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Opportunities

Employment

Join the Winter Springs Team

The City of Winter Springs is an equal opportunity employer. Full time employment with the City provides competetive wages, vacation and paid holidays, City retirement and more. Visit our career webpage to view our open positions and apply!



Pickleball Courts Pick up a paddle

Visit Central Winds

Learn the fastest growing sport in the

nation. Central Winds Pickleball Courts are home to 14 tournament legal courts, with restrooms and parking. Hours of operation are 7:30 AM to 10 PM daily.



HELP PROTECT OUR WATERWAYS

News and Information

FROM STORMWATER POLLUTION

Stormwater runoff occurs when rain flows over impervious surfaces like driveways, sidewalks, and

streets, preventing natural absorption. This runoff can carry debris, chemicals, dirt, and pollutants

into storm sewers, which discharge untreated water into lakes, creeks, and wetlands—affecting the water used for swimming, fishing, and drinking. Polluted stormwater runoff has numerous negative impacts. Sediment clouds water, hindering aquatic plant growth and destroying habitats. Excess nutrients trigger algae blooms, depleting oxygen and harming aquatic life. Bacteria and pathogens can contaminate swimming areas, posing

health risks and causing beach closures. Debris, such as plastic bags and bottles, can harm or kill

aquatic animals. Hazardous wastes like insecticides, pesticides, and motor oil poison marine life

and can make humans and land animals sick. To safeguard water sources, recycle or properly dispose of household chemicals. Avoid pouring chemicals onto the ground or into storm drains. Everyone can help keep lakes, creeks, and wetlands clean and pollution-free!

STORM WATER

CENTRAL WINDS DOG PARK MAINTENANCE

Central Winds Dog Park will be closed for annual maintenance beginning Tuesday, September 3, 2024. Regular park hours will resume on Tuesday, October 1, at 8 AM. Winter Springs Parks and Recreation will be re-sodding, trimming trees, and performing maitenance to equipment.

to keep our park in top shape for our furry friends.

We appreciate your patience as we work

SALES TAX HOLIDAY Consumers can purchase qualifying back-

FLORIDA'S 2024 BACK-TO-SCHOOL

to-school supplies exempt from tax during Florida's 2024 Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday. Passed by the Florida Legislature and signed into law by Gov. Ron DeSantis, the sales tax holiday begins on Monday, July 29, 2024, and ends on Sunday, August 11, 2024. During this period, no sales tax is due on the

- Clothing, footwear, and certain accessories priced at \$100 or less per item

retail sale of:

- Certain school supplies priced at \$50 or less per item - Learning aids and jigsaw puzzles priced at \$30 or less
- Personal computers and certain computerrelated accessories priced at \$1,500 or less
- when purchased for noncommercial home or personal use The sales tax holiday does not apply to:

- Any item of clothing priced over \$100 - Any school supply item priced over \$50

- Books that are not otherwise exempt - Computers and computer-related accessories
- priced over \$1,500 - Computers and computer-related accessories
- purchased for commercial purposes - Rentals of any eligible items - Repairs or alterations of any eligible items

- Sales of any eligible items within a theme

park or entertainment complex, public lodging establishment, or airport

FL. DEPT OF REVENUE WEBSITE

beautiful community for everyone. Here is

GARBAGE AND RECYCLING PICKUP SCHEDULE

We are committed to maintaining a clean and

everything you need to know about Waste Pro trash and recycling pickup services. **Household Garbage Collection:** Pickup

occurs twice a week on Monday and Thursday

or Tuesday and Friday. Please place your containers curbside by 7 a.m. on your scheduled days. Each household is supplied with one 96-gallon cart. If your garbage exceeds the cart's capacity, you may place additional bags, boxes, or cans next to it. **Recycling Collection:** Recycling is collected once a week on either Monday, Tuesday,

recycling bin is curbside by 7 a.m. on your designated day. Yard Waste Collection: Yard waste can be in bags, tied bundles, or cans. There is a limit of 15 bags or bundles per pickup, with each

bundle not exceeding four feet in length and

50 pounds in weight. Palm fronds may be

stacked curbside for collection.

Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday. Ensure your

Bulk Items and Appliances: Place items such as sofas and mattresses out on your second garbage pickup day of the week. To schedule the removal of white goods such as washers and dryers, please call Waste Pro at 407-774-0800.

ACCESS CRISIS SUPPORT WITH 988

WASTE PRO | WINTER SPRINGS

People can call or text 988 or chat at 988lifeline.org for themselves or if they

are worried about a loved one who may

need crisis support. This service provides a universal entry point across the United States, connecting individuals to caring, trained counselors available 24/7 to assist with mental health-related distress. The 988 Lifeline helps thousands of people every day, providing support and connection for those struggling to overcome suicidal crises or mental health-related distress.

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LIFELINE

Winter Springs Police Department

988 WEBSITE

STAY SAFE THIS SCHOOL YEAR! As the new school year kicks off, safety is our top priority. With increased traffic from

for everyone to stay alert and follow safety guidelines. **Drivers:** Slow down in school zones and

school buses, walkers, and bikers, it's crucial

always watch for children crossing the street.

AUGUST SAFETY TIP:

Remember, never pass a bus that is loading or unloading children. **Parents:** Review safety rules with your kids. Walkers should use sidewalks and make eye contact with drivers before crossing. Bike riders

need to ride with traffic, wear helmets, and use

bright clothing. Bus riders should stand 6 feet

from the curb and ensure the driver sees them

Teen Drivers: Car crashes are the leading

together to keep our community safe and

ensure a great start to the school year!

before crossing in front of the bus.

cause of death for teens. Help your teen practice driving regularly and set a good example with your safe driving habits. For detailed safety tips and more information, visit the Winter Springs Police Department safety page on the city website. Let's work

duties to the best of their ability every day.

SAFETY TIP



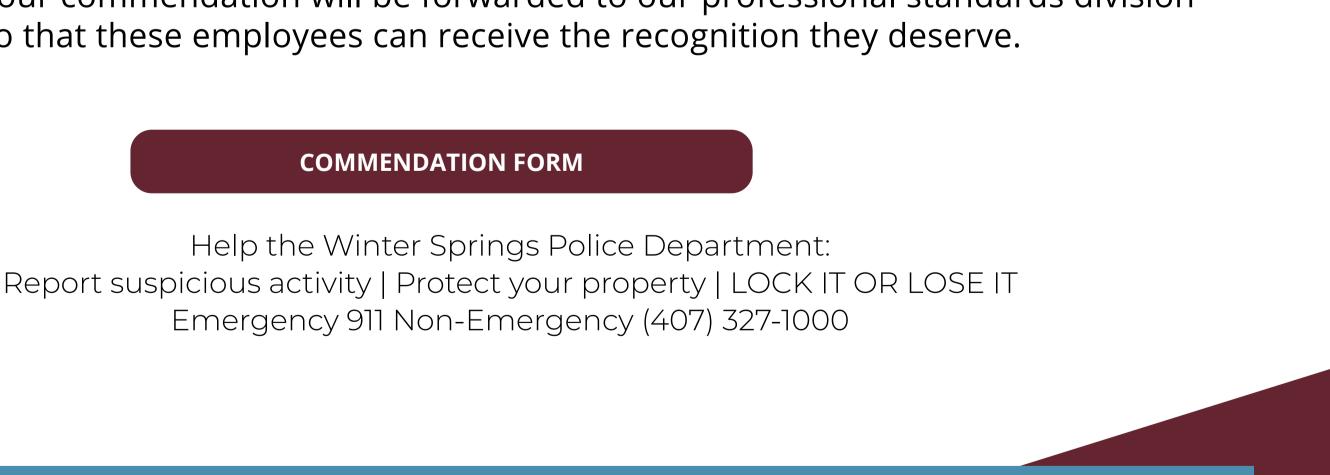
We rely on information from our citizens to help us identify specific problem areas within the community. If there is a problem you want

The proactive approach can only be effective

with information provided by our community.

to report, please use the Traffic Enforcement Request located on our website, www. winterspringsfl.org/police.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT REQUEST WSPD COMMENDATION FORM The Winter Springs Police Department is committed to providing the best possible service to our citizens, and our Chief of Police expects employees to perform their



Your commendation will be forwarded to our professional standards division so that these employees can receive the recognition they deserve.

Help the Winter Springs Police Department:

Emergency 911 Non-Emergency (407) 327-1000

COMMENDATION FORM

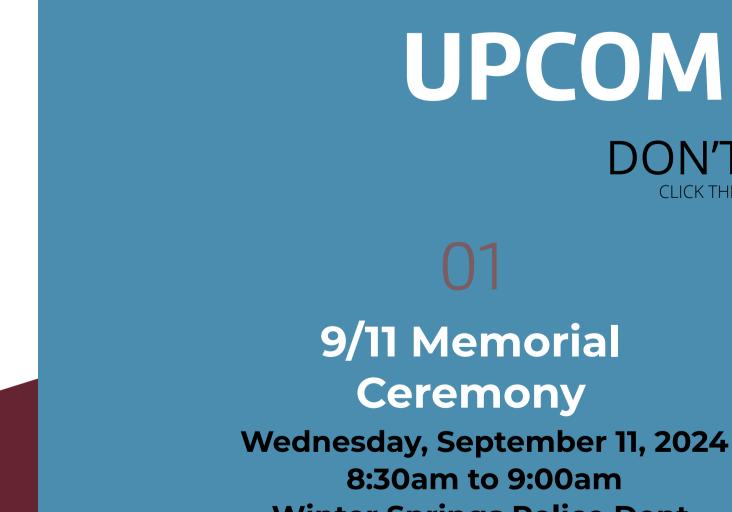
UPCOMING EVENTS

DON'T MISS A THING

If you have witnessed or experienced exceptional service from a WSPD employee

www.winterspringsfl.org/police/page/professional-standards-unit and fill out a

or officer and would like to acknowledge them, please visit our website at



commendation form.

WINTER SPRIN

Ceremony

Mayor, Commission, and staff for the 23 year

remembrance of September 11 events.

8:30am to 9:00am Winter Springs Police Dept. Please join the City of Winter Springs

Presented by Orlando Health Saturday, October 26, 2024 4:30pm to 8:30pm **Central Winds Park** Celebrate autumn at our 18th annual fall festival,

Hometown Harvest

Hometown Harvest. From FREE hayrides and live musical performances to an interactive kids zone, there is something for the whole family to enjoy.



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! Senior Center: (407) 327-6554 Address: 400 N. Edgemon Ave Winter Springs, FL 32708





Meet Your Commission