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April is Water Conservation Month

Why Conserve Water?

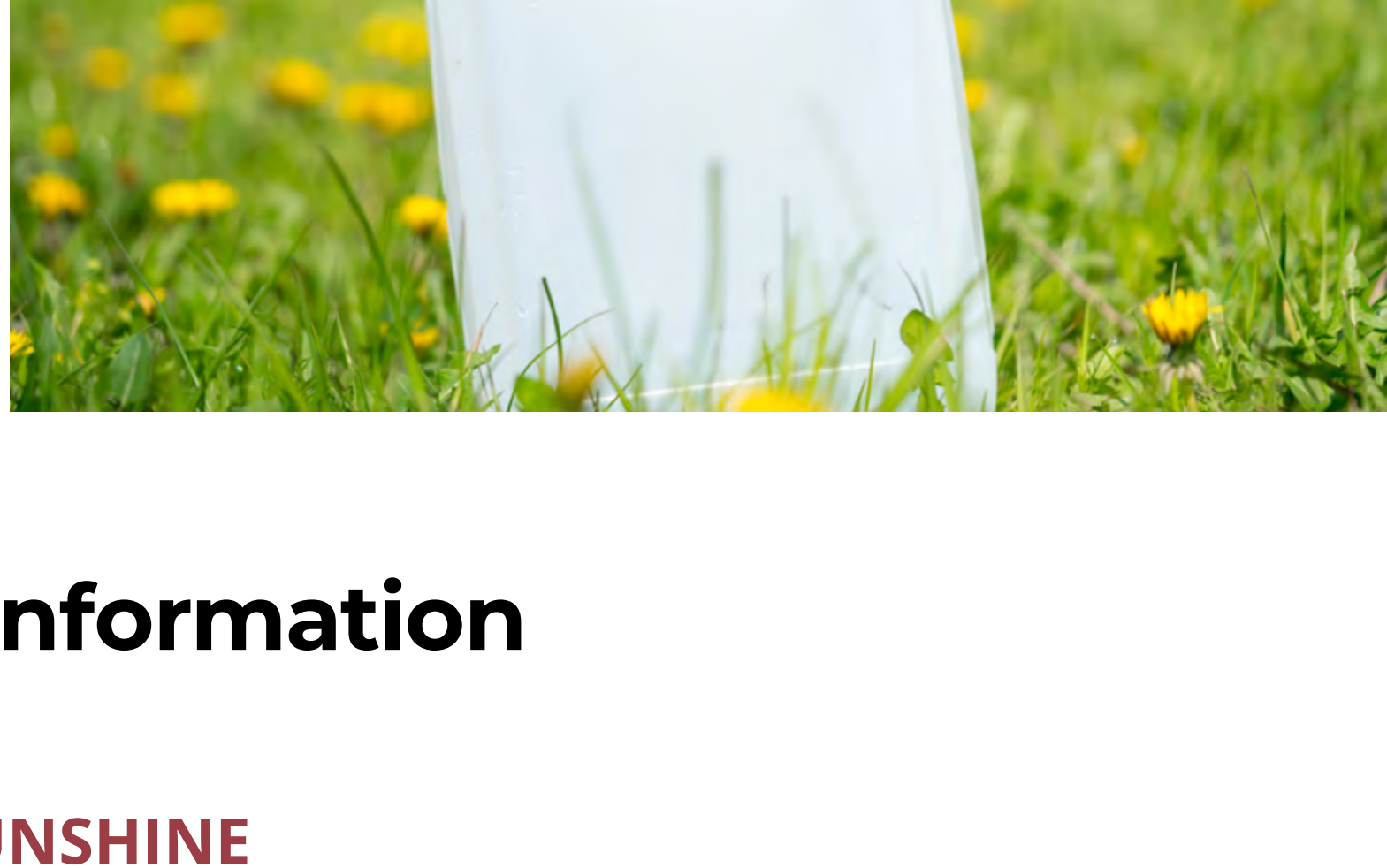
Florida is unique in that our largest and most inexpensive source of drinking water comes from the Floridan aquifer. Click the image below for friendly reminders on how to conserve our most precious resource.



Responsible Lawn Care

Pollutants entering the drains will be carried into a local waterbodies

Excess fertilizers and pesticides applied to lawns and gardens wash off and pollute streams. Click the image below to learn about solutions to protect our Winter Springs waterways.



News and Information

CAMP SUNSHINE

Get ready for an unforgettable summer experience for your children at Camp Sunshine! Designed for children in first through sixth grade, Camp Sunshine offers a fun-filled program that promotes social, communication, and physical skills development while fostering a positive and supportive environment.

Each week at Camp Sunshine brings a new and exciting theme, ensuring that campers enjoy diverse activities. Themes include space exploration, sports mania, superhero adventures, scientific discoveries, and much more! Additionally, every week features two thrilling field trips and one refreshing water day. Some of the highlighted trips include visits to Gatorland, Aloma Bowl, Daytona Lagoon, and other exciting destinations. The cost is \$125 for residents and \$210 for non-residents per week. Sign your child up for a fun-filled week today.

Click the button below for more information.

CAMP SUNSHINE 2024

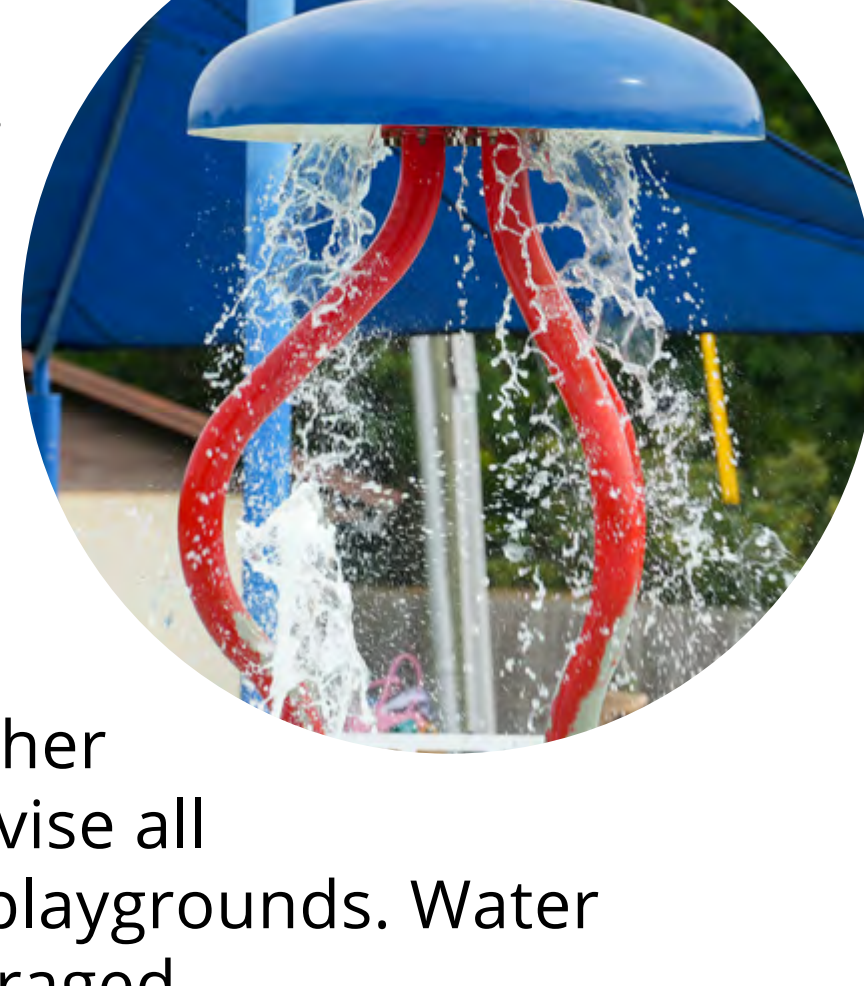
CENTRAL WINDS PICKLEBALL COURTS GRAND OPENING

Attention Pickleball Enthusiasts! The City of Winter Springs Parks and Recreation Department invites the whole community to the grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony of the Central Winds Pickleball Courts Facility on Saturday, April 13, 2024, beginning at 10 AM. Join Mayor McCann and your Winter Springs City Commissioners for a ribbon-cutting ceremony and opening game. Enjoy food trucks and music, and be among the first to play at this new Winter Springs attraction. Remember to bring your paddle and gear!

Please note Central Winds Dog Park will be closed until 3 PM due to the festivities.

MAKE A SPLASH!

Winter Springs Splash Playgrounds will reopen on Monday, April 1, 2024. Located at Torcaso and Trotwood Parks, our community splash pads allow children 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



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT: MEET KIM CURTIS



Meet Kimberly Curtis, the City of Winter Springs customer service supervisor. Kimberly manages a team of customer service representatives who assist residents with various queries. She has always been passionate about helping others, problem-solving, and working with her team. Kimberly says she loves her job because it allows her to learn something new daily and keeps her motivated. Kimberly is a shining example of a dedicated and committed individual who makes Winter Springs a unique place to live and work.

To learn more about Kimberly and other exceptional staff members, visit our Employee Spotlights page by clicking the button below.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

STORMWATER RUNOFF

Understanding Stormwater Runoff

When rain falls, it doesn't just disappear; it flows across the ground, creating what we call stormwater runoff. But did you know that this seemingly harmless flow can carry many pollutants that can harm our precious waterways?

The Problem with Polluted Runoff

As stormwater flows over impervious surfaces like driveways, sidewalks, and streets, it picks up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants. This polluted runoff then finds its way into our storm sewer systems or directly into lakes, creeks, and wetlands. Once there, it can wreak havoc on the environment and pose serious risks to both wildlife and human health. Here are some of the adverse effects of polluted stormwater runoff:

Sedimentation: Clouds the water, making it difficult for aquatic plants to grow and destroys habitats.

Algae Blooms: Excess nutrients lead to algae blooms, which deplete oxygen levels when they decompose, suffocating fish and other aquatic life.

Debris: Plastics and other debris can harm and even kill aquatic life.

Hazardous Wastes: Chemicals like insecticides, pesticides, and motor oil can poison aquatic life and even affect human health when consumed.

Taking Action

We all play a crucial role in protecting our waterways. Here's how you can help: Proper Disposal: Recycle or dispose of household chemicals responsibly. Refrain from pouring them onto the ground or into storm drains.

Reduce Runoff: Minimize the use of fertilizers and pesticides on your lawn.

Spread Awareness: Educate friends and neighbors about the importance of preventing stormwater pollution.

By taking these simple steps, we can all work together to ensure that our lakes, creeks, and wetlands remain clean and healthy for generations to come. Let's do our part to protect our most precious natural resources!

Winter Springs Police Department

APRIL SAFETY TIP: DISTRACTED DRIVING AWARENESS

As we navigate our daily routines, it's easy to underestimate the dangers of distracted driving. Yet, each time we glance at our phones, adjust the stereo or engage in conversations, we unwittingly jeopardize the safety of ourselves and those around us on the roads of Winter Springs.

Our monthly safety tip aims to illuminate this pressing issue and emphasize the critical need for undivided attention while driving.

One of the most alarming distractions is texting. Sending or reading a text takes an average of five seconds, during which a vehicle traveling at 55 mph covers the length of an entire football field - all while the driver's eyes are off the road. This sobering statistic underscores the potentially catastrophic consequences of a momentary lapse in attention.

Moreover, the legal landscape surrounding distracted driving in Florida is clear. Sections 316.305 and 316.306 of the Florida Statutes explicitly prohibit texting while driving and the handheld use of cell phones in designated areas such as schools and active work zones.

We invite you to read the full safety tip on our website to delve deeper into this crucial topic and discover practical ways to enhance road safety in Winter Springs. Click the button below to learn more.



PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK DAY

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day is April 27, 2024, from 10 AM to 2 PM. It 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 you would like to dispose of, please do so at 300 N. Moss Rd. from 10 AM - 2 PM on Saturday, April 27, 2024.

PROMOTION CEREMONY: SGT. ANDREW JONES

It is with great pleasure that the Winter Springs Police Department acknowledges the promotion of Officer Andrew Jones to the rank of Sergeant at the March 25, 2024 Commission meeting. Sergeant Jones exemplifies dedication and leadership, having served admirably in various capacities since joining the city's workforce in 2014 as a Computer Lab Technician within the Information Technology Department. In 2017, Officer Jones transitioned to the police department, where he consistently demonstrated a commitment to excellence and a passion for service.

Sergeant Jones has played a pivotal role in training new officers and mentoring colleagues at all experience levels throughout his tenure. His expertise and dedication in high-liability areas have been invaluable to the department's operations and the safety of our community. The Winter Springs Police Department sincerely congratulates Sergeant Andrew Jones on his well-deserved promotion. His leadership and unwavering dedication will undoubtedly continue to uphold our department's highest standards of service.



CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Winter Springs Police Department wants your input at our Citizen Advisory Committee meeting (CAC). The CAC meets the second Wednesday during the months of September through May. The CAC does not meet during the summer months. Come join us and meet community leaders, discuss community issues with the Police Department staff officers, and learn more about taking an active role in the security of your community. The CAC meets at the Winter Springs Police Department (300 N. Moss Rd) at 6:30 pm. Everyone who attends is encouraged to ask questions and talk about what is going on in their neighborhood. Light refreshments are served.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

DON'T MISS A THING

CLICK THE IMAGES FOR MORE INFORMATION

01

Citizens Advisory Committee

Wednesday, April 10, 2024 - 6:30 PM
300 N. Moss Road

Join WSPD Command Staff for an informative meeting. Discuss community safety matters, and upcoming initiatives. Light refreshments and snacks are provided.



02

Central Winds Pickleball Courts Grand Opening

Saturday, April 13, 2024 - 10 AM - 12 PM

Central Winds Park

Gather with Winter Springs Mayor, Commission, and Staff to celebrate the grand opening of Central Winds Pickleball Courts.



03

Food Truck Thursday

Thursday, May 16, 2024 - 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM
Trotwood Park

Bring a blanket or lawn chair for a picnic in the park. As parking is limited, attendees in the area are encouraged to walk or bike to 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.

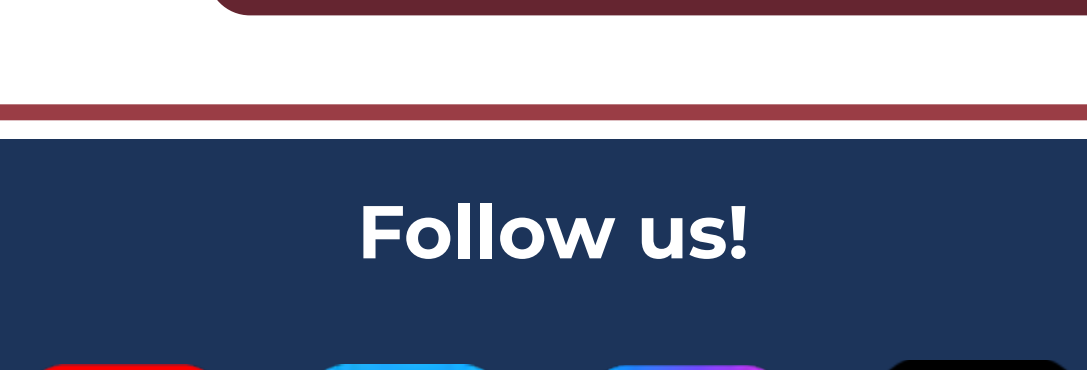
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