

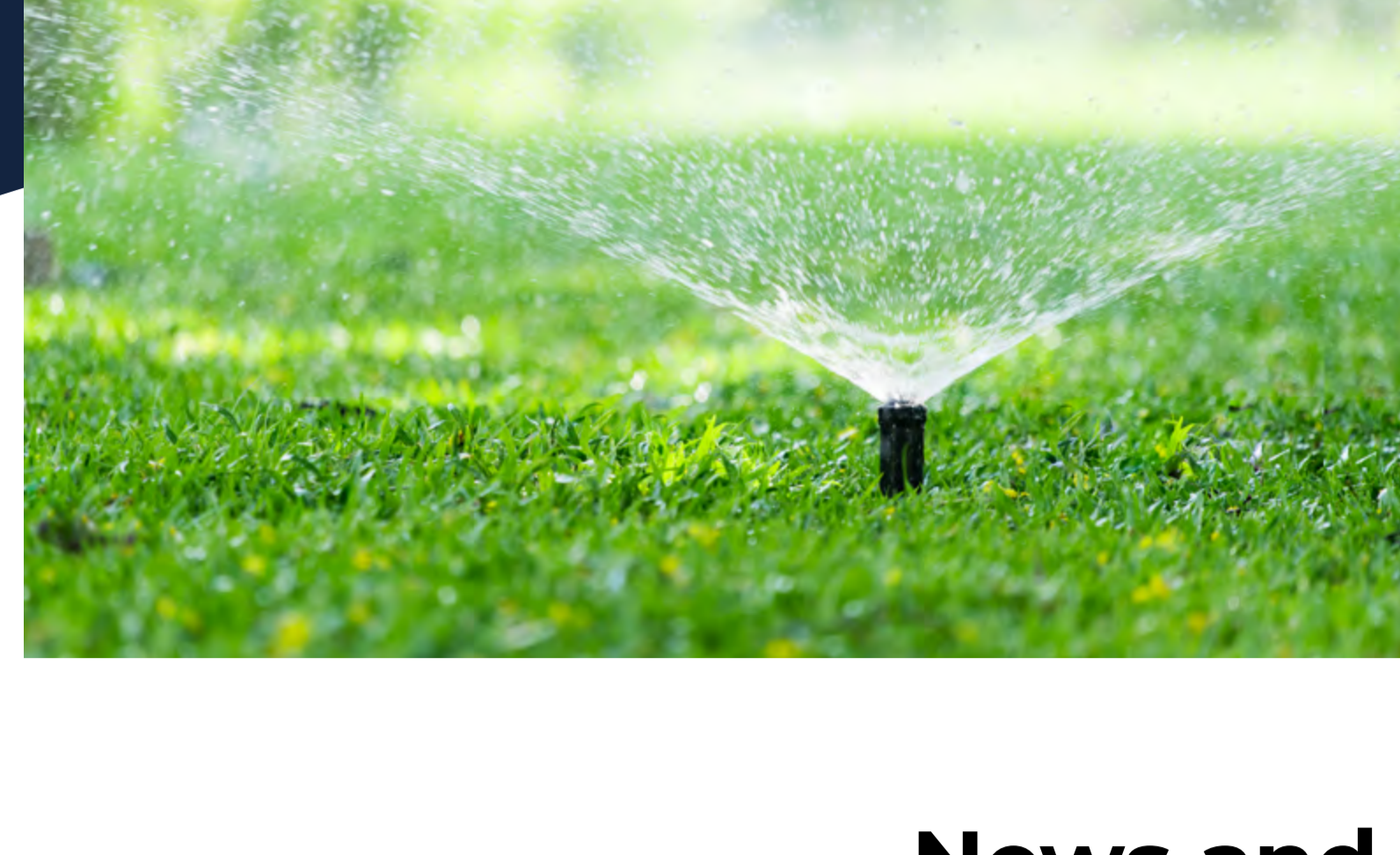
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Lawn Watering Guidelines

Conserve Water, Irrigate Responsibly

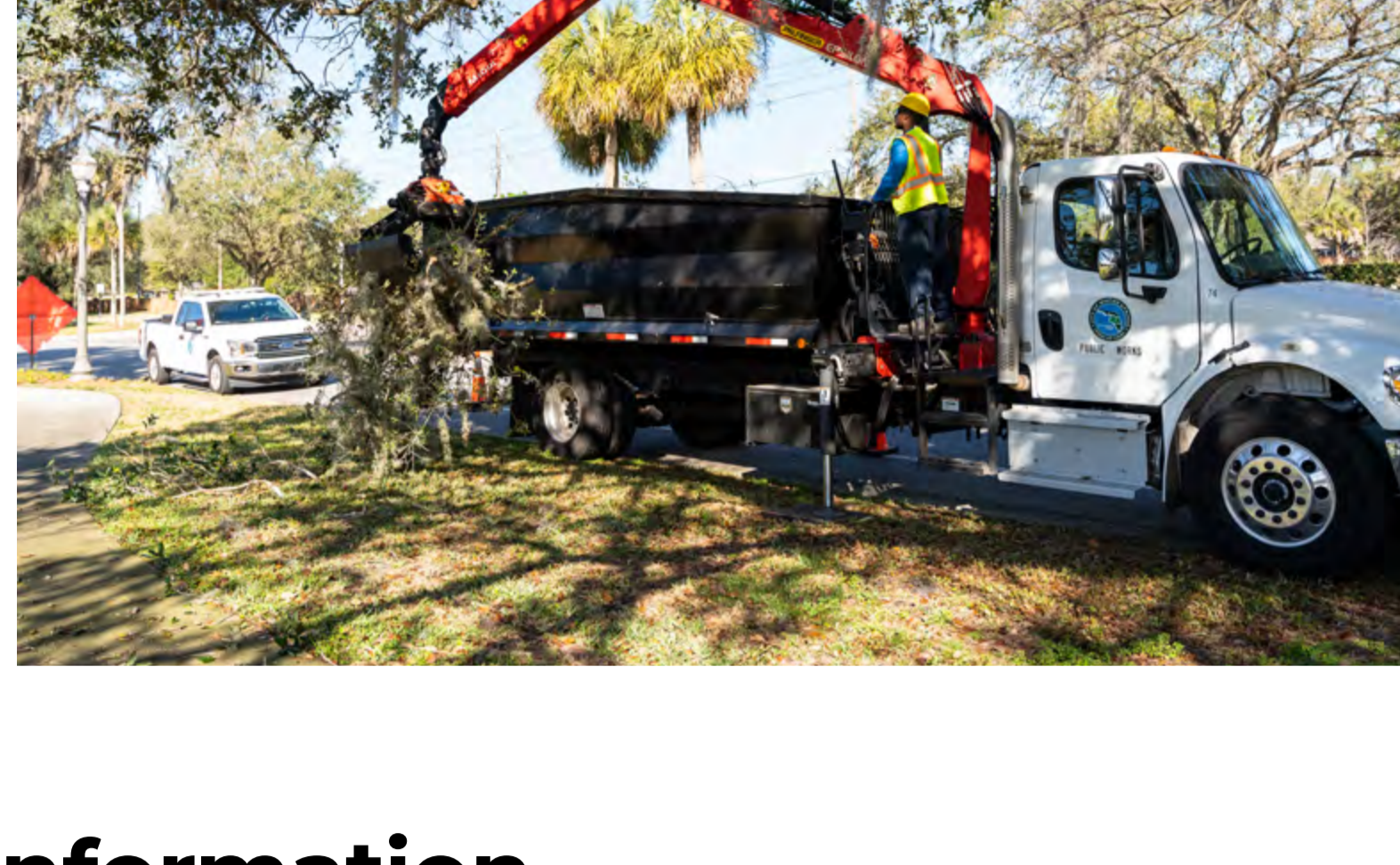
Do you know what days you are allowed to water your lawn? Visit our website to see when you should water your lawn. Remember NO water is allowed between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on any day.



Join Our Team

Visit our Careers Page

We're hiring! Full time employment provides paid vacation, holidays, city retirement, and health benefits. Learn more by clicking the photo below.



News and Information

EGG CITING EGG HUNT PRESENTED BY



Get ready for an eggs-traordinary event coming to Central Winds Park this spring! Join us for a parkwide egg hunt on Friday, March 22, 2024, from 4:30 to 8:30 PM. It's the perfect opportunity for families to enjoy a day of outdoor fun and excitement.

This family-friendly event will be filled with activities for all ages, including community vendors showcasing their goods, delicious food trucks serving tasty treats, and engaging activities for the little ones. Such as free face painting, egg decorating, and a visit from Mr. Rabbit!

Registration is open now and closes on March 15, 2024. Make sure to sign up early to secure your spot. The egg hunt is open to children ages 2-12 years old, with a unique twist this year for our 5-12-year-old participants: glow-in-the-dark eggs! Participants will have the opportunity to hunt for glow in the dark eggs and exchange them for prizes and candy.

It will be an egg-cellent adventure you will want to take advantage of. So please mark your calendars and join us for a day of springtime fun at Central Winds Park. We can't wait to see you there!



EGG-CITING EGG HUNT

SENIOR CENTER CRAFT FAIR

Winter Springs Senior Association will host a Craft Fair on Saturday, March 9, 2024, from 10 AM to 2 PM at the Winter Springs Senior Center (400 N. Edgemon Ave). This craft fair boasts a wide assortment of handmade goods and food. Explore various goods, including sewn items, handcrafted pottery, custom cards, and more. Whether searching for a unique gift or treating yourself to something special, you will find it here. Admission is free.

CITY CLOSURES

Winter Springs City Hall, offices, Senior Center, and facilities will be closed on Friday, March 29, 2024, in observance of the spring holiday

Normal business operations will resume on Monday, April 1, 2024, at 8 AM.

WastePro will provide regular household garbage and recycling collection services on Friday, March 29, and Monday, April 1, 2024.

FISH WINTER SPRINGS

Join us at Central Winds Park for two exciting mornings of safe and enjoyable fishing adventures! On Saturday, May 4th, and Saturday, May 11th, 2024, from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., children aged 5 to 12 are invited to cast their lines and reel in some fun.

Registration opens online on Monday, March 25, 2024, at 10 AM. Winter Springs residents can participate for just \$10, while non-residents are welcome for \$15. All equipment, including poles and bait, will be provided, along with expert assistance from our Parks & Recreation team. Don't miss this chance to create lasting fishing memories - and don't forget, each child will take home a FREE fishing pole at the end of the event!

This event is proudly sponsored by Fish Florida, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to supporting organizations that educate people, especially children, about Florida's fish and aquatic habitats. Fish Florida's mission is to promote public awareness of and encourage the protection of marine fisheries and coastal habitats, accomplished through classes, presentations, displays, and other means designed to teach and promote responsible angling, particularly to Florida's youth.



FISH WINTER SPRINGS

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT MEET JADE ANDERSON



Meet Jade Anderson, Senior Community Development Coordinator for the City of Winter Springs. Jade is responsible for coordinating, processing, and reviewing building plans and special event permits and scheduling inspections for residents and building contractors in the City. Since joining the City in 2021, Jade has advanced from a part-time employee to a trusted leader in her department. Her coworkers point to her calm nature and extensive knowledge about why she is effective in her job.

Her dedication, positive energy, and compassion for her team and the residents of Winter Springs make her a great example of what our wonderful City is all about.

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

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Winter Springs Police Department

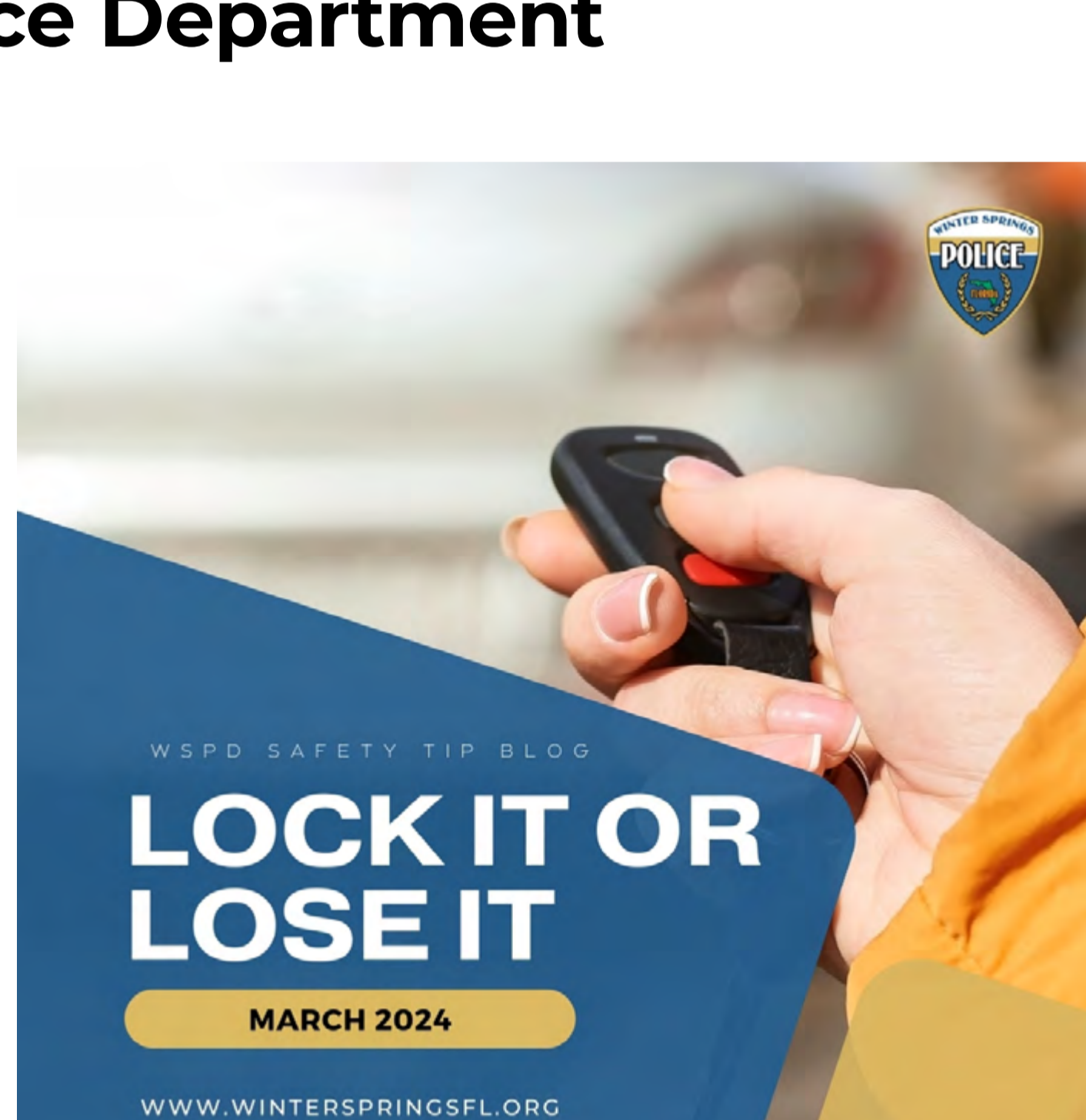
MARCH SAFETY TIP: LOCK IT OR LOSE IT

The Winter Springs Police Department is urging our community to join forces in combating auto burglaries by adhering to some straightforward yet crucial advice. One of the most effective strategies against vehicle thefts is simply locking your car doors and ensuring valuables are not left in plain sight.

By adopting this proactive approach, we can collectively deter thieves from targeting our neighborhoods and safeguard our property. Let's unite in our efforts to keep Winter Springs safe. Remember: Don't be a victim; prioritize your safety.

In the event you observe any suspicious activity, prompt reporting is essential. Contact the Winter Springs Police Department immediately by dialing 911. Provide detailed descriptions of individuals, including clothing and vehicle information such as color, make, and direction of travel. Every detail counts in aiding law enforcement.

We understand that reporting suspicious behavior can sometimes feel daunting. However, you can make a difference anonymously by reaching out to CRIMELINE at 800-423-TIPS or visiting www.crimeline.org. Your vigilance could prevent a crime without revealing your identity.



WSPD SAFETY TIP BLOG
LOCK IT OR LOSE IT
MARCH 2024
WWW.WINTERSPRINGSFL.ORG

DRUG AMNESTY DROP BOX LOCATED IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT LOBBY

As part of our ongoing commitment to community safety and public health, we've installed a drug amnesty drop box in the lobby of the Police Department.

This Dropbox offers a convenient and anonymous way for you to dispose of any expired, unwanted, or unused medications, including pharmaceutical controlled substances. Whether it's leftover painkillers, expired prescriptions, or other medications, you can safely deposit them into the drop box, no questions asked.

Why is this initiative important? Improper disposal of medications poses significant risks to public health and safety. Flushing medications down the toilet or throwing them in the trash can lead to water contamination, accidental ingestion by children or pets, and misuse by individuals seeking drugs. By participating in Operation Medicine Cabinet, you're helping to prevent these potential hazards and contributing to a safer community for all.

The drop box is accessible 24 hours a day, seven days a week, so you can drop off medications at your convenience. Your actions make a difference in safeguarding our community and protecting our environment.

WSPD SAFETY TIP BLOG

WSPD AWARDED ACCREDITATION FROM THE COMMISSION FOR FLORIDA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACCREDITATION (CFA)

The Winter Springs Police Department has once again received accreditation from the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation (CFA) following a rigorous, top-to-bottom review of agency policy and operations by a team of law enforcement practitioners around Florida.



To earn accreditation, an agency must comply with approximately 250 life, health, and safety standards.

After receiving initial accreditation in 2003, The Winter Springs Police Department has proven that it meets quality standards and has maintained a high level of service that our citizens have come to expect.

In an email to the department, Chief Matt Tracht thanked officers and staff for how well they represent the Winter Springs Police Department.

"The assessors had great things to say about you and how you all represented this agency. For that, I am beyond grateful," Tracht said.



Help the Winter Springs Police Department: Report suspicious activity | Protect your property | LOCK IT OR LOSE IT
Emergency 911 Non-Emergency (407) 327-1000

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

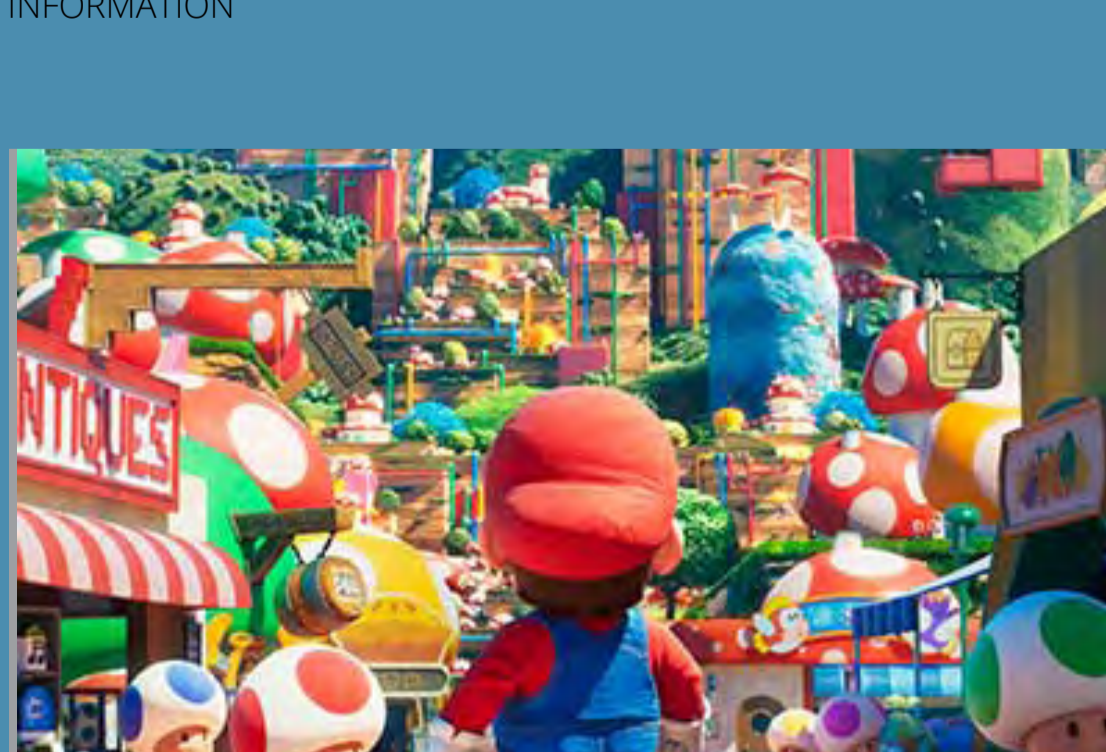
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01

Movie in the Park

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

Bring a family 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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Citizens Advisory Committee

Wednesday, March 13, 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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Egg-citing Egg Hunt

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

Participate in our park-wide Spring egg hunt, presented by Advent Health! Enjoy fun and prizes for everyone, along with the presence of local food trucks and community vendors.



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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