# WINTER SPRINGS

# INSIDER

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# Seeking a rewarding career

Join our amazing team

The City of Winter Springs is seeking enthusiastic individuals to join our team! Take the next step in your professional journey and apply now! View our employment opportunities by clicking the image below.

### Sign up for E-Alerts

Safety notices straight to your phone

Residents are encouraged to register for e-alerts through text message and email. Receive event updates, park closures, safety notices, and more. Enroll in this free service today by clicking the photo below!





### **News and Information**

### **2023 STATE OF THE CITY**

The City of Winter Springs proudly presents the annual State of the City address, delivered by Mayor Kevin McCann. This address encapsulates the essence of our community's growth and showcases the significant strides we have accomplished together.

Discover key aspects:

- Gain insights into our unwavering commitment to public safety, fiscal responsibility, and community engagement.
- Reflect on our resilience in the face of devastating storms, and learn about the strategic measures taken to enhance stormwater management.
- Explore our prudent investments in parks, road maintenance, and water and sewer utility systems.

Follow the link below to watch the compelling video on the City of Winter Springs YouTube Channel.

STATE OF THE CITY

### **DONATE BLOOD AT CITY HALL**

The Big Red Bus will be at City Hall on Wednesday, August 9, 2023, from 10 AM- 3 PM. Oneblood encourages all participants to eat a healthy meal and drink lots of water before donating. Please bring a valid ID to participate. OneBlood welcomes blood



donations from donors 16 years old and older. 16-year-old donors, however, must present a signed permission form from their parent or a guardian before the blood donation.

#### **HOMETOWN HERO NOMINATIONS**



The City of Winter Springs seeks resident nominations for the 2023 Hometown Hero Award. The Hometown Hero Award is presented to Winter Springs Veterans who remain active in the community annually. All nominees must meet the

following criteria:

- Winter Springs Resident
- Veteran
- Must be highly involved within our local community
- Must be available to accept the award at our Ceremony on November 11 at 6 PM.

Submissions must include the nominee's name, service branch, and career summary. Submissions are due by 5 PM on October 2, 2023.

If you want to nominate a local hero to receive this award, please email Communications@winterspringsfl.org.

### **BACK TO SCHOOL SHOPPING**

2023-2024 Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday runs from July 24 to August 6, 2023, and again from January 1 to January 14, 2024. You can purchase qualifying school supplies tax-free. Save on clothing, footwear, school essentials, and more! Personal computers and accessories under \$1,500 are also eligible. Visit the Florida Department of Revenue webpage for details. Happy shopping!

### **INCLEMENT WEATHER AND WASTE PICKUP REMINDER**

During this storm season, we kindly remind residents to consider potential delays in the garbage, recycling, or yard waste pickup services provided by WastePro due to inclement weather. In such cases, the WastePro crews will promptly resume their regular routes once the storms subside. If you suspect that your address may have been inadvertently missed, please do not hesitate to seek assistance by contacting our customer service at 407-327-5996 or via email at cityhallinfo@winterspringsfl.com.

#### **Co-mingling of Yard Waste and Regular Garbage:**

We urge residents to avoid the co-mingling of yard waste and regular garbage. To ensure efficient pickup, WastePro employs separate trucks for handling different types of waste. Neglecting to separate yard waste from regular garbage may lead to missed pickups. Therefore, kindly separate these two types of waste accordingly. Should you require further clarification or assistance, please feel free to contact our customer service at 407-327-5996 or via email at cityhallinfo@winterspringsfl. com.

### **FDOT CAREER FAIR**

Florida Department of Transportation will hold a career fair on Thursday, August 17, 2023, from 9 AM - 12:30 PM at the FDOT Oviedo Operations Center (2400 Camp Road, Oviedo, Fl, 32765). Learn about job opportunities in road construction, meet staff, and connect with the project team. Attendees are encouraged to come dressed for success and to bring a copy of their resumes.

### **CREEK CLEAN UP**

Beginning in early August, contractors for the City of Winter Springs will begin clearing debris from several creeks. The City has selected "Looks Great Services" to complete the work. "Looks Great Services" specializes in waterway cleanup, vegetative removal, and disaster recovery. Contractors will prioritize the areas that were hit hardest by the 2022 hurricane season. Creeks such as No Name, Bear, Gee, Howell, and Sheoah are areas the crews will focus on. Cleaning the creeks and waterways will allow water to flow more steadily, limiting and controlling flooding. Stay tuned for updates regarding the cleanup process by subscribing to e-alerts or visiting winterspringsfl.org.

## Winter Springs Police Department

### EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT: MELANIE, CRIME AND INTELLIGENCE ANALYST

Are you curious about the unseen forces that keep our community safe? In this edition of our #EmployeeSpotlight, we take you behind the scenes to introduce the remarkable Melanie Alfonso, Winter Springs' very own Crime and Intelligence Analyst. Melanie is the brilliant mind behind our local law enforcement's investigative prowess. With seven months of dedicated service at the Winter Springs Police Department, she plays a pivotal role in assisting our detectives and officers in solving cases and ensuring our city's safety.



Ever wondered how criminals are identified and brought to justice? Melanie is at the forefront of this crucial process. Her expertise in gathering and analyzing essential information is invaluable. Through her meticulous monthly stat reports, she provides key insights that shape our law enforcement strategies, making our community even safer.

Learn more about Melanie in this month's employee spotlight article, by clicking the button below.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

### AUGUST SAFETY TIP: BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY

As we gear up for the start of the school year on August 10, 2023, it is crucial to be mindful of safety on the roads. School days mean more kids on the roads. Please drive safely and slow down when children are present, especially near schools. For walkers, use sidewalks and always look both ways before crossing. Cyclists should ride with traffic, stop before crossing, and wear helmets. Bus riders, maintain distance while waiting. If you're driving your child, obey school zone limits, watch for children, and don't pass buses.

Let's prioritize safety this school year! **Read the full safety tip by clicking the button below.** 

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### AUGUST SAFETY TIP

### **IN MEMORIAM: K-9 VADER**

### **CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY**

Join Winter Springs Police Department's Citizen's Police Academy from Oct 3 to Dec 19, 2023! Held on Tuesday nights, 6-9 pm at 300 N. Moss Road. Learn about K-9 Ops, Code Enforcement & more, taught by WSPD Officers. Limited to 20 people, so apply now! Deadline: Sept 19, 2023, 5 pm. Download the application or get it from Winter Springs Police Department. Complete with a photo ID and undergo a background check. Contact Ofc. Thomas Ballew at 407-3278976 or tballew@ winterspringsfl.org for queries. Don't miss this exciting opportunity to understand law enforcement better! The Winter Springs Police Department mourns the loss of retired K-9 Vader. Vader dutifully served our City from 2012 to 2019, assisting in apprehending criminals and removing drugs from our streets. After his commendable

service, Vader found a loving home with his handler Sgt. Shaun Philbrook and family. They provided him with a joyful life until he passed away on July 21, 2023. Rest easy, Vader. Your service and dedication to the citizens of Winter Springs will never be forgotten. Thank you for your years of bravery and loyalty.





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

### Food Truck Thursday

### Thursday, August 17, 5pm- 8pm Torcaso Park (104 N. Moss Rd)

Join us for an evening filled with delicious food from local food trucks and vendors. Bring a blanket or lawnchair for a picnic in the park.





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### Food Truck Thursday

### Thursday, September 14, 5pm- 8pm Trotwood Park (701 Northern Way)

Mark your calendars and bring your appetites! Join us for an incredible evening at Trotwood Park filled with mouthwatering delights from our favorite local food trucks!

## 9/11 Memorial Ceremony

### Monday, September 11, 8am- 9am Winter Springs Police Department (300 N. Moss Road)

The City of Winter Springs to host 22-year Remembrance of 9/11 events at the Winter Springs Police Department.



### 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





### **Meet Your Commission**

MAYOR AND COMMISSION