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## Visit the Central Winds Pickleball Courts

### Enjoy Open Play

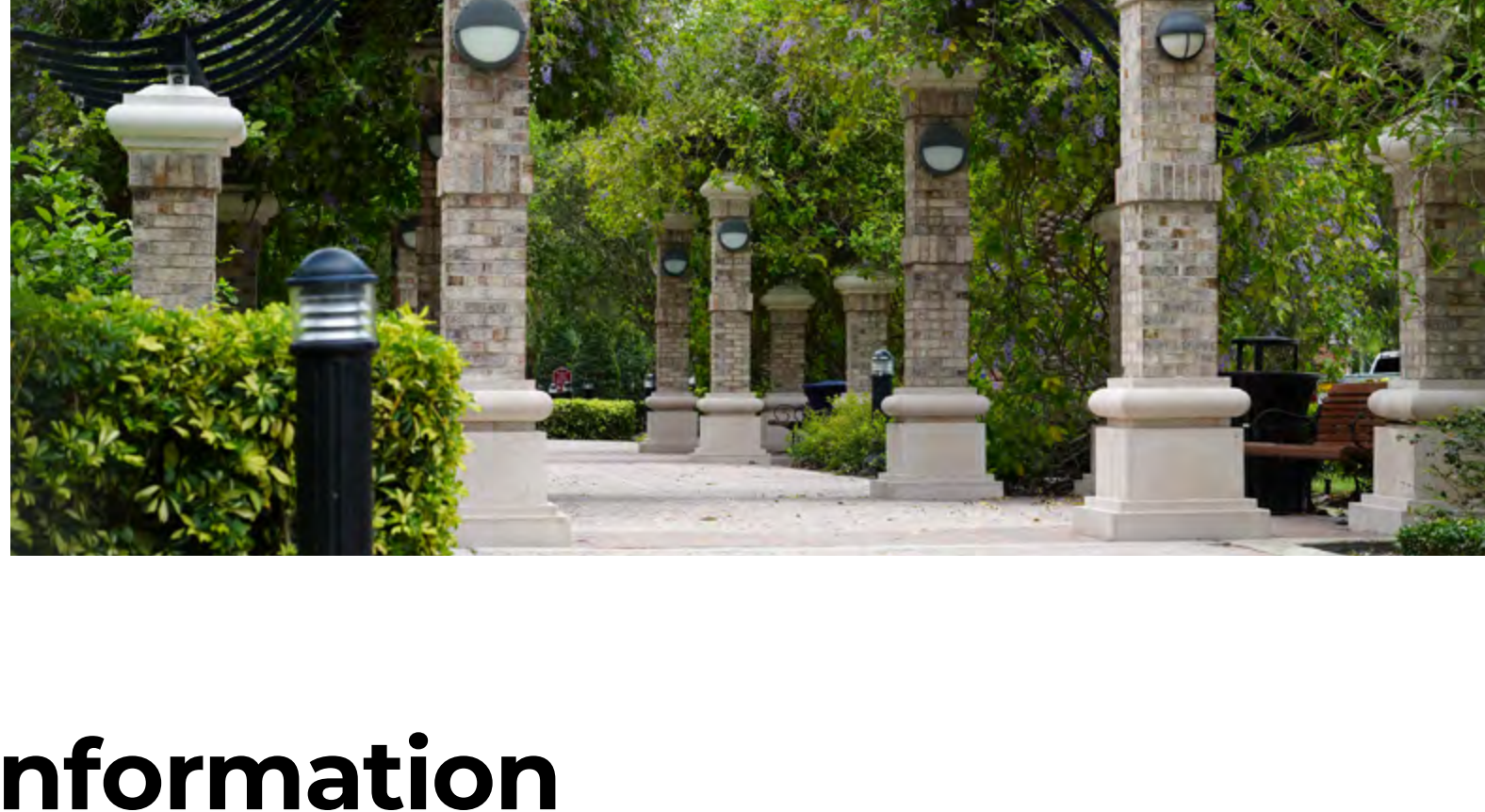
Central Winds Pickleball Courts are home to 14 tournament legal courts, with restrooms and parking. Hours of operation will be 7:30 AM to 10 PM daily. Visit the Central Winds Pickleball Courts this summer!



## Join Our Team

### Visit our Careers Webpage

The City of Winter Springs is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Visit our dedicated careers webpage to see a list of available opportunities. All positions are regular full-time unless otherwise noted.



## News and Information

### HELP US MAINTAIN OUR CREEKS AND WATERWAYS

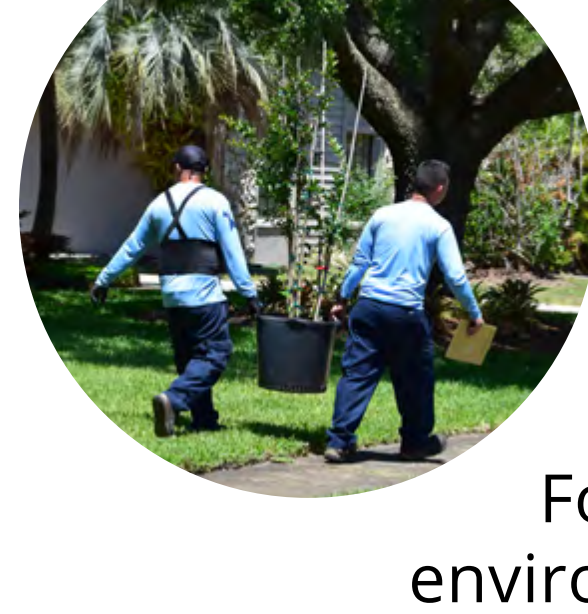
Stormwater can pick up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants and flow into a storm sewer system or directly to a lake, creek, or wetland. Anything that enters a storm sewer system is discharged untreated into the waterbodies we use for swimming, fishing, and providing drinking water.

- Polluted stormwater runoff can adversely affect plants, fish, animals, and people.
- Sediment can cloud the water, making it difficult or impossible for aquatic plants to grow, and it can also destroy aquatic habitats.
- Excess nutrients can cause algae blooms. When algae die, they sink to the bottom and decompose, removing oxygen from the water. Fish and other aquatic organisms can't survive in water with low dissolved oxygen levels.
- Bacteria and other pathogens can wash into swimming areas and create health hazards, often making beach closures necessary.
- Debris—plastic bags, six-pack rings, bottles, and cigarette butts—washed into waterbodies can choke, suffocate, or disable aquatic life like ducks, fish, turtles, and birds.
- Household hazardous wastes like insecticides, pesticides, paint, solvents, used motor oil, and other auto fluids can poison aquatic life. Land animals and people can become sick or die from eating diseased fish and shellfish or ingesting polluted water.
- Polluted stormwater often affects drinking water sources, affecting human health and increasing drinking water treatment costs.

Do your part by recycling or properly disposing of household products that contain chemicals, such as insecticides, pesticides, paint, solvents, and used motor oil and other auto fluids. Please refrain from pouring them onto the ground or into storm drains.

### STORMWATER INFORMATION

### WINTER SPRINGS CELEBRATES ARBOR DAY WITH RECORD-BREAKING TREE GIVEAWAY



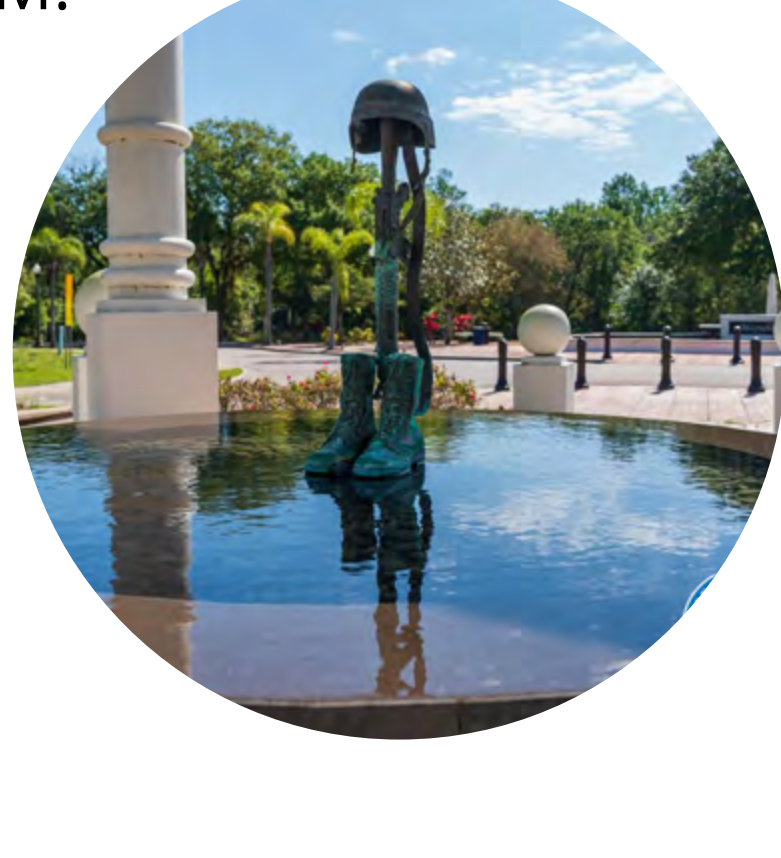
Winter Springs recently held its largest tree giveaway yet, distributing over 1400 trees to residents. For the 35th consecutive year, the city received the Tree City USA recognition from the Arbor Day Foundation. This event promotes environmental stewardship and community beautification, encouraging residents to plant trees for cleaner air, erosion prevention, and urban aesthetics. All trees are funded by the City of Winter Springs Arbor Fund. Thanks to all who participated in this year's giveaway!

### CITY CLOSURES

Winter Springs City Hall, Offices, Senior Center, and Camp Sunshine will be closed on Monday, May 27, 2024, in observance of Memorial Day.

Regular business hours will resume on Tuesday, May 28, 2024, at 8 AM.

Waste Pro will not provide garbage, yard waste, and recycling services. Regular services will resume on the next regularly scheduled collection day.



## Winter Springs Police Department

### EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT: MEET KEVIN PRESLEY



This month's Employee Spotlight is on Deputy Chief Kevin Presley from the Winter Springs Police Department.

As the Deputy Chief Presley assists the Chief of Police with the directing, planning, organization, and operational aspects of the Police Department and oversees the police department's daily functions in Chief's absence.

Deputy Chief Presley's career began as a patrol officer with Winter Springs in 1995. Throughout his 28-year service, he has shown his dedication to the department and the residents of the City of Winter Springs. He said his job gives him a sense of purpose and he loves interacting with the community and being a part of all the wonderful things that make Winter Springs great.

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

### EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

### DIVE INTO SUMMER SAFELY WITH WATER SAFETY TIPS!

As the temperatures climb and the summer vibes set in, it's time to embrace the refreshing waters of Florida. But before you splash into the fun, it's crucial to remember that safety always comes first, especially when it comes to water activities. May is Water Safety Month, and the Winter Springs Police Department is here to ensure your summer is safe and enjoyable.

Here are some essential tips to keep in mind:

**Supervision Saves Lives:** Never leave a child unattended near any body of water. Always keep a vigilant eye on children, even if they know how to swim.

**Learn Water Safety Skills:** It's never too early (or too late) to learn how to swim. Enroll yourself and your children in swimming lessons to build essential water safety skills.

**Know Your Limits:** Whether it's a pool, lake, or river, always choose water activities that match your skill level. Different bodies of water pose varying challenges, so it's crucial to be prepared.

**Mind the Dive:** Avoid diving into unfamiliar areas, as unseen obstacles could lead to serious injuries. Always check the depth and clarity of the water before taking the plunge.

**Keep Connected:** Whether you're at the pool, spa, or beach, ensure you have a phone nearby in case of emergencies. Quick access to communication can make all the difference in a crisis.

Remember, by following these simple guidelines, you can ensure a summer filled with fun and safety for you and your loved ones. For more in-depth insights and helpful resources, visit our website to explore the complete blog post on water safety.

### WSPD SAFETY TIP BLOG

### SUMMER FUN AT COMMUNITY YOUTH OUTREACH

Join Winter Springs Police Department's Community Youth Outreach (CYO) program for a summer of excitement and camaraderie! Aimed at children aged 5 to 15, CYO fosters positive relationships between law enforcement and the community through engaging activities. Running for four weeks, Monday through Friday, from June 10th to July 26th, each week brings new adventures at Torcaso Park (104 N. Moss Rd.), from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Program Dates:**  
 Week 1: June 10-14  
 Week 2: June 24-28  
 Week 3: July 8-12  
 Week 4: July 22-26



**What to Expect:** Enjoy free lunch and water as you participate in a variety of activities, games, and learning sessions led by Winter Springs Police Officers.

For more information about this program click the button below.

### COMMUNITY YOUTH OUTREACH



### 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.



### CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### PREPARE NOW, RELAX LATER: YOUR HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS KIT

As June 1st marks the beginning of hurricane season, it's time to ensure you and your loved ones are ready to face any storm that may come our way. One of the most critical steps in hurricane preparedness is creating a comprehensive kit of supplies. By preparing ahead of time, you can avoid the chaos and panic that often ensues when a storm is on the horizon.

Here's a handy checklist to help you assemble your kit:

- Non-perishable food (enough to last at least three days)
- Water (enough to last at least three days)
- First-aid kit (include any prescription medication you may need)
- Personal hygiene items and sanitation items
- Flashlights (have extra batteries on hand)
- Battery-operated radio (again, have extra batteries)
- Waterproof container with cash and important documents
- Manual can opener
- Lighter or matches
- Books, magazines, games for recreation
- Special needs items: pet supplies and baby supplies, if applicable
- Cooler and ice packs
- A plan for evacuation and for if family members are separated

By preparing your kit in advance and staying informed, you can face hurricane season with confidence and peace of mind. Don't wait until the last minute—take proactive steps now to safeguard yourself and your loved ones against any storm that may come your way. Stay safe and be prepared!



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

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### Citizens Advisory Committee

Wednesday, May 8, 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.



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### Food Truck Thursday

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

Join us at Trotwood Park for an evening of delicious food from local food trucks and vendors. Bring a blanket or lawn chair for a picnic in the park.



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### Celebration of Freedom Presented By Duke Energy

Thursday, July 4, 2024  
 5:00pm to 9:30pm  
 Central Winds Park

Celebrate the 4th of July with a BANG! Join your community at Central Winds Park for our annual Celebration of Freedom.



### CITY CALENDAR

## SENIOR CENTER

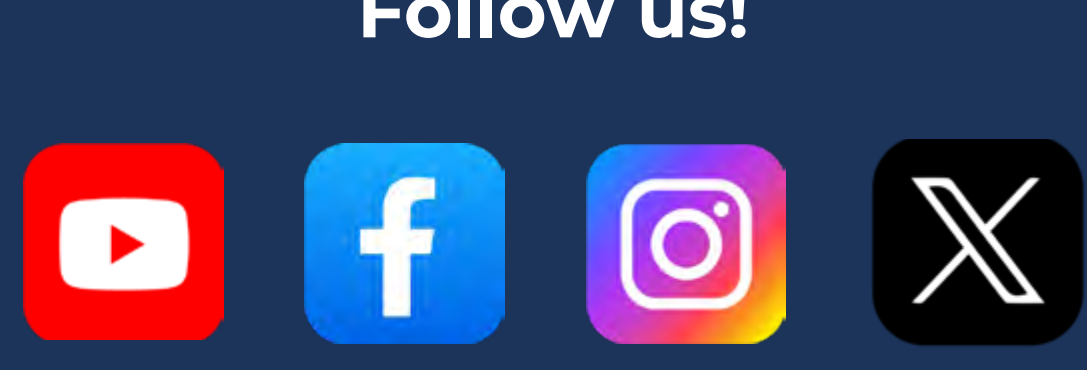
The Senior Center is a fun and safe gathering place for members of our community ages 55 and up. The Senior Center offers a variety of programs and other unique opportunities for seniors to connect with each other! For more information on the activity schedule click the button below.

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

### VIEW ACTIVITY SCHEDULE



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