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Donate a New Sports Ball

Final Collection May 6

Inspire positive interactions between cops & kids this summer! Donate a Ball! Winter Springs Police Department supports nonprofit GROW Central Florida. Donating is easy! You may drop off your donation at the Winter Springs Police Department lobby (300 N. Moss Road).



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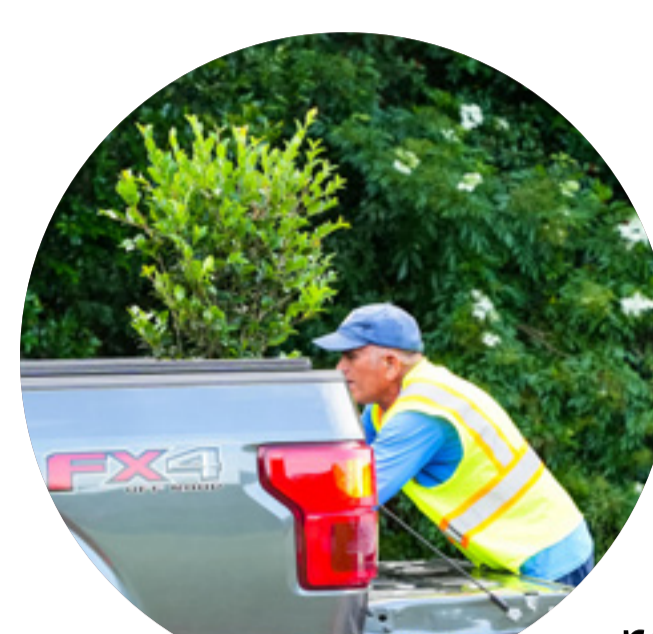
Partner with your City

Our amazing event sponsors allow us to continue to provide free and fun family events to our community. Sponsors have the opportunity to connect with residents, network with other local businesses, and share their brand with the community. Email us today! Communications@winterspringsfl.org



News and Information

WINTER SPRINGS DISTRIBUTES OVER 800 TREES TO RESIDENTS



Winter Springs celebrates Arbor Day with its annual Explore Outdoors Events. This year's event featured animal experiences, rock climbing, obstacle courses, and activities for the whole family to enjoy. Winter Springs also distributed over 800 trees to the community. These trees will provide clean air, filter water, and provide natural habitats for many years to come. Thank you to the many residents who participated in this year's event! We couldn't have done this without our amazing vendors and partners (**Budget Tree Service Inc., RE/MAX Town and Country, Foundry Church, Castle Pediatrics Dentistry, Duke Energy, and The Music Box**).



WINTER SPRINGS AWARDED RUNNER UP FOR BEST DRINKING WATER BY AWWA



Winter Springs was awarded runner-up in the 2022 Best Tasting Drinking Water by the American Water Works Association. Five panelists from across the state participated in a blind taste test in which participants submitted a gallon of water from their respective utilities. The panelist judged each glass of water at room temperature to allow any tastes or odors to be detected more easily. Drinking water serves a vital role in daily life, serving an essential purpose for health, hydration, and hygiene needs. This is just another example of your Public Works and Utilities working hard to improve the quality of life for all Winter Springs residents.



SEMINOLE COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

Check out Seminole County's newest Fire Apparatus, Quint 24. This new vehicle was commissioned on Monday, April 18, and will serve the Winter Springs Community from station 24 (102 Moss Road N). The Quint will perform as a hybrid between a fire engine and a tower truck. This apparatus will be a tremendous asset to the community and be able to reach Winter Springs' tallest structures. Seminole County Fire Department performed a "wet down" and pushed the vehicle into the station, a long-standing tradition of many fire departments. **Visit Seminole County Fire Department's Facebook page for more information.**



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT: GO GREEN WITH GREG



In this short article, Greg shares his gardening hobby and some tips for successful plant keeping. Have you ever failed to keep a plant healthy or dealt with a bug infestation in your garden? Greg sure has, but he got through it and learned how to improve his craft! Learn more and go green with Greg in this month's Employee Spotlight!

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT ARTICLE

WINTER SPRINGS WELCOMES CHAU MEDICAL GROUP AND PLANET FITNESS TO THE COMMUNITY

The City of Winter Springs welcomes Planet Fitness to the Venetian Square Plaza. Located at 300 E State Rd 434, Planet Fitness offers high-quality fitness at an affordable price. Come meet their friendly staff and experience the "Judgement free zone"! Planet Fitness provides Winter Springs residents a new place to improve their physical and mental health and wellness.



Winter Springs also celebrated the grand opening of Chau Medical Group with a ribbon-cutting by our City Commission. Chau Medical Group is a family-owned primary care office serving the Central Florida community since 1991. Dr. Chau and his board-certified staff are a great asset to the community. They offer many health services and teach their patients daily habits to optimize their health and promote wellness. Visit their beautiful office at 403 State Road 434. **Watch the grand openings on our youtube channel!**



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COMMISSIONER HALE RECOGNIZED BY FLC FOR HOME TOWN HERO AWARD



Congratulations to Commissioner Hale on receiving the Florida League of Cities Home Rule Hero Award. The Home Rule hero is awarded to local government officials who reach out to the legislature members and provide a local perspective on an issue.

Winter Springs Police Department

FLORIDA CHIEFS ASSOCIATION RECOGNIZES CHIEF TRACHT

Florida Police Chiefs Association (FPCA) recognizes Chief Matt Tracht for completing the 2022 Chiefs Seminar. The seminar was held at the FPCA headquarters in Tallahassee. This professional development program equips newly appointed Chiefs with essential leadership skills. The seminar focuses on organizational culture and management, crisis management, and Florida Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission disciplinary process.



WELCOME OUR NEW POLICE OFFICERS

The Winter Springs Police Department proudly welcomes its newest batch of Police Officers. On Monday, April 25 2022, four individuals swore in and received their badges. Family members and Chief Tracht did the honors of pinning their badges. Mayor McCann along with City Commissioners welcomed these new officers to the community. Please give a warm Winter Springs welcome to **Kadijah Leaf, Jose Lopez-Diaz, Anthony Mercado, and Vincent Main.** Thank you for serving our community.



MAY IS WATER SAFETY MONTH

Living in Florida, we all know there are two seasons: hot and not-so-hot! More importantly, as the temperature rises so does activity in and around the water. The Winter Springs Police Department would like to remind everyone that even though we look forward to a summer around the pool or at the beach, there are some inherent dangers that come with our attempts to stay cool. Keep these rules in mind to keep your summer safe and refreshing. Distractions Make for Tragedies.



WSPD MAY SAFETY BLOG

WINTER SPRINGS NAMED 4TH SAFEST CITY IN FLORIDA WITH A 37% REDUCTION IN CRIME

Our Winter Springs police department is vigilant, hard-working, and has the fastest response times. It's no wonder why Winter Springs was highly rated as one of the safest cities in Florida! Traffic incidents are declining, and WSPD reports a thirty-seven percent decrease in crime this year! WSPD continues to improve and grow its team to keep Winter Springs residents safe.



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

Citizen Advisory Committee

May 11 | 6:30 PM
Winter Springs Police Department
300 N. Moss Road

Guest Speaker Officer Andrew Jones of the Traffic Unit covering Traffic Enforcement



02

Food Trucks at Trotwood Park

May 19 | 5 PM
Trotwood Park
701 Northern Way

Join us for an evening filled with delicious food from local food trucks and music. Bring your own chairs or blanket for a picnic in the park!



03

Camp Sunshine Summer Camp

May 31 - July 29 (9 Weeks)

Camp Sunshine is a day camp intended for children in first through sixth grade. Campers in attendance will engage in various activities that promote the development of social and communication skills and improve physical and mental skills.



CITY CALENDAR

SENIOR CENTER

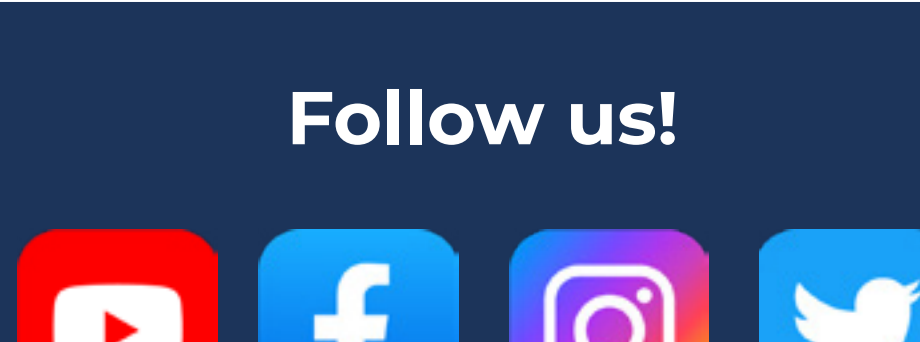
The Senior Center is a fun and safe gathering place for members of our community ages 55 and up. The Senior Center offers a variety of programs and other unique opportunities for members to connect with each other! For more information on the active schedule click the button below.

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

VIEW ACTIVITY SCHEDULE



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