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Spring Cleaning Tips

6 Tips for Great Landscapes

Have you checked out our Spring landscape video? We put together a helpful tips video to assist with your spring updating. Check it out today on our youtube channel!



Become a Sponsor

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Our amazing event sponsors allow us to continue to provide free and fun family events to the beautiful City of Winter Springs. Sponsors have the opportunity to connect with residents, network with other local businesses, and share their brand with the community. Email us today!



Splash Playgrounds Open Again

We are excited to announce that the Torcaso and Trotwood Splash Playgrounds are officially open for Spring hours. Playgrounds are open daily from 10 AM-4 PM (Weather Permitted). Entry to Splash Pads is free for winter Springs residents. Please supervise all children when using the splash playgrounds and follow the rules and regulations. For more information, visit our website by clicking the button below.



[SPLASH PLAYGROUND WEBPAGE](#)

WIDEN SEMINOLE EXPRESSWAY/SR 417

Project plans to widen the Seminole Expressway/ SR 417 are in the preliminary design phase. This project will widen a six-mile stretch from Aloma Avenue(SR 426) to SR 434 from four to eight lanes. Plans will also include additional work, such as resurfacing, drainage ponds, and roadside safety features. Read the project details by clicking the button below.

The 417 widening Project will also be shared at the City Commission meeting on **Monday, April 11 at 6:30 PM**. Please join us at Winter Springs City Hall or tune in to the live meeting audio on Winterspringsfl.org/meetings.

City Hall Address: 1126 East State Road 434, Winter Springs, FL 32708

[PROJECT WEBPAGE](#)

Tai Chi and Ceramics and Pickleball, Oh My!

ACTIVITIES

The Senior Center is a fun and safe gathering place for members of our community ages 55 and up.

Located at 400 N. Edgemon Ave., our community center for seniors offers an opportunity to connect with others and a variety of programs and activities from art, exercise, and games each day! Pickleball, art, ceramics, and the "Sweating with Helen" classes are just a handful of fun and engaging activities offered. If you're interested in becoming a member, we invite you to visit and check us out!



JOIN US FOR A PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Winter Springs Senior Center invites all residents to join them for a delicious pancake breakfast on **Saturday April 9 from 8AM-11AM**.

Invite your family and friends to this special event. The cost is \$6.00 per person. Tickets can be purchased at the Senior Center. **Thank you for supporting the Winter Springs Senior Center.**



[PANCAKE BREAKFAST INFORMATION](#)

Winter Springs Police Department

WELCOME OUR NEW CHIEF OF POLICE, MATT TRACHT

On **Monday, March 14, 2022**, Matt Tracht officially became the new Chief of Police for the Winter Springs Police Department. Chief Tracht was sworn in by our City Manager, Mayor, and Commission. Fellow police staff, family, and friends were also present for this memorable moment. Chief Tracht's mother did the honors of pinning his new Chief Badge. It was an exciting moment for the City and Police Department staff. Chief

Tracht joined the city in 2000 and has shown outstanding service and leadership since. He has abundant experience in all aspects of the police department, including patrol, K9, community relations, internal affairs, Code enforcement, fleet, and more. Tracht also spent 15 years on the agency SWAT team, in which he held a leadership position. Before his law enforcement career, Tracht also served in the military for four years.

The City of Winter Springs and Police Department welcomes Chief Matt Tracht to his new leadership position. **For more information about Chief Tracht, visit our Leadership webpage.**

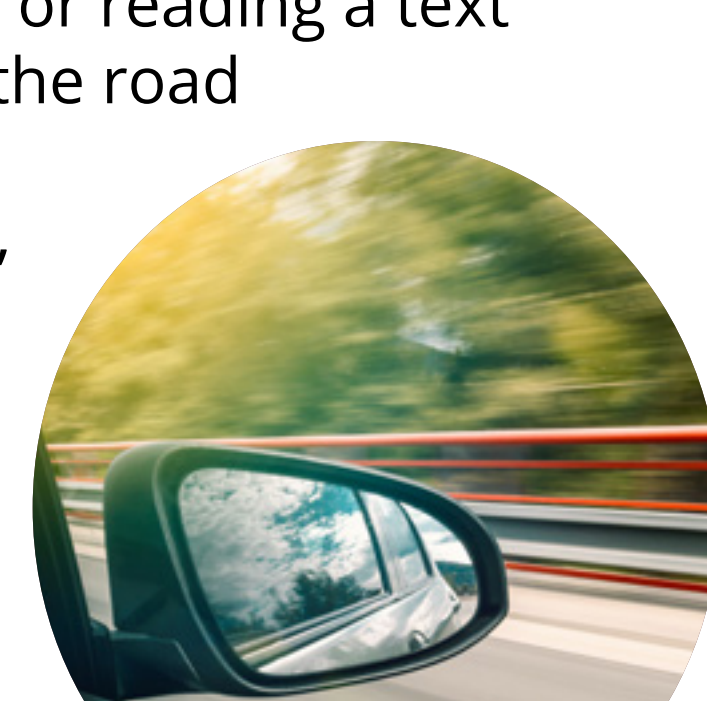


[CITY STAFF LEADERSHIP](#)

APRIL 2022 SAFETY BLOG DISTRACTED DRIVING

Distracted driving is any activity that diverts the attention from driving. This includes talking to passengers, texting on your phone, eating, drinking, and manipulating the stereo or navigation system. Simply put, it is anything that takes your attention away from the task of safe driving.

Texting is the most alarming distraction. Sending or reading a text takes your eyes off the road for approximately 5 seconds. At 55 mph, that's like driving the length of an entire football field with your eyes closed. You cannot drive safely unless the task of driving has your full attention. Any non-driving activity you engage in is a potential distraction and increases your risk for a crash.

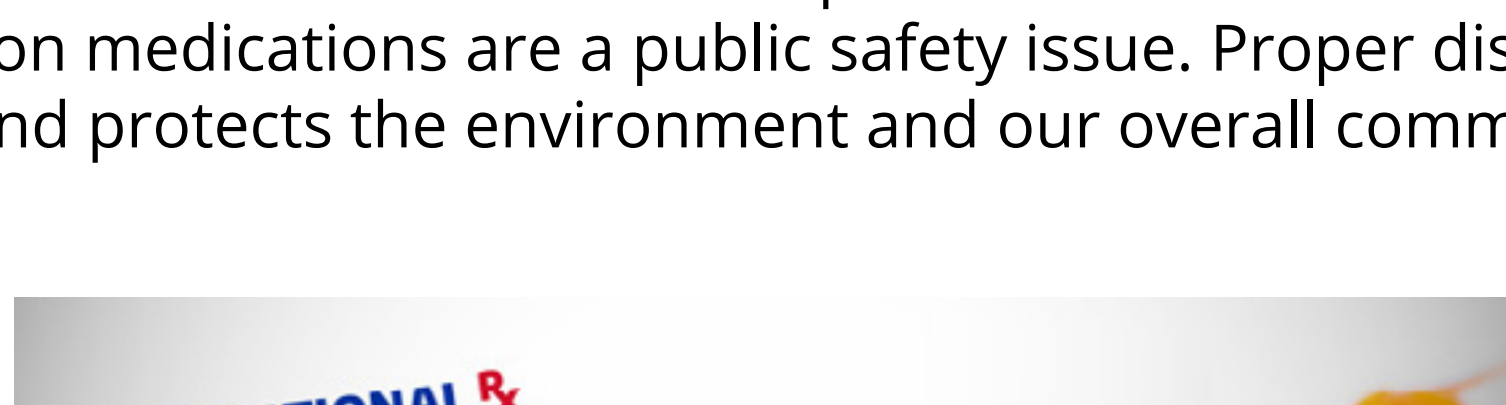
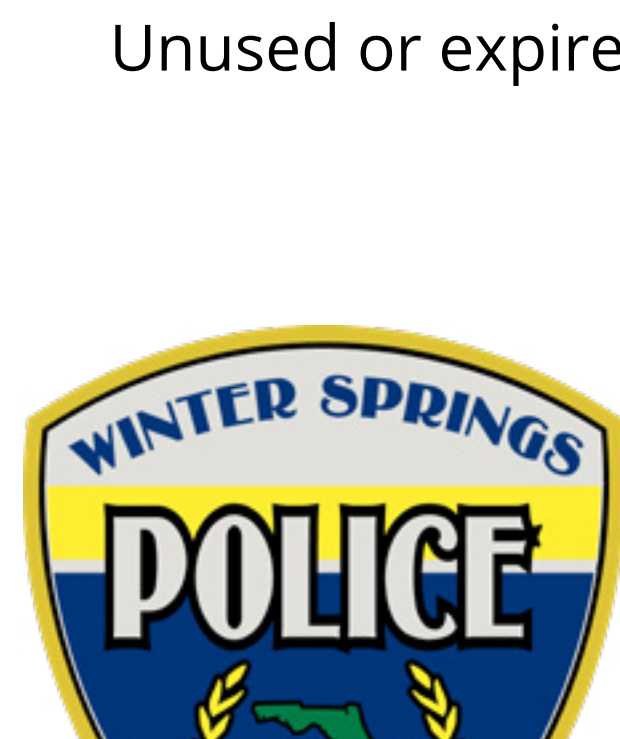


Read the full blog on our website by clicking the button below.

[WSPD APRIL SAFETY BLOG](#)

NATIONAL TAKEBACK DAY

National Prescription Drug #TakeBackDay-happening **Saturday, April 30 from 10am-2pm**. CLEANUP your medicine cabinet of unused, unwanted Rx meds and drop them off at the Winter Springs Police Department. Unused or expired prescription medications are a public safety issue. Proper disposal of unused drugs saves lives and protects the environment and our overall community.



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

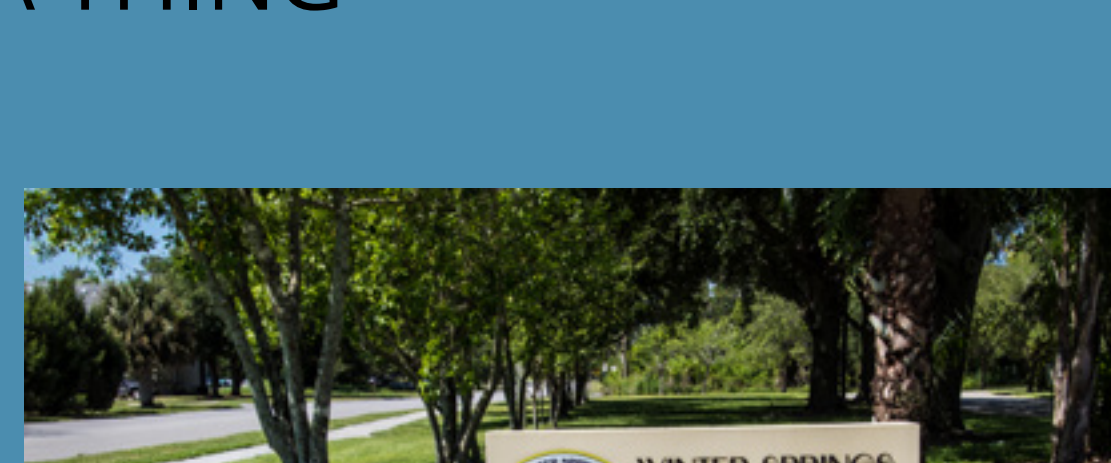
DON'T MISS A THING

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Citizen Advisory Committee

April 13 | 6:30 PM
Winter Springs Police Station
300 N. Moss Road
Winter Springs, FL 32708

Guest Speaker: K9 Officer Hillerio and K9 Maxio

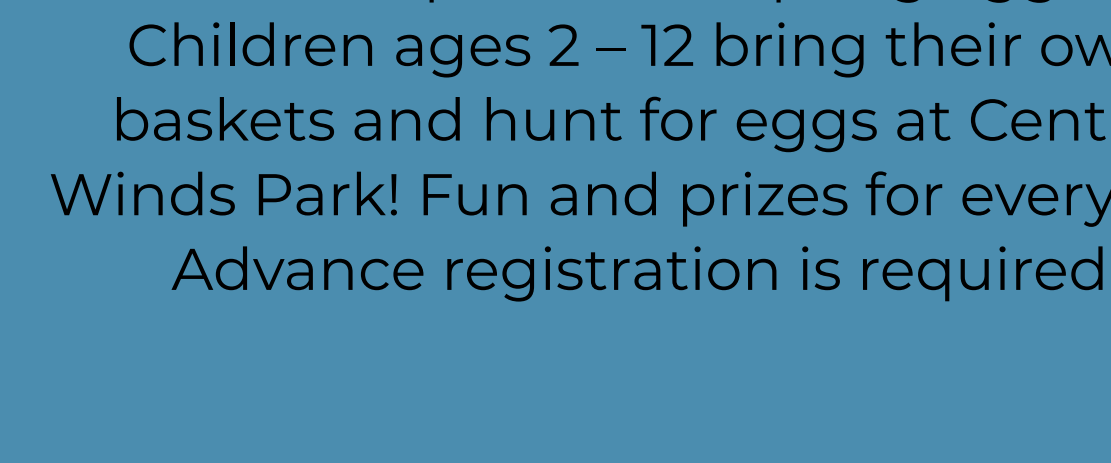


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Egg-Citing Egg Hunt

April 16 | 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! Advance registration is required.



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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, food trucks, animals, and more!

[CITY CALENDAR](#)

SENIOR CENTER

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[APRIL 2022 ACTIVITY SCHEDULE](#)



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