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I live on Seneca Boulevard, and at times there can be a lot of traffic. From my window in the living room, I can observe motorists deciding whether to stop at the stop sign at Keuka Court. Most drivers just use the stop sign as a speed bump. One afternoon on January 9th of this year I heard fire and police sirens blaring, and as I listened, they were coming down our street. There were at least three big firetrucks, and an ambulance rushing down Seneca. I gave them a pass at the stop sign.

Shortly after they passed my house the sirens stopped, and I knew wherever they were going, they got there. My wife checked Pulse Point on her cell phone and learned that there was an explosion on Conesus Lane just one street over. I went outside to see if there was any smoke or flames. I wondered what house had exploded. Rushing up the street and looking down Conesus, I could see the police had the street completely barricaded. Besides the firetrucks there was a big hazardous waste truck. A large group of neighbors were up on the sidewalk all staring at a WastePro Garbage truck in the middle of the street, and it had unloaded all its contents for the day in the middle of the street. The truck's crew with their yellow and green shirts were up on the lawn. I could see firemen in the middle of the garbage pile searching for something. I asked another fireman what was going on. He told me that they were searching for a lithium battery that had exploded in the garbage that was in the truck. It was quite a scene.

As we were all standing on the sidewalk on Seneca, there came a neighbor and her young son to see what was happening. She had just picked up her four-year-old boy from preschool. He was wearing his uniform and stood in our midst as we visited. He was a little guy and was processing what was going on around him. Then the word came that the excitement was over. The fire was out, the battery was

found, and the big firetrucks one by one departed to their stations. As one huge truck slowly moved by, the little boy waved at the driver. He blew his horn and turned on the flashing lights and sirens, and then he stopped. The little boy's eyes grew wide as the fireman opened his door, jumped out of the truck, crossed the street, and gave that little guy a plastic fireman's hat and a handshake. That young man just glowed at the attention he received. That act of kindness by that fireman will be a memory and impression that will never be forgotten. In this world we can use some more acts of kindness. Let us not be afraid to also give someone a positive memory.



Two things in closing, WastePro did send a crew out to pick up all the garbage on the street and did a nice job of using some good disinfectants. Second, if you haven't done so already, please pay your \$40 dues to the THOA. That would be an act of kindness to your neighborhood.

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Do you or someone you know in Tuscawilla 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 Tuscawilla Today. Thank you, Kathy McCann. I can be contacted at: EditorKathyMcCann@gmail.com.

AFTER THE FREEZE: HOW TO HELP YOUR LANDSCAPE RECOVER



This winter brought one of the longest and most sustained freeze events our area has experienced in decades. Across Winter Springs and Tusawilla, the effects are easy to see. Brown lawns, damaged shrubs, and once vibrant tropical plants struggling to recover have become a common sight. For many homeowners, the question now is simple: what comes next?

The good news is that as temperatures stabilize and the risk of another freeze passes, our landscapes have an opportunity to recover. The key is patience, observation, and making thoughtful decisions before rushing to replace what may not be lost.

One of the most important first steps is to resist the urge to remove damaged plants too quickly. Many plants that appear dead are simply dormant or recovering. A good rule of thumb is to perform a simple “scratch test.” Lightly scratch the bark of a branch or stem with your fingernail. If you see green beneath the surface, the plant is still alive and has a strong chance of recovery. If it is brown and dry, that portion of the plant may be dead, but the roots or lower structure could still be viable.

Pruning should also be approached carefully. Wait until new growth begins to appear before trimming back damaged areas. This ensures you are not cutting away parts of the plant that may still recover. Once new growth is visible, prune just above healthy tissue to encourage regrowth and improve the plant’s overall shape.

Watering plays an important role in recovery, but moderation is key. Plants stressed by cold temperatures do not need excessive watering. Instead, maintain consistent moisture levels in the soil without overwatering, which can further stress weakened root systems.

Fertilizing is another area where timing matters. It is best to wait until plants show clear signs of new growth before applying fertilizer. Feeding too early can push plants to grow before they are ready, potentially causing additional stress.

For lawns, especially St. Augustine and other warm season grasses, patience is essential. While areas may appear completely brown, the root systems are often still alive. As temperatures rise, new growth should begin to fill in. Light raking to remove dead material and proper watering can help speed this process.

Unfortunately, not all plants will recover. And for those that do need to be replaced, residents may find that availability is limited. The same freeze that impacted our neighborhoods also affected commercial nurseries across the region. At the same time, large scale buyers such as resorts and major attractions have moved quickly to restore their landscapes, increasing demand and driving up prices.

Because of this, it may be wise to take a phased approach to replanting. Focus first on saving what you can, then prioritize key areas of your yard. Consider incorporating more cold hardy and Florida friendly plants that are better suited to withstand future temperature swings.

This freeze was a reminder that even in Central Florida, nature can be unpredictable. But with a little patience and the right approach, our landscapes will recover. In many cases, they will come back stronger, more resilient, and better prepared for whatever the next season brings.

EDITOR'S NOTES

April has a way of reminding us that renewal is not just a season, but a mindset. As the weather warms and our community begins to bloom once again, this month's issue of Tuscawilla Today reflects that spirit of renewal in many different ways, from our landscapes and shared spaces to our traditions, programs, and even a little humor along the way.

A SEASON OF RECOVERY

Many of us felt the impact of this year's unusually long freeze. Throughout Tuscawilla, yards that once thrived with color were suddenly left brown and uncertain. In this issue, we take a closer look at what comes next. The good news is that recovery is already underway. With a little patience and the right approach, many plants will return, often stronger than before. And as we replant, there is an opportunity to be thoughtful about the types of landscaping we choose and how we care for it moving forward.

CARING FOR OUR ENVIRONMENT

Spring also brings with it an important reminder about environmental stewardship. Our Earth Day feature highlights the simple but meaningful ways each of us can make a difference right here at home. One issue that directly impacts our community is the increase in algae blooms in local ponds and waterways, often tied to fertilizer use. Small changes in how we manage our lawns can have a lasting effect on the health of Lake Jesup and the St. Johns River, protecting both our environment and the beauty that surrounds us.

INVESTING IN OUR INFRASTRUCTURE

This month, we also share an important update on reclaimed water service in our community. While recent disruptions were certainly inconvenient, they also highlighted the complexity of maintaining essential infrastructure. With service now restored and a new wastewater treatment facility on the horizon, there is real progress being made toward ensuring long term reliability for Tuscawilla residents.

INVESTING IN OUR COMMUNITY

Speaking of long term investment, you will also find an update on the Tuscawilla Lighting and Beautification



Arbor Day
April 24th

District. This is a conversation that goes to the heart of who we are as a community. From our iconic fountains to our landscaped entrances, these features help define Tuscawilla and contribute to the value of our homes. As discussed in this issue, even a modest annual investment can have a meaningful impact when viewed over time. As always, your voice will play an important role as these decisions continue to evolve.



PROGRAMS THAT BRING US TOGETHER

Of course, not everything this month is about infrastructure or planning. Community is also about connection and shared experiences. Our feature on Camp Sunshine highlights one of Winter Springs' most beloved programs, offering children a safe, engaging, and memorable summer experience. It is programs like this that help shape the next generation while strengthening the bonds within our community.

CELEBRATING TRADITIONS

We also take a moment to recognize Passover, a holiday centered on reflection, family, and the enduring value of freedom. In a diverse and welcoming community like Tuscawilla, opportunities to learn about and appreciate the traditions of our neighbors enrich us all.

A LITTLE APRIL HUMOR

And because no April would be complete without a little levity, we could not ignore the approach of Tax Day. While it may not be our favorite date on the calendar, it is one we all share, and sometimes, a little humor is the best way to get through it.

As always, thank you for being part of what makes Tuscawilla such a special place to call home. Whether it is through caring for our environment, investing in our shared spaces, supporting local programs, or simply connecting with one another, it is the collective effort of this community that continues to make a difference.

Here's to a season of renewal, growth, and continued pride in the place we all share.

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

"The trials you face will introduce you to your strengths"

— Epictetus

THE IDES OF APRIL... TAX DAY APPROACHES

There are certain dates we all look forward to each year. Birthdays. Holidays. The first cool morning after a long Florida summer. And then... there is April 15th.

Tax Day has a unique ability to sneak up on even the most organized among us. One minute you are enjoying the start of spring, convinced you have plenty of time, and the next you are rummaging through drawers, file folders, and glove compartments searching for that one document you were absolutely certain you put somewhere "safe."

Across Tusawilla, a familiar scene begins to unfold. Kitchen tables become temporary offices. Stacks of envelopes appear from places you forgot existed. Laptops hum a little louder. And suddenly, everyone becomes very interested in words like deductions, credits, and extensions.

Of course, there are always two types of people this time of year. There are those who filed in February, received their refund weeks ago, and now casually mention it in conversation with a calm confidence that is both impressive and mildly unsettling. And then there are the rest of us, navigating spreadsheets, receipts, and the occasional moment of quiet reflection about our life choices.

There is also a certain rhythm to it all. First comes determination. Then comes confusion. Then comes the realization that perhaps one more cup of coffee might help. And finally, acceptance, followed closely by the satisfying click of the "submit" button or the quiet relief of dropping an envelope in the mail just before the deadline.

The good news is that Tax Day, much like a Florida summer storm, eventually passes. By the evening of April 15th, a collective sigh of relief seems to drift across the neighborhood. Papers are tucked away, calculators are retired, and life begins to return to normal.

Until next year, of course.

In the meantime, it helps to keep a little perspective. While taxes may not be anyone's favorite pastime, they do support many of the services and amenities that help make communities like Tusawilla such a special place to call home. And if nothing else, Tax Day gives us a shared experience, one that brings a bit of humor, a touch of humility, and perhaps an extra appreciation for being done with it.

So as April 15th approaches, take a deep breath, double check your numbers, and remember, you are in very good company.

EARTH DAY IN WINTER SPRINGS & TUSCAWILLA: A COMMUNITY ROOTED IN STEWARDSHIP

Each year on April 22, communities around the world pause to recognize Earth Day, a tradition that began in 1970 and helped launch the modern environmental movement in the United States. What started as a national call to action has grown into a global reminder that caring for our environment begins right where we live.

Here in Winter Springs and the Tusawilla community, Earth Day feels less like a single day and more like a way of life.

Surrounded by natural beauty, from Lake Jesup and Howell Creek to the tree lined streets and parks that define our neighborhoods, residents have long embraced the responsibility of protecting what makes this area special. Whether it is a morning walk along our trails, a round of golf beneath a canopy of oaks, or a family outing at Trotwood or Central Winds Park, we experience firsthand the value of preserving green space.

Across Seminole County, April is recognized as Earth Month, encouraging residents to get involved through conservation efforts, educational programs, and outdoor activities. Opportunities range from removing invasive plants and restoring shorelines to simply exploring the thousands of acres of parks and natural lands right in our backyard. These efforts highlight a simple truth: small, local actions can have a lasting impact.

Just as important are the everyday choices we each make. One of the most pressing environmental challenges facing



our community today is the increase in algae blooms in our ponds and waterways. Much of this is driven by excess nutrients from lawn fertilizers washing into storm drains and ultimately flowing into our lakes and rivers. By being mindful, using less fertilizer, applying it responsibly, or choosing more environmentally friendly options, we can all help reduce these impacts.

These small steps matter. They help prevent fish kills, reduce unpleasant odors, and protect the long term health of Lake Jesup and the St. Johns River. In a community like ours, where water is such a defining feature, protecting it is one of the most meaningful ways we can make a difference.

Tusawilla, in particular, reflects this spirit. From golf cart parades to community gatherings, there is a strong sense that this is more than just a place to live, it is something to take care of. Earth Day simply reinforces what many here already believe: that stewardship is part of being a good neighbor.

As we recognize Earth Day this April, it does not require a grand gesture. It can be as simple as planting a tree, reducing waste, limiting fertilizer use, or spending time appreciating the natural surroundings we often take for granted.

Because in Winter Springs and Tusawilla, caring for the Earth is not just something we celebrate once a year, it is something we live every day.

YARD of the month

Amy & Jon Streich have lived in Tuscawilla for 25 years and enjoy growing camellias, azaleas, fruit trees, and vegetables.

L to R: Connie Nadrowski, Pres. Sunshine Garden Club, Jon & Amy Streich, Laura Leigh Wood, VP, Mary Joyce Fisher.



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- **Major Wastewater & Reclaimed Water Infrastructure Upgrades Underway.** Investments are being made today to protect our environment and support the future of our community.
- **Stormwater, Pond & Flood Control Improvements Underway.** Ongoing projects are helping protect homes, reduce flooding risks, and improve long-term drainage across our community.
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CAMP SUNSHINE RETURNS: A SUMMER OF FUN, FRIENDSHIP, AND ADVENTURE

As summer approaches, families throughout Winter Springs and Tuscawilla begin looking for ways to keep their children active, engaged, and connected. This year, one of the community's most anticipated programs is back once again—Camp Sunshine, a fun and safe summer day camp designed especially for elementary-aged children.

Camp Sunshine has long been a favorite for local families, offering a well-rounded experience that blends fun with personal growth. Designed for children entering 1st through 6th grade, the camp focuses on building teamwork, creativity, and leadership skills in a supportive and welcoming environment. Whether it is through group games, hands-on projects, or shared experiences, campers quickly form friendships that often last well beyond the summer.

What truly sets Camp Sunshine apart is the variety of activities and adventures offered throughout the program. Each week brings new opportunities for excitement, including field trips to popular destinations such as Gatorland, Dave and Buster's, and the Kennedy Space Center. These outings give campers the chance to explore, learn, and create lasting memories both inside and outside the classroom setting.

The camp runs Monday through Friday, with convenient hours for working families. Drop-off begins at 7:30 in the morning, and pickup is available until 5:30 in the afternoon. The program is structured into eight flexible weekly sessions, running from June 1 through July 31, allowing families to choose the weeks that best fit their summer schedules. Please

note that there will be no camp from May 29 through July 3 due to a scheduled city event.

Registration is handled in person and is offered on a first come, first served basis. Due to the program's popularity and limited space, families are encouraged to plan ahead, as many weeks are expected to fill quickly. Residents of Winter Springs receive priority registration, along with a reduced weekly rate of \$170 per camper, while non-resident rates are \$255 per week. Sibling discounts are also available.

To register, families must provide proof of residency, documentation of the child's age, and current school records at the time of sign-up. Registration for Winter Springs residents begins with a kickoff event on April 7 at the Winter Springs Civic Center, with additional opportunities throughout the week at several city locations. Registration for non-residents begins April 13 and continues until all available spaces are filled.

Camp Sunshine represents more than just a summer program. It is an opportunity for children to grow in confidence, try new things, and be part of something special within their community.

If you are looking for a positive, enriching, and memorable summer experience for your child, Camp Sunshine is ready to welcome your family. For more information or to learn how to register, please visit the City of Winter Springs website at winterspringsfl.org or contact the program directly at campsunshine@winterspringsfl.org.

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Did you know that the grand fountains along Tusawilla Road cost the average household only about \$2.60 per year? At the same time, research consistently shows that well-maintained entrances and community aesthetics can contribute significantly to property values, in some cases by as much as 30 percent. When viewed through that lens, a modest annual investment can help protect one of our most important assets, the value of our homes.



For more than 25 years, the Tusawilla community has taken a unique and forward-thinking approach to maintaining its character and beauty. Rather than relying on traditional HOA dues, residents chose to partner with the City of Winter Springs to manage and maintain key community features such as our medians, entryways, and these very fountains that have become a defining part of our identity.

This self-imposed assessment has allowed the City to leverage stronger financial tools, securing better contract pricing, insurance rates, and long-term planning than most homeowner associations could achieve on their own. At the same time, state law ensures that only Tusawilla residents, those who directly benefit, contribute to this special district.

Over time, however, rising costs and years of holding rates below allowable levels have created a funding gap. The Lighting and Beautification District Advisory Committee, made up of Tusawilla residents, evaluated the condition of our community assets and recommended a significant increase, approximately 100 percent, to stabilize the fund and begin much-needed improvements.

part of a multi-year strategy to restore the fund and maintain community standards.

The Tusawilla Homeowners Association Board of Directors has expressed clear support for increasing the assessment to address these needs, recognizing the importance of reinvesting in the community's infrastructure and appearance. At the same time, the City Commission ultimately determined the pace at which those increases would be implemented.

Beyond property values, these features shape the identity of our community. They reflect pride, stability, and a shared commitment to maintaining the quality of life that has made Tusawilla one of Central Florida's most desirable places to live.

As this discussion continues in the coming year, resident input will remain essential. The City Commission has made clear that it will respond to the priorities of the community. Whether the goal is to maintain current standards or invest further in restoration and enhancement, the direction ultimately rests with the residents who call Tusawilla home.

At its core, this is about stewardship. With thoughtful planning and continued engagement, Tusawilla can continue to preserve its character, protect property values, and remain a community that invests in its future.

RECLAIMED WATER SERVICE RESTORED: LOOKING AHEAD FOR TUSCAWILLA



Reclaimed water service has now been restored to residents in the Tusawilla community following a temporary outage that affected irrigation across much of the eastern portion of Winter Springs. After identifying the issue and evaluating the

necessary repairs, the City Commission approved funding for substantial improvements, allowing crews to move quickly to bring the system back online.

Reclaimed water is highly treated wastewater that is reused primarily for irrigation. Instead of discharging treated water into rivers or lakes, it is processed to a level that makes it safe for uses such as watering lawns, landscaping, and golf courses. This system conserves drinking water and plays an important role in Florida's long term water management strategy.

The use of reclaimed water is also an important environmental tool. In Winter Springs, roughly half of the drinking water drawn from the Florida aquifer is used for irrigation. Because of this, state regulations require communities like ours to implement reuse systems that reduce demand on this critical natural resource. By using reclaimed water for irrigation, we help preserve the long term health of the aquifer while maintaining the landscapes that define our neighborhoods.

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PASSOVER IN TUSCAWILLA: A SEASON OF REFLECTION, FAMILY, & FREEDOM

As spring settles into Winter Springs and the Tuscowilla community begins to bloom, many families are also preparing for Passover, a meaningful and deeply rooted tradition observed by Jewish communities around the world.

In 2026, Passover begins at sundown on Saturday, April 11, and continues through Sunday, April 19. The most widely observed evenings are the first two nights, April 11 and April 12, when families gather for the Seder, a special meal that brings the story of Passover to life.

Passover, or Pesach, commemorates the journey of the Israelites from slavery to freedom in ancient Egypt. It is a holiday centered on remembrance, resilience, and the enduring value of freedom, themes that continue to resonate across cultures and generations.

At the heart of the holiday is the Seder, held on the first and often second evenings. During this meal, families and friends gather around the table to retell the story of the Exodus using a guide called the Haggadah. The evening is rich with symbolism. Matzah, or unleavened bread, represents the haste in which the Israelites fled Egypt. Bitter herbs recall the hardship of slavery. A cup of wine is raised multiple times to mark moments of gratitude and celebration.

The days that follow the Seder are observed with varying levels of tradition, depending on each family. Many refrain from eating leavened foods for the duration of the holiday, while others attend services, spend time with family, or simply reflect on the meaning of the season. The final days of Passover, particularly the last one or two days ending on April 19, are also considered significant and are often marked with additional gatherings or services.

While Passover has ancient origins, its traditions remain vibrant and relevant today, even here in our own community. In Tuscowilla and across Winter Springs, families gather not only to observe religious customs, but also to reconnect, reflect, and celebrate together.

Like many holidays, Passover carries both solemn and joyful moments. It encourages reflection on hardship and perseverance, while also celebrating renewal and hope. These themes feel especially fitting during the spring season, as our surroundings come back to life and we are reminded of new beginnings.

Passover also offers a universal message that extends beyond any one faith tradition. The story of seeking freedom, overcoming adversity, and valuing community is something that resonates broadly. In a diverse and welcoming community like Tuscowilla, moments like these provide an opportunity to appreciate the traditions of our neighbors and the richness they bring to our shared experience.

As we move through this season of renewal, Passover serves as a reminder that even in challenging times, there is always the possibility of growth and change. It is a celebration of both history and hope, carried forward through traditions that continue to bring people together year after year.

Here in Tuscowilla, that spirit of togetherness is something we see every day in our neighborhoods, our gatherings, and the way we support one another.

Chag Sameach to all who are celebrating, and may this season bring peace, renewal, and joy to families throughout our community.

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The disruption began in late February when a maintenance issue was identified at the City's East Wastewater Treatment Plant, the facility responsible for producing reclaimed water for the eastern service area. As crews evaluated the situation, it became clear that the problem was more extensive than initially expected. Critical equipment within the plant had malfunctioned, preventing the system from consistently producing compliant reclaimed water.

An emergency inspection by the manufacturer confirmed that significant repairs were required, including the replacement of treatment media and rehabilitation of key components. Because of the scope and cost of the work, approval from the City Commission was necessary before moving forward. Once approved, City staff, utility contractors, and consulting engineers worked quickly to complete the repairs and restore service.

While the immediate issue has been resolved, many residents are aware that this facility has been in need of replacement for years. The East Wastewater Treatment Plant has served the community for decades, but like much of the City's aging utility infrastructure, it is reaching the end of its useful life.

There is, however, encouraging news on the horizon.

Groundbreaking for a new, modern wastewater treatment facility is expected to occur in approximately 60 days. This roughly \$66 million investment represents a significant step forward in ensuring reliable reclaimed water service for the future. The new plant will be constructed on the same property as the existing facility, located in the heart of Tuscowilla off Winter Springs Boulevard near Sam Smith Park, and is designed to meet the community's needs for decades to come.

Projects like this are not only about replacing aging infrastructure, but about strengthening the reliability, efficiency, and environmental stewardship of our entire utility system. A modern facility will improve system performance, reduce the risk of future disruptions, and continue to support the responsible reuse of water throughout the community.

For residents, the recent outage was a reminder of how essential these systems are to daily life. The restoration of service is welcome news, and the upcoming investment in a new facility provides confidence that the City is taking the necessary steps to plan for the future.

As always, the patience and understanding of residents during the outage were greatly appreciated. With service restored and improvements on the way, Tuscowilla can look ahead with confidence in the strength and reliability of its reclaimed water system.

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News At A Glance

TUSCAWILLA WOMEN'S CLUB

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April is a time for renewal—a season when many of us take the opportunity to clean, organize, and refresh our homes and routines. Whether it is decluttering, recycling, or starting something new, it is all part of the spring tradition. And of course, it would not be April without a few neighborhood garage sales along the way.

The Tuscowilla Women's Club embraced that spirit at our March meeting with our annual White Elephant Gift Exchange. Members brought wrapped items ready for a new home, and the result was a lively and laughter-filled afternoon enjoyed by all.

Looking ahead, we invite you to join us for our next meeting on April 9 at 1:00 PM at the Wedgewood Tennis Villas Clubhouse. We are pleased to welcome a guest speaker from SafeHouse of Seminole County, who will share information about their important work and impact within our community.

In addition to our monthly meetings, our Lunch Bunch and Book Club continue to be popular ways for members to connect, share, and enjoy time together.

New faces are always welcome, and we encourage you to bring a friend. The Tuscowilla Women's Club is a wonderful way to meet neighbors, build friendships, and stay engaged in the community.

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

We hope to see you there!

NEW FARMERS MARKET COMES TO TROTWOOD PARK

There's something new growing in Winter Springs and it is already becoming a favorite community gathering spot. The new Winter Springs Farmers Market at Trotwood Park is now being held twice a month, offering residents a fresh and fun way to spend a Sunday morning.

Taking place on the first and third Sundays of each month beginning at 10:00 AM, the market brings together a variety of local vendors in one of our City's most beautiful park settings. From farm fresh produce and baked goods to handmade crafts, plants, and unique local products, there is something for everyone to enjoy.

Beyond shopping, the market is quickly becoming a place to connect with neighbors, support small businesses, and enjoy the outdoors. With Trotwood Park's open green

space, playground, and family friendly atmosphere, it is an ideal setting to relax, explore, and make a morning of it.

Whether you are picking up fresh ingredients for the week or simply enjoying a walk through the booths, the Farmers Market is a welcome addition to our community. Be sure to stop by, support local vendors, and experience one more great reason to call Winter Springs home.

CELEBRATING ARBOR DAY IN WINTER SPRINGS

Arbor Day, observed this year on April 24, is a time to recognize the importance of trees in our community and the role they play in enhancing our quality of life. From providing shade on warm Florida days to supporting local wildlife, trees are an essential part of what makes Winter Springs such a beautiful place to live.

Winter Springs has a long and proud history of being recognized as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation. This designation reflects the City's commitment to responsible tree management, preservation, and planting efforts.

Each year, the City marks Arbor Day with initiatives such as its tree giveaway program. While registration for this year has closed, the program remains a great example of how residents are encouraged to help keep our community green and thriving.

As you enjoy our parks, trails, and tree lined neighborhoods, Arbor Day serves as a reminder of the lasting value trees provide for generations to come.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

April 9	Veterans & Veteran Family Advisory Committee. 5:30, City Hall
April 9	THOA Board Meeting. 7PM Wedgewood Tennis Villas Clubhouse
April 10	National Siblings Day
April 13	City Commission Meeting. 6:30, City Hall
April 15	Tax Day
April 22	Earth Day
April 24	Arbor Day
April 27	Rotary "Shredfest". 10am – 1PM, Tuscowilla Country Club
April 27	City Commission Meeting. 6:30, City Hall
April 28	Code Enforcement. 5:30, City Hall
May 5	Cinco de Mayo
May 6	Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee. 5:30, City Hall
May 7	Planning & Zoning Board Meeting. 5:30, City Hall
May 10	Mothers Day

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