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## Recycling guidelines

**When in doubt, leave it out!**

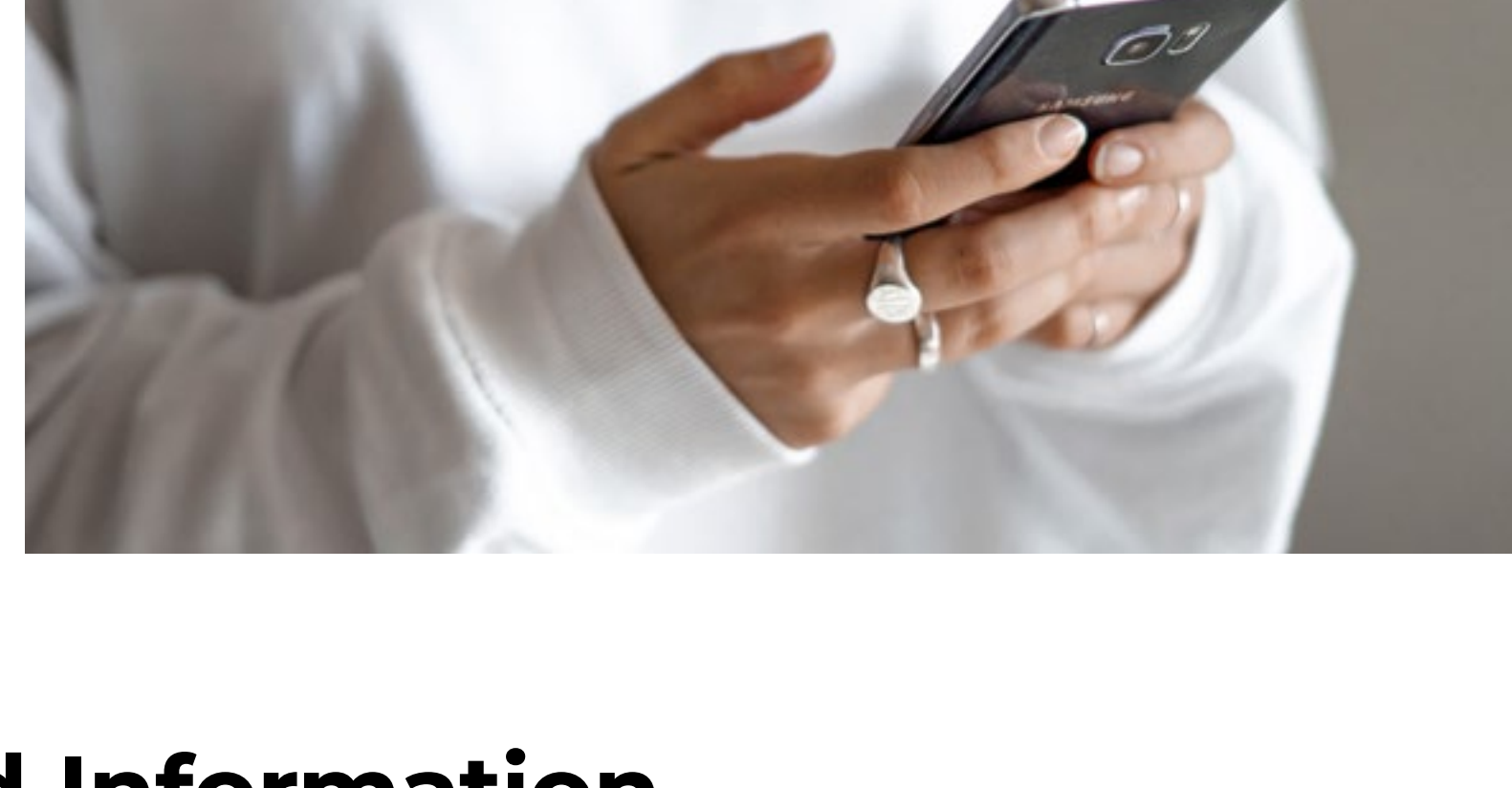
The guidelines for recycling are established by Seminole County. For a helpful and printable recycling cheat-sheet, please visit our website by clicking the button below.



## Sign up for E-Alerts

**Receive Alerts and Emails**

We have partnered with Nixle, an emergency notification system, to keep you up-to-date and alert on traffic, crime, and weather notifications. Sign up below to receive alerts/notifications via text or email.



## News and Information

### 40TH ANNUAL WINTER WONDERLAND AND PARADE PRESENTED BY ADVENT HEALTH

Winter Springs Mayor, commission, and staff invite all to celebrate the holidays at the 40th annual Winter Wonderland presented by Advent Health. This cherished tradition will feature our community parade at 4:30 PM. Find a spot in the town center to wave to your favorite organizations and see the floats. Gather around the town center Christmas tree at 6 PM for our annual lighting that is sure to bring joy to all. This event will feature free photos with Santa, food trucks, and our incredible community sponsors. Thanks to our partnership with "The Music Box," live musical performances and entertainment will occur on the main stage. To learn more about Winter Wonderland, click the button below.



WINTER WONDERLAND

### CITY COMMISSION SWEARING IN CEREMONY

On Monday, November 14, 2022, Victoria Colangelo from District 2, and Cade Resnick from District 4, were officially inaugurated into office for Winter Springs City Commissioners. Kevin McCann was reelected as Mayor of the City of Winter Springs. City Commissioner Rob Elliott (District 5) was selected as Deputy Mayor during the city commission meeting after the ceremony. Congratulations to all! View the ceremony on our Youtube channel by clicking the button below.



Winter Springs City Hall and offices will be closed on Friday, December 23, 2022, and Monday, December 26, 2022, in observance of the Christmas Holiday. Regular business hours will resume Tuesday, December 27, 2022, at 8 AM. Additionally, City Hall and Offices will be closed on Friday, December 30, 2022, in observance of New Year's Eve.



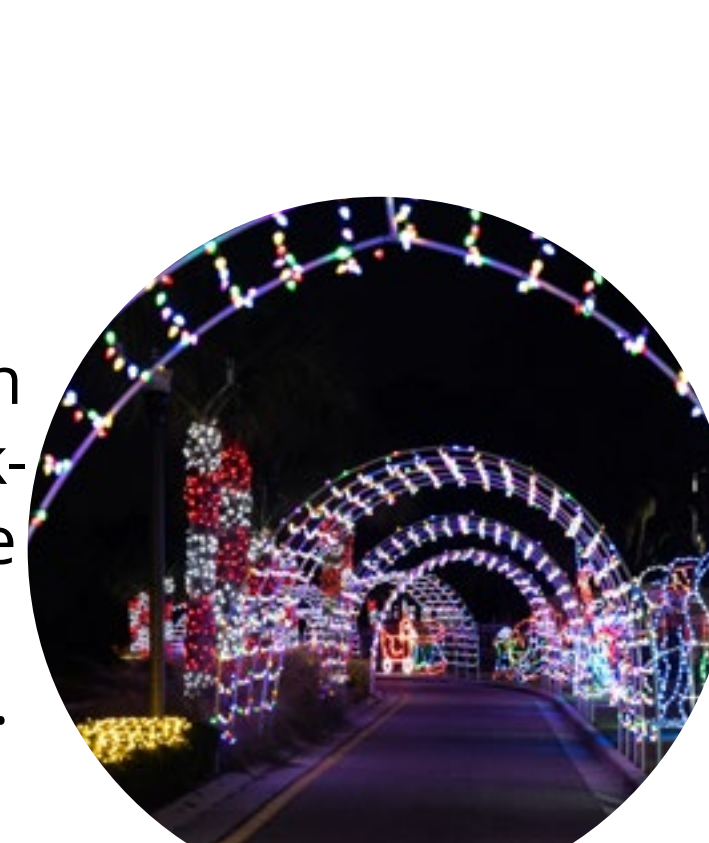
Household garbage recycling, and yard trash collection services will not be provided on Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Normal services will resume on the next regularly scheduled collection day.

SWEARING IN CEREMONY

CITY CALENDAR

### WINTER WONDERLAND OF LIGHTS WALK-THROUGH EXPERIENCE

This year's Winter Wonderland of Lights will offer a unique walk-through experience on Saturday, December 10, 2022, from 7 PM - 9 PM. The Winter Wonderland of Lights walk-through will also feature local food trucks and a movie in the park. Food trucks include fan favorites like Grandmas BBQ, Gran Arepa, Gp Pizza, and more! Bring a blanket or lawn chair to enjoy "How the Grinch Stole Christmas," rated PG, in Central Winds Park. We can't wait to celebrate the holidays with you!



WINTER WONDERLAND OF LIGHTS



### WINTER SPRINGS BABE RUTH WRAPS UP ANOTHER GREAT SEASON!

Congratulations to all of our Winter Springs Babe Ruth teams on a great season. A special thank you to all of the volunteers who make programs like this possible. Registration for the Spring 2023 season is now open.

### WHAT'S NEW WITH PARKS?

The City's Perk Up Parks Initiative grew in 2019 based on input from our 10-year visioning session "Winter Springs 2030 and Beyond" by residents, community partners, and staff. The initiative focuses on improving city parks and play areas to strengthen our community and the overall quality of life. The City of Winter Springs believes in the importance of play, fitness, and mental health. As Mayor McCann put it, "Healthy parks build healthy communities." The Perk Up Parks Initiative continues to make steady improvements and progress at all of our major parks. Construction on the Torcaso Bridge has resumed since Hurricane Ian and is expected to be completed before the new year. Trotwood Park will receive two new basketball courts. These new courts will be surrounded by a natural sound barrier and will not be lighted. The new court location allows uninterrupted use and play among playgrounds, baseball, soccer, and field. The current court location will be converted into additional parking. A groundbreaking ceremony was held at Central Winds Park for



the Pickleball facility coming in spring 2023. This highly anticipated project will feature restrooms, parking, and 14 state-of-the-art courts. Pickleball is one of the fastest-growing sports in the nation. Residents of all ages can enjoy this easy-to-learn sport.

GROUND BREAKING VIDEO

### WINTER SPRINGS SENIOR CENTER ANNUAL HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

All Senior Center members and their family and friends are invited to the annual holiday luncheon on Sunday, December 11, 2022. Doors open at noon, and lunch will be served at 1 PM. The cost is \$10.00. Please pay in advance at the front counter. Address: 400 N. Edgemon Ave, Winter Springs, 32708.

### WALK-IN- VETERAN SERVICES AT WINTER SPRINGS SENIOR CENTER

Seminole County Veteran Services Division will provide walk-in veteran services at the Winter Springs Senior Center at 400 North Edgemon Ave. Beginning on November 14, 2022. Services are provided on the 2nd and 4th Monday from 8 AM - 12Noon (Not available on Monday, December 26, 2022). Receive assistance with VA Disability claims, pension assistance, survivor benefit claims, burial allowances, healthcare, education benefits, and more.

For more information, Contact Jon Gregory at (407)-665-2371.

### 2023 SCOTTISH HIGHLAND GAMES



Join the Scottish-American Society of Central Florida & the City for the 45th Annual Scottish Highland Games! During this two-day festival, area Scottish clans & societies gather to compete in athletic events, highland dancing, & piping to celebrate their rich heritage. Tickets are available online starting December 1, 2022. For more information, please visit [www.flascot.com](http://www.flascot.com).

SCOTTISH HIGHLAND GAMES

## 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. We are accepting new, unwrapped toys and donations in the police department lobby until December 8, 2022.



**If you have any questions please contact Ofc. Ballew at [Tballew@winterspringsfl.org](mailto:Tballew@winterspringsfl.org).**

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

### DECEMBER SAFETY TIP: HOLIDAY SAFETY

Although you can't make your home completely burglar proof, you can take simple precautionary measures to make entry so difficult that a burglar will look elsewhere for an easier target.

- 1) LOCK YOUR DOORS AND WINDOWS
- 2) Remove or trim shrubbery and trim trees for a clear view of entrances and windows.
- 3) Your home and garage service doors should be well-lit. Inexpensive timers or an electrical photocell will turn lights on at dusk and turn them off at dawn. Motion activated spot lights can be an effective crime prevention device.
- 4) Always make your home appear occupied when you are not home, out for the evening, or on an extended vacation. Leave a light or television on inside the home.
- 5) Never leave spare keys under doormats, in mail boxes, or over the door frame.

READ DECEMBER SAFETY TIP

### SANTA IS COMING TO WINTER SPRINGS

Santa is coming to town! 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. Look out for Santa in your neighborhood from December 5-9, 2022.

SANTA'S RUN

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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### Winter Wonderland (Parade)

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

Experience an evening with 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!

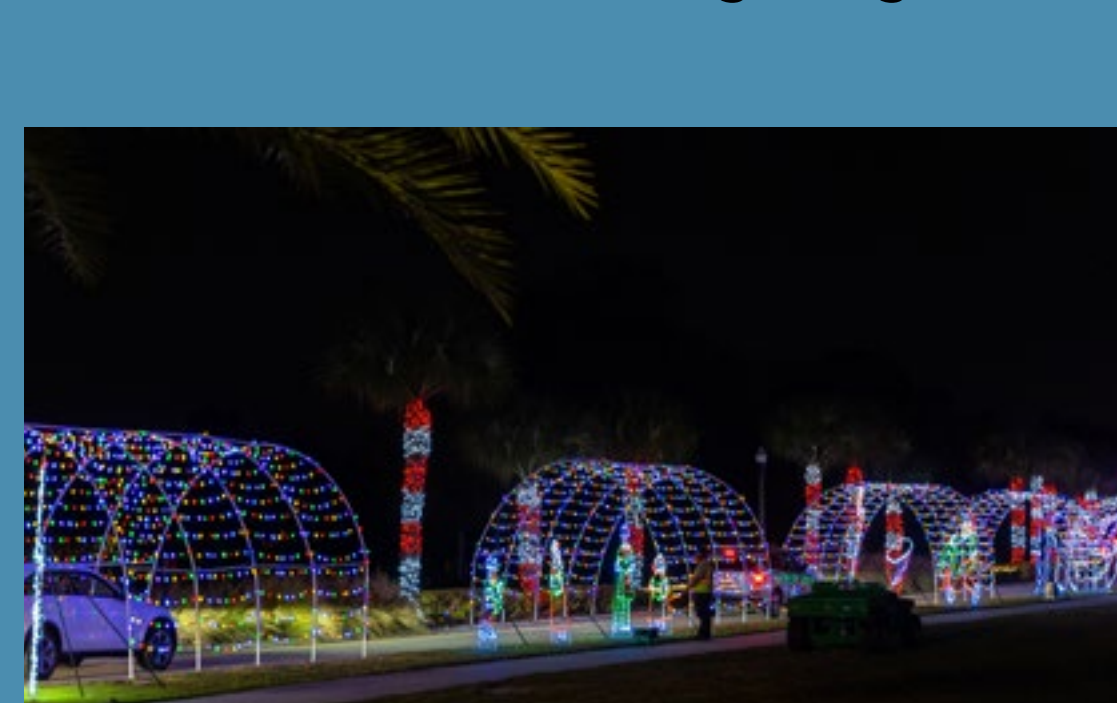


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### Winter Wonderland of Lights (Drive-Thru)

Drive-thru  
December 4, 9, and 11th  
7pm-9pm  
Central Winds Park

Drive through Central Winds Park and view holiday lights for free by the City and local businesses and organizations.



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### Scottish Highland Games

January 14-15, 2023  
8 am- 9PM  
Central Winds Park

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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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