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Traffic Enforcement Request

Report Traffic Problems to WSPD

The Winter Springs Police Department takes a proactive stance on traffic enforcement because we know this has a direct effect on crime and traffic crashes.



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

GET READY FOR THE CENTRAL FLORIDA SCOTTISH HIGHLAND GAMES!

Get ready for something super exciting – the Central Florida Scottish Highland Games are heading our way! The Scottish-American Society of Central Florida organized this extraordinary celebration at Central Winds Park on January 13 & 14, 2024.

Imagine this: locals flexing their muscles in Scottish heavy athletics, dancing like Highland stars, playing bagpipes, and baking tasty treats! But that's not all – Border Collie shows, medieval camps, and even axe throwing. And for our younger buddies, there's a special "Kids Games" version so the whole family can join the fun!



Now, picture strolling through a market with fantastic stuff like jewelry, clothes, and even swords – all right here in Winter Springs! Feeling hungry? Dive into delicious Scottish food like fish-n-chips, scotch-egg, and haggis tacos. And here's a little secret for the grown-ups: a special tasting of super rare whiskies! The day wraps up with a big party called Ceilidh, with awesome music. Purchase your tickets and learn more at Flascot.com

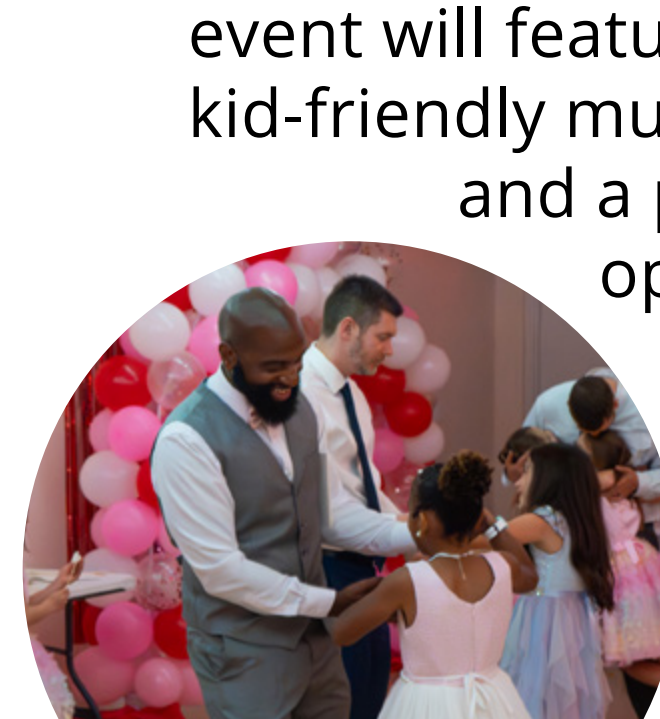
SCOTTISH HIGHLAND GAMES

FATHER DAUGHTER DANCE

The 25th annual Father-Daughter Dance will be held on Saturday, February 10, 2024, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Winter Springs Senior Center. This cherished tradition is a community favorite as Dad's and Daughters set out for a memorable night of dancing. This event will feature light refreshments, snacks, kid-friendly music, princess guest characters, and a photo booth. Registration will open on Monday, January 8, 2023, at 10 AM for residents.



Registration for non-residents will open on January 22, 2023. Space is limited, so we encourage those interested to sign up soon. Registration will close on Friday, February 2, 2024. The cost is FREE for Winter Springs Residents and \$10 per couple for non-residents. Learn more by clicking the button below.



FATHER DAUGHTER DANCE

LAWN WATERING GUIDELINES

The City of Winter Springs is committed to lowering excessive water usage and reminds residents with odd-numbered addresses they may water on Saturdays. Residents with even-numbered addresses may water on Sundays, and NO watering is allowed between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on any day. More information about the City of Winter Springs's watering restrictions and water conservation can be found on the city's Public Works & Utilities Department page or by clicking the button below.

LAWN WATERING GUIDELINES

SEMINOLE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS ACHIEVE "A" RATING

Congratulations to our Seminole County Public Schools on receiving an "A" grade for the 2022-2023 school year, with all Winter Springs area schools receiving A's and B's.

Congratulations to the teachers, staff, and students at Layer, Keeth, Highlands and Winter Springs Elementary, Indian Trails, Tuskawilla Middle, Choices In Learning, and Winter Springs High on achieving this honor and making Winter Springs proud.

2024 EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

The City of Winter Springs is pleased to announce our 2024 Events and Programs Calendar, which the City Commission approved on Monday, December 11, 2023.

Prepare for a year filled with unforgettable moments as we eagerly anticipate hosting beloved events that have become part of our community's traditions.

*Please be aware that event dates, times, and locations are tentative and may be subject to change.

View the Calendar by clicking the button below.

2024 EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

VOLUNTARY CITY CHAPLAIN

Applications for voluntary City Chaplain Position are accepted until January 11, 2024. The City Commission 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 one-year terms, subject to re-appointment by the Commission." Interested applicants should complete the attached volunteer application on the City's website. All complete applications will be presented for consideration at the City Commission Regular Meeting on January 22, 2024. View the application and Resolution by clicking the button below.



VOLUNTARY CITY CHAPLAIN

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT CONTRACT

On Monday, December 11, 2023, commissioners unanimously approved the design and construction management services for the City's two new wastewater treatment facilities.

The \$12.9 million contract paves the way for Carollo Engineers, Inc. to provide the services required to replace the City's two aging wastewater facilities. It is paid for by a combination of loans through Florida's State Revolving Fund, utility, and ARPA funds.

CITY OFFICES CLOSED MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 2024

City offices will be closed on Monday, January 15, 2024, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Normal business operations will resume on Tuesday, January 16, 2024, at 8 AM.

Household garbage, yard trash, and recycling collection services will continue as normal by Wastepro.

CITY OFFICES CLOSED

Winter Springs Police Department

JANUARY SAFETY TIP: PHISHING SCAMS

Happy New Year from the Winter Springs Police Department!

As we embark on a new year, safety remains our top priority. The Winter Springs Police Department has just released an insightful blog addressing the latest scams, cons, and fraud tactics targeting our community. From phishing threats to IRS imposter scams, our friendly law enforcement team has compiled essential safety tips designed especially for our residents and seniors. It's a must-read to arm yourself with knowledge and protect against potential risks. Join us in building a safer community! Dive into the full details by visiting our safety Tip at winterspringsfl.org or clicking the button below.



WSPD SAFETY TIP BLOG

CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY GRADUATION CEREMONY

On Tuesday, December 19, 2023, the Winter Springs Police Department held its graduation ceremony for our 2023 Citizens Police Academy Class 5. The Citizens Police Academy is a 10-week program that gives residents a working knowledge of all aspects of their local police department.

Each week, participants learn about a new topic from our command staff, officers, and professional staff. Subjects include Traffic Enforcement, Public Records, Forensics, K-9 Units, SWAT, and more. This was one of the largest classes we have ever had. We thank these residents for their commitment to learning more about local law enforcement. Winter Springs Police Department celebrates the dedication of these individuals.



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

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT: MARETTE SIMS



Meet Corporal Marette Sims, Accreditation and Training Manager with the Winter Springs Police Department.

Since joining the Winter Springs Police Department in 1996 Officer Sims has served in many roles within the department, from School resource officer to dispatcher, D.A.R.E. officer, and finally to Accreditation and Training Manager.

Always learning, Sims earned her bachelor's degree in public safety administration from Seminole State College in 2023, where she also serves as an instructor as part of the Law Enforcement Academy.

Officer Sims exemplifies the commitment and dedication that contribute to making Winter Springs a uniquely special community for both living and working. Learn more about Marette and other exceptional employees by visiting our Employee Spotlight Webpage.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

UPCOMING EVENTS

DON'T MISS A THING
CLICK THE IMAGES FOR MORE INFORMATION

01

Citizens Advisory Committee

Wednesday, January 10, 2024 - 6:30pm
Winter Springs Police Department

Join WSPD and meet community leaders, discuss WSPD 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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46th Central Florida Scottish Highland Games

Saturday, January 13, 2024 to Sunday, January 14, 2024
Central Winds Park

The 46th Annual Highland Games is coming to Central Winds Park. Experience Scottish Culture, heavy athletics, music, and more!

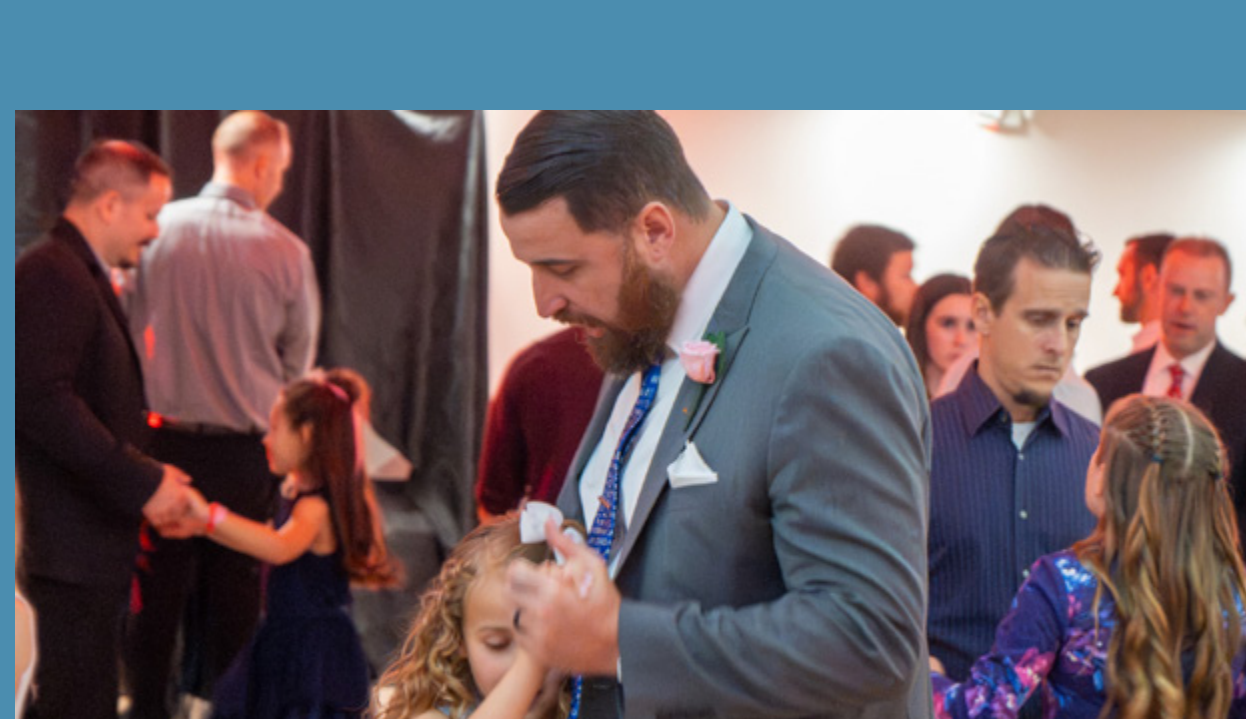


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25th Annual Father Daughter Dance

Saturday, February 10, 2024 - 6:00pm to 8:00pm
Central Winds Park

Set out for a fun-filled night of dancing & music your little girl will never forget.



CITY CALENDAR

SENIOR CENTER

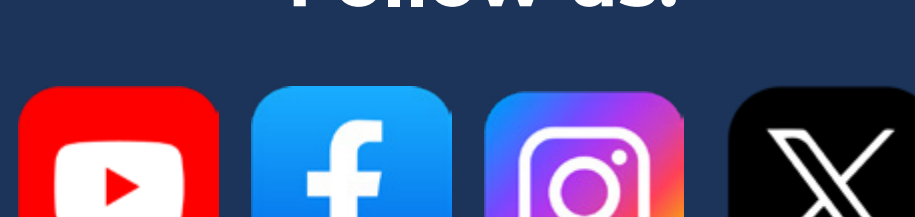
The Senior Center is a fun and safe gathering place for members of our community ages 55 and up. The Senior Center offers a variety of programs and other unique opportunities for seniors to connect with each other! For more information on the activity schedule click the button below.

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

VIEW ACTIVITY SCHEDULE



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MAYOR AND COMMISSION

CITY LEADERSHIP