of mature plants prevents the stored nitrogen and phosphorus from entering the water again. The harvested plants are then composted and turned into soil. Floating wetlands are an effective and natural way to treat our stormwater systems.



CITY HOST 9/11 MEMORIAL CEREMONY



On September 11, 2022, Winter Springs staff, police, and the community gathered outside City Hall to honor the lives lost 21 years ago. The service featured speeches from the city commissioners, the mayor, and the city manager, as well as an invocation by Chaplain John. All paid tribute to the men and women killed in the tragic attack and thanked the many first responders. Following the speeches, a 21 Gun salute was brought to us by the Winter Springs Police

Department, and the laying of the wreath by Chief Tracht. The flag was lowered to half-staff in memory of the tragic event.

Thank you to the many residents and community members that joined us for the Memorial Ceremony at City Hall.

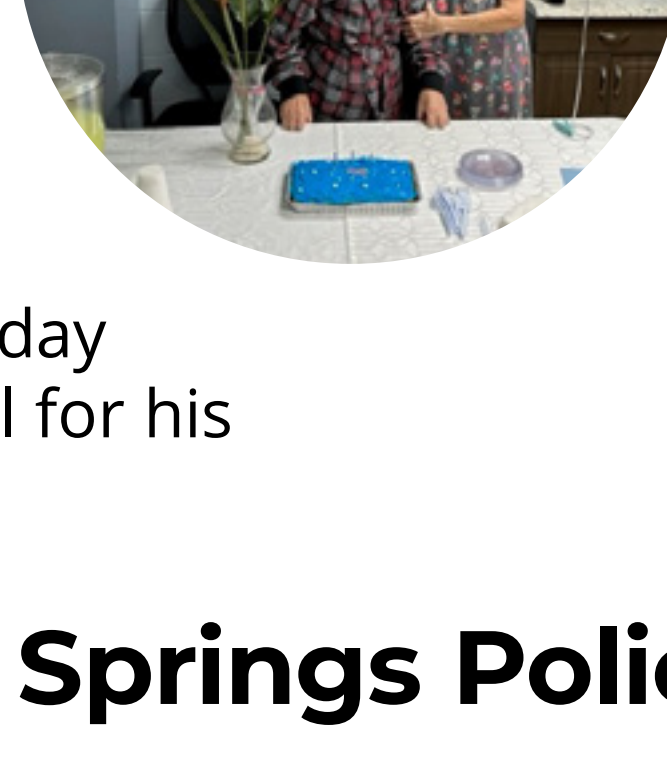
May we #NeverForget Watch our 2022 Memorial Ceremony on our youtube channel.



MEMORIAL SERVICE

W.S RESIDENT CELEBRATES 100TH BIRTHDAY

Elias Hilal was born in West Bank, Bethlehem on September 23, 1922. Friends and Winter Springs Senior center staff celebrated Elias 100th birthday at the therapy pool. He and his wife, Tarez come to the Winter Springs Therapy Pool 3 times a week, Monday/Wednesday, and Friday for the 8am class. Elias loves the pool for his exercise.



HOMETOWN HARVEST

HOMETOWN HARVEST PRESENTED BY ORLANDO HEALTH

Celebrate Fall at our 16th annual Hometown Harvest presented by Orlando Health at Central Winds Park on October 29, from 4:30-8:30 PM! This event hosts many fun activities, from free hayrides to live musical performances. Various vendors will be available with food, drink, and other goods. Kids can enjoy bounce houses, pumpkin painting, and trunk or treat. If you would like to participate in our Trunk-or-Treat or as a community vendor, please email our event coordinator Hannah at hksrch@winterspringsfl.org.



#READYWINTERSPRINGS THE CITY GIVES OUT OVER 100 TONS OF SAND IN 2 DAYS!

The city stepped into high gear as Hurricane Ian approached central Florida, prepping residents with sandbags. Over 100 tons of sand were transported, and over 21,000 sandbags were given out to residents in two days. Our team went above and beyond by offering pre-filled sandbags to residents and loading them into the vehicle. During the September 26 commission meeting (pre-storm), City Manager Shawn Boyle said, "We chose to do things class-A, we have staff that will pre-load the vehicle, and the bags are already pre-made. Its clean sand, it's actually very nice sand that you would find on a golf course". An additional self-fill sandbag location was opened up at the dog park to meet the great demand. Thank you to the many residents who appreciated our hardworking staff and were #ReadyWinterSprings.

WINTER SPRINGS FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

The Oviedo-Winter Springs Regional Chamber of Commerce and the City of Winter Springs proudly produce and host the Winter Springs Festival of the Arts. The 15th Annual WSFOTA will take place Saturday, October 15, and Sunday, October 16, from 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM on Blumberg Blvd. At this event, you can enjoy award-winning art, meet the artists, savor delicious food and craft beers, enjoy great entertainment, and let your kids explore their artistic talents in the kid's crafts area! Plus, did we mention there is free parking? Are you interested in participating? The Oviedo-Winter Springs Chamber is looking for business vendors, sponsors, and volunteers! Contact jhook@owsrcc.org for more information about becoming a vendor.



2022 WSFOTA INFORMATION

DEBRIS PICKUP

The City of Winter Springs debris crews will be picking up vegetative and construction debris for several weeks. Crews will rotate throughout the city in multiple passes. See map on our website for updates: www.winterspringsfl.org/DebrisPickup If crews have not picked up at your address, rest assured they will return soon as they are picking up in passes.

- Separate vegetative debris(Tree branches, logs) and construction debris(Carpet, furniture, building materials) into piles.
- DO NOT PLACE DEBRIS IN THE ROAD OR BLOCK STORM DRAINS.
- All debris must be placed on the right of way.
- Do not place debris near a fire hydrant and mailboxes.
- Do not place debris under overhead obstructions such as trees and power lines.
- Garbage haulers will not pick up sandbags left on the curb.

DEBRIS PICKUP INFORMATION

Winter Springs Police Department



WSPD STANDS WATCH OVER THE CITY DURING HURRICANE IAN

On Wednesday, September 28, 2022, Winter Springs Police officers braved the hurricane and storm to ensure our resident's houses and businesses were safe and respond to emergencies throughout the city. With the help of Seminole County Fire Department, Seminole County Sheriff's Office, and neighboring police departments, they helped in over 250 emergencies brought on by the floods of Hurricane Ian. Winter Springs Police set up an EOC center at the police station and additional headquarters at the Winter Springs Senior Center, which received over 1400 calls. Post-storm police crews assessed roads and bridges and compiled a list of routes drivers should avoid. We ask all parents to warn their kids not to ride bikes, walk, or go around the barricades and safety measures.



POST STORM UPDATE



Help the Winter Springs Police Department: Report suspicious activity | Protect your property | LOCK IT OR LOSE IT Emergency 911 Non-Emergency (407) 327-1000

UPCOMING EVENTS

DON'T MISS A THING
CLICK THE IMAGES FOR MORE INFORMATION

01

Winter Springs Festival of the Arts

October 15-16 | 10 am-5 pm
Winter Springs Towncenter
TUSCAWILLA & BLUMBERG BLVD.
The Oviedo-Winter Springs Regional Chamber of Commerce and the City of Winter Springs proudly produce and host the Winter Springs Festival of the Arts.



02

Senior Center Craft and Vendor Fair

October 22, 2022 | 10 am
Winter Springs Senior Center
400 N. Edgemon Ave
Winter Springs, FL 32708

Come check out all of the homemade crafts and local vendors. There will be something for everyone on your holiday shopping list.



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Hometown Harvest

October 29, 2022 | 4:30pm- 8:30 pm
Central Winds Park
1000 Central Winds Dr.
Winter Springs, FL 32708

Celebrate Fall at our 16th annual Hometown Harvest presented by Orlando Health!



CITY CALENDAR

SENIOR CENTER

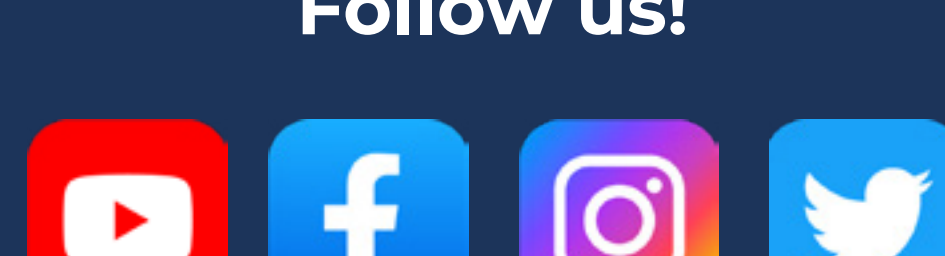
The Senior Center is a fun and safe gathering place for our community ages 55 and up. The Senior Center offers a variety of programs and other unique opportunities for seniors to connect with each other! For more information on the activity schedule click the button below.

Address: 400 N. Edgemon Ave Winter Springs, FL 32708

VIEW ACTIVITY SCHEDULE



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MAYOR AND COMMISSION