## WINTER SPRINGS

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## Never Miss A Meeting

#### **Tune Into Live Audio**

Did you know that you can tune into a live audio recording of the City Commission Meeting? Visit winterspringsfl.org/meetings to view the agenda and listen into live audio.

## Sign Up For E-Alerts

#### **Receive Alerts and Emails**

We have partnered with Nixle, an emergency notification system, to keep you up-to-date and alert on traffic, crime, and weather notifications. Sign up below to receive alerts/ notifications via text or email.



## **News and Information**

#### 45TH ANNUAL CENTRAL FLORIDA SCOTTISH HIGHLAND GAMES The Central Florida Scottish Highland Games, the larg County, is organized each year by the Scottish-Ameri

The Central Florida Scottish Highland Games, the largest community event in Seminole County, is organized each year by the Scottish-American Society of Central Florida. Each January, the two-day gathering welcomes thousands of visitors to Central Winds Park in Winter Springs for a celebration of community and culture. This event host's traditional heavy athletics such as the Stone Put, Caber Toss, and fan favorite "Boulder Boogie". The highland games also host cultural activities, including the gathering of the Scottish Clans. This festival is family friendly, and will feature the "Kids Games"

and loads of other activities for the wee ones. The Central Florida Scottish Highland Games features some of the best Celtic artisans presenting jewelry, clothing, artistry, weaponry and more. Get yourself a kilt or new sporran. Add to your Celtic jewelry collection or purchase items typically found only in Scotland and the UK. There is plenty of food and drink. Come out and have a beer, wine or whiskey with your haggis, scotch-egg, or fresh fried fish and chips. There is something for everyone to enjoy at the Central Florida Scottish Highland Games.

Visit Flascot.com/tickets for details

VISIT FLASCOT.COM



HOLIDAY MATERIAL DISPOSAL REMINDERS: CITY COMMISSION RECOGNIZES STAFF FOR HURRICANE IAN EFFORTS

 Real Christmas trees may be placed at the right of way on yard waste pick up days and must follow WastePro guidelines.

• Tree parts must be no longer than 4 feet (bundled), and no larger than 4 inches in diameter.

• Cardboard boxes may be recycled as long as the wrapping paper and tape are removed.

• Boxes that have plastic are not recyclable.

• Wrapping paper and styrofoam must be placed in the garbage, they are not recyclable.

#### **CITY CLOSURES**

City Hall, offices, and facilites will be closed on:

Monday, January 2, 2023 in observance of New Year's and on Monday, January 16, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

#### LAWN MAINTENANCE REMINDER

We want to remind all residents that when performing lawn maintenance, leaves must be bagged and placed curbside by 7 AM for pickup. Residents may leave up to 15 bags on yard waste day (Wednesday). Blowing, raking, or disposing of yard waste into the street, median, or storm drains is not an appropriate way to dispose of yard waste and may result in a fine. Please help us keep our waterways and habitats clean by properly disposing of yard waste (leaves, grass clippings, and sticks). Always remember, "BAG it, don't BIOW it!"

#### VOLUNTARY CITY CHAPLAIN APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED UNTIL JANUARY 12, 2023

The City Commission recently passed Resolution 2022-27 authorizing the creation of a voluntary City Chaplain position. Pursuant to Section 2 of Resolution 2022-27, "A City Chaplain shall be chosen by the City Commission using a secular set of appointment criteria. The City may appoint multiple Chaplains to serve at one time. Chaplains shall serve for terms of one year, subject to reappointment by the Commission."

The City of Winter Springs is currently accepting applications for a period of 30 days (December 13, 2022 - January 12, 2023), and applications will be presented to the City Commission for their consideration at the January 23, 2023 City Commission Regular Meeting. **Click the button below for more information.** 

VOLUNTARY CITY CHAPLAIN

Winter Springs City Commission recognized several city staff and police members for their outstanding efforts before, during, and after Hurricane Ian at the City Commission meeting held on December 12, 2022. Winter Springs received unprecedented levels of rainfall in a short period, which caused severe damage to our roads, bridges, and local community homes. These employees went above and beyond to make sure key infrastructure was protected and operational, as well as protecting residents from the damage brought by the storm. As a result, Winter Springs experienced zero fatalities and has made quick efforts to restore our beautiful city. "Every one of these folks went way beyond what we would ever ask them to do... we couldn't **stop them if we wanted**", said City Manager Shawn Boyle. The following employees worked day and night to restore our city back to normalcy as soon as possible. Please join us in celebrating:

Andrew Cortez, Earl Williams, Michael Downing, Troy Cooper, Kendrick Miller, Al Britos, Jason Simpkins, Brian Dunigan, Kevin Maddox, Clifton Mullis, Philip Bower, Scott Johnson, Melanie Stallard, Capt. Kevin Presley, Capt. Doug Seely, Lt. Brad Heath, Lt. Keith Whitmore, Lt. Bill Mayhugh, Captain Nick Romano, Lt. Aaron Wilkins.



#### **TOLL RELIEF**



Effective January 1, 2023-December 31, 2023 Florida Turnpike Enterprise will establish a toll relief program for all Florida toll facilities or Florida toll facility entities that use Floridaissued SunPass transponders. Toll road users who record 35 or more

qualifying transactions per transponder per calendar month will be eligible for an account credit equal to 50% of the amount paid in that calendar month for the qualifying transactions.

This would include tolls along the Central Florida Greenway SR 417 and East-West Expressway SR 408, which are prevalent routes in Central Florida.

TOLL RELIEF PROGRAM

#### LAWN WATERING GUIDELINES

#### Lawn Watering Guidelines

Time of the Year	Odd-Numbered or No Address	Even-Numbered Addresses	Nonresidential
Daylight Saving Time	Wednesday/Saturday	Thursday/Sunday	Tuesday/Friday
Eastern Standard Time	Saturday	Sunday	Tuesday

• NO water is allowed between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on any day

• Water only when needed

• Water for no more than one hour per zone

• Restrictions apply to private wells and pumps, ground or surface water, and water from public and private utilities

These rules apply if you are using 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.

#### WHATS NEW WITH PARKS?



The City's Perk Up Parks Initiative grew in 2019 based on input from our 10-year visioning session "Winter Springs 2030 and Beyond" by residents, community partners, and staff. The initiative focuses on improving city parks and play areas to strengthen our community and the overall quality of life. The City of Winter Springs believes in the importance of play, fitness, and mental health. As Mayor McCann put it, "Healthy parks build healthy communities." The Perk Up Parks Initiative continues to make steady improvements and progress at all of our major parks. Construction on the Torcaso Bridge has resumed since Hurricane Ian. Once

completed the bridge will connect the east and west ends of park, and connect to the future pavilion. The bridge will feature a shaded area for rest in the middle of the structure.

## Winter Springs Police Department

#### WSPD WELCOMES NEWEST OFFICER



At the December 12, 2022 Commission Meeting, Chief Tracht and members of the Winter Springs Police Department welcomed Ofc. Alejandro Espinosa to the team during a formal swearing-in ceremony. We are happy to have Ofc. Espinosa as a member of our professional team. Please join us in giving him a warm welcome to our police department!



With the New Year comes new scams, cons and fraud tactics. Cybercriminals are constantly changing how they swindle and con people out of their money to stay ahead of law enforcement. Be aware of suspicious activity on your bank account, suspicious phone calls and email. Through technology, fraudsters can use very convincing information, graphics and programs to make them appear legitimate. Read our January Safety Tip Blog for ways to avoid these scams.

#### **POLICE AWARDS DECEMBER 2022**

Chief Tracht awarded several staff members of the Winter Springs Police Department at the Commission Meeting held on December 12, 2022. These members have displayed the highest standards of teamwork, integrity, and honor to the Police Department's mission.

Phoebe Nolette was awarded the Administrative Excellence Award for her hard detailed work. Phoebe has assisted every division of the police department by updating forms and graphics. She has also taken on additional responsibilities, such as recording new crime information.

The following officers were awarded the Police Duty Medal for their quick and professional response to the active shooter threat that occurred on September 8, 2022, at Winter Springs Highschool:

#### Police Duty Medal-

Ofc. Samantha Schmidt , Ofc. Michael Hattaway, Ofc. Tommy Ballew Capt. Kevin Presley, Capt. Doug Seely, Capt. Nick Romano Lt. Aaron Wilkins, Sgt. Pat Donovan, Sgt. Matt Scovel, Inv. Tracy Fugate Inv. Cristina Montana, Inv. Dave Raney, Inv. Kyle Harrop, Inv. Jacob Holcomb, Ofc. Andrew Jones, Ofc. Jonathan Eloie, Ofc. Marette Sims



View Ceremony Video By Clicking the Button Below

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POLICE AWARDS

**SUCCESFUL 2022** 

**SHOP WITH A COP PROGRAM** 

After taking a 2 year hiatus from the program due to COVID-19, Winter Springs Police

Department is pleased to bring back the Shop With a Cop program in December 2022. This program aims to assist families by providing a fun and unique gift-shopping



experience to some very deserving children and promoting healthy relations between police officers and children. The kids start the day with a big breakfast courtesy of Senor Tequilas. After their meal, they are taken to Walmart (Casselberry) for a shopping spree. Children can purchase gifts for themselves and their families. After shopping, they return to the Winter Springs Senior Center for gift wrapping. Each child was surprised with their own bicycle at the end of the morning. Thank you to the local community for supporting this program and giving these children an unforgettable holiday! **View our 2022 Video By Clicking the Button Below** 

SHOP WITH A COP VIDEO

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



### City Commission Meeting

#### January 9, 2023 | 6:30 pm City Hall

City Commission regular meeting is scheduled for January 9, 2023. Visit Winterspringsfl.org/meeting to view agenda and listen to live audio.



## Father Daughter Dance

#### February 10 , 2023 | 7 pm- 9pm Winter Springs Senior Center

Join us for our 24th Annual Father-Daughter Dance! Set out for a fun-filled night of dancing & music your little girl will never forget.



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#### 2023 Scottish Highland Games January 14-15, 2023

8 am- 9 pm Central Winds Park

Join the Scottish-American Society of Central Florida & the City for the 45th Annual Scottish Highland Games!



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