

# INSIDER

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## 2022 WSPD Annual Report

### Check Out Our Annual Report

The City of Winter Springs Police Department Annual Report is a comprehensive review of staffing, budget, incident reports, statistics, and more. Our 2022 Annual Report is available on our website.



## Plant a Tree This Arbor Day!

### We got a free tree for you!

Celebrate Arbor day by planting a free tree! We are giving away one free tree per Winter Springs incorporated household. Register online and our parks and recreation department will deliver your tree in time for Arbor Day!



## News and Information

### OWSRC PRESENTS 2022 ART POSTER

The 15th Annual Winter Springs Festival of the Arts took place Saturday, October 15 and Sunday, October 16. The event is put on by the Oviedo-Winter Springs Chamber of Commerce and the City of Winter Springs. It is an opportunity for attendees to enjoy award-winning art, meet artists, savor delicious food & craft beers, and enjoy entertainment. The organizers present the City Commission with a poster to commemorate the event each year. Thank you to President & CEO Roxane and her staff for presenting the art poster to the City.



### WINTER SPRINGS RANKED AMONG SAFEST PLACES TO LIVE

The City of Winter Springs is ranked in the top 5 places to live in Florida by StateOfFloridaLiving.com. Residents choose Winter Springs for its lowest crime rates in the nation and high quality of life factors. Great schools, well-maintained parks, convenient shopping locations, and low crime rates make Winter Springs among the most popular central Florida locations to call home. In the article, author Ron Stack says, "Winter Springs is one of the safest places to live in Florida, where you can also enjoy everything that people move to Florida for."



### WINTER SPRINGS BABE RUTH OPENING DAY 2023



On Saturday, February 18, 2023, Winter Springs Babe Ruth (WSBR) held its annual opening day ceremony. The ceremony features all teams, coaches, and volunteers. Over 500 young athletes will be playing ball this spring season. The event featured a presentation of colors from Winter Springs High School JROTC.



Speeches from the Babe Ruth board of directors and city parks Manager Brian Dunigan followed them. WSBR thanked the City for allowing them to use the fields in a 30-year continued partnership and acknowledged all park personnel that works hard to keep the fields in great shape. Mayor McCann concluded the ceremony by throwing the first pitch. After the ceremony, the day was filled with games, face painting, and bounce houses. The City of Winter Springs would like to wish all players, coaches, and volunteers a fun and safe season!

### EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARDS

Dedicated service from City employees has confirmed that human initiative is the key to Winter Springs' continued success. Our accomplishments are due to the willingness of our employees, who accept challenges and find innovative ways to serve. Their commitment to excellence and dedication to customer service on a daily basis has helped the City of Winter Springs become the prominent community in Seminole County. Every year, we recognize and celebrate with employees who have achieved significant anniversary milestones in their careers with a Commission Presentation.

- 5 Years- Jason French, Troy Cooper, Lorna Bradley
- 10 Years- Marla Mullis, Michelle Rozanski
- 15 Years- Charles Quick
- 20 Years- Wynell King
- 25 Years- Jason Simpkins

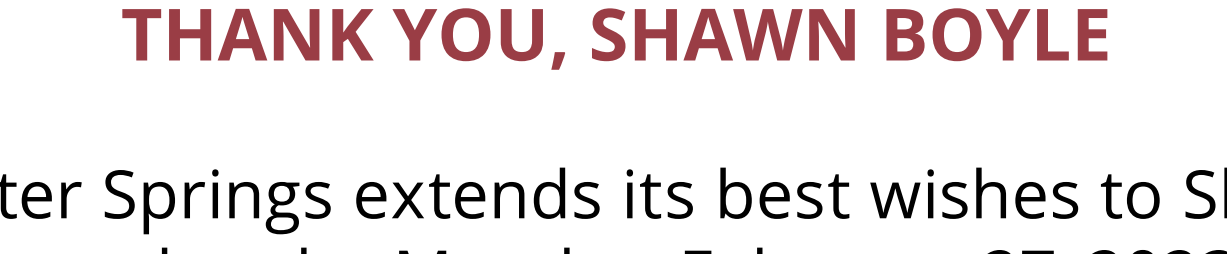


### EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT! MEET MELISSA

Meet Melissa Huston, Customer Service Representative. Melissa has been employed with the city for one and a half years. Our Customer Service Representatives (CSRs) are the first point of contact for visitors and residents at City Hall. Melissa and her team care for all inquiries regarding utility billing, garbage, recycling, road closures, and any general questions you may have. Melissa is a friendly voice when residents have an issue or concern. When asked what she enjoys most about her job, she replied, "I like that I get to talk to different people every day. I also enjoy working with my team." The city is thankful to have Melissa on our incredible CSR team!

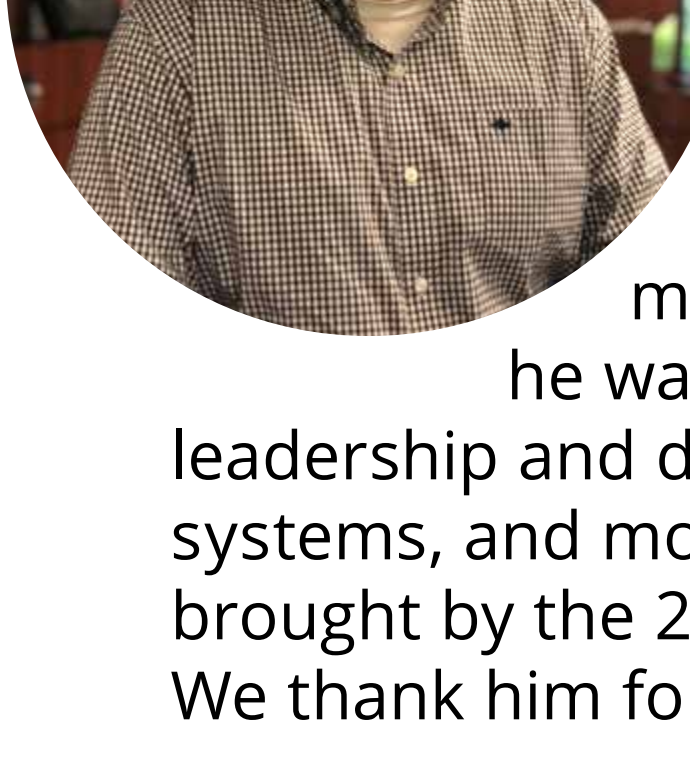


Visit our website to read the full employee spotlight article.



### THANK YOU, SHAWN BOYLE

The City of Winter Springs extends its best wishes to Shawn Boyle on his retirement, formally announced at the Monday, February 27, 2023, commission meeting. Shawn was appointed city manager in 2019. Before that, Shawn worked as the City's Finance and Administrative Services Director for over nine years. Shawn was known for being a caring and compassionate leader as he managed the City's day-to-day operations around City Hall. His love of building, renovation, and getting things done is why you may have also seen him working hand in hand with our city staff on projects. In addition, he was fearless in tackling Winter Springs's most complex challenges head-on. Under his leadership and direction, the City expanded its parks & playground assets, community events, water systems, and more. Most recently, Shawn was pivotal in repairing the City after the catastrophic damage brought by the 2022 Hurricane season. We thank him for his dedicated years of service and wish him well in his retirement.



## Winter Springs Police Department

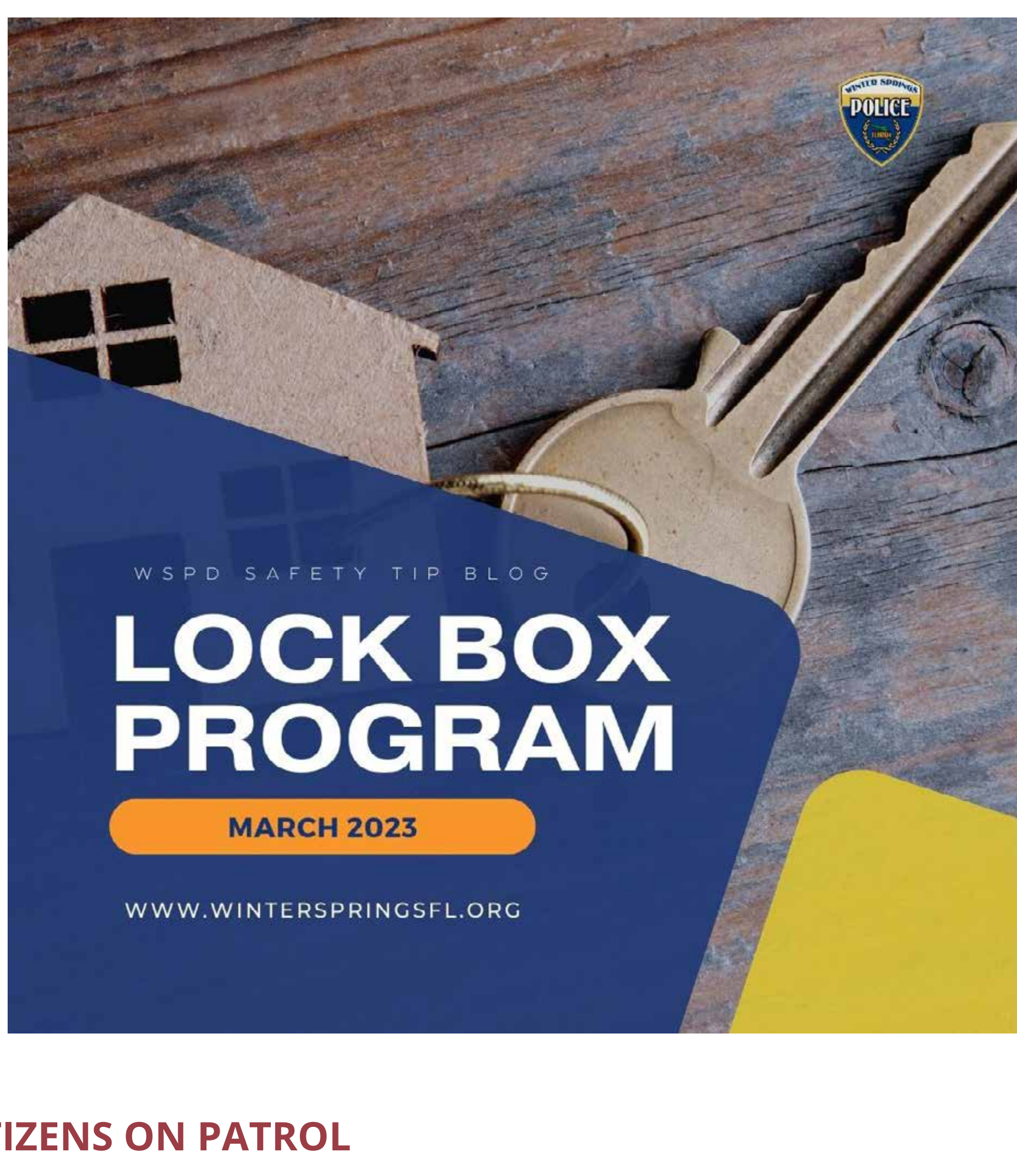
### MARCH SAFETY TIP: LOCK BOX PROGRAM

The Lock Box program is intended to provide Police, Fire, and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) access to your residence in the event of an emergency where you are unable to open the door.

A key to your residence will be stored in a secure metal storage device, similar to a realtor's lockbox, near the entrance to your residence. The access code to the lockbox will only be available to Police, Fire, or EMS personnel and used only during an emergency.

#### Who is eligible?

City of Winter Springs residents, although the program is targeted towards community members age 55 and older, or disabled persons who live alone and/or have major medical issues.



### JOIN CITIZENS ON PATROL

The Citizens on Patrol program is a roving neighborhood watch that works with patrol officers to identify and report suspicious activities. Citizens on Patrol perform house checks, assist with traffic control, and support special events. Please note participants of this program are not police officers. Flexible schedules are available, and only a minimum of only 12 hours per month is required to participate in this program. All necessary equipment and uniforms will be provided. The program is available to incorporated Winter Springs residents only.

If you have any questions, please contact Community Relations Officer Thomas Ballew at 407-327-6652 or [tballew@winterspringsfl.org](mailto:tballew@winterspringsfl.org).

### WINTER SPRINGS POLICE EXPLORERS



The Winter Springs Police Department Explorer Post #708 is a group of young men and women, ages 14-20, that are interested in Law Enforcement and serving their community. The Explorers engage in law enforcement training, ride along with the officers on patrol, and participate in many community events and programs. The Explorer Post is governed by the Boy Scouts of America and the Winter Springs Police Department.

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming an Explorer, please email the following information below to Thomas Ballew at [tballew@winterspringsfl.org](mailto:tballew@winterspringsfl.org)



### POLICE AWARDS

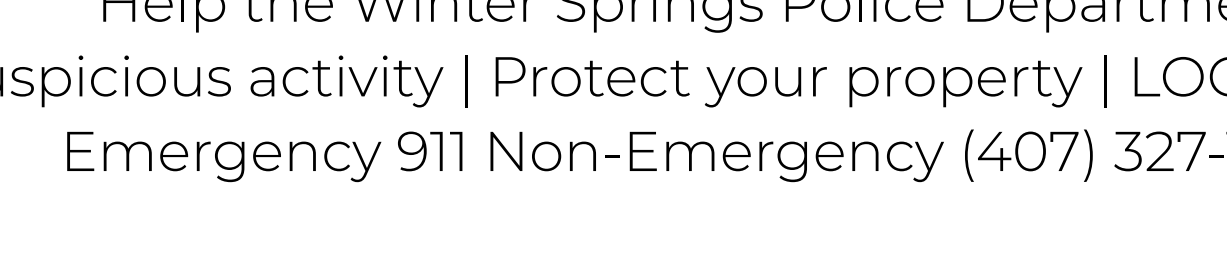
Winter Springs Police Department recognized several officers at the February 13, 2023, Commission meeting.

Our first group received life-saving awards for performing CPR and other life-saving measures on two individuals on the same day. The outcome may have changed if it were not for their quick efforts. For this, we recognize both officers with life-saving awards for their actions on December 4, 2022.

#### Life-Saving Award - Ofc. Lynn Saccente and Ofc. Andrew Jones

Training a new officer can take anywhere between three and six months. Over the years, Field Training Officers (FTOs) have passed on their knowledge to newly trained recruits. They have turned basic academy graduates into confident and highly trained officers. For this, we would like to acknowledge the FTO unit with a Unit Citation for their steadfast dedication and desire to train and pass on their knowledge and experience.

Unit Citation Field Training Officers - Ofc. R. Von Barger, Ofc. A. Jones, Ofc. L. Saccente, Ofc. C. Roland, Ofc. J. Cook, Ofc. C. Chavez, Ofc. D. Woodard, Ofc. A. Colangelo, Inv. M. Medal, Ofc. M. Sims



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  
CLICK THE IMAGES FOR MORE INFORMATION

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### Citizen's Advisory Committee

Wednesday, March 8, 2023  
6:30 PM  
300. N Moss Road

The CAC meets at the Winter Springs Police Department. Everyone who attends is encouraged to ask questions and talk about what is going on in their neighborhood.



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### Egg-citing Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 8, 2023  
9 am- 12 pm  
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!



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### Fish Winter Springs!

May 6 & 13, 2023  
8am- 10pm  
Central Winds Park

Register your child to experience the leisure and fun of fishing! Poles and bait will be available to use, and our Parks & Recreation team will be there to assist with casting, baiting, and taking pictures.



## 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



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