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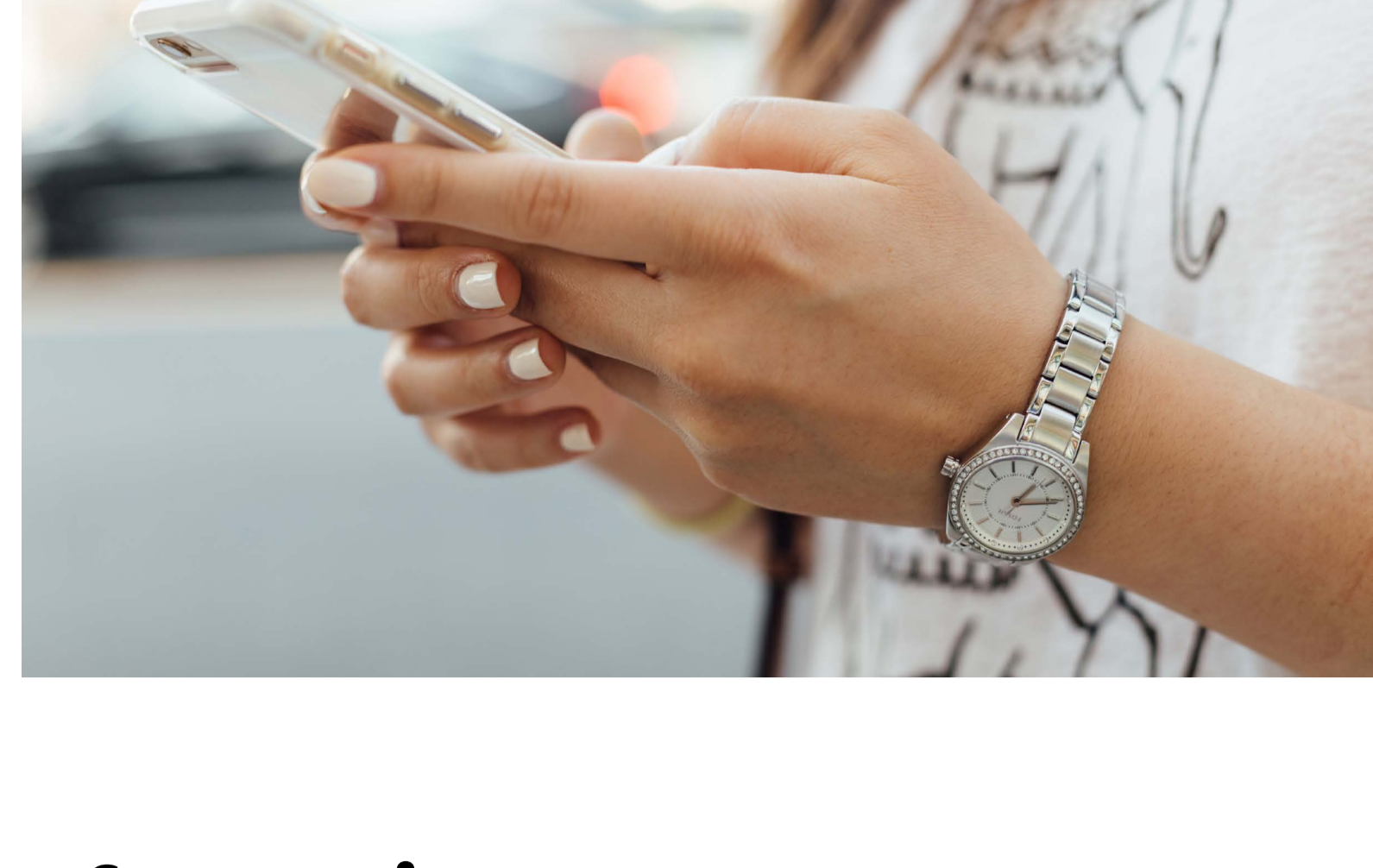
Hurricane season is from June to November. Be sure that you and your family are #ReadyWinterSprings. Find information about creating a plan, protecting your home, staying informed, creating a disaster supply kit, and more!



Text Message Alerts

Emergency Notifications

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

UTILITY BILLING REMINDER

Reduce waste of paper products by utilizing electronic billing services. With the City's online bill pay service, you can check your balance, pay your bill, and view your account history. To pay your utility bill online, you will need your account number and the name on your bill to log in. If you encounter any difficulty, please call a customer service representative for assistance at 407-327-5996.

NEW DECK AND TABLES WITH SEATING AT SAM SMITH PARK

On July 7, 2022, Mayor Kevin McCann, Deputy Mayor Kevin Cannon, and City Commissioners Ted Johnson, TiAnna Hale, and Matt Benton held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the brand new deck at Sam Smith Park. The Tuskawilla Pioneer Garden Club gifted this deck to beautify Sam Smith Park and honor Winter Springs residents, Mary and Gary Brook. Thank you to Karen Brook for her generous contribution to this project. The new deck and tables are ADA compliant. With plans for an outdoor grill to be installed in the future. Residents can enjoy this new deck as a relaxing view or as a fishing spot. This project was completed by our in house city staff. Visit Sam Smith Park in the heart of Tuskawilla this week to check out the new amenities.



WINTER SPRINGS WELCOMES PARLOUR ICE CREAM TO THE TOWN CENTER

Saturday, July 16, 2022 Mayor Kevin McCann, City manager Shawn Boyle, and Commissioners Rob Elliott and Matt Benton held a ribbon cutting ceremony with owners and operators of Parlour Ice Cream, Jason and Dawn Bethune. The new ice cream shop grand opening was well attended. Owner Jason gladly cut the ribbon with the support of his staff and family. Located in the Winter Springs Town Center, Parlour Ice Cream serves a variety of hand-crafted flavors, such as mint chocolate chip and black cherry. They also have several gluten-free and dairy-free options. Parlour Ice Cream also sells pints of their home made ice cream so that patrons can experience their flavors to go. Visit Parlour Ice cream and try it out for yourself. Their lovely staff will help you craft the perfect summer treat.



BACK TO SCHOOL SALES TAX HOLIDAY

This year's 2022 Back to School FL Sales Tax Holiday will be held from **Monday, July 25- Sunday, August 7**. During the sales tax holiday period, tax is not due on the retail sale of:

- Clothing, footwear, and certain accessories with a sales price of \$100 or less per item*
- Certain school supplies with a sales price of \$50 or less per item,
- Learning aids and jigsaw puzzles with a sales price of \$30 or less*
- Personal computers and certain computer-related accessories with a sales price of \$1,500 or less, when purchased for noncommercial home or personal use



Certain purchases may not be eligible for the Sales Tax Holiday. **Review TIP #22A01-08 for rules and exclusions.**

[BACK TO SCHOOL SALES HOLIDAY FORM](#)

NO CHANGES TO PROPERTY TAX RATE

At the City Commission meeting held on Monday, July 11, 2022, your mayor and city commissioners approved the 2022-2023 Property Tax Rate. The millage rate for the City of Winter Springs, Florida, for the fiscal year 2022-2023 is set at 2.4100 mills. The property tax rate remained the same as the previous fiscal year. Do you know where your tax dollars are going? Review our Tax Dollar Breakdown graphic below.

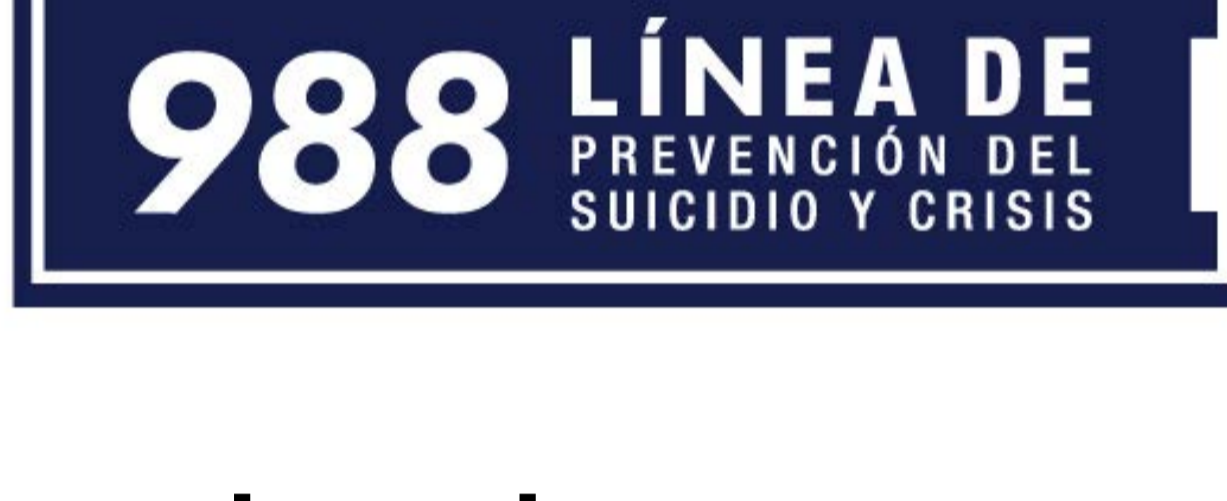


[VIEW PROPERTY TAX VIDEO](#)

NEW 988 LIFELINE FOR MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS

On July 16, 2022, the U.S transitioned the National Suicide prevention lifeline to 988. 988 offers 24/7 access to trained crisis counselors who can help people experiencing mental health-related distress. That could be: Thoughts of suicide, Mental health or substance use crisis, or any other kind of emotional distress. People can call or text 988 or chat 988lifeline.org for themselves or if they are worried about a loved one who may need crisis support. 988 will also connect to the Veterans Crisis lifeline. Access is available through every landline, cell phone, and voice-over internet device in the United States and call services are available in Spanish, along with interpretation services in over 150 languages. 988 is more than an easy-to-remember number, it is a direct connection to compassionate, accessible care and support.

Remember to Dial 988 for mental health emergencies. Dial 911 for life-threatening emergencies.



Winter Springs Police Department

AUGUST SAFETY TIP BLOG: BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY

Please Drive Safely, School Starts August 10, 2022.

School days bring congestion: It is never more important for drivers to slow down and pay attention than when kids are present especially before and after school. School buses are picking up and dropping off their passengers, kids walk and ride bicycles to and from school.

Stay alert and avoid distracted driving.

- Obey school zone speed limits and follow your school's drop-off procedure.

- Make eye contact with children who are crossing the street

- Never pass a bus loading or unloading children

- The area 10 feet around a school bus is the most dangerous for children; stop far enough back to allow them to safely enter and exit the bus



[WSPD SAFETY BLOG](#)

K9 DECOY SCHOOL

Congratulations to Officer Valentin, K9 Officer Hilario, Officer Ballew, Officer Medgal, and Officer Schmidt on completing K9 Decoy school and earning their certificates. K9 decoy training helps to assess K9 reaction in different training scenarios and relay that information to the handler. This training will make for a more effective and safe patrol dog program.



COMMUNITY YOUTH OUTREACH

This Summer, Community Relations held its annual Community Youth Outreach. The program saw a large attendance of local youth every week it was held at Torcaso Park. Youth enjoyed a variety of team sports such as football and soccer. Children could play board games and answer trivia questions with Winter Springs Police Department officers and explorers. Community youth outreach is focused on learning, laughter, and play. These three concepts were evident in the day camps, as the children had so much fun. This complimentary outreach program goes above and beyond by providing participants with lunch and water. The goal of this program is for local youth to build stronger relationships with law enforcement and establish a positive connection with officers. Thank you to Officer Ballew for coordinating this summer's program and for the WSPD Explorers' support.



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Report suspicious activity | Protect your property | LOCK IT OR LOSE IT
Emergency 911 Non-Emergency (407) 327-1000

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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01 Food Truck Thursday

August 18, 2022 | 5 pm - 8 pm
Torcaso Park
104 N. Moss Rd.
Winter Springs, FL 32708

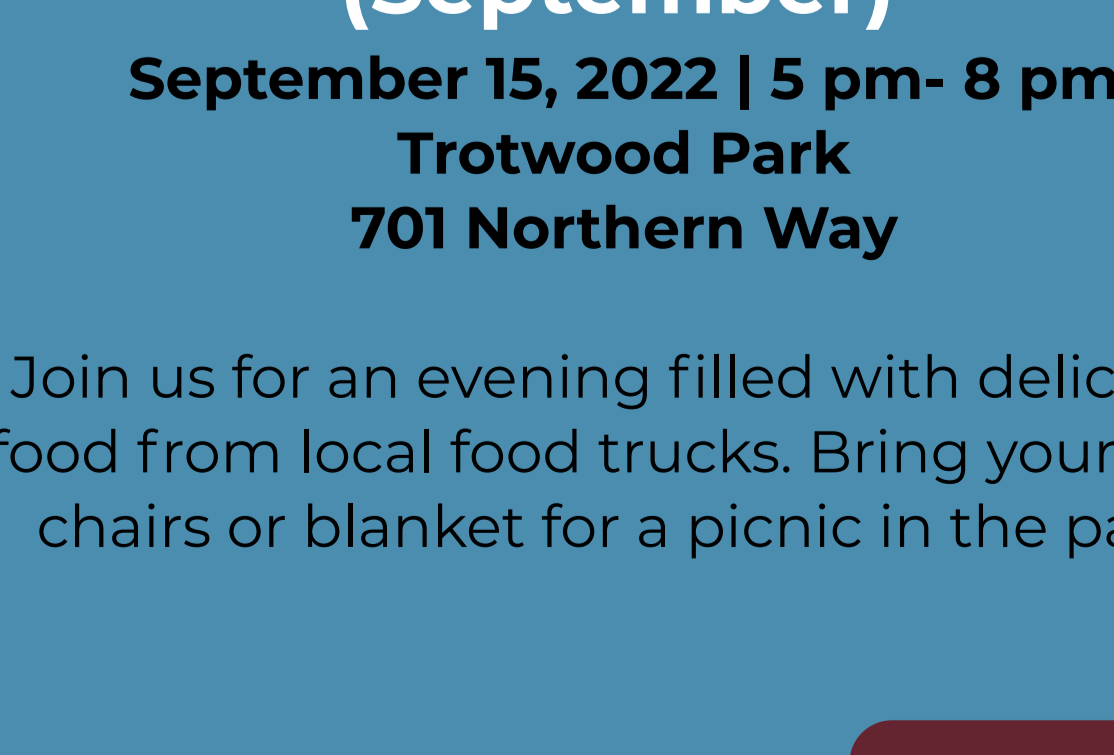
Join us for an evening filled with delicious food from local food trucks.



02 City Commission Meeting

August 22, 2022
1126 East State Road 434
Winter Springs, FL 32708

View the agenda online at www.winterspringsfl.org/meetings.



03 Food Truck Thursday (September)

September 15, 2022 | 5 pm - 8 pm
Trotwood Park
701 Northern Way

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!

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SENIOR CENTER

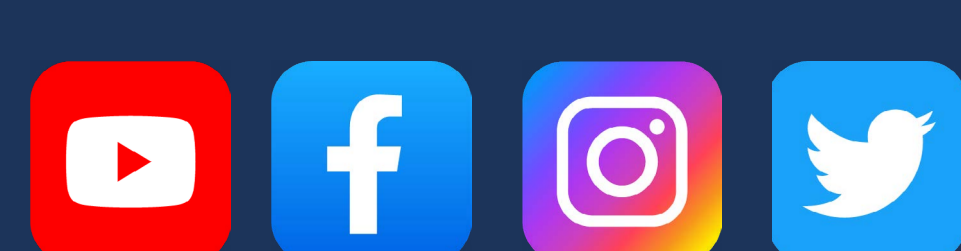
The Senior Center is a fun and safe gathering place for members of our community ages 55 and up. The senior Center offers a variety of programs and other unique opportunities for seniors to connect with each other! For more information on the activity schedule click the button below.

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

[VIEW ACTIVITY SCHEDULE](#)



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