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A MESSAGE FROM THE FIRST PAST PRESIDENT

This month's message is a little different. The Tuscahill Homeowners Association is in a time of transition, and a new president has not yet been appointed. As the organization's First Past President, I want to recognize someone who has given many years of dedicated service to the THOA and our community: Dr. Kurt Miericke.

For years, Kurt's President's Message in Tuscahill Today offered a familiar voice reflecting on our neighborhood, civic life and shared responsibilities.

Kurt recently stepped away from his role as president, but the value of his service will continue to be felt. Leading a volunteer organization requires patience, time and genuine concern for one's neighbors. Much of that work happens quietly, without applause. Kurt accepted that responsibility year after year, helping guide the THOA and keeping its attention focused on the community it serves. On behalf of the residents who have benefited from his efforts, I offer my sincere thanks.

Volunteer service is rarely carried by one person alone, so I also want to recognize Kurt's wonderful wife, Cindy. Her warmth, encouragement and support have been an important part of his years of service, and she deserves our gratitude as well.

Kurt's service reminds us of what the THOA has always been at its best. It is more than an organization that holds meetings or sends out newsletters. It is an organization of service.

We see that service in the annual Family Fun Day, when neighbors and families come together to enjoy the community we share. We see it in Meet the Candidates Night, which gives residents an opportunity to hear directly from those seeking to represent them. We see it when THOA volunteers help fill the food banks at Keeth Elementary and Indian Trails Middle School, supporting local children and families facing difficult times.

Just as important are the quiet acts that seldom receive attention. Volunteers answer questions, welcome new

neighbors, raise concerns, share information and work behind the scenes to improve and protect Tuscahill. They give their evenings and weekends because they care about this community. No single event or project captures their full impact, but together those efforts make a real difference.

I have been privileged to serve this organization as president and our broader community as mayor. Those roles have taught me that a strong community is built not only at City Hall or in a boardroom, but when neighbors take responsibility for one another and lend their time, talents and voices to something larger than themselves.

The THOA is now preparing for its next chapter. Leadership may change, but its purpose remains the same: bringing neighbors together, sharing reliable information, serving local families and protecting the character of the community we love. I am confident that new leaders will step forward, just as Kurt and many others have done before them.

To Dr. Kurt Miericke, thank you for your many years of leadership and service. To every volunteer, sponsor, member and neighbor who has supported the THOA, thank you as well. What makes Tuscahill special is not only its beautiful homes, trees, parks and trails. It is the people who choose to care for it - and for one another.

Kevin McCann

*First Past President, Tuscahill Homeowners Association
Mayor, City of Winter Springs*

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Do you or someone you know in Tuscahill have a special hobby, unique profession or insightful travel experience that would be interesting for our readers? Has your community completed notable improvements or planned an important event? Let me know and we will be glad to include these news items in a future issue of Tuscahill Today. Thank you, Kathy McCann. I can be contacted at: EditorKathyMcCann@gmail.com.

NEIGHBORS NEEDED FOR TUSCAWILLA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

One of the best ways residents can help care for Tuscawilla is by volunteering to serve on the Tuscawilla Lighting and Beautification District Advisory Committee.

Decades ago, Tuscawilla residents voted to “self-assess” an annual fee dedicated to maintaining and improving important features throughout our community. Those funds help support the fountains, landscaping along approximately 3.5 miles of Winter Springs Boulevard, enhanced street lighting and signs, several entrance monuments around Tuscawilla, and other neighborhood services. Today, the district operates with an annual budget of roughly \$700,000.

The advisory committee gives Tuscawilla residents a direct voice in how those dollars are used. Committee members share their ideas, help identify neighborhood priorities, review proposed projects, and assist City staff and the City Commission in making decisions when appropriate. Their input helps ensure that improvements reflect the needs and preferences of the residents who fund the district.

Serving on the committee is also a great way to learn more about how neighborhood projects are planned, funded, and completed. No previous government experience is required. What matters most is a willingness to listen, ask thoughtful questions, work with neighbors, and help protect the appearance and character of Tuscawilla.

The City of Winter Springs also depends on volunteers to serve on several other boards and advisory committees. Some meet only four times each year, while others may meet once a month when needed. These boards offer residents many opportunities to share their knowledge, experience, and ideas while helping shape decisions that affect our community.

If you have ever considered becoming more involved, this may be the perfect time. Residents interested in serving on the Tuscawilla Lighting and Beautification District Advisory Committee, or another City board, are encouraged to contact the City of Winter Springs for information about current openings and the application process.

“SECRET SANTA PROGRAM” IN HONOR OF ARNIE NUSSBAUM CONTINUES FOR 2026

Mayor Kevin McCann will, once again, be conducting the “Secret Santa Program” charity drive this year in memory of Tuscawilla resident, Arnie Nussbaum. Mr. Nussbaum was a Guardian Ad Litem volunteer for many years and supported this organization by collecting holiday gifts for the children in the system. This child advocacy group works with the court system to assign volunteers to speak on behalf of children who have experienced abandonment and neglect. In honor of Arnold Nussbaum’s devotion to the GAL program, Mayor McCann, with the support of the THOA, will be seeking donations of NEW unwrapped toys again this year.

Examples of new unwrapped toys needed are high-quality stuffed animals, educational gifts, cars, dolls, musical toys, the season’s hottest toys, Gift Cards for tweens and teens and, of course, larger gifts are also welcome. Toys are needed for children ranging from infants to teens. Remember, these toys are for children who have been abused/neglected and are impoverished.

The deadline for donating toys is **Friday, December 11th**. Toys can be dropped off at 1109 Pheasant Circle (just place the donations on the front porch bench at the front door from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

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EDITOR'S NOTES

WELCOME TO OCTOBER

October brings a familiar change of rhythm to Tuscahill. The school year is well underway, fall activities are filling our calendars and the holiday season is already beginning to appear on the horizon.

As we assembled this issue, a common theme began to emerge. Strong communities are shaped over time by people who care enough to participate. Some serve for many years. Others step forward for a single event, volunteer opportunity or act of kindness. Each contribution matters, and together they create the sense of connection that makes Tuscahill feel like home.

A LEGACY OF SERVICE AND FRIENDSHIP

This part of the issue is especially personal for me. Kurt and Cindy are more than neighbors who have given many years of service to Tuscahill. They are dear friends, and I have been fortunate to see the kindness and generosity they bring into the lives of others.

Their service has never been about recognition or holding a title. It comes from who they are. Kurt and Cindy have spent a lifetime helping others, and they share a truly unique gift. They make people feel seen, cared about and valued. When you are with them, you know they are listening. You leave the conversation feeling that what you said truly mattered.

Kurt's years as president of the Tuscahill Homeowners Association are an important part of their story, but their contribution cannot be measured simply by the events they organized or the work they completed. Cindy's warmth and steady support have been present throughout. Together, they have built friendships, encouraged neighbors and shown how much thoughtful and caring people can mean to a community.

I am deeply grateful for everything Kurt and Cindy have done for Tuscahill. More personally, I am grateful for their friendship and for the many ways they have made my own life richer. I know I am far from alone in feeling that way.

COMMUNITY BEGINS WITH PARTICIPATION

Several pages in this issue remind us that the things we value require people willing to care for them. Photographs

from the September 11 remembrance ceremony show residents, students and first responders gathered together to honor lives lost and lessons that must be carried forward.

Elsewhere, a call for volunteers offers residents an opportunity to help guide the work of the Tuscahill Lighting and Beautification District. Our memorials, community traditions, landscaped boulevards and neighborhood programs continue because people accept responsibility for protecting them. Participation keeps a community strong.

CELEBRATING OUR STUDENTS AND LOCAL TALENT

We always enjoy celebrating people with ties to Winter Springs. This month, we introduce readers to Winter Springs High School graduate Haley Moss, who is sharing her culinary talent with a national television audience on *Hell's Kitchen*. Her story is a wonderful reminder of the talent that begins right here in our community.

We also have an opportunity to support today's Winter Springs High School students through the Senior Committee poinsettia sale. It is a simple way to encourage the Class of 2027 while bringing a little holiday color into our homes.

IMPORTANT DATES AHEAD

The November 3 election is approaching, and this issue includes information to help residents prepare. Please take time to review the important dates, decide how you plan to vote and make your voice heard.

Veterans Day follows on November 11, when Winter Springs will gather at the Veterans Memorial at Town Center. It is an opportunity to express our gratitude to the men and women who have served our country and to remind younger generations that freedom carries both a history and a responsibility.

THANK YOU FOR BEING PART OF TUSCAHILL

Thank you to everyone who shares stories, photographs, announcements and ideas with Tuscahill Today. This magazine belongs to the community, and each issue is made stronger by the people who contribute to it.

Warm regards,

Katherine McCann

Editor, *Tuscahill Today*

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

"Be the reason someone smiles." — Roy T. Bennett

WINTER SPRINGS POLICE AUGUST COMMUNITY REPORT

The August Citizens Advisory Committee report offers residents a helpful look at the daily work taking place across Winter Springs.

During the month, the Winter Springs Police Department responded to 14,193 calls for service. Reported response times were 3 minutes and 36 seconds for emergency calls and 5 minutes and 58 seconds for nonemergency calls. These numbers reflect the many different reasons residents turn to the department for assistance each day.

Traffic safety remained an important part of the department's work. Officers issued 634 citations and 836 written warnings. The report also recorded 26 traffic accidents involving five injuries. Thankfully, there were no traffic fatalities during the month.

The report included 74 adult arrests, six juvenile arrests, six capias filings and 10 domestic related incidents. Sharing this information helps residents and members of the Citizens Advisory Committee better understand the activity officers encounter throughout the community.

Code Enforcement also remained busy. Staff handled 157 cases, removed 108 signs from public rights of way and

brought three matters before the Code Board. Much of this work involves addressing concerns before they become larger neighborhood problems.

Planning a trip? The Winter Springs Police Department offers a House Check Program for residents who will be away. An officer or other police department personnel can periodically check the property during the dates requested. Scan the code below to complete the online request form, or call the Police Department at 407 327 1000 for assistance.



HOUSE CHECK PROGRAM

Monthly reports like this provide a clearer picture of the work being done throughout Winter Springs and help residents stay informed about public safety in their community.

SPOOKTACULAR GOLF CART PARADE WILL ROLL THROUGH TUSCAWILLA

Halloween fun will take to the neighborhood streets when the Tuscawilla Golf Cart Club presents its Spooktacular Golf Cart Parade on Saturday, October 24.

The parade will begin at 6:30 p.m. at Trotwood Park. From there, the decorated carts will exit the park, turn right onto Northern Way and loop around Winter Springs Boulevard before returning to Trotwood Park.

Instead of traditional parade floats, residents can expect to see golf carts transformed for Halloween with colorful lights, ghosts, skeletons, pumpkins and plenty of creative decorations. Each cart will bring its own personality to the procession as club members travel through the neighborhood.

The evening will include treats as well as decorations. Participants will pass out goodie bags to the community along the parade route, giving children another opportunity to enjoy a little Halloween fun before the big night arrives.

For families living near the route, the parade offers an easy way to join the celebration from close to home. Residents are encouraged to step outside, wave to the passing carts and enjoy the procession with their neighbors. Families



may also watch from Trotwood Park as the parade begins and returns.

Events like this can turn an ordinary evening into a neighborhood gathering. Children get to see the decorated carts and collect a treat, while adults have another opportunity to visit with neighbors and enjoy the creativity that goes into each entry.

The parade is receiving support from several local businesses. Championship Martial Arts Tuscawilla is recognized as the top sponsor. The event flyer also thanks The Learning Experience Winter Springs, Safe Turtles Swim School and CoolMetrics Air Conditioning and Heating for their support.

Residents driving near Trotwood Park, Northern Way and Winter Springs Boulevard during the parade should use extra care and watch for golf carts, pedestrians and excited children. Those watching along the route should remain safely away from the roadway.

Mark the calendar for October 24, find a comfortable viewing spot and get ready for a spooktacular evening in Tuscawilla.



WINTER SPRINGS REMEMBERS SEPTEMBER 11

Twenty-five years after the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, Winter Springs residents gathered in front of the Winter Springs Police Department for a morning of remembrance, reflection, and unity.

The ceremony began on a particularly moving note as the Choices in Learning Elementary Charter School choir performed “The Star-Spangled Banner.” Their young voices offered a powerful reminder that the responsibility of remembering September 11 now extends to a generation that was not yet born when the attacks occurred.

Mayor Kevin McCann reflected on the importance of unity and the way Americans came together following one of the darkest days in our nation’s history. His remarks also recognized the police officers, firefighters, members of the military, and ordinary citizens who responded with courage and compassion.

Winter Springs Police Chief Matt Tracht and a deputy chief from the Seminole County Fire Department also addressed those gathered. Their words honored the first responders

who ran toward danger that morning and recognized the men and women who continue to serve and protect our communities today.

The ceremony included a moment of silence, the lowering of the American flag, Taps, a 21-gun salute, a wreath-laying, and a performance of “Amazing Grace.” Each part of the program gave residents an opportunity to pause and remember the nearly 3,000 lives lost, the families forever changed, and the many first responders who later became ill because of their service at Ground Zero.

The photographs from the morning capture more than a formal ceremony. They show young students standing beside police officers and firefighters, neighbors gathering quietly together, and a community passing the responsibility of remembrance from one generation to the next.

September 11 will always be a day of sorrow. It should also remain a reminder of courage, service, and what Americans can accomplish when we stand together.



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MORE THAN 200 ATTEND MEET THE CANDIDATES NIGHT



More than 200 residents attended the Tusawilla Home Owners Association's Meet the Candidates Night. The strong turnout reflected how deeply our neighbors care about the future of Winter Springs.

The event gave residents an opportunity to hear directly from the candidates seeking to serve as mayor and on the City Commission. As always, the event was open to all Winter Springs residents.

Residents will be voting in three city races. The incumbent is listed first in each race.

Mayor: Kevin McCann and Jesse Phillips

City Commission District 2: Victoria Bruce and Ken Spalthoff

City Commission District 4: Cade Resnick and Kyle Stewart

Events like this demonstrate the value of a strong and active homeowners association. THOA brings neighbors together, keeps residents informed and creates opportunities for meaningful community involvement.

The support of THOA members and volunteers helps make these important events possible.

Although THOA serves the Tusawilla community, the organization recognizes that decisions made at City Hall affect every neighborhood in Winter Springs. Opening Meet the Candidates Night to the entire city encourages informed voting, respectful conversation and greater participation in our local government.

A special thank you goes to the Seminole County League of Women Voters for recording this 50 minute discussion so residents who could not attend can hear directly from the candidates.

The complete video is available at:
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Thank you to everyone who attended and to the THOA members and volunteers who helped make the evening possible. An informed and involved community helps make Winter Springs a better place for all of us.



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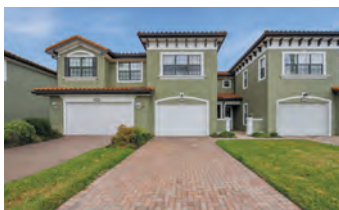
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WINTER SPRINGS CHEF TAKES ON HELL'S KITCHEN

The heat is on, and Winter Springs has a hometown chef to cheer for. Haley Moss, a Winter Springs High School graduate, is appearing on Season 25 of FOX's *Hell's Kitchen*, stepping into one of television's toughest kitchens under the watchful eye of Gordon Ramsay.

Season 25 premiered Thursday, September 24, at 8 p.m. on FOX. Episodes are available on Hulu the next day, so local viewers can catch up anytime.

Haley's passion for cooking began in high school with Chef Adam Efland, an important mentor who helped her move beyond classroom lessons. She created menus for teacher luncheons, prepared lunches sold to culinary students, and cooked for silent auctions, galas, and other events. Those early opportunities taught her how to plan, lead, make decisions, and cook for real guests.



Her path was not always traditional. Haley became a mother at 19, completed an accelerated high school program in four months before turning 21, and later studied Culinary Management at Valencia College. She went on to build experience in restaurant leadership, recipe development, private meal preparation, and professional kitchens.

Her food combines familiar flavors with careful seasoning, technique, and presentation. Her rule is simple: nothing belongs on the plate unless it has a purpose.

That philosophy will be tested in *Hell's Kitchen*, where talented chefs must think quickly, work as a team, and perform under pressure. For Haley, the show is not the beginning of her culinary story. It is a milestone built on years of hard work, family responsibilities, mentorship, and determination.

Today, Haley balances her culinary career with life as a wife and mother while continuing to create food content and pursue new opportunities. Her personal motto may be perfect for Gordon Ramsay's kitchen: "Calm is a weapon, volume does not equal competence, and nothing belongs on the plate unless it has a purpose."

Winter Springs will be watching and cheering her on.





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Residents who still need to register to vote or update their voter information must do so by Monday, October 5.

For those who prefer to vote before Election Day, early voting will be available from October 19 through November 1. Early voting locations will be open daily from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., and registered Seminole County voters may visit any county early voting location.

Voters who would like to receive a ballot by mail must submit their request by 5 p.m. on Thursday, October 22. Completed mail ballots must be received by the Seminole County Supervisor of Elections no later than 7 p.m. on Election Day. A postmark is not enough, so voters are encouraged to return their ballots well in advance.

On November 3, polling places will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Unlike early voting, residents voting on Election Day must use their assigned precinct.

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Serving as your Mayor has been one of the greatest honors of my life. I am asking for your support once again so I can continue working to keep Winter Springs a safe, beautiful, and financially strong community.

As I campaign across our city, I continue knocking on doors and listening to residents. Your ideas and concerns help guide every decision I make because the best government begins by listening.

My commitment to Winter Springs began long before I became Mayor. I proudly served on the Tuscawilla Lighting & Beautification District Advisory Committee, as Vice Chairman of the Planning & Zoning Board, and as President of the Tuscawilla Homeowners Association before being appointed Mayor in 2021.

Working together with City staff, fellow commissioners, county leaders, and state officials, we have made meaningful progress while planning for the future of our community.

It has been my privilege to serve the residents of Winter Springs. I respectfully ask for your vote so we can continue building a city we are all proud to call home.

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WINTER SPRINGS SENIOR CENTER OFFERS ACTIVITIES AND FRIENDSHIP

The Susie Coffman Winter Springs Senior Center offers much more than a place to pass the time. It is a welcoming community gathering place where adults ages 55 and older can stay active, learn something new and build lasting friendships.

Located at 400 North Edgemon Avenue, the center offers a busy schedule of activities throughout the week. Those looking to stay active can choose from Cardio Fit, strength and fitness classes, chair yoga, mat yoga, Tai Chi, line dancing, power stretching and Sweating with Helen.

Creative opportunities include ceramics, painting, drawing, paper crafts, knitting and crochet. Members can also enjoy bingo, bridge, pinochle, Mahjong, Mexican Train and other card games. Technology 101 helps participants become more comfortable using smartphones, tablets and computers, while educational programs may include the AARP Smart Driver Course and presentations on health and other topics of interest.

Wednesday brings another popular reason to visit. The weekly Hot Dog Lunch is held from 11 a.m. until noon, giving members an opportunity to enjoy an affordable meal while catching up with friends and meeting new people. Like many of the center's activities, the lunch is about more than what is being served. It provides another chance for conversation, laughter and companionship.

One of the center's most popular features is its indoor therapy pool. The pool offers low and medium impact aquatic exercise classes designed to help strengthen muscles without placing unnecessary stress on the joints. Open swim periods are also available for members who prefer self directed water exercise. Aquatic therapy can be especially

helpful for people managing arthritis, limited mobility or other physical challenges.

The center operates through an important partnership. The property and building are owned by the City of Winter Springs, and a limited number of City employees assist with facility needs and certain activities. However, the programs are coordinated and managed through Winter Springs Senior Center, Inc., a separate nonprofit organization led by its own independent board of directors. Volunteers, instructors and members also play an important role in making the center successful.

This arrangement combines City support with community leadership. The independent board helps organize activities, manage membership programs and respond directly to the interests of the seniors who use the center. City employees may provide limited assistance with meals, calendars, cleanup and other facility related needs.

The Senior Center is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. The therapy pool is generally open from 7 a.m. until 3 p.m., although class schedules and special closings may affect those hours.

Annual Senior Center membership for incorporated Winter Springs residents is currently listed at \$28. Therapy Pool membership is \$40, and a combined membership is \$68. Winter Springs Senior Association membership is listed separately at \$8. Fees for nonresidents are higher.

Whether you are interested in exercise, art, games, technology, Wednesday lunch or simply meeting new people, the Winter Springs Senior Center offers plenty of reasons to stop by. For additional information, call 407 327 6554 or visit the center during regular hours.

WINTER SPRINGS VETERANS DAY TRIBUTE

On Veterans Day, Winter Springs residents will have an opportunity to come together as a community and honor the men and women who have served our nation.

The City of Winter Springs will hold its annual Veterans Day Tribute on Wednesday, November 11, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial at Town Center. Residents of all ages are invited to attend.

Veterans Day is a time to recognize every American who has worn the uniform of our Armed Forces, in times of war and in times of peace. It is also an opportunity to thank the military families whose love, patience and sacrifice help make that service possible.

This year's ceremony will include recognition of Winter Springs' 2026 Hometown Hero. The gathering will also provide a time to remember those who served before us and those who made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our freedom.

Here in Winter Springs, veterans are not distant figures from history books. They are our neighbors, relatives, friends, coworkers and community volunteers. Many continue serving long after leaving the military, supporting local veterans' organizations, mentoring young people, helping families in need and strengthening the community we all call home.

The Veterans Memorial at Town Center provides a meaningful setting for this annual tribute. Surrounded by fellow residents, we can pause together, reflect upon the freedoms we enjoy and make certain that those who defended them know their service has not been forgotten.

Please consider bringing your family, especially children and grandchildren. A community's gratitude is best preserved when it is shared from one generation to the next.

Even a simple handshake or word of thanks matters.

Join your neighbors on November 11 as Winter Springs pauses to remember, honor and say a heartfelt thank you to all who served.

HALLOWEEN IN TUSCAWILLA A NEIGHBORHOOD GUIDE

Halloween in Tuscawilla has its own special rhythm. Porch lights glow, sidewalks become parade routes and ordinary neighbors suddenly find themselves discussing the important question of the evening: chocolate or fruity candy?

By sunset, the streets begin filling with princesses, superheroes, dinosaurs and at least one wonderfully creative costume that no adult quite recognizes. Fortunately, "You look amazing!" works for every occasion.

Each neighborhood also develops a few Halloween landmarks. There is the house known for generous candy, the house with decorations that seem to move when nobody is looking and the friendly porch where neighbors linger a little longer to catch up. Children focus on the next treat, while adults enjoy one of the best neighborhood social events of the year.

Parents begin the evening carrying flashlights and reminding everyone to stay together. Before long, they are also carrying masks, capes, candy buckets and perhaps one tired little



ghost who has decided that walking is no longer part of the celebration. This is why experienced parents bring a wagon.

Florida pumpkins deserve special admiration. They are carved with enthusiasm and placed proudly on the porch, despite knowing that October temperatures may not be on their side. By the end of the evening, a few may look just as tired as the parents, but they have done their duty.

Neighborhood dogs also participate, usually by announcing every visitor with great enthusiasm. Some wear costumes.

Others clearly believe a bandana is more than enough.

The best part of Halloween is not really the candy, although the candy certainly helps. It is seeing neighbors outdoors, hearing children laugh and enjoying an evening when the entire community feels a little more playful.

Drive carefully, keep an eye out for excited trick or treaters and have fun. May your candy bowl stay full, your pumpkin stay upright and your favorite treats somehow remain left over.

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ANSWER THE CALL TO SERVE

Residents looking for a meaningful way to become more involved in the community are invited to the seventh annual Call to Service presented by LEADERSHIP SEMINOLE on Friday, October 9, from 8:30 to 11 a.m. at The Rink at Northland Church, 522 Dog Track Road in Longwood.

This free event will bring 40 local nonprofit organizations together in one place, making it easy for visitors to learn about their work and explore volunteer opportunities throughout Seminole County. Guests can meet the people behind these organizations, hear about the neighbors they serve and discover ways to contribute their own time and talents.

Whether you are interested in becoming a regular volunteer or simply want to learn more about the needs in our community, Call to Service offers a friendly place to begin. Coffee and a light breakfast will be provided, and the event is open to the public.

For additional information, visit LeadershipSeminole.org.

TUSCAWILLA WOMEN'S CLUB

"Where you are among friends"

The Tusawilla Women's Club will meet Thursday, October 8, at 1 p.m. inside the Wedgwood Tennis Villas Clubhouse. A representative from the League of Women Voters will review the amendments appearing on the November ballot. Food and beverages will be provided, and everyone is welcome to bring a friend.

October is also Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Domestic Violence Awareness Month—and Pizza Month! Be well, stay safe and enjoy your favorite pizza.

For more information, contact Anne Combs at (407) 761-5779.

ST STEPHEN HOLIDAY SALE OFFERS HANDCRAFTED GIFTS

Residents can get an early start on holiday shopping while supporting a worthy local cause at the St. Stephen Annual Arts and Crafts Holiday Sale.

The sale will be held in the EC 1 building on the campus of St. Stephen Catholic Community, located at 575 Tusawilla Road in Winter Springs. Shopping hours are Friday and Saturday, October 23 and 24, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The sale will continue Sunday, October 25, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Most of the items have been handcrafted by members of the St. Stephen Arts and Crafts Ministry. Shoppers will find floral arrangements, holiday decorations, kitchen items, teacher gifts, plants, collegiate items and a special

quilt boutique. The sale will also feature gifts for babies and children, yarn creations, Florida and beach decor and a selection of gifts priced at five dollars or less.

With no commercial vendors, the event offers residents an opportunity to find distinctive gifts created by members of the community. Whether shopping for family, friends, teachers or a little something for yourself, there should be plenty to explore.

Admission is free, and all proceeds will benefit St. Vincent de Paul Outreach and its work helping people in need.

SUPPORT WSHS SENIORS WITH A HOLIDAY POINSETTIA

Bring a little holiday cheer into your home while supporting the Winter Springs High School Class of 2027. The WSHS Senior Committee is holding a poinsettia sale, with proceeds helping to make this year's senior celebrations extra special.

Poinsettias are available in three sizes: 6.5 inch plants for \$12, 8 inch plants for \$18 and 10 inch plants for \$24. Buyers may choose from festive red, gold or green pot covers.

Orders must be placed by November 1. Poinsettias will be available for pickup on November 21 at the Winter Springs High School football stadium.

To place an order, visit tinyurl.com/wshs-poinsettia or scan the QR code on the accompanying flyer. Questions may be emailed to poinsettiawshs@gmail.com.

Help support our local seniors while adding some beautiful holiday color to your home.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Oct 15	Ad hoc Charter Review Committee meeting - City Hall
Oct 16	Winter Springs Police Department - "Goulishly Good Times"
Oct 18	Farmer's Market - Trotwood Park - 9:00am-2:00pm
Oct 24	20th Annual Hometown Harvest - Central Winds Park
Oct 26	City Commission Meeting - 6:30pm
Oct 27	Code Enforcement Board meeting - City Hall - 5:30pm
Nov 1	Farmer's Market - Trotwood Park - 9:00am - 2:00pm
Nov 3	Election Day
Nov 4	Parks Recreation and Mobility Committee Meeting - City Hall - 5:30pm
Nov 5	Planning and Zoning Committee meeting - City Hall - 5:30pm
Nov 11	Veterans Day Tribute - Veterans Memorial Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting - City Hall - 5:30pm
Nov 12	Board of Trustees Meeting - City Hall - 5:30pm
Nov 15	Farmer's Market - Trotwood Park - 9:00am - 2:00pm

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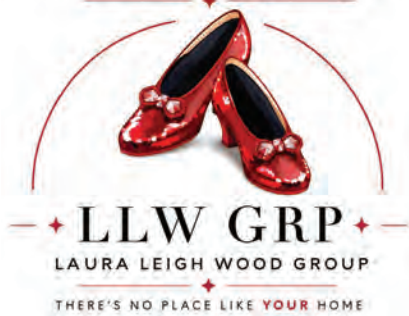
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