

INSIDER

MAY | 2023 | VOLUME 191

Online Utility Bill Pay Service

Register for online utility bill pay service

With the City's online bill pay service, you can check your balance, pay your bill, and view your account history. Create an account today!



Alert Seminole

Sign up for public safety alerts

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

STAY INFORMED

Severe weather watches and warnings are sent directly to registered Alert Seminole users. Opt in for text, phone call or email alerts to stay informed.

News and Information

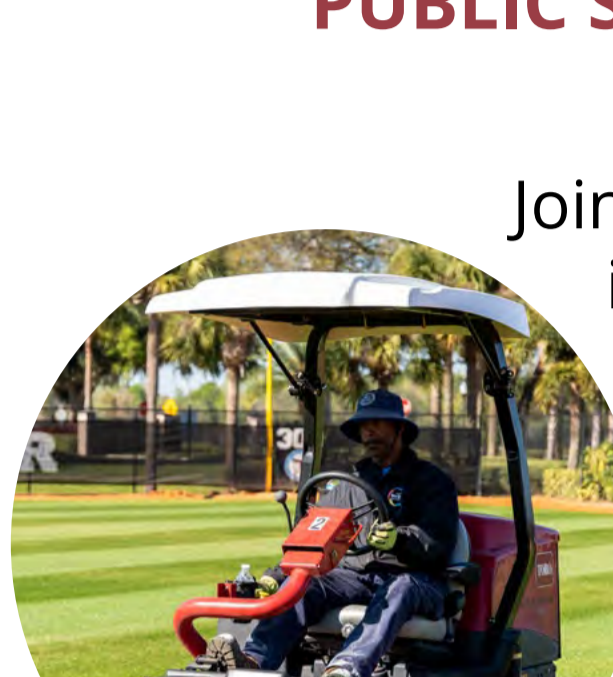
EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT: MEET WILLIAM HACKNEY



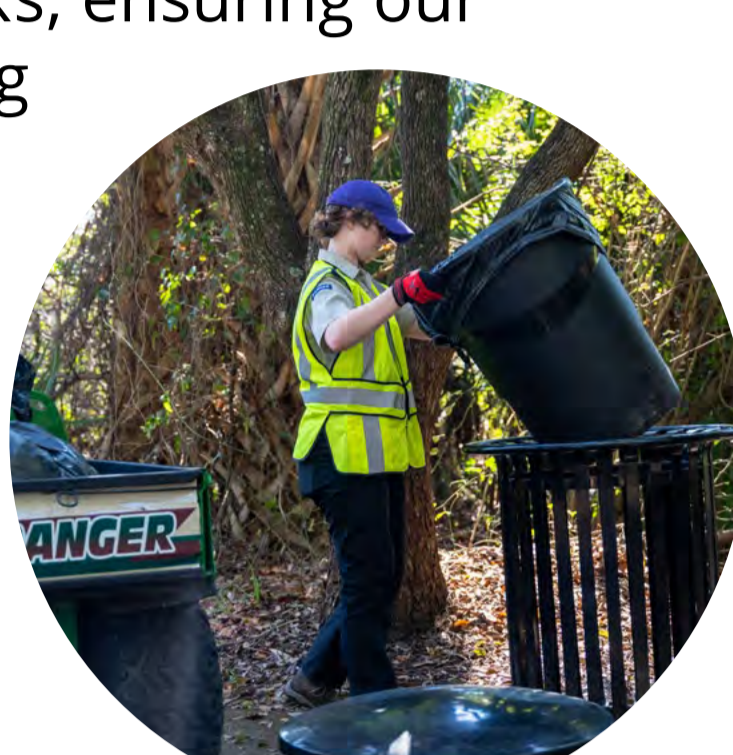
Meet City of Winter Springs Application Specialist William Hackney! William has been with the City for over two years and enjoys working on a diverse spectrum of projects and learning everyone's job functions. As an Application Specialist, William handles data management, technical documentation, procedure writing, and training others in software tools. His role primarily assists city staff with the technology and software tools needed to keep our City running smoothly. One of his significant projects included helping the Winter Springs Police Department with vehicle GPS needs. William said, "I feel a great sense of accomplishment when I can contribute to my community by assisting the Police department with their vehicle and GPS needs. I feel like the GPS and Fleet services project has been a success." **Read the article by clicking the button below.**

[EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT ARTICLE](#)

PUBLIC SERVICE RECOGNITION WEEK



Join the City of Winter Springs in celebrating Public Service Recognition Week, May 7-13, 2023. Public Service Recognition Week aims to foster pride among public servants and introduce the public to local government employees' hard work and dedication. From maintaining our parks, ensuring our utilities are working, operating a senior center, managing community development, and coordinating community events, there are so many services that city staff provide. Our incredible team works diligently to keep our City running smoothly. If you visit City Hall or see our staff in your community, be sure to wave and thank them for their service.



CITY OFFICES CLOSED MONDAY, MAY 29, 2023

City offices will be closed on Monday, May 29, 2023, in observance of Memorial Day.

Regular business hours will resume Tuesday, May 30, 2023, at 8 AM. WastePro will not provide Garbage, yard waste, and recycling services. Regular services will resume on the next regularly scheduled collection day.

OVIEDO-WINTER SPRINGS-OPOLY!



The Oviedo Winter Springs Regional Chamber of Commerce is excited to introduce the limited-edition Oviedo-Winter Springs Opoly board game. This board game takes a modern twist on a familiar favorite by showcasing local businesses from our area. You can purchase your board game for \$30 at the Chamber Office at 1511 E SR-434 Winter Springs, FL.

UTILITY NEWS YOU CAN USE - DID YOU KNOW?

It is important to keep your contact information up to date so we can contact you with important information about your account. There is a KIOSK that accepts payments 24/7 located on the right side of the City Hall parking lot. It accepts cash, checks, and credit cards-except American Express (there is a 2.95% charge if paying with a credit card). We encourage all of our customers to sign up for e-billing.

Water Utilities

Our technicians do not easily detect toilet leaks because of the slow or intermittent nature of the leak. A leaky toilet can waste about 200 gallons or more daily, over 6000 gallons per month! You can help us detect those problem leaks.

If a leak is suspected, insert a couple of drops of food color into your toilet tank. Check back in 20-30 minutes to look in the bowl to see if any of the colored water has trickled into the bowl. If this has happened, you may have a leak.

Sewer Utilities

Toilet paper is designed to disintegrate, but flushable wipes are not and thus do not disintegrate in our pipes and sewer systems.

Solid Waste

As we move into the springtime, many people will plant beautiful new flowers and shrubs. The plastic containers that these plants are sold in are NOT recyclable. They are considered contaminated materials and may cause your recycling not to be picked up.

OVIEDO-WINTER SPRINGS REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRESENTS HOMETOWN HILL DAY

Hometown Hill Day is a Central Florida Leadership Forum. This is your chance to meet with our federal representatives, state representatives, and elected officials. As the political climate evolves, staying informed and engaging in meaningful discussions is more important than ever. This event promises to be an insightful and thought-provoking experience. Hometown Hill Day will be held Monday, June 26, 2023, from 8 AM to 4:30 PM.

Location: Canterbury Conference Center 1601 Alafaya Trail, Oviedo, FL 32765 For more information, visit the OWSRCC Website.

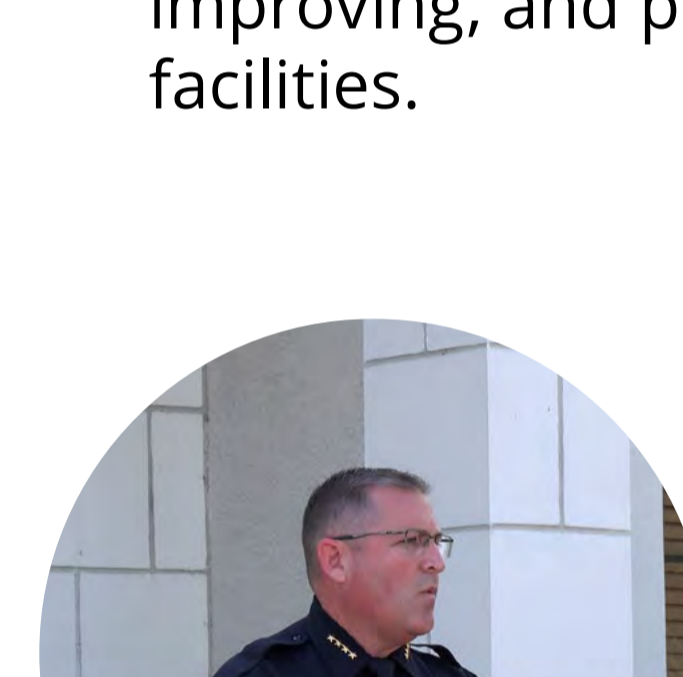
[HOMETOWN HILL DAY](#)

NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK

The City of Winter Springs will recognize National Public Works Week from May 21-27, 2023. American Public Works Association announced this year's theme, "Connecting the World Through Public Works." Our Public Works Department is the thread that connects us, physically, through infrastructure, utility management, parks and facilities, emergency management, and much more. Winter Springs public works professionals strive to improve our quality of life by delivering vital services to our community. Please join us in celebrating our Public Works professionals responsible for rebuilding, improving, and protecting our City's essential facilities.



INAUGURAL MEMORIAL OF THE RUNNING 4 HEROES INC. TRIBUTE HALL



It was an honor to be a part of the Inaugural Memorial of the Running 4 Heroes Inc. tribute hall on Wednesday, April 26, 2023. Winter Springs Police Chief Matt Tracht, Mayor Kevin McCann, and Commissioners Cade Resnick and Victoria Colangelo were present as Federal, State, and County agencies all came to pay tribute to the law enforcement and first responders who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our nation's communities. The Memorial featured an invocation by Walter, Seminole County Chaplain, and opening words by Sheriff Dennis Lemma. Winter Springs Mayor Kevin McCann said the City is honored to have the Tribute Hall here, expressing, "We are a community of families. We care about our first responders". Winter Springs Police Chief Matt Tracht thanked the Cartledge family for their dedication to honoring fallen officers and first responders. Chief Tracht addressed the surviving member's families that were present and watching online, saying, "Your loved ones went to work that day with one goal, to make their communities better. They paid the ultimate sacrifice. I can assure you that their honor will always be remembered here in Winter Springs." A moment of silence was observed in memory of the 2022 heroes. After the ceremony, attendees were invited to view the 2022 Memorial Wall inside the Tribute Hall.



[RUNNING 4 HEROES MEMORIAL](#)

Winter Springs Police Department

MAY SAFETY BLOG: WATER SAFETY

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

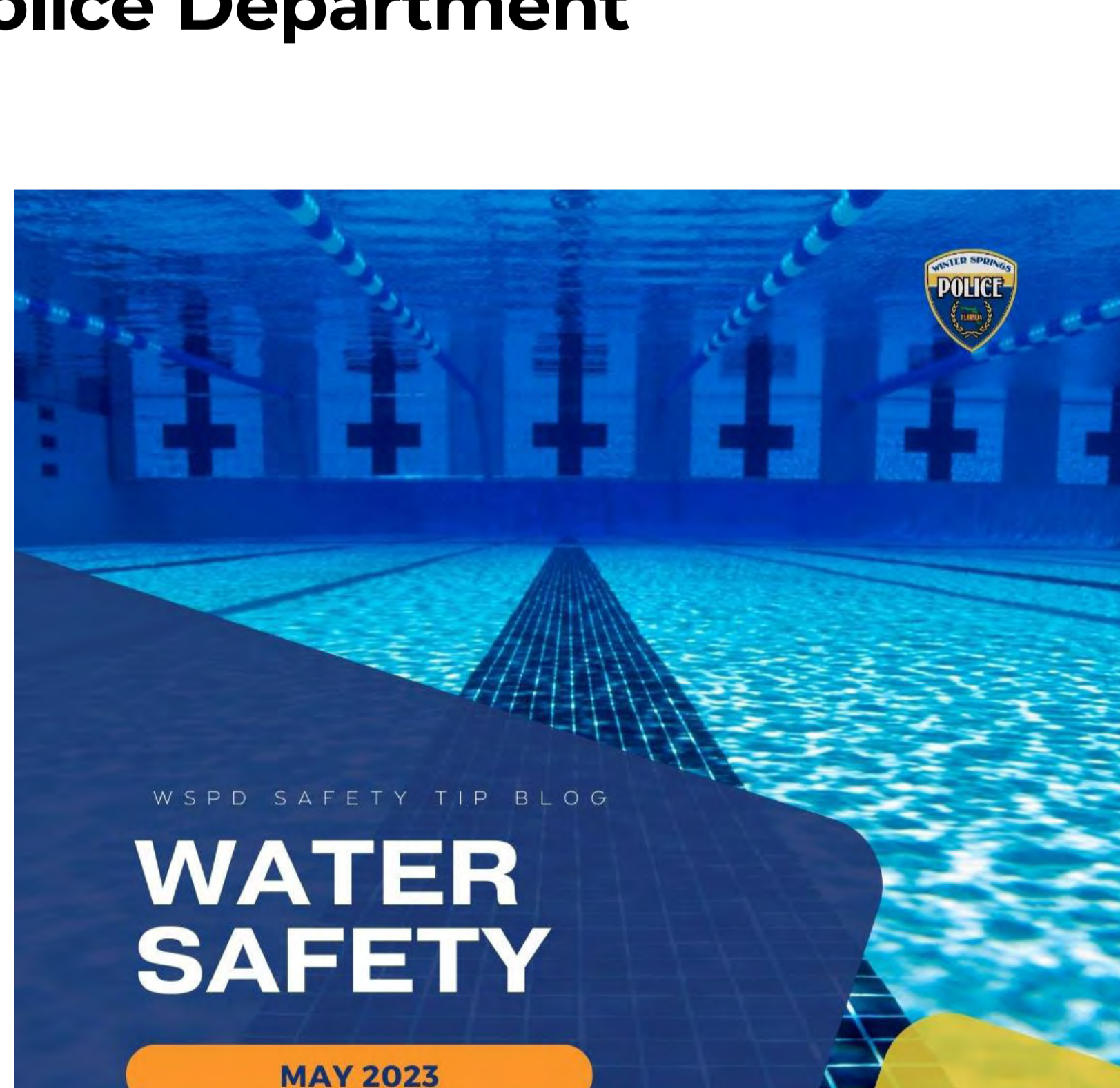
NEVER LEAVE A CHILD UNATTENDED AROUND ANY BODY OF WATER

- Teach your children basic water safety skills.
- Learn how to swim and ensure your children know how to swim as well.
- Make sure the body of water matches your skill level; swimming in a pool is much different than swimming in a lake or river, where more strength is needed to handle currents.

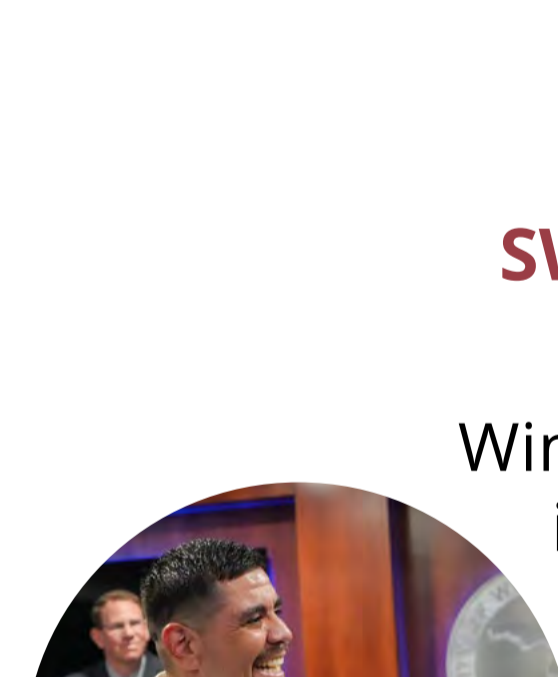
[MAY SAFETY BLOG](#)

LOCK IT OR LOSE IT!

When attending city parks and playgrounds, always lock your vehicle doors. Ensure valuables such as cell phones, purses, and sports equipment are hidden from sight. Secure valuables in the glove box, center console, or trunk. When possible, park in well-lit areas.



SWEARING-IN CEREMONY



Winter Springs Police Department is pleased to welcome its newest additions within the ranks.

At the commission meeting held on Monday, April 10, 2023, Chief

Tracht conducted a swearing-in ceremony for two officers and an additional Chaplain. :



Ofc. Javauhn Staley
Ofc. Jacob Stewart
Police Chaplain Eddie Rivera

[SWEARING IN CEREMONY](#)

COMMUNITY YOUTH OUTREACH



Enjoy the summer with the Winter Springs Police Department at Torcaso Park! Our community youth outreach program will begin on June 5th. This program aims to build stronger relationships through positive experiences with local law enforcement. Children 5-15 years old will have an opportunity to learn, laugh, and play with Winter Springs Police Officers. Sign up will take place on-site each day and is open to children ages 5 to 15 years old. Parents will need to register child(ren) and sign waivers the first time they participate. Child(ren) must be signed in and out daily. The Dates are as follows:

June 5th - 9th | June 19th - 23 | July 3, 6, 7, July 17 - 21

All CYO activities will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Torcaso Park at 104 N. Moss Rd. Lunch and water will be provided.



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

01

Citizen's Advisory Committee

Wednesday, May 10, 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.

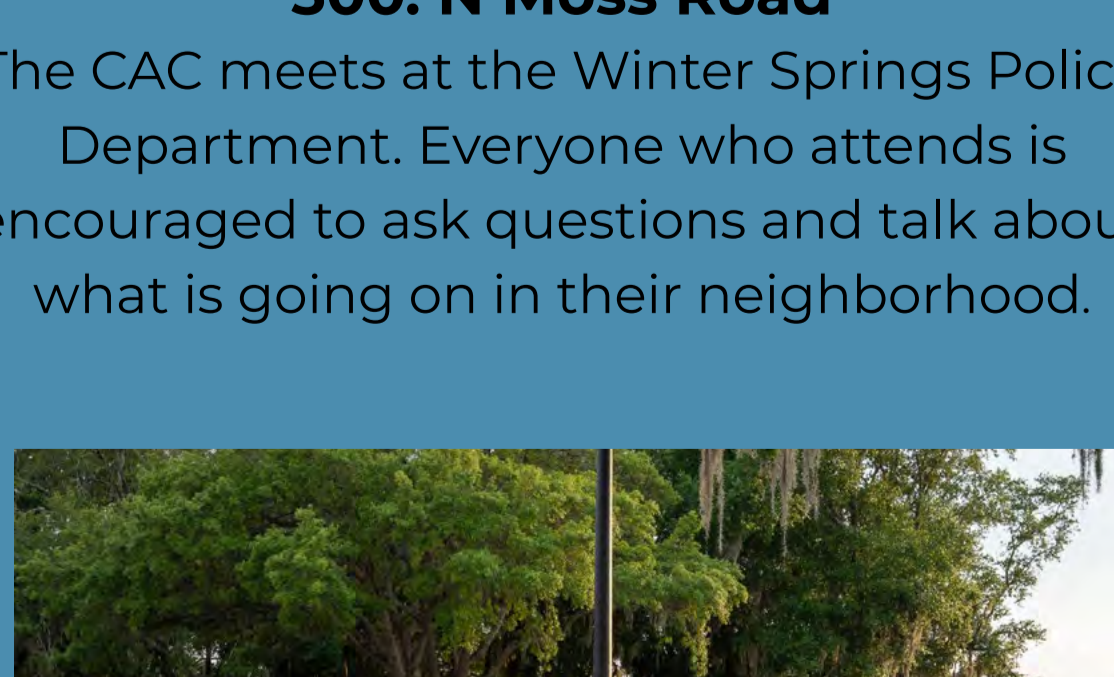


02

Food Truck Thursday

Thursday, May 18, 2023
5 pm - 8 pm
Central Winds Park

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



03

Celebration of Freedom

Tuesday, July 4, 2023
5 PM - 9:30 PM
Central Winds Park

Celebrate the 4th of July with a BANG! Join your community at Central Winds Park for our annual Celebration of Freedom.



[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 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](#)



Follow us!



Meet Your Commission

MAYOR AND COMMISSION