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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!

#WINTERSPRINGSREADY
DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

Alert Seminole

Emergency Notifications

Seminole County residents are encouraged to register for emergency alerts through Alert Seminole, Seminole County's emergency notification and warning system. Text SEMINOLE to 888-777



News and Information

CITY OFFICES CLOSED LABOR DAY SEPTEMBER 5, 2022

On Labor Day, Monday, September 5, City offices will be closed. Garbage, yard trash, and recycling collection services will not be provided on Labor Day and will resume on the next regularly scheduled collection day.

PERK UP PARKS UPDATES



Please pardon our progress as city crews work towards improving our parks and play areas. Since the Perk Up Parks Initiative launch in 2019, City staff have been working continuously to bring new amenities to our city. In July, we saw the completion of a new deck and seating area at Sam Smith Park. Throughout August and this month, crews have begun building a bridge at Torcaso Park. So far, staff has been able to install the main supports for the bridge, which involved using a pile driver to place the wooden beams into the earth. Now that the support is in, crews will begin the boardwalk framing process. Once completed, the bridge will span the distance of the lake and connect the northern playground to the basketball courts and future pavilion site.

Simultaneously, city staff has begun work at Trotwood Park to install an irrigation system and update the landscape around the pond. This project will update previous landscaping with more trees and a new landscape design.

To learn more about the Perk Up Parks Initiative, visit our website. View our Torcaso Project video by clicking the button below.



TORCASO BRIDGE UPDATE



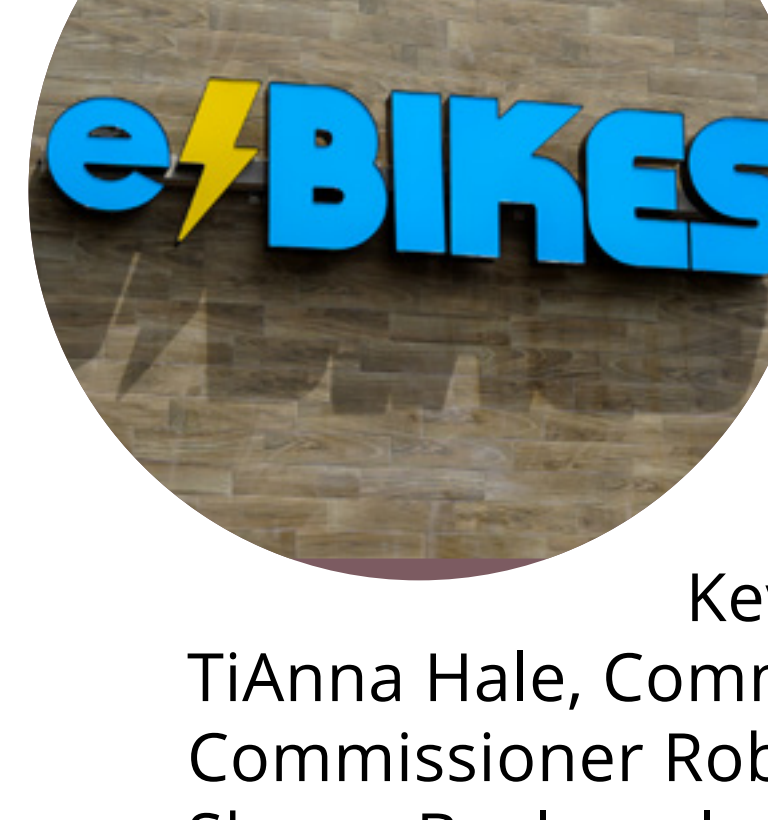
The Oviedo-Winter Springs Regional Chamber of Commerce and the City of Winter Springs proudly produce and host the Winter Springs Festival of the Arts.

The 15th Annual WSFOTA will take place Saturday, October 15th, and Sunday, October 16th, from 10:00 am - 5:00 pm on Blumberg Blvd. At this event, you can enjoy award-winning art, meet the artists, savor delicious food and craft beers, enjoy great entertainment, and let your kids explore their artistic talents in the kid's crafts area! Plus, did we mention there is free parking!

Are you interested in participating? The Oviedo-Winter Springs Chamber is looking for business vendors, sponsors, and volunteers! Contact jhook@owsrcc.org for more information about becoming a vendor.

2022 WSFOTA INFORMATION

WINTER SPRINGS WELCOMES NEW LIFE TO VENETIAN PLAZA



Winter Springs welcomes New Life E-Bike to the Venetian Square plaza! New Life is located at 276 East State Road 434, owned and operated by David Mickelson and store manager Jason. Mayor Kevin McCann, Commissioner TiAnna Hale, Commissioner Rob Elliott, and City Manager Shawn Boyle welcomed the business with an official ribbon-cutting ceremony on Friday, August 26, 2022. When the ribbon cutting finished, store owner David gave away a free e-bike and accessories to some very lucky residents. The grand opening was filled with great food, bike demos, and music. New Life wants to help residents meet their health and lifestyle goals. Visit their location to see their wide selection of bikes, or customize your own today!



WATCH NEW LIFE GRAND OPENING

CITY OF WINTER SPRINGS TO HOST 9/11 MEMORIAL CEREMONY AT CITY HALL



The 21st-anniversary commemoration ceremony will take place in front of City Hall on Sunday, September 11, 2022. Join our Winter Springs City Commission, City Staff, and community from 8-9 AM for a memorial service that pays tribute to the victims and honors the survivors of the September 11, 2001 terror attacks. Our program will begin at 8 AM, and a moment of silence will be observed at 8:46 AM.

9/11 MEMORIAL CEREMONY

FALL SPLASH PLAYGROUND HOURS

From September 6- October 31 Winter Springs Splash Playground at Torcaso and Trotwood Parks will switch to Fall hours. **Playground hours will be from 10 AM- 4PM daily (Weather permitted).** Please supervise your children when using the playgrounds. Water shoes are strongly encouraged.

SPLASH PLAYGROUND INFORMATION

Winter Springs Police Department

SEPTEMBER SAFETY TIP BLOG: DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

Each September, National Preparedness Month encourages and reminds Americans to be prepared for disasters or emergencies in their homes, businesses, and communities. Homeowners, families, communities, and businesses can use this opportunity to find ways or help others understand more about preparing for disasters and reducing risks to health and the environment. There are many ways to reduce risks from contamination, leaks, spills, hazardous materials, and other dangers.

How to report emergencies

- Call 911 if you are in immediate danger, or if someone is injured, has trouble breathing, or is unconscious.
- To report oil, chemical, or hazardous substance releases or spills, call the National Response Center 800-424-8802.
- For pesticide poisoning, call Poison Control at 1-800-222-1222.

Read the full September Safety tip by clicking the button below

WSPD SAFETY BLOG

BULLYING

School days can pressure to hard times for children and teens. Pressure to be someone they are not, not meeting the standards of their classmates or just being different. There are so many different reasons their peers turn against each other.

The old saying, "Sticks and stones may break your bones but names will never hurt you" just doesn't apply anymore. Words hurt regardless of how strong you are. We all want to belong and be a part of something. Worse even in today's society it does not stop at the end of the school day, with cell phones and social media it can seem to go day after day with no end in sight.

If you are being bullied Try to stay calm, bullies enjoy seeing your reaction. Assert yourself non-violently. Let the bully know you won't play their games. Make good friends, there is strength in numbers. Tell a trusted teacher, parents, or other trusted adult. Find out your school policy to stop bullying.

Find more information on bullying in our September Safety Tip.

WSPD SAFETY BLOG

WINTER SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT GROWS ITS TEAM

At the August 8, 2022, City Commission Meeting, Chief Tracht introduced and swore in 2 more officers. In a statement to the Mayor and Commission, Chief Tracht said, "The market, as you know, is very competitive, and anytime we can get our hands on qualified personnel to bring them to our agency, we're excited about that." Winter Springs Police Department welcomes officers Jonathan E. and Pedro D. Winter Springs Police Department is pleased to add two talented individuals to our team.



POLICE AWARDS



Life-Saving Award, Officer Christopher Gomez

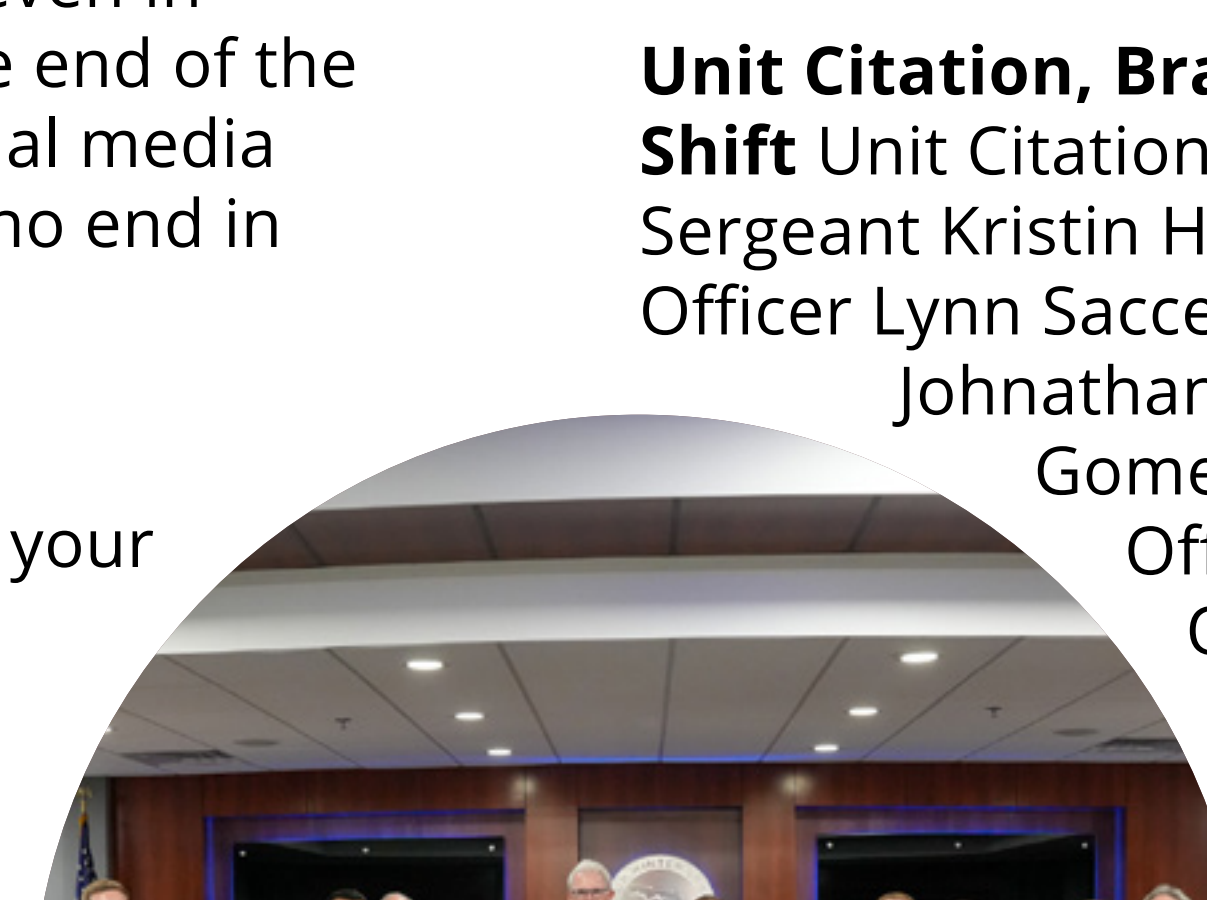
Meritorious Action Award, Captain Nick Romano

Unit Citation, Bravo Shift Unit Citation, Sergeant Kristin Herwick, Officer Lynn Saccente,

Winter Springs Police Department is proud to recognize the following officers and shift units at the City Commission meeting on Monday, August 22, 2022. These officers have gone above and beyond the call of duty and received the following awards:



Officer Johnathan Castro, Officer Christopher Gomez, Officer Preston Meyer, Officer Anthony Mercardo, and Officer Vinnie Maine.



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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

01

9/11 Memorial Ceremony

September 11 | 8-9 am
City Hall
1126 East State Road 434
Winter Springs, FL 32708

City of Winter Springs to host 9/11 Memorial Ceremony at City Hall.



02

Food Truck Thursday

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! (Weather Permitting)



03

Hometown Harvest

October 29, 2022 | 4:30pm- 8:30 pm
Central Winds Park
1000 Central Winds Dr.
Winter Springs, FL 32708

Celebrate Fall at our 16th annual Hometown Harvest presented by Orlando Health!



CITY CALENDAR

SENIOR CENTER

The Senior Center is a fun and safe gathering place for 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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