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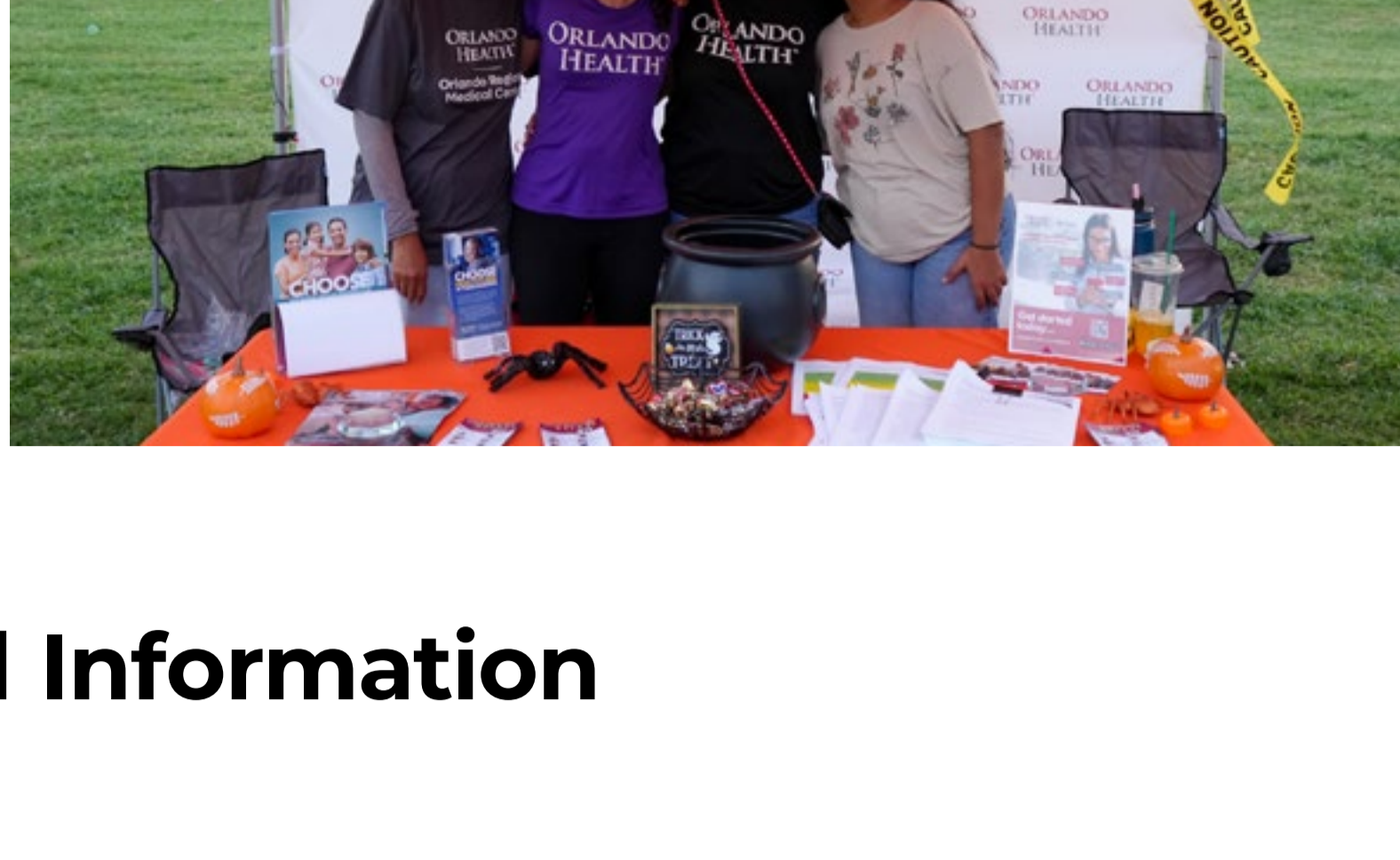
Hurricane season is from June to November. Be sure that you and your family are #ReadyWinterSprings. Find information about creating a plan, protecting your home, staying informed, creating a disaster supply kit, and more!



Partner with your City!

Become an Event Sponsor

Our amazing event sponsors allow us to continue to provide free and fun family events to the beautiful City of Winter Springs. If you are interested in being a sponsor at one of our upcoming events, please email us at Communications@winterspringsfl.org.



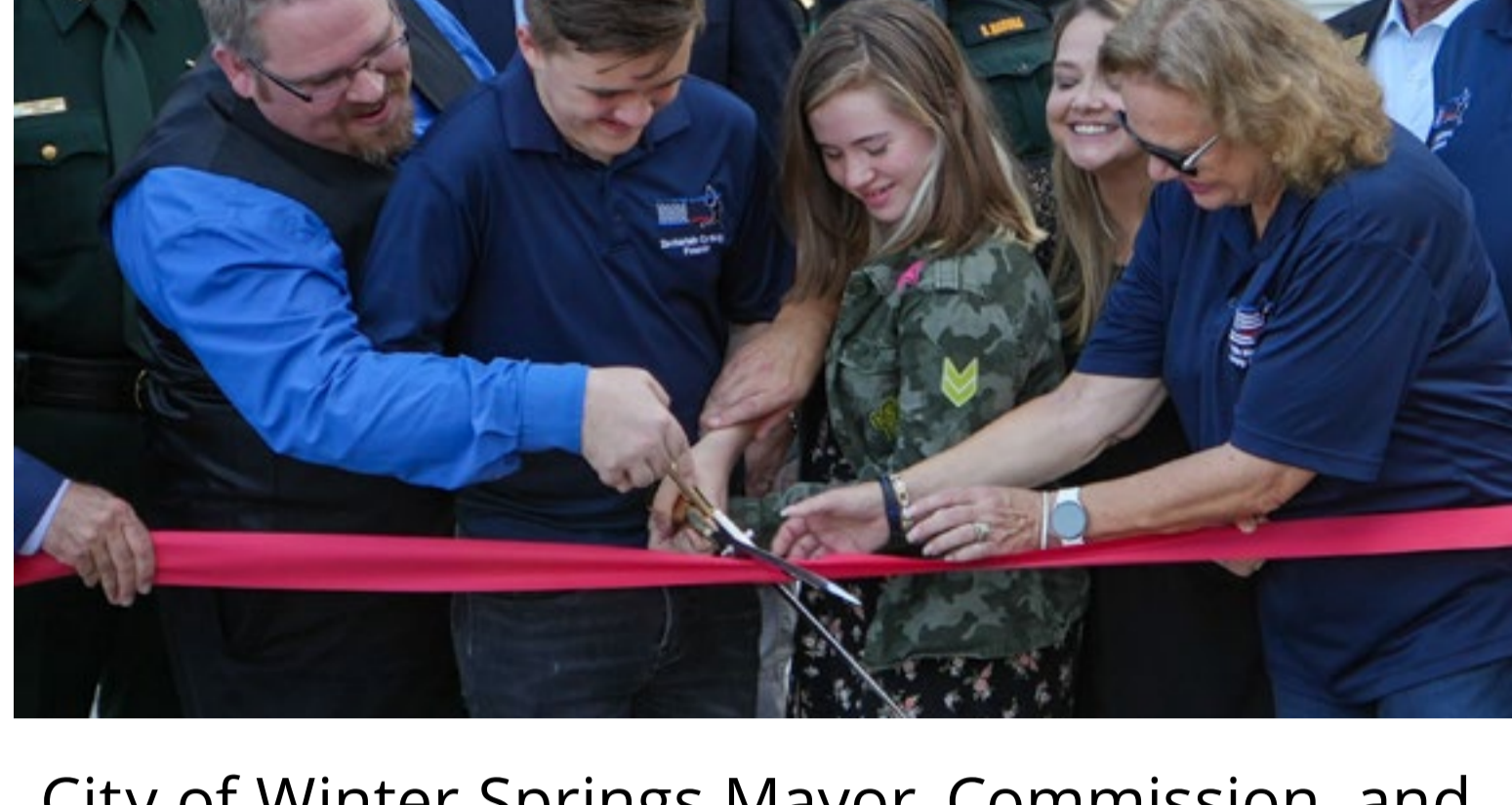
News and Information

WINTER SPRINGS CELEBRATES THE 15TH ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

Oviedo Winter Springs Regional Chamber of Commerce and the City of Winter Springs held the 15th annual Art festival on Blumberg Ave in October. The festival gave Central Florida locals something to look forward to after Hurricane Ian. It was a beautiful weekend; attendees admired local artists' creations and enjoyed craft food and beer. Winter Springs Elementary schools brought art made by local students to display. Attendees could enjoy live music and dance performances in the town center. The children's craft area was a favorite for little residents to exercise their creative muscles. Thank you for joining us!



WINTER SPRINGS WELCOMES RUNNING4HEROES



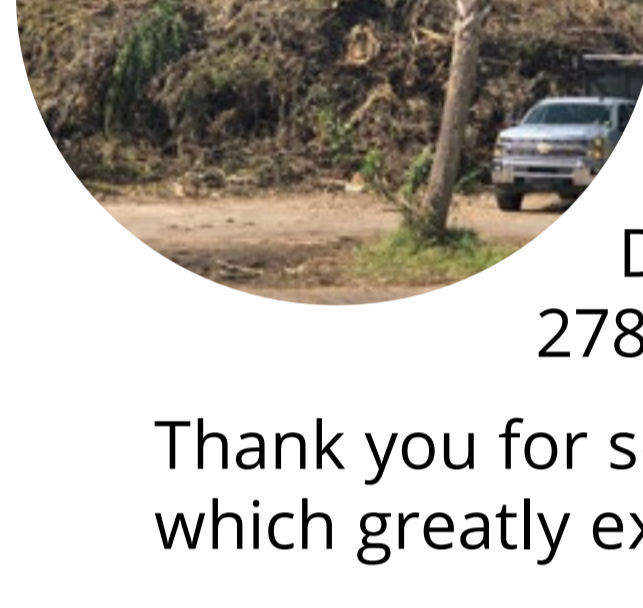
City of Winter Springs Mayor, Commission, and Winter Springs Police Department celebrated the grand opening of Running4Heroes Tribute Hall on Saturday, October 15, 2022, with an official ribbon-cutting ceremony. Sheriff Dennis Lemma, Seminole County Fire Department, Seminole County Public Schools, surrounding police departments, and first responders were also present to celebrate the special occasion. Running 4 Heroes Inc. is a nonprofit started by Winter Springs resident Zechariah Cartledge. In 2019, Zechariah set out to honor a fallen hero with a mile run in his neighborhood. Years later, this organization has grown, awarded over \$600,000, and honored over 1300 first responders. Thank you to CEO Chad Cartledge and board members for recognizing and keeping our first responders.

Watch the grand opening on youtube by clicking the button below.

[RUNNING4 HEROES GRAND OPENING](#)

DEBRIS COLLECTION

City of Winter Springs debris collection crews have worked tirelessly to restore our communities since the historical impacts of Hurricane Ian. In just under four weeks, debris crews have collected 611,000 cubic feet of vegetative debris and over 270,000 cubic feet of C&D debris. Through Friday, October 21st 394 Tons of Debris were picked up, during 278 Labor Hours.



Thank you for separating your storm debris, which greatly expedited the cleanup process.

Final pass of storm debris was collected on October 28.

For questions regarding storm debris please contact city customer service representatives at 407-327-1800.

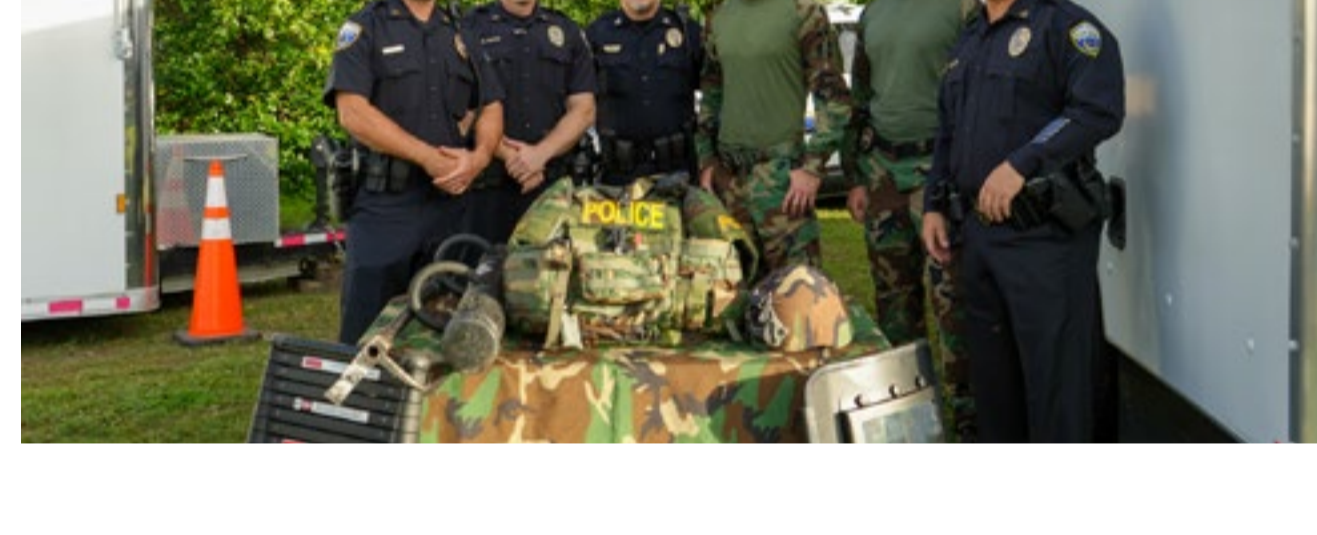
NOVEMBER CITY CLOSURES

City Hall, offices, and facilities will be closed on Friday November 11, 2022 in honor of Veterans Day. Regular business hours will resume on Monday, November 14, 2022. City of Winter Springs will hold a Veterans Day Tribute at the Winter Springs Town Center Veterans Memorial from 6-7 PM on November 11. All residents are encouraged to attend.

City Hall, offices, and facilities will also be closed on Thursday November 24, and Friday November 25, 2022 due to Thanksgiving Holiday. Regular business hours will resume on Monday, November 28, 2022. On behalf of your City Manager, staff, and commission, Happy Thanksgiving!

WINTER SPRINGS CELEBRATES THE 16TH ANNUAL HOMETOWN HARVEST PRESENTED BY ORLANDO HEALTH

On October 29, 2022 thousands of residents made their way to Central Winds Park to celebrate the fall season at Hometown Harvest 2022. Attendees enjoyed free hayrides through with the Winter Springs Parks and Rec. Department. RE/MAX Town and country realty hosted Winter Springs Got Talent at the main stage. And the Music Box provided audio support for our costume contest and live performances. Thank you to our local young artist "Hello Sister" for performing fun pop rock songs. The City of Winter Springs would like to express appreciation to all of our community partners, vendors, Seminole County Fire Department and Winter Springs Police Department. If you would like to participate in our upcoming events with your business or organization please email, Communications@winterspringsfl.org.



HAPPY HALLOWEEN FROM CITY STAFF!

City Staff have some holiday fun On Halloween. Our customer service representatives came as a group of witches. Our IT department turned into batman, a pink dinosaur, and the mandalorian. Winter Springs HR specialist arrived as Kuzco from emperors new groove. Our City Clerk brought her own camera and fossil as our staff dinosaur archaeologist. We wish all residents a safe and spooktacular holiday!



Winter Springs Police Department

SHOP WITH A COP

The Winter Springs Police Department is hosting Shop with a Cop. This program helps spread Christmas joy to children in need and their families. Our department accepts donations to allow children to shop for gifts for themselves and their families. The children are also given a hearty breakfast with a special visitor before they start shopping. Our goal is to assist families and provide positive interactions with police officers. Each child is nominated by their school guidance counselor, police officers, or church community leaders. The number of children helped is based on the funds raised by community donations. With your continued help and support, we can make a difference in the lives of local children and families. **If you are interested in participating, please contact Ofc. Ballew at tballew@winterspringsfl.org or at (407)-327-8976. We are working toward a November 15 deadline to collect all donations and begin shopping for our families.**



CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, November 9, 2022 - 6:30 pm
The CAC meets at the Winter Springs Police Department (300 N. Moss Rd) at 6:30 pm. Everyone attending is encouraged to ask questions and talk about what is happening in their neighborhood. Light refreshments are served.

Learn more about our CAC meetings by clicking the button below.

[CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE](#)

NOVEMBER SAFETY TIP: DROWSY DRIVING PREVENTION

With the holidays around the corner, more people will be on the roads traveling to visit with friends and family. With long drives comes an inherent risk of becoming drowsy. Drowsy driving is a major contributor to motor vehicle collisions. According to the Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), in 2017, drowsy driving caused at least 91,000 crashes, resulting in about 50,000 injuries and 800 fatalities.

Tips to avoid drowsy driving

- Break the trip up into smaller segments
- Budget time for rest
- Avoid alcohol and other sedatives
- Split driving duties between you and your travel companion

Drowsy driving is a form of impaired driving. If you feel yourself becoming drowsy while driving, look for the nearest opportunity to stop and rest.

Read our full November Safety Tip by clicking the button below.

[WSPD SAFETY TIP](#)

WSPD RECOGNIZED OFC. RANEY FOR 21 YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

Winter Springs Police Department, City Commission, and Mayor recognize Officer Dave Raney at the City Commission Meeting on Monday, October 24, 2022, with a public resolution. Officer Dave Raney began his career with the City of Winter Springs as a Police Officer on January 18, 2001. During his career, Dave has held several assignments contributing to the success of the police department, including patrol, community relations, and, most notably, in the Criminal Investigations Bureau as the lead fraud investigator for the police department. As his career progressed, Ofc. Raney became a department field training officer, SWAT officer, community relations officer, and agency representative in the county Emergency Operations Center. Officer Raney earned certification as the only certified fraud investigator for the agency. He has been instrumental throughout the agency, providing a unique skillset when dealing with high-profile and sensitive fraud cases. During his career, Dave has earned hundreds of hours of advanced and specialized training, establishing himself as a model ambassador for the WSPD. His compassion and care for those he serves are unparalleled. Officer Raney served this City with distinction and honor for over 21 years and will retire from service with the City of Winter Springs on November 1, 2022.

View the retirement ceremony on youtube.



RETIREMENT CEREMONY



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

Veterans Day Tribute

November 11 | 6-7 PM
Winter Springs Veterans and Military Service Memorial, Town Center

Please join the City of Winter Springs as we celebrate and honor our nation's heroes.



02

Winter Wonderland (Parade)

December 3 | 4 PM - 8 PM
Winter Springs Town Center

Experience an evening one of the longest-running traditions in our city, the 40th annual Holiday Parade featuring local talent and businesses and the annual Christmas tree Lighting!



03

Santa's City Run

December 5-9 | 5 PM - 8 PM

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. On the big night, be sure to listen for police sirens!



[CITY CALENDAR](#)

SENIOR CENTER

The Senior Center is a fun and safe gathering place for members of 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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