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## Business Alarm Registration

Register your Business Alarm with WSPD

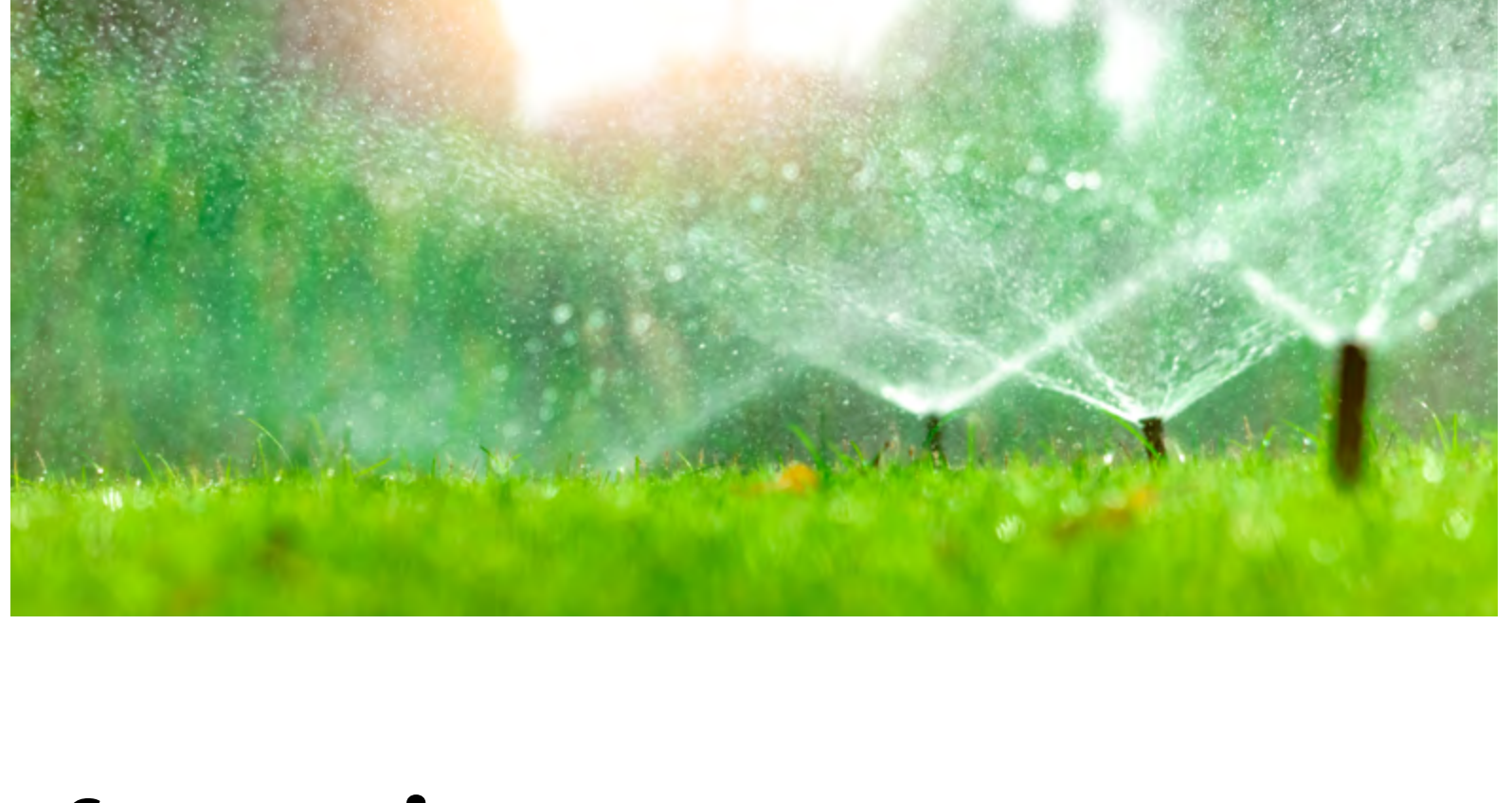
The Business Alarm Registration program allows law enforcement to contact business owners after normal business hours for any issues that may arise at the place of business.



## Water Conservation

Simple Steps to Save Water Outdoors and Indoors

The City of Winter Springs would like to show you that you can conserve water, save money, help the environment, and still have a fabulous lawn! Visit our webpage for helpful reminders.



## News and Information

### ARBOR DAY TREE GIVEAWAY REGISTRATION BEGINS FEBRUARY 12, 2024



In collaboration with A Budget Tree Service Inc., the City of Winter Springs is thrilled to introduce our 2024 Tree Giveaway. From February 12 to March 25, incorporated residents can register online for a complimentary tree or shrub, choosing from options like Bald Cypress, Crape Myrtle, Red Maple, Winged Elm, Eastern Red Cedar, and the Tea Olive shrub. Come Arbor Day weekend (late April), your chosen green companion will be delivered to your doorstep. This initiative not only enhances the beauty of our community but also contributes to cleaner air, climate control, wildlife habitats, and overall well-being.

For more information, click the button below or visit [winterspringsfl.org](http://winterspringsfl.org).



ARBOR DAY TREE GIVEAWAY 2024

### WINTER SPRINGS BABE RUTH OPENING NIGHT

Play ball! Winter Springs Babe Ruth Opening night ceremony will be held on Friday, February 16, 2024, at Central Winds Park beginning at 5 PM. Join your city commission, parks and recreation staff, and hundreds of local youth as we celebrate teamwork and sportsmanship.



For more information about Winter Springs Babe Ruth, visit <https://www.wsbaberuth.com/>.

### PICKLEBALL COURT'S CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES AT CENTRAL WINDS PARK

Exciting News! The next phase of our pickleball construction project is underway. On Thursday, January 4, 2024, construction crews poured the asphalt for the playing surface. With 14 tournament-capable courts, the new facility will be the largest pickleball complex in Seminole County. It will take approximately 60 days for the new court surface to cure before crews can begin painting the striping for the courts and installing the netting. The following construction phase will install new pavers and parking lots for guests.

View our latest update by clicking the button below or visiting our YouTube channel.

PICKLEBALL COMPLEX UPDATE

### EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT: JEREMY WILDER

Meet Jeremy Wilder, a dedicated Maintenance Worker at the City of Winter Springs, plays a crucial role in the maintenance and repair of essential city infrastructure.



Working within the Winter Springs Public Works Department, Jeremy's responsibilities range from sidewalk upkeep and tree trimming to street repairs and stormwater system maintenance.

Beyond work, Jeremy indulges in hobbies like kiting, paddleboarding, and hiking in Winter Springs' scenic outdoor areas. A Winter Springs High School graduate, Jeremy's love for the community and the outdoors influenced his decision to work for the city.

Colleagues say Jeremy's positive attitude and dedication to teamwork make him an asset to the Winter Springs Public Works team.

Learn more about Jeremy in this month's Employee spotlight article by clicking the button below.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

### FIFTH THIRD GRAND OPENING



On January 9, 2024, Winter Springs marked a significant milestone with the grand opening of Fifth Third Tuskawilla Banking Center at 1181 E. State Road 434. The 1,900-square-foot financial center in the heart of Winter Springs Town Center offers convenient offices and ATMs.

Winter Springs Mayor Kevin McCann, Commissioner Rob Elliott, and Director of Community Development Terrilyn Rolfe graced the event, along with the WSHS cheer and dance teams. The ceremony included ribbon-cutting to welcome Fifth Third Bank to our community officially.



The branch is led by Location Manager Lisbette Chu, who is ready to provide expert financial services. Experience seamless banking at 1181 E. State Road 434 as Fifth Third Bank becomes integral to Winter Springs' economic landscape.

### PARTNER WITH YOUR CITY

The City is gearing up for its annual community events, and local businesses in Winter Springs and Seminole County are invited to take center stage. As a sponsor, your business gains exposure at these cherished traditions, reaching a diverse audience and contributing to the community spirit. With affordable sponsorship packages tailored to various marketing needs, partnering with the City of Winter Springs is a strategic way to elevate your brand in 2024. Make your mark in the heart of the community and watch your business shine alongside Winter Springs' celebrated events.

For more details on sponsorship opportunities, please contact Hannah Kirsch, Recreation and Events Manager, at [hkirsch@winterspringsfl.org](mailto:hkirsch@winterspringsfl.org) or 407-327-6593.

EVENT SPONSORSHIP GUIDE

### CREEK SEDIMENT CLEANUP PROJECT

A recent inspection of the roadway crossings along Bear, Gee, Howell, and Sheoah Creeks found large amounts of sediment buildup that, if left untreated, could reduce the functionality of the waterway and cause potential flooding. Thanks to a grant from the Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS), the City of Winter Springs is currently seeking bids to hire a contractor to remove sediment and debris from several crossings within the City. Under the terms of the grant, the NRCS will contribute up to 75% of the project's total cost, with the City covering the remaining 25%. Once a qualified contractor has been determined, work will occur Monday through Friday and is expected to be completed within 60 days.

### WASTE PRO USA INFORMATION

Do you have questions about what you can recycle? Or what day is your trash and recycling pick up? Have you ever wondered if Waste Pro will pick up on a holiday? We encourage residents to visit [www.wasteprouse.com/winter-springs](http://www.wasteprouse.com/winter-springs) to learn about holiday schedules, residential collection, commercial collection services, and more! This designated webpage will answer all of these questions for you. A friendly reminder:

- Household garbage is collected two times per week.
- Recycling is collected one time per week.
- Yard waste is collected one time per week.

Please place your waste curbside by 7 AM. For more information on pick-up days and a map of the pickup routes, please click the button below.

WASTE PRO USA, WINTER SPRINGS

## Winter Springs Police Department

### WINTER SPRINGS POLICE WARNS AGAINST TAX SCAMS!

As tax season unfolds, be on guard against scams targeting our community. The Winter Springs Police Department advises vigilance in recognizing common schemes:

**Email Scams:** Watch out for IRS-themed emails requesting personal information. Avoid clicking on suspicious links.

**FDIC Impersonation:** The FDIC won't call for your bank details randomly. Don't share sensitive info over the phone.

**Gift Card Fraud:** Disregard calls claiming identity theft, especially those asking for gift card purchases.

**Social Security Alerts:** The IRS won't cancel your Social Security number. Hang up on such calls.

**Fake Agencies:** Ignore threats from nonexistent agencies like the "Bureau of Tax Enforcement."

Read more about these scams in our February Safety Tip by clicking the button below.

WSPD SAFETY TIP BLOG



### BECOME A POLICE EXPLORER

If you are interested in Law Enforcement and serving our community, apply for the Winter Springs Police Department Explorer program today. As a member of the Winter Springs Police Department Explorer Post #708, you will participate in law enforcement training, get to ride along with officers on patrol and participate in many community events and programs. Applicants must be between 14-20 years of age.

WSPD Explorer meetings are held from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. every first and third Wednesday, from September through May, at the Winter Springs Police Department.

For application details and more information click the button below.

WINTER SPRINGS POLICE EXPLORERS

### WSPD 2023 OFFICER OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to Officer Peggy Bittikofer on being named Winter Springs Police Officer of the Year. Officer Bittikofer was nominated for her exceptional work as part of the Operations Bureau. As a senior officer, her positive attitude, eagerness to learn, attention to detail, and work ethic are great examples of what it means to be a Law Enforcement Professional.



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

01

### Citizens Advisory Committee

Wednesday, February 14, 2024, 6:30pm Winter Springs Police Department

Join WSPD and meet community leaders, discuss community issues with the Police Department staff and learn more about taking an active role in the security of your community.



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### Movie In The Park

Friday, March 1, 2024 7:30pm to 9:30pm Torcaso Park

Bring a lawn chair or picnic blanket and enjoy a family movie in the park! Enjoy a free screening of The Super Mario Bros movie!



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### Egg-citing Egg Hunt

Friday, March 22, 2024 4:30pm to 8:30pm Central Winds Park

Participate in our park-wide spring egg hunt! Children aged 2-12 are invited to bring their own baskets and join the excitement at Central Winds Park.



CITY CALENDAR

## SENIOR CENTER

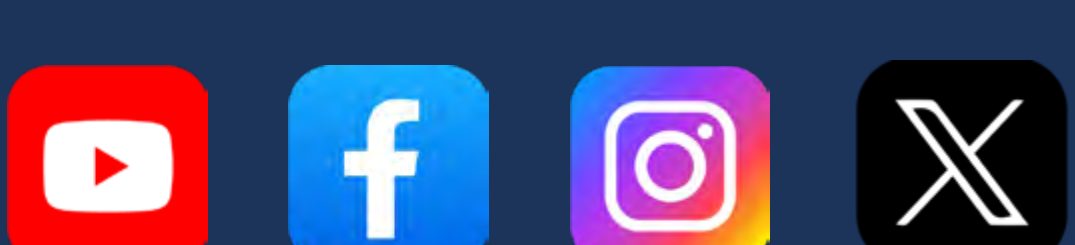
The Senior Center is a fun and safe gathering place for members of our community ages 55 and up. The Senior Center offers a variety of programs and other unique opportunities for seniors to connect with each other! For more information on the activity schedule click the button below.

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

VIEW ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

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