

# INSIDER

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## Become an Event Sponsor

### Interested in partnering with your city?

Our event sponsors allow us to provide free community events. Sponsors have an opportunity to promote their brand and connect with residents. If you would like to be a sponsor at one of our upcoming events please email: [Communications@winterspringsfl.org](mailto:Communications@winterspringsfl.org)



## What's new with water?

### Latest update regarding wastewater

Winter Springs Public Works & Utility staff are making steady progress at the East and West Wastewater Treatment plants. Check out our short video below for more information regarding the progress made at both plants.

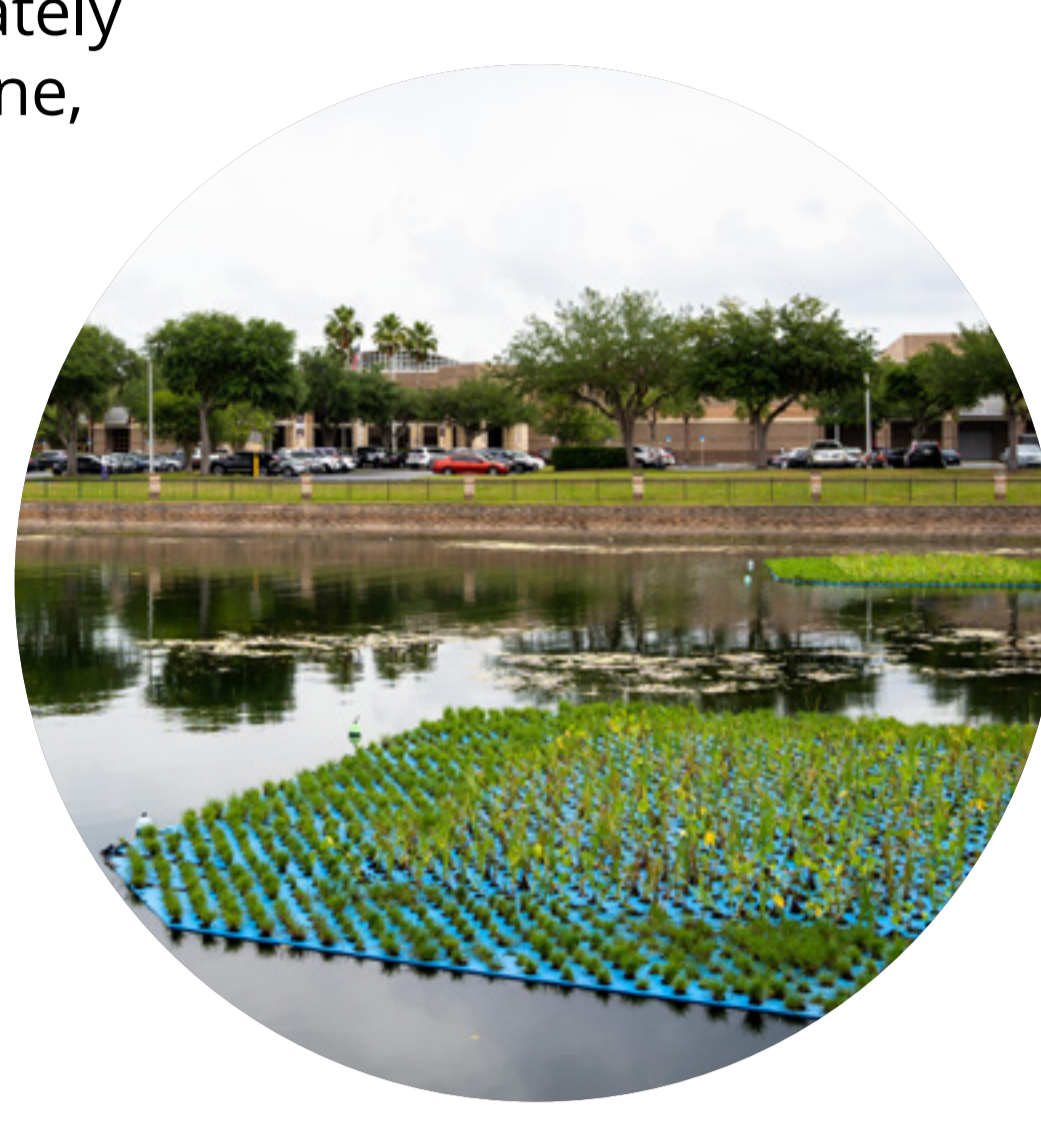


## News and Information

### WINTER SPRINGS INTRODUCES FLOATING BEEMAT WETLANDS



These floating MAPS (Managed Aquatic Plant Systems) are located between City Hall and Winter Springs Highschool. These 800 square foot floating mats are 1/2 inch thick and feature cutouts for aquatic plants. This project involves using multiple floating mats to make up 5 separate islands totaling approximately 4,575 square feet. Each plant is encased in reusable polypropylene, allowing the roots to extend into the water. The floating islands will serve as active biological systems. These plants will remove excess nitrogen and phosphorous from the water, aiding in pollution removal and nutrient control. Each island contains up to 8 hydroponic plant species. Stormwater runoff from urban sources often contains nutrient and chemical contaminants that negatively impact water quality and ecosystem health. Floating treatment wetlands are proven to be effective solutions for cleaning waterways. Follow our Facebook page as we continue to provide updates on plant growth and stormwater quality.



[WATCH OUR VIDEO ON FLOATING MAPS](#)

### READY WINTER SPRINGS

June marks the beginning of hurricane season. The City of Winter Springs wants to ensure your safety in the event of a natural disaster which is why we provide free resources on our website for disaster preparedness. Be sure that you and your family are #ReadyWinterSprings. Sign up for text message alerts and be sure to follow our social media channels. For more information and tips for creating a plan visit: [winterspringsfl.org/ready](http://winterspringsfl.org/ready) or [click the button below](#).

[DISASTER PREPAREDNESS](#)

### RESIDENTS HAVE A REELY GREAT TIME AT FISH WINTER SPRINGS

On May 7 & 14, 2022 our littlest residents were able to go fishing at Central Winds Park. Our parks and recreation team did a fantastic job helping our little residents cast, bait, and unhook their rods. Thank you to Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission for teaching our community helpful fishing tips and providing gear for this memorable event.



### WINTER SPRINGS WELCOMES AUTHENTIC CHURCH TO THE TOWN CENTER

On Saturday, May 14, 2022, Mayor Kevin McCann, Commissioner Tianna Hale, Deputy Mayor Kevin Cannon, and Commissioner Rob Elliott welcomed Authentic Church to the Winter Springs Town Center with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Located at 158 Tuskawilla Road #1312, this space is known as headquarters (HQ) and is used for offices, support, and small group meetings. Led by Pastor Kevin and Stacy Hockenbury, Authentic Church services are held Sundays at Winter Springs High School at 10:30 am and include childcare from nursery to elementary school. Their friendly staff invites the community to stop by HQ to get to know them or attend their weekly service.



[WATCH THE GRAND OPENING](#)

### CELEBRATION OF FREEDOM 2022



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. At the end of the evening, gather with family and friends to watch our world-class firework display presented by Duke Energy.

[CELEBRATION OF FREEDOM](#)

### CENTRAL WINDS DOG PARK

We are pleased to announce that the Central Winds Dog Park is officially open again. Thank you for being so patient as we performed maintenance. Our four-legged residents can safely enjoy running, barking, and playing this summer.



Please follow park rules and pick up after your pet when visiting.

[DOG PARK INFORMATION](#)

### SPLASH PLAYGROUND EXTENDED HOURS

Make a splash this Summer at Trotwood and Torcaso Park! Splash playgrounds will have new extended hours until Labor Day (September 5). Residents will be able to enjoy Summer splash hours daily from 10 AM - 7 PM (Weather Permitted).



Please supervise all children and follow park rules when using the playgrounds.

[SPLASH PLAYGROUND](#)

### STORM WATER POLLUTION HELP KEEP OUR WATERWAYS CLEAN

Did you know that when someone pours, blows, or sweeps anything into the street, it eventually ends up in one of our lakes? Many businesses and individuals discard wastewater, pollution, and debris onto the ground and into the storm drains that may cause lake pollution. A storm drain is part of the storm water system that collects rainwater from streets, parking lots and rooftops. In most cases, polluted storm water runoff drains directly into one of our lakes through the underground storm sewer system. Please help us keep our lakes free of pollutants!

- Do not wash debris or pollution down the storm drains. This can contribute to blockages that increase the chance of flooding as well as releasing damaging chemicals and organic material into our lakes.
- Do not alter the normal function of storm water system elements. Stormwater is designed to flow a certain way, so changes to the flow of water in one place can adversely affect another area.
- Keep roadside ditches free of debris at all times. A simple blockage to a drainage system could also cause localized flooding.

## Winter Springs Police Department

### JUNE SAFETY TIP BLOG: HEAT EXHAUSTION

When the body loses excessive water and salt, usually due to sweating, heat exhaustion can occur. According to the free NSC First Aid Quick Reference app, signs and symptoms include:

- Pale, ashen or moist skin
- Muscle cramps (especially for those working or exercising outdoors in high temperatures)
- Fatigue, weakness or exhaustion
- Headache, dizziness or fainting
- Nausea or vomiting
- Rapid heart rate

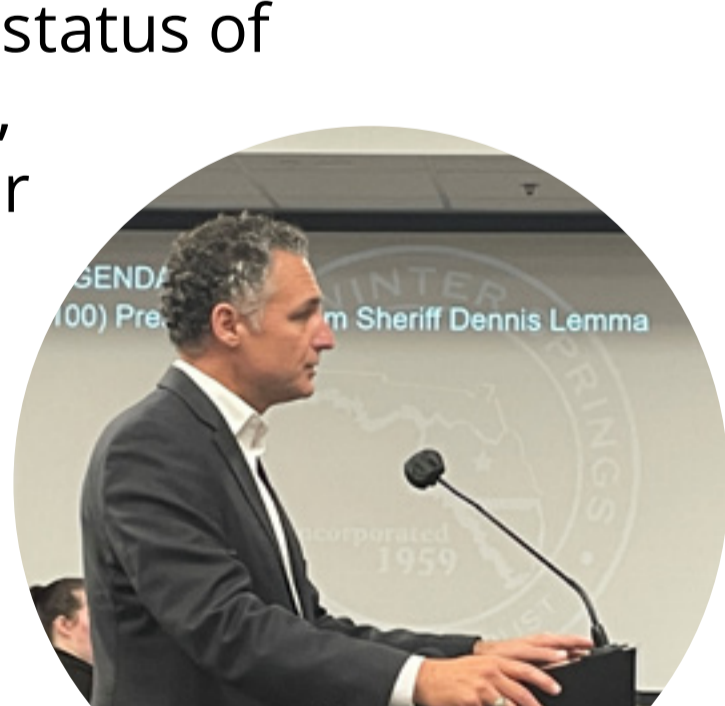
Uncontrolled heat exhaustion can evolve into heat stroke, so make sure to treat victims like:

- Move victims to a shaded or air-conditioned area
- Give water or other cool, nonalcoholic beverages
- Apply wet towels, or have victims take a cool shower

[WSPD SAFETY BLOG](#)

### UPDATE FROM SEMINOLE COUNTY SHERIFF, DENNIS LEMMA

On Monday May 23, 2022 nationally recognized Seminole County Sheriff Dennis Lemma shared at our City Commission meeting. Sheriff Lemma gave an update on the current drug and opioid crisis in central Florida and current status of crime (2022). Sheriff Lemma stated, "generally speaking, there has never been a crime rate in the history of Seminole County lower than it is today." In closing, Sheriff Lemma thanked the Winter Springs commission and Police department for their continued support and the citizens of Seminole County for standing up to crime in their communities.



[WATCH THE PRESENTATION](#)



### CLICK IT OR TICKET SEAT BELTS SAVE LIVES

Winter Springs Police Department will be joining law enforcement agencies across the nation for the "Click It Or Ticket" seat belt mobilization effort. Click It or Ticket isn't about citations; it's about saving lives. Buckling up is the simplest thing you can do to limit injury or save your life during a crash.

- High-visibility seat belt enforcement is important 24 hours a day, but nighttime is especially deadly for unbuckled occupants. In 2020, 58% of passenger vehicle occupants killed at night (6 p.m.-5:59 a.m.) were not wearing their seat belts.

[LEARN MORE AT NHTSA WEBSITE](#)

### WHAT TO DO WHEN STOPPED BY THE POLICE

WSPD wants you to know your rights, remain calm, cooperate, and not to run when stopped by a police officer. Click the button below for a helpful guide on what you need to know so everyone can be safe.

[DOWNLOAD THE GUIDE](#)



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

### Community Youth Outreach Program

Begins June 6 - July 22 | 10 AM - 2 PM  
Torcaso park 104 N. Moss Road  
Winter Springs, FL 32708

Enjoy the summer with the Winter Springs Police Department!



02

### City Commission Diversity Workshop

June 6 | 6:30 PM  
City Hall  
1126 East State Road 434

This workshop discusses policy, programs, and ideas to unite Winter Springs.



03

### Celebration of Freedom

July 4 | 5 PM - 9:30pm  
Central Winds Park  
1000 Central Winds Dr.

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[CITY CALENDAR](#)

## SENIOR CENTER

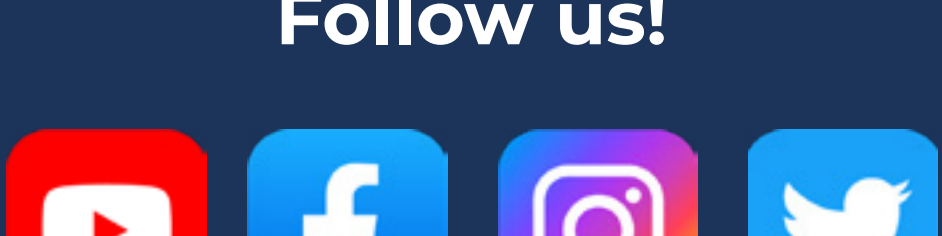
The Senior Center is a fun and safe gathering place for members of our community ages 55 and up. The Senior Center offers a variety of programs and other unique opportunities for seniors to connect with each other! For more information on the activity schedule click the button below.

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

[VIEW ACTIVITY SCHEDULE](#)



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