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Pickleball Construction Underway

Update with Deputy Mayor

Attention Pickleball Enthusiasts! Construction is underway at Central Winds Park. View our video update with Deputy Mayor Rob Elliott by clicking the photo below.



Water Conservation

Save our environment

April is water conservation month! We will share tips and ideas throughout the month to help residents preserve Florida's most precious resource. This year the City of Winter Springs is emphasizing leak prevention. For more information, visit our website by clicking the image below.



News and Information

GET READY FOR A HOPPY TIME!



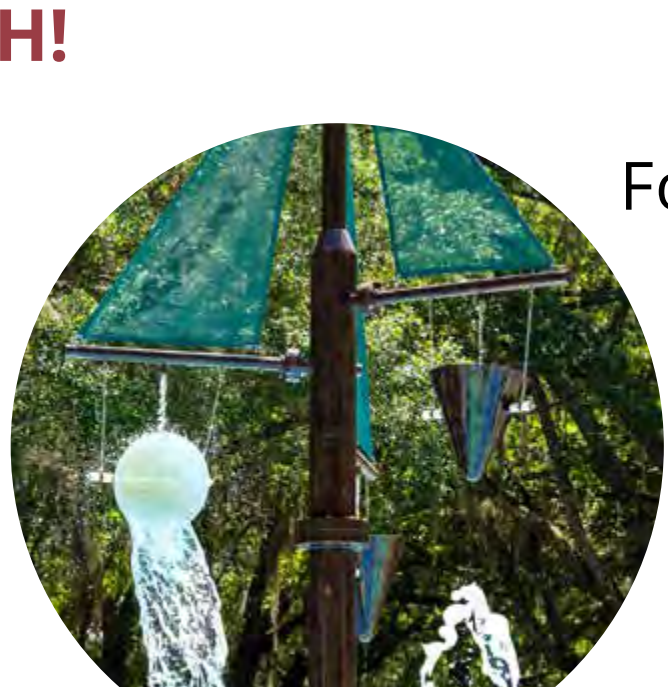
Over 500 of our littlest residents are gearing up for our the Egg-citing Egg Hunt, presented by Tuskawilla's Best After School Program. This community event will take place on Saturday, April 8, 2023 at Central Winds Park from 9 AM - 12 PM. Our event will feature community vendors, free face painting, egg decorating, photobooth, and food trucks! Find the special golden egg for a big surprise! Food vendors include Gran Arepa, Latin Fusion, Jess's Lemonade, Kona Ice, and Nonnis Minis. City staff look forward to hosting all of our families for this fun spring time tradition. Please note this is a pre-registered event. Special thanks to Seminole County Fire Department and Winter Springs Police Department for ensuring the safety of this community event.



EGG-CITING EGG HUNT VIDEO

MAKE A SPLASH THIS MONTH!

Winter Springs Splash Playgrounds will reopen on Saturday, April 1, 2023. Located at Torcaso and Trotwood Parks, our community splash pads give children an opportunity to cool off from the warm spring weather. Hours of operation are 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM (weather permitting). Please supervise all children when using the playgrounds. Water shoes are strongly encouraged.



Visit our website for more information.

SPLASH PLAYGROUND INFORMATION

DOG PARK UPDATE

For the safety of all pets and visitors, our dog park entrance has been temporarily moved due to the construction of pickleball courts. Please use the Hicks Avenue parking lot and enter through our gate on the Cross Seminole Trail. Dog park hours of operation remain dawn to dusk, with weekly closure on Wednesday for maintenance. Thank you for keeping your dog park safe and clean.

Visit our website for more information.

DOG PARK INFORMATION

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT: MEET KEVIN MADDOX, LANDSCAPE MANAGER



Meet The City of Winter Springs' Landscape Manager, Kevin Maddox. Kevin is approaching his four year anniversary with the City. As a landscape manager, Kevin is responsible for the landscape beautification of the city. Kevin oversees the overall design of landscape throughout city parks, facilities, and roadways. He also does a lot of the city planting and tree replacements. Kevin and his team maintain these designs to keep the plants healthy and the city looking beautiful. You may see Kevin in your local park, operating heavy equipment or planting new trees. His favorite aspect of his job is the ability to use his creativity and artistic freedom! Thank you, Kevin, for being on the Winter Springs team! Read the full article on our website by clicking the button below.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT ARTICLES

CITY HALL CLOSED APRIL 7, 2023

City Hall and offices will be closed on Friday, April 7, 2023, due to Spring Holiday. Regular business hours will resume on Monday, April 10, 2023, at 8 AM. Household garbage and collection services will continue as usual.

SENIOR CENTER CRAFT AND VENDOR FAIR

Winter Springs Senior Center will host a Craft & Vendor Fair on Saturday, April 15, 2023, from 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Shop local arts, crafts, and homemade goods. Admission is FREE. For more information, contact Senior Center Manager Julie Trujillo at jtrujillo@winterspringsfl.org or call 407-327- 6554.

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

CRAFT AND VENDOR FAIR

CONSERVE WATER: DAYLIGHT SAVINGS WATERING RESTRICTIONS

The following lawn watering rules began Sunday, March 12, 2023, and will remain in effect until Sunday, November 5, 2023.

- No lawn watering between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm on any day.
- Even-numbered addresses are allowed to water on Thursdays and Sundays.
- Odd-numbered addresses or non-residences (businesses, HOAs, etc.) are allowed to water on Wednesdays and Saturdays.
- Water for no more than one hour per zone.

These rules apply if you use potable water or a private well for irrigation. If you have reclaimed water for irrigation, then you may water two days per week year-round. Always water when needed. When you conserve water, you save money and help our environment!

Visit our website for more information.

WHEN CAN I WATER MY LAWN?

STORMWATER POLLUTION

- Do not wash debris or pollution down the storm drains. This can contribute to blockages that increase the chance of flooding, and can also release damaging chemicals and organic material into our lakes.
- Do not alter the normal function of stormwater system elements. Stormwater is designed to flow a certain way, so changes to the flow of water in one place can adversely affect another area.

Winter Springs Police Department

CERTIFICATE OF SAFETY RECOGNITION AWARDED TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Winter Springs Police Department received a Certificate of Safety Excellence(CSE) from the Florida League of Cities on February 14, 2023. This distinction is awarded to law enforcement agencies that meet the highest safety management standards. Documentation protocol, emergency readiness, staff training, firearm safety, and communication are some areas evaluated to receive the CSE. Our department received an overall score of 90%, among the highest in the county. Winter Springs Police Department remains dedicated to ensuring the safety of our officers, staff, and community.

View the video by clicking the button below.

CERTIFICATE OF SAFETY

APRIL SAFETY BLOG: DISTRACTED DRIVING AWARENESS

Distracted driving is any activity that diverts the attention from driving. This includes talking to passengers, texting on your phone, eating, drinking, and manipulating the stereo or navigation system. Simply put, it is anything that takes your attention away from the task of safe driving.

Texting is the most alarming distraction. Sending or reading a text takes your eyes off the road for approximately 5 seconds. At 55 mph, that's like driving the length of an entire football field with your eyes closed.

You cannot drive safely unless the task of driving has your full attention. Any non-driving activity you engage in is a potential distraction and increases your risk for a crash.

Read the full safety tip on our website by clicking the button below.

APRIL SAFETY TIP BLOG



NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK DAY

The National Prescription Drug Take Back Day aims to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs, while also educating the public about the potential for abuse of medications.

The Winter Springs Police Department is a drop off location for this event, so if you have any unwanted prescription medications that you would like to dispose of please do so at 300 N. Moss Rd. from 10am- 2pm on April 22th.

WINTER SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT SWEARS IN NEWEST RECRUIT

Winter Springs Police Department proudly welcomes our latest recruit, Officer Matthew Devernoe. Matthew was officially sworn in at the city commission meeting held on March 13, 2023. Please give a warm Winter Springs welcome to Ofc. Devernoe!

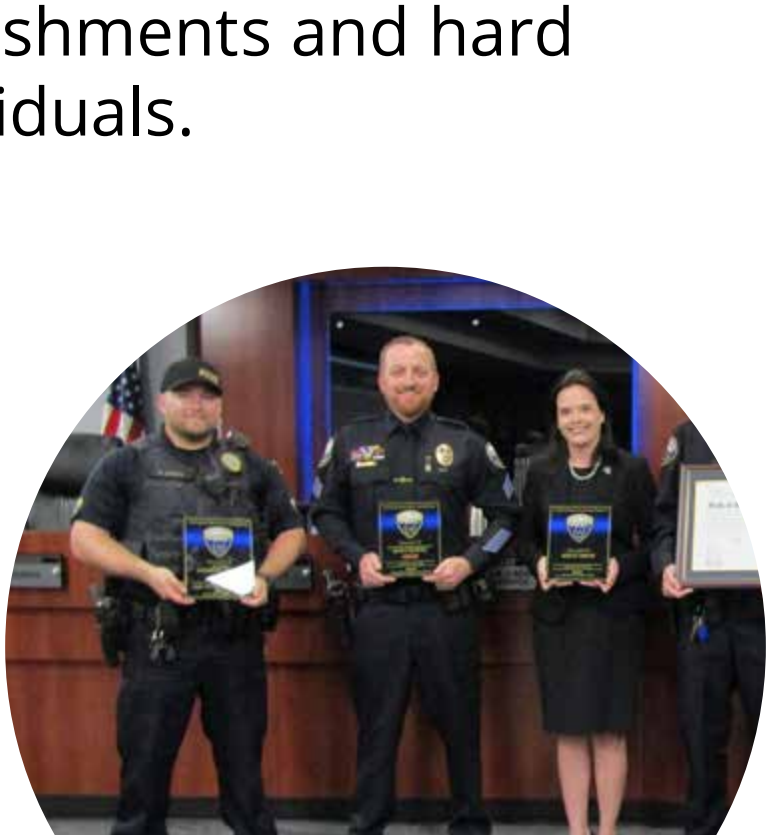


2022 STAFF OF THE YEAR AWARDS

The Winter Springs Police Department presented Staff of the Year awards at the City Commission on March 13, 2023. Please join us in celebrating the accomplishments and hard work of the following individuals.

- 2022 Officer of the Year, Andrew Jones
- 2022 Investigator of the Year, Matt Scovel
- 2022 Civilian Member of the Year, Kelly Davis

These staff members have displayed the values and mission of the police department. Congratulations!



STAFF OF THE YEAR

PROMOTION CEREMONY OFFICER LYNN SACCENTE

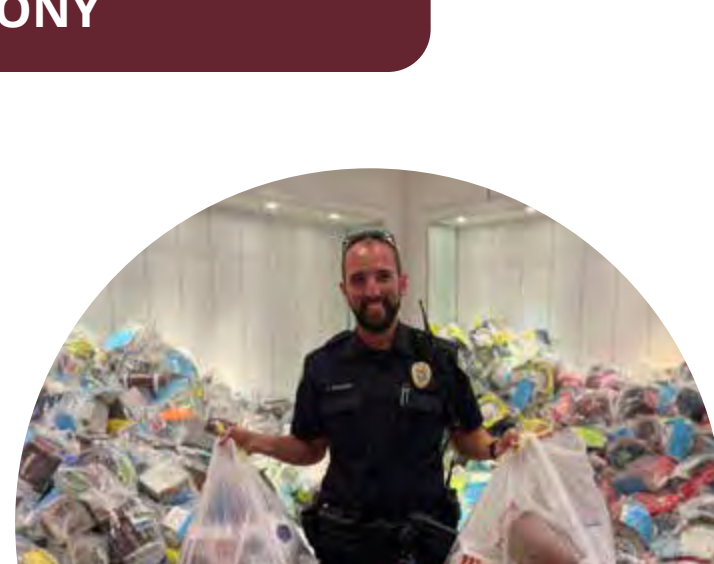
On Monday, March 13, 2023, Chief Tracht presented Lynn Saccente with her promotion certificate at the City Commission meeting. Sergeant Saccente began her career with the city in 2018. She excelled as a solo officer, field training officer, and in the ATV unit. Sgt. Saccente has received numerous accolades, including Officer of the Month, Unit Citation Award, and 3 Life Saving Awards. During her career, she has developed positive relations with our community and members of the police agency. Please join us in congratulating Sgt. Saccente in her new role!



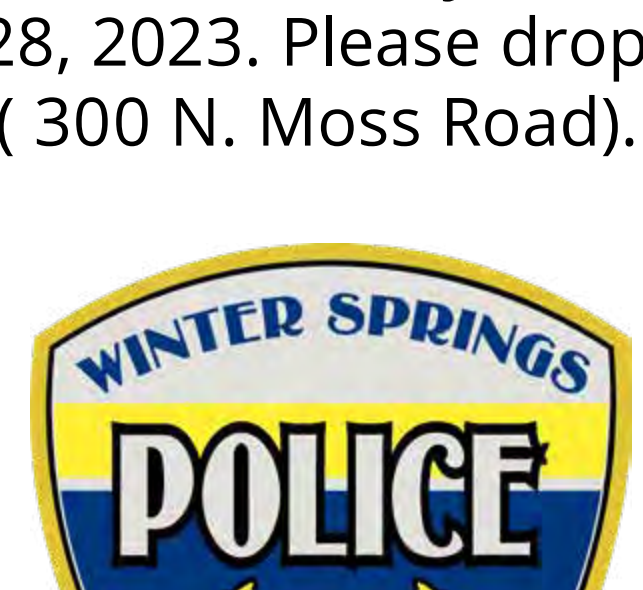
PROMOTION CEREMONY

DONATE A NEW SPORTS BALL

Winter Springs Police Department will collect NEW sports balls in partnership with GROW Healthy Kids, Inc. Donations will be accepted from March 28, 2023, until April 28, 2023. Please drop all donations off at The Winter Springs Police Department Lobby (300 N. Moss Road). Help GROW Healthy Kids & Inspire positive interactions between cops & kids! Donate a sports ball today!



For more information contact Ofc. Ballew at tballew@winterspringsfl.org.



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's Advisory Committee

Wednesday, April 12, 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

Craft & Vendor Fair

Saturday, April 15, 2023
10 am- 3 pm
Winter Springs Senior Center
400 N. Edgemon Ave

Shop local arts, crafts, and homemade goods. Admission is FREE.



03

Food Truck Thursday

May 18, 2023
5 pm- 8 pm
Trotwood Park (701 Northern Way)

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



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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