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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!



Make a Splash this Summer

Enjoy Extended Summer Hours

Beat the heat this summer at a Winter Springs Splash Playground. Enjoy splash hours daily from 10 AM to 7 PM (Weather permitted). Splash playgrounds are located at our Trotwood and Torcaso Parks. Please supervise all children and follow park rules when visiting.



News and Information

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT MEET OUR K9 UNIT



Meet Officer Jesus Hilerio and his coworker K9 Max. This dynamic duo serves our Winter Springs Police Department. Together they respond to the most dangerous calls, such as burglaries, drug trafficking, and carjackings. Learn more about Officer Hilerio and Max in our employee spotlight article.

READ EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

CELEBRATION OF FREEDOM 2022 PRESENTED BY DUKE ENERGY

Join Winter Springs for our annual Celebration of Freedom hosted at Central Winds Park. This Independence Day celebration is our largest event of the year. Be sure to wear your red, white, and blue and bring a blanket or lawn chair to enjoy this Winter Springs tradition. Stroll around the park and visit our local food trucks and community vendors. Enjoy live musical performances and entertainment throughout the night. Kids are invited to the Red, White, and Bounce zone for water balloons, face painting, and character meet and greets. At the end of the evening, gather with family and friends to watch our world-class firework display presented by Duke Energy. We advise all attendees to consider riding a bike or walking to this event if possible. Please review our list of prohibited items before attending.

Winter Springs City Hall and offices will be closed on July 4, 2022. Central Winds Dog Park Will be closed all day on July 4, 2022. Solid waste and recycling will also not be picked up in observance of Independence Day.



CELEBRATION OF FREEDOM

THE SAVOY GRAND OPENING

Winter Springs celebrates the Grand Opening of The Savoy. On Sunday, June 26, 2022, Mayor Kevin McCann, Deputy Mayor Kevin Cannon, Commissioner TiAnna Hale, and Commissioner Matt Benton held a ribbon cutting with Savoy Staff, Oviedo-Winter Springs Chambers, and Representative David Smith. The grand opening featured an honor guard from Winter Springs high school and a national anthem sung by a local student. The Savoy Gracious Retirement living offers incredible apartments, a renowned culinary program, enriching activities, and more.



Watch the grand opening on our Youtube Channel

THE SAVOY GRAND OPENING

A+ GRADE FOR WINTER SPRINGS



Niche.com ranks Winter Springs 6th in the top 25 suburbs to buy a house in the Greater Orlando area. Niche gave Winter Springs an "A" in public schools, good for families, and diversity categories. Overall report card grade was an "A+". Winter Springs was also rated 25 out of 380 for Best Public Schools in Florida. Niche uses data from multiple public sources and data from the Department of Education, U.S census, FBI, and more to make their assessment.

BEST PLACE TO LIVE IN FLORIDA

Areavibes.com ranks Winter Springs 9th in the best places to live in Florida 2022, with an overall livability score of 88. Winter Springs's crime rates are 57% lower than the Florida average. Areavibes gives Winter Springs an A letter grade in the amenities, crime, schools, and user rating categories. Making Winter Springs #1 in Seminole County.



ALDI NEWEST ADDITION TO WINTER SPRINGS MARKETPLACE

On June 2, 2022, Mayor Kevin McCann, Deputy Mayor Kevin Cannon, City Manager Shawn Boyle, Commissioners Rob Elliot, Tiana Hale, and Matt Benton welcomed Aldi to the Winter Springs Marketplace. Located at 1193 E. SR 434, Aldi brings fresh produce and everyday essentials at low prices. Raised in Winter Springs, their friendly store manager, Brooke, invites residents to shop at their new convenient location, open every day from 9 AM-8 PM.



Watch the Aldi grand opening on our Youtube Channel.

ALDI GRAND OPENING

DONATION FOR SAM SMITH BOARDWALK

Thank you to Karen Brooke and the Tuskawilla Pioneer Garden Club for their generous donation to the Sam Smith Park Boardwalk. This donation was funded by the many luminaire kits sold throughout the years at Tuskawilla. This new boardwalk will be a tremendous asset to the community, and families will be able to enjoy it for many years to come.



Watch the donation on our Youtube Channel.

ACCEPTANCE OF SAM SMITH DONATION

IMPROVEMENTS MADE TO SR 434 NEAR VILLAGE WALK

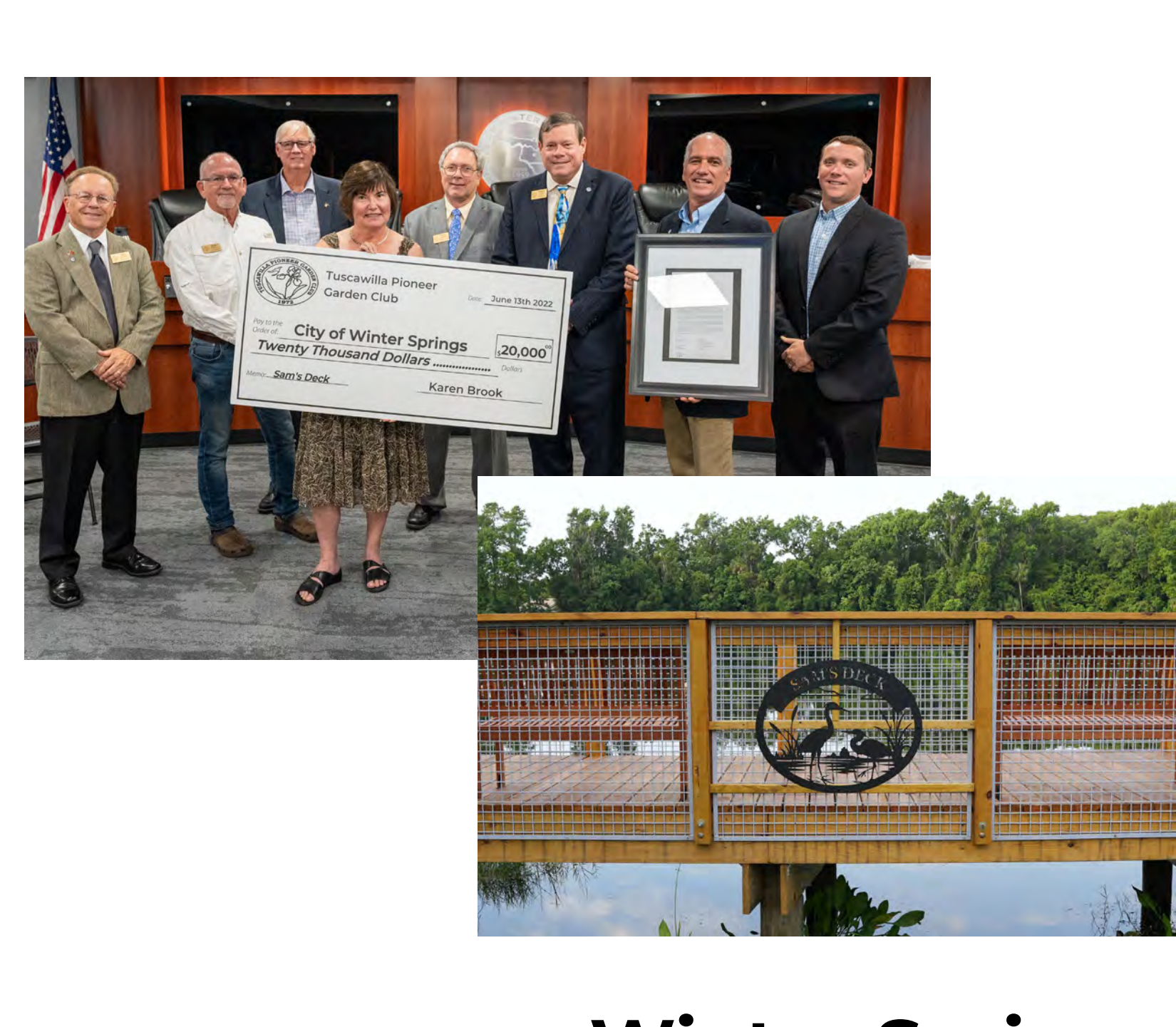
Winter Springs staff and partners are diligently working this summer to refresh the landscape along SR 434 near Village walk. Both sides of the road will be receiving care and maintenance to keep our city looking beautiful and fresh. Crews will be planting Flax Lily, Schilling, Little gem magnolia, Trinette, and more! Please drive with caution when crews are working near the roads.

434 IMPROVEMENTS VIDEO

WINTER SPRINGS RANKED ONE OF THE BEST SMALL CITIES IN AMERICA



Winter Springs is rated as one of the "2021 Best Small Cities in America" by Wallethub.Com. In a comparison between 1,300 U.S. Cities with populations between 25,000 and 100,000, Winter Springs scored in the top rankings. Wallet hub measures 43 key factors of livability and five key dimensions. These dimensions include affordability, economic health, education, quality of life, and safety. All these factors are weighted to calculate an overall score using data collected by the U.S census, FBI, Medicare and Medicaid, Bureau of labor statistics, and other credible sources.



Winter Springs Police Department

JULY TIP BLOG: FIREWORK SAFETY

If consumer fireworks are legal to buy where you live and you choose to use them, be sure to follow the following safety tips:

- Never allow young children to handle fireworks
- Older children should use them only under close adult supervision
- Never use fireworks while impaired by drugs or alcohol
- Only use them away from people, houses and flammable material
- Never point or throw fireworks at another person
- Only light one device at a time and maintain a safe distance after lighting
- Soak both spent and unused fireworks in water for a few hours before discarding
- Keep a bucket of water nearby to fully extinguish fireworks that don't go off or in case of fire
- Never use illegal fireworks

Better yet, grab a blanket and a patch of lawn, kick back and let the experts handle the fireworks show.

For more tips visit our Safety Blog

WSPD SAFETY BLOG

EXCITING CHANGES AT WSPD

On Monday, June 17, 2022, Chief Tracht introduced our newest additions to the Winter Springs Police Department. Please join us in welcoming Ofc. Joseph Cieszynski, Ofc. Jose Hilerio, Ofc. Dwayne Darrisaw, Ofc. Daniel Van Kirk. We look forward to having these bright and talented individuals on our team. Thank you for choosing to protect and serve our Winter Springs Community.

June 13, 2022, Chief Tracht announced some exciting changes for the Police Department at the Commission meeting. Several officers were promoted in rank and into new leadership roles. Many family members and ceremony the swearing-in and badge pinning friends. Congratulations to Doug Seely, Bill Mayhugh, Aaron Wilkens, Kristen Herwick, and Matt Scovel.



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



JULY IS VEHICLE THEFT PREVENTION MONTH

As a driver, you can take steps to keep your vehicle and belongings safe. Here are ways you can help prevent motor vehicle theft.

- Park in well-lit areas.
- Close and lock all windows and doors when you park.
- Put away your valuables.
- Do not leave your keys in your vehicle.
- Do not leave the area while your vehicle is running.
- Remember to lock your vehicle every time you walk away to prevent vehicle theft.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DON'T MISS A THING

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Celebration of Freedom

July 4, 2022 | 5 pm - 9:30 pm
Central Winds Park
(1000 Central Winds Dr.)
Winter Springs, FL 32708

Food Trucks, community Vendors, Kids zone, Fire works, and more!

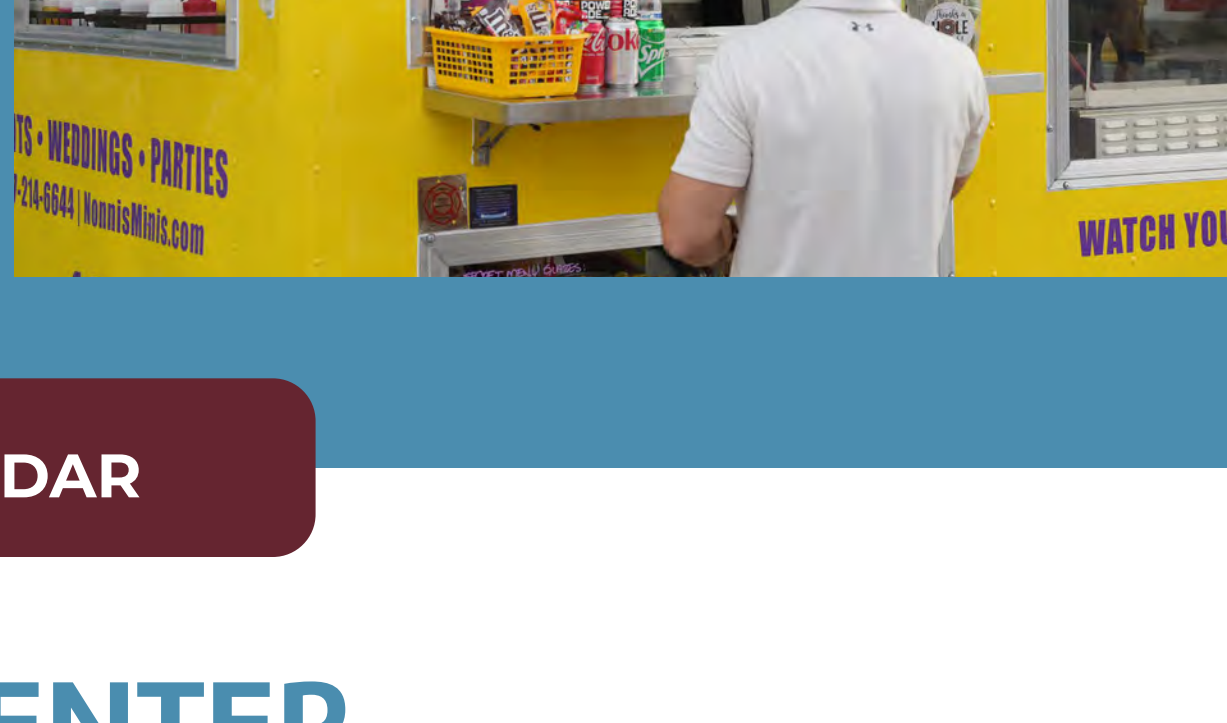


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WSPD School Supply Drive

Final Collection July 22, 2022
Winter Springs Police Department
300 N. Moss Rd.

Winter Springs Police Department will be collecting new and unused school supplies this summer for our local community. Please drop off supplies in the Police Department Lobby.



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Food Truck Thursday

August 18, 2022 | 5 pm - 8 pm
Torcaso Park
104 N. Moss Rd.

Join us for an evening filled with delicious food from local food trucks. Bring your own chairs or blanket for a picnic in the park!

CITY CALENDAR

SENIOR CENTER

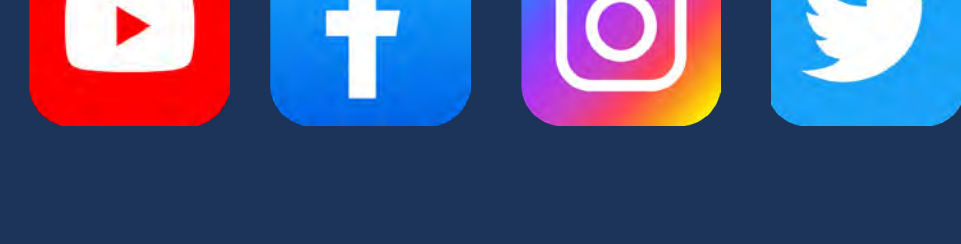
The Senior Center is a fun and safe gathering place for members of our community ages 55 and up. The senior Center offers a variety of programs and other unique opportunities for seniors to connect with each other! For more information on the activity schedule click the button below.

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

VIEW ACTIVITY SCHEDULE



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