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Employment Opportunities

Looking for a rewarding career?

The City of Winter Springs is seeking enthusiastic individuals to join our team! View our vacancies by clicking the photo below.



Sign up for Winter Springs E-Alerts

Public Safety Alerts straight to your inbox or phone

Hurricane season is from June to November. Be sure that you and your family are #ReadyWinterSprings. Register for emergency alerts by clicking the photo below or texting 32708 to 888-777.



News and Information



CELEBRATION OF FREEDOM PRESENTED BY DUKE ENERGY

Celebrate the 4th of July with a BANG! Join your community at Central Winds Park for our annual Celebration of Freedom presented by Duke Energy on Tuesday, July 4, 2023. The evening is filled with fun from live entertainment, a free kid's area, and great vendors. The night will wrap up with a world-class firework display. Don't forget to wear your red, white, and blue, and bring a blanket or lawn chair to this Winter Springs tradition! Gates open at 5 PM. Please review our prohibited item list before attending for your comfort and safety.



CELEBRATION OF FREEDOM

FLAG DROPBOX IS LOCATED AT CITY HALL AND POLICE DEPARTMENT



Residents in Winter Springs can now respectfully retire old, tattered American flags thanks to the efforts of one local Scout. Scout Luke Everson of Troop 617 of Oviedo presented one of two flag retirement drop boxes he built to Winter Springs Mayor Kevin McCann at City Hall.

Flags placed in the boxes will be picked up by Winter Springs VFW Post 5405 to be retired at a ceremony each month per U.S. Flag Code. Residents can drop off old flags at either the Winter Springs City Hall at 1126 East State Road 434 or at the Winter Springs Police Department at 300 North Moss Road, Monday through Friday, 8 AM to 5 PM.

CITY OFFICES CLOSED MONDAY, JUNE 19, 2023

City offices will be closed on Monday, June 19, 2023, in observance of Juneteenth.

Regular business hours will resume Tuesday, June 20, 2023, at 8 AM. WastePro will provide Garbage, yard waste, and recycling collections as normal.

TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE FOR VETERANS IN SEMINOLE COUNTY

Heart of Florida United Way is thrilled to introduce the Mission United Lyft Rideshare Program, providing transportation assistance to Veterans in Seminole county. This program enables local Veterans to access essential resources in their everyday lives, including medical appointments, legal consultations, job interviews, and grocery shopping.

To be eligible, Veterans must be 18 years or older and reside in Seminole County. They need to have the Lyft App, a current Lyft account, and a valid payment option linked to their account. The Rideshare Intake Form, along with all required documentation, must be submitted at least two business days prior to the needed ride.

To request a ride, Veterans or their caretakers should contact the program at least two business days in advance. Upon submitting a ride request, the Mission United staff will provide a unique code to the approved Veteran within one hour. Each scheduled ride covers up to \$25 for a one-way trip (or a maximum of two \$25 rideshare codes for a round-trip). Veterans are responsible for any costs exceeding the \$25 limit.

Veterans can schedule a ride by visiting the program's website. For inquiries, please email MissionUnited@hfuw.org.

KEVIN C. RECEIVES KEY TO CITY

On Monday, May 8, 2023, the Winter Springs Mayor and City Commission presented Kevin Cannon with the key to the City. A longtime advocate for the City of Winter Springs, Mr. Cannon has served the City for many years as a City Commissioner and a member of several other municipal groups, such as the Florida League of Cities and Tri-County League of Cities. Mr. Cannon has also been a member of several neighborhood and community groups and has volunteered in many programs, such as STEM teachers, Eagle Scouts, and the Florida Department of Children and Families. Congratulations, and thank you, Mr. Cannon, for your dedicated service to the City of Winter Springs. **View the ceremony by clicking the button below.**



VISIT HFUW WEB PAGE

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT: MEET JOHN JORDAN



John Jordan has been an invaluable staff member of the City of Winter Springs team for over six months now, proudly serving as a Park Ranger. With his dedication and passion for preserving the natural beauty of our parks, John plays a vital role in creating a welcoming environment for our community. As a Park Ranger, John's responsibilities are diverse and essential. He ensures the cleanliness of the parks, diligently picking up trash to maintain their pristine appearance. Additionally, he assists with various tasks such as setting up and organizing sports activities, ensuring everyone can enjoy their favorite games hassle-free.

Read the full employee spotlight by clicking the button below.



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT ARTICLE

WELCOME OUR NEW SENIOR ASSOCIATION BOARD



Winter Springs Senior Association board installation ceremony was held on May 3, 2023. Former Senior Association President Pat Carter led the ceremony. The members elect these volunteers to organize fundraisers, run the Bingo program, help in the kitchen, and assist Winter Springs Senior Center.

Please join us in welcoming the following Winter Springs Senior Association board members: (Left to right)

Gennifer Miles, Advisor, Linda Good, Advisor Barbara Casano, Secretary, Peg Lewis, Treasurer Terry Anderson, Advisor, Nellie Leon, President Linda Rivera, Advisor, Nancy Ivaszuk, Vice President Not shown: Paul Buscemi, Advisor

Winter Springs Police Department

AVOIDING FRAUD SCHEMES

Crypto scams are evolving! Don't fall for investment schemes promising huge returns with zero risk. Watch out for impersonators, fake job listings, and fraudulent coins or tokens. Stay informed and protect your hard-earned money. **Learn about current fraud trends in this month's WSPD safety tip blog by clicking the button below.**

WSPD JUNE SAFETY TIP



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 be able to learn, laugh, and play with Winter Springs Police Officers. Sign-up will take place on-site each day and is open to children age 5 to 15 years old. Parents must 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 12th - 23
July 3, 6, 7, July 17 - 21
All CYO activities will occur from 10 AM to 2 PM at Torcaso Park at 104 N. Moss Rd. Lunch and water will be provided.

COMMUNITY YOUTH OUTREACH

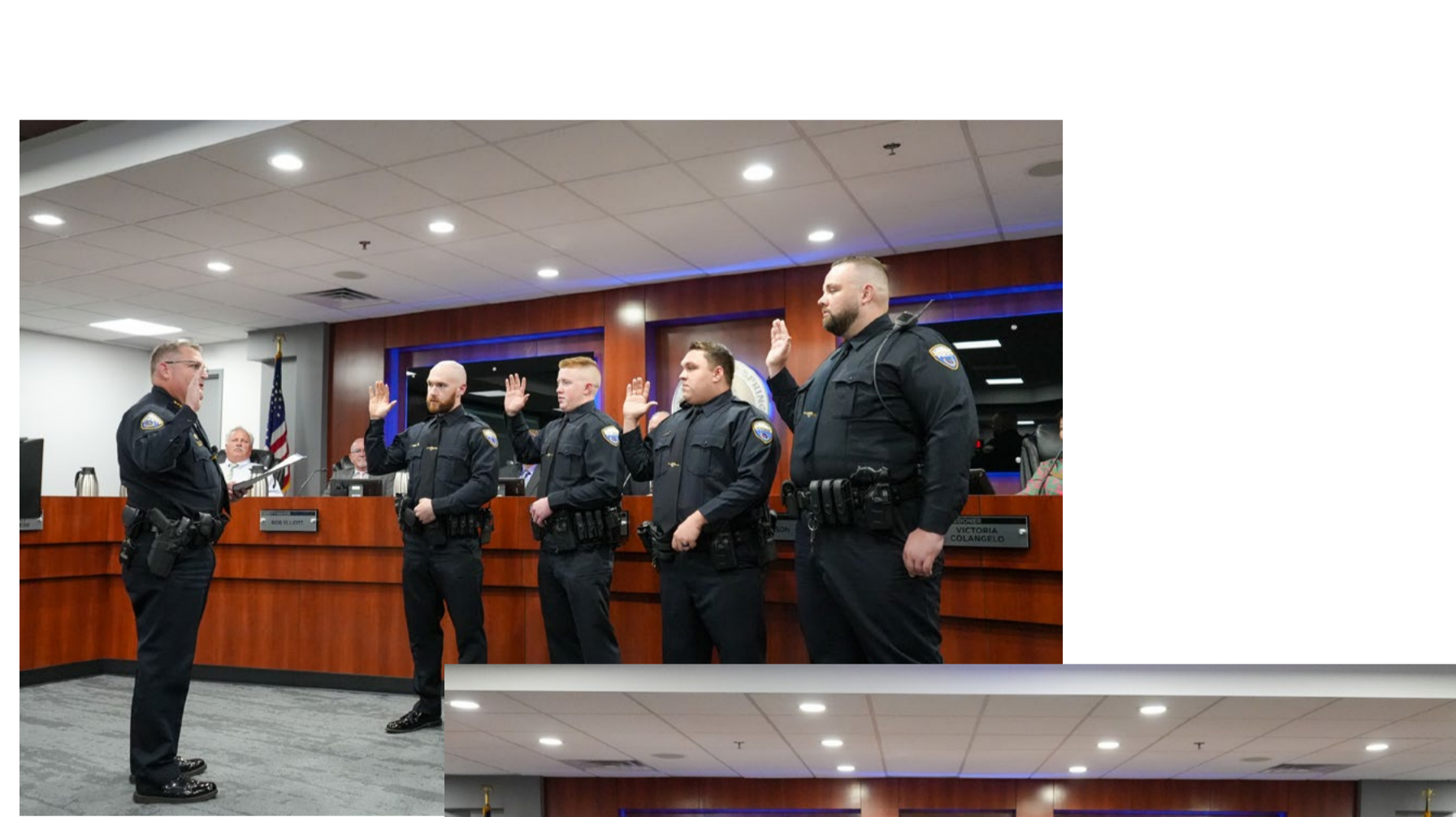
SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

The Winter Springs Police Department is accepting new, unopened school supplies for our annual School Supply Drive through July 21st. We are in need of spiral notebooks (wide and college-ruled), composition notebooks (wide and college-ruled), crayons, markers, pencils, loose leaf paper (wide and college ruled), dry erase markers, rulers, pencil cases, and scissors. Your donations can be dropped off in the school supply donation box in the lobby of the Police Department located at 300 North Moss Road. As the collection time draws near, more information on this event will be forthcoming. Check the Seminole County Public School webpage for the school supply list.

SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

Congratulations to **Adam Greene, Michael Hammock, Michael McLeone, and Mathieu Byers** on their official swearing-in to the Winter Springs Police Department at the city commission meeting held on Monday, May 22, 2023! May your dedication and commitment shine brightly as you protect and serve our community. View the ceremony on our youtube channel.

WSPD SWEARING IN CEREMONY



WSPD POLICE AWARD PRESENTATION TO ALPHA SHIFT

Join us in congratulating the outstanding officers of the Winter Springs Police Department who showcased unwavering teamwork and went above and beyond during a recent call of duty. Their remarkable efforts successfully resolved a mid-day vehicle burglary, uncovering a crime ring's operations and recovering stolen property. When witnesses provided crucial information about the suspect vehicle, our officers swiftly responded. Spotting the fleeing vehicle, Officer Devernoe's sharp eyes allowed our team to intercept it near Speedway gas station. The collaborative efforts of Alpha Shift proved instrumental in stopping the suspects, enabling the victim's identification and the recovery of stolen items. Multiple arrests were made, further unveiling the extent of the crime ring's activities as they headed back to Miami. The dedication and exceptional teamwork demonstrated by Sgt. Shaun Philbrook, Sgt. Saccente, Ofc. Chavez, Ofc. Colangelo, Ofc. Gomez, Ofc. Jose Hilero, and Ofc. Devernoe exemplifies the Winter Springs Police Department's mission. We applaud these exemplary officers for their tireless service in ensuring the safety and well-being of our community. Their actions reflect the commitment and values that make our department truly exceptional.

ALPHA SHIFT POLICE AWARDS



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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City Host Big Red Bus

Tuesday, June 6, 2023 - 10:00am to 3:00pm
1126 East State Road 434

Please bring a valid ID to donate blood. All donors will receive a \$20 e-gift card, water bottle, and wellness check-up. Appointments are encouraged.



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Hometown Hill Day

Monday, June 26, 2023 - 8:00am to 4:30pm

A Central Florida Leadership Forum is your chance to meet with our federal representatives, state representatives, and elected officials.



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Celebration of Freedom

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

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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



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