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Torcaso Pavilion is now open

Visit Torcaso Park This week

We want to express our thanks to the Mayor and Commission, Parks and Recreation Board, and city staff for making this project a huge success. Click the picture below for a highlight from the grand opening.

**Plant a Tree this Arbor Day!**

We got a free tree for you!

Celebrate Arbor day by planting a free tree! We are giving away one free tree per Winter Springs household. Register online and on April 30th head over to Central Winds Park to pick up your tree.

Registration closes soon! Sign up today.



WATER SYSTEMS 411

Nutrient Pollution

Protecting Our Environment One Step at a Time

Nutrient pollution is one of America's most widespread, costly and challenging environmental problems, and is caused by excess nitrogen and phosphorus in the air and water. Nitrogen and phosphorus are nutrients that are natural parts of aquatic ecosystems. But when too much nitrogen and phosphorus enter the environment - usually from a wide range of human activities - the air and water can become polluted. Nutrient pollution has impacted many streams, rivers, lakes, bays and coastal waters for the past several decades, resulting in serious environmental and human health issues, and impacting the economy.

Click the button below to read more about pollution prevention.

READ THE FULL ARTICLE

**NEWS YOU CAN USE – DID YOU KNOW?****WATER UTILITIES**

As we move into the spring and summer months:

- Water your lawn wisely. Irrigation systems account for about half of all residential water use.
- Because many irrigation systems are scheduled to run through the night, you may not be aware of you have a problem until you get your next water bill. Maintain your irrigation system. Consider inspecting your system regularly. Be sure to fix broken heads or lines & readjust misdirected sprinkler heads.

SEWER UTILITIES

Last month we shared that “flushable” wipes are NOT flushable. Here are 10 more things you should never put down your drain:

- Coffee Grounds
- Grease and Other fats
- Cooking Oil
- Medication*
- Eggshells
- Rice
- Pasta
- No liquids, over the counter or Needles
- Butter or Margarine

***PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION MAY BE DROPPED OFF 24/7 AT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT 300 N MOSS ROAD, WINTER SPRINGS, FL 32708**

SOLID WASTE

Spring Cleaning – Are you cleaning out your garage or shed? The following items should not be thrown in the trash (this list is not all inclusive):

- Old lawn and garden chemicals including insecticides
- Old paint and paint thinners
- Old unused cleaning and pool chemicals
- Batteries and large electronics
- Motor oil and other automotive fluids

Please take these to the Seminole County Central Transfer Station located at

1950 State Road 419, Longwood Florida 32750

This is FREE to Seminole County residents. Just tell the gate attendant that you have hazardous household waste to dispose of. You will be directed where to go to drop off waste.

INFORMATION ON HAZARDOUS WASTE

- It is important to keep your contact information up to date so we can contact you with important information about your account.
- There is a KIOSK that accepts payments 24/7 located on the right side of the City Hall parking lot. It accepts cash, checks and credit cards-except American Express (there is a 2.95% charge if paying with a credit card)
- We encourage all of our customers to sign up for e-billing. E-mail us at cityhallinfo.org for more information

Winter Springs Police Department**THANK YOU CHIEF OF POLICE, CHRIS DEISLER**

Thank you, Chief Deisler, for 30 Years of service to the Winter Springs Community.

We celebrated Chief Deisler's retirement from the Winter Springs Police department at Monday's commission meeting. Chief was presented with his badge and the American Flag that flew outside the Police station. Mayor McCann and City Commission also recognized Chief Deisler for his service to the Winter Springs community and expressed their sincere thanks and appreciation on behalf of the city. Thank you to the many service members, family, and friends that came out to share their support and best wishes. Deputy Chief Tracht will become Interim Chief starting today, March 1st of 2022. Tracht was presented with the Meritorious Action Award on Monday for his outstanding service to the community.

Before the ceremony, Chief Deisler also gave several Police Officers and staff, and volunteers Department Awards.

Meritorious Action Award

Deputy Chief Matthew Tracht
Sgt. Robert Stephens
Analyst Christin Berges

Distinguished Service Award

COP Bruce Hovey
COP Fred Curtis
COP Bob Henderson
Mr. Steve Colosi

Police Duty Medal

Ofc. Adam Colangelo

Community Service Award

Code Enforcement Officer Terri Sanchez



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

MARCH 2022 SAFETY BLOG POISON PREVENTION

The Third week of March is National Poison Prevention Week. Here are some tips to help keep you and your family safe at home.

- Keep all medication and potentially poisonous substances in a locked cabinet or out of the reach of children.
- Keep all medication in the original containers, properly labeled, and store them appropriately.
- Never share prescription medication. If you are taking more than one drug at a time, check with your health care provider, pharmacist, or call the toll-free Poison Help line **(1-800-222-1222)**, which connects you to your local poison center, to find out more about possible drug interactions.

Read the full blog on our website by clicking the button below.

WSPD MARCH SAFETY BLOG

UPCOMING EVENTS

DON'T MISS A THING

01

Egg-Citing Egg Hunt

April 16 | 9 AM - 12 PM
Central Winds Park

Join us for a park-wide Spring egg hunt! Children ages 2 – 12 bring their own baskets and hunt for eggs at Central Winds Park! Fun and prizes for everyone!



02

Explore Outdoors

April 30 | 8 AM - 1 PM
Central Winds Park

Spring into the season at Explore Outdoors, our annual Arbor Day celebration! This spring festival features the City's Tree Giveaway, live entertainment, FREE kids activities, arts & crafts vendors, and more!



03

Fish Winter Springs

May 14 | 8 AM - 10 AM
Central Winds Park

Enjoy a morning of safe, fish fun at Fish Winter Springs! This event is meant for children ages 5-12. Registration details coming soon.



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 February activity schedule click the button below.

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

MARCH 2022 ACTIVITY SCHEDULE



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