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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I grew up in Illinois. I braved the long, dreary, and unpredictable Chicago winters. One spring break in college my friends and I spent a week at Miami Beach. I decided then that, if it was at all possible, I wanted to live in a warm climate and see the sun. Several years later and newly married, my wife and I moved to Southern California where we continued our education. The sun shined almost every day, and it never snowed. It was a wonderful moderate climate. After we both graduated, we moved to Sacramento.

It was a little cooler in the Central Valley in the winter, and we could have something called tulle fog. In our ten years there it snowed only once, and that was gone before noon. In the summer It could get into the one hundreds in the middle of the day, but it would cool down to the upper fifties every evening. It was a nice climate and a great place to live.

We then moved back to Illinois. Northern Illinois can have a bad winter or a really bad winter! We moved in December during a really bad winter. It was twenty degrees below zero on Christmas Eve. That year we never saw the bare ground until the middle of March, and that was only temporary. It even snowed in May. In moving back, I learned a very important lesson about the weather and my relationship to it.

Early one December morning I came to my church, and it was dreary, cold, overcast, with snow falling. Old Lenny was already at church getting the boiler going and warming up the place. I said to Lenny, "What a miserable day." Lenny looked at me and said, "What do you expect? This is Northern Illinois, and it is December." I thought about his comment for a minute, and then right there I was cured. I stopped complaining. I chose to live there, and I knew this is what the weather is like at this time of year. So, I decided to stop complaining about the weather. I couldn't change it.

HAPPY  
*Father's Day*

We later moved to the Sunshine State. In July we came to Orlando looking for a house. It was so hot and humid that you couldn't stand out in the direct sun for more than a few minutes. Did I complain? No, if you live in Florida in the summer, it is very hot and humid. In July of 1997 we moved to a wonderful place called Tusawilla. I often hear people complain about the summer heat and humidity. I say to them what do you expect? You live in Central Florida. This is how it is. It is now June, and it won't be getting cooler until mid-October. Enjoy these days and go to the mall, the beach, enjoy your pool, and be thankful for air conditioning. Over all we do enjoy a nice climate and have a nice place to live.



### Dr. Kurt Miericke

THOA President

Publisher, *Tusawilla Today*

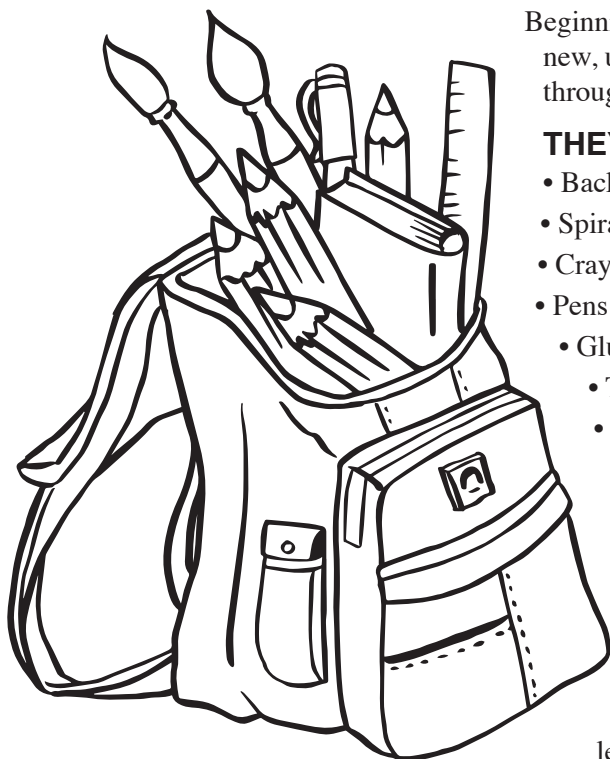
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# WINTER SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE



Beginning in June, the Winter Springs Police Department will be accepting new, unopened school supplies for our annual School Supply Drive, running through July 31.

## THEY ARE ESPECIALLY IN NEED OF:

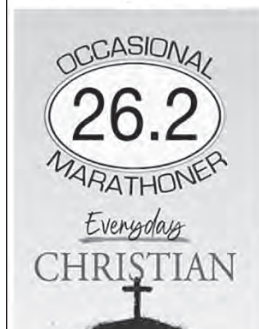
- Backpacks
- Spiral and composition notebooks
- Crayons, markers (including dry erase), and colored pencils
- Pens, pencils, and pencil sharpeners
- Glue sticks and scissors
- Three-prong folders and 1-inch binders
- Loose-leaf paper (wide and college ruled)
- Rulers and pencil cases

## DROP-OFF LOCATIONS:

- Winter Springs Police Department Lobby  
300 North Moss Road
- Winter Springs City Hall Lobby  
1126 East State Road 434

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# EDITOR'S NOTES

## SUMMER IN WINTER SPRINGS: STAYING COOL, CONNECTED, AND SAFE

June marks the official start of summer—and here in Winter Springs, it's a time for sunshine, community connection, and family fun. As the school year wraps up and our parks, trails, and neighborhoods grow a little busier, it's also a great time to share a few simple ways to stay safe, cool, and prepared all season long.

## STAY SAFE IN THE SUMMER HEAT

With rising temperatures, hydration is key. Whether your family is enjoying a walk-through Central Winds Park or spending an afternoon at the splash pad, remember to drink plenty of water, apply sunscreen regularly, and take breaks in the shade. For parents, it's a good time to refresh swimming safety rules and keep a close eye on children near pools and lakes.

## ENJOY THE SEASON LOCALLY

From outdoor concerts to farmer's markets and weekend sports, there are plenty of ways to enjoy the best of summer right here at home. Be sure to check the city website and community boards for upcoming events and ways to get involved. Our Summer Camp programs, senior center activities, and other programs offer something for every age group.

## INDEPENDENCE DAY

Join us this July 4th for Winter Springs' annual **Celebration of Freedom**—a beloved tradition featuring live entertainment, family fun, and a spectacular fireworks display! Held at Central Winds Park, this patriotic evening brings our community together to honor Independence Day with pride and excitement.

## JUNETEENTH

Juneteenth, celebrated on June 19th, marks the day in 1865 when enslaved people in Galveston, Texas, learned of their freedom—two years after the Emancipation Proclamation. It honors African American history, resilience, and the ongoing journey toward equality. Today, it's a time for reflection, education, and celebration across the nation.

## BE STORM SEASON READY

While summer brings fun, it also brings storms. If you haven't yet assembled your hurricane kit or reviewed your family's emergency plan, now is the time. Hurricane season officially begins June 1st. This month's newsletter includes tips for building your kit. Refer to page 13 and finish preparing before a storm is in the forecast.



## GOING ON VACATION? WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED

Planning a trip? Let the Winter Springs Police Department help keep your home safe while you're away. Through our Home Watch program, officers will periodically check on your property, offering added peace of mind while you relax. Call the Winter Springs Police Department at (407) 327-1000 to register.

## NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

As always, keep an eye out for those who may need a helping hand—especially our older residents or those new to the area. One small act of kindness can make a big difference. From all of us here in Winter Springs, we wish you a joyful, safe, and sun-soaked start to your summer!

**Katherine McCann**

Editor, *Tuscowilla Today*

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*First day of Summer  
June 20*



## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

*Some of the most beautiful chapters of your life will be written in the moments when you thought the pen had run dry. Keep writing.*

— Author Unknown

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

# CHEERS TO DAD!

## A FATHER'S DAY NOD TO THE KINGS OF THE GRILL AND MASTERS OF THE REMOTE

Sunday, June 16

Father's Day is that special time of year when dads everywhere are celebrated for their legendary grilling skills, questionable jokes, and uncanny ability to fall asleep mid-movie with the TV remote firmly in hand.

Here in Tusawilla, we know our dads do it all—whether they're coaching little league, helping with homework (or at least pretending to), fixing the sink (eventually), or offering life advice that starts with "Back in my day..."

Father's Day isn't just about the perfect gift (though socks and BBQ tools are a safe bet). It's about recognizing the quiet strength, humor, and unconditional love that fathers bring to our families and our community. They're the first to carry us on their shoulders and the last to ask for any thanks.

So this June 16th, fire up the grill, hand Dad his favorite beverage, and let him take that well-earned nap in peace. Better yet, surprise him with a golf outing, a home-cooked breakfast, or just a good old-fashioned laugh at one of his classic dad jokes—he's probably got a few new ones ready to go.

To all the fathers, stepfathers, grandfathers, and father figures who make Tusawilla a great place to live: we salute you. Thanks for the rides, the repairs, the pep talks, and the patience. Happy Father's Day!

## 10 "SO BAD THEY'RE GOOD" DAD JOKES FOR FATHER'S DAY

1. What did the zero say to the eight?  
*Nice belt.*
2. Why don't eggs tell jokes?  
*They'd crack each other up.*
3. What do you call fake spaghetti?  
*An impasta.*
4. Why did the scarecrow win an award?  
*Because he was outstanding in his field.*
5. How do you make a tissue dance?  
*You put a little boogie in it.*
6. Did you hear about the guy who invented Lifesavers?  
*He made a mint.*
7. What's brown and sticky?  
*A stick.*
8. Why did the dad bring a ladder to the bar?  
*He heard the drinks were on the house.*
9. What do you call a fish wearing a bowtie?  
*Sofishticated.*
10. Why did the golfer bring two pairs of pants?  
*In case he got a hole in one.*

I TELL DAD  
JO K ES  
PERIODICALLY

## FOR THE LOVE OF THE GAME: A FRIENDLY REMINDER ABOUT GOLF COURSE ETIQUETTE

Summer is tee time in Tusawilla, and whether you're out there aiming for par or just hoping your ball stays out of the water, we're lucky to have one of the finest courses around. With more residents enjoying the fairways, now's a great time for a gentle refresher on golf course etiquette—and a little neighborly nudge.

Let's start with the basics: keep up the pace, be ready when it's your turn, and let faster groups play through if needed. Be kind to the greens by repairing divots, raking bunkers, and driving carts only where allowed. A well-kept course keeps everyone smiling. But here's something we need to address with a bit more seriousness: the golf course is private property and intended



for golf only. As inviting as those rolling hills may look for an evening stroll or a game of fetch, non-golf activities like walking, biking, and dog walking are not permitted on the course. We know it's tempting—but unfortunately, recent incidents of damage and near-misses have made this a necessary reminder.

Tusawilla has plenty of parks, sidewalks, and open spaces perfect for stretching your legs or taking the dog out. Let's keep the course reserved for golf and protect this beautiful amenity we all take pride in.

So whether you're chasing birdies or just enjoying a day on the green, thank you for helping keep Tusawilla's course safe, scenic, and swinging smoothly!



# YARD of the month



## *A Blossoming Dream on Wolverine Trail*

Susan and John Stevens first admired Tuscahill during Sunday drives after church in the early '80s. In 1999, they moved to Howell Creek Reserve and later settled on Wolverine Trail in 2004. With Susan's

vision, Glen Starr of StarrScapes LLC, and John's hands-on help, their yard is now a vibrant, peaceful retreat. It has been years in the making and well worth the wait.

(L to R) Mary Joyce Fisher, member, Susan & John Stevens, Kurt Miericke, Pres, THOA, Phyllis Ruebusch, Co-President of the Sunshine Garden Club of Tuscahill.

## JUNE

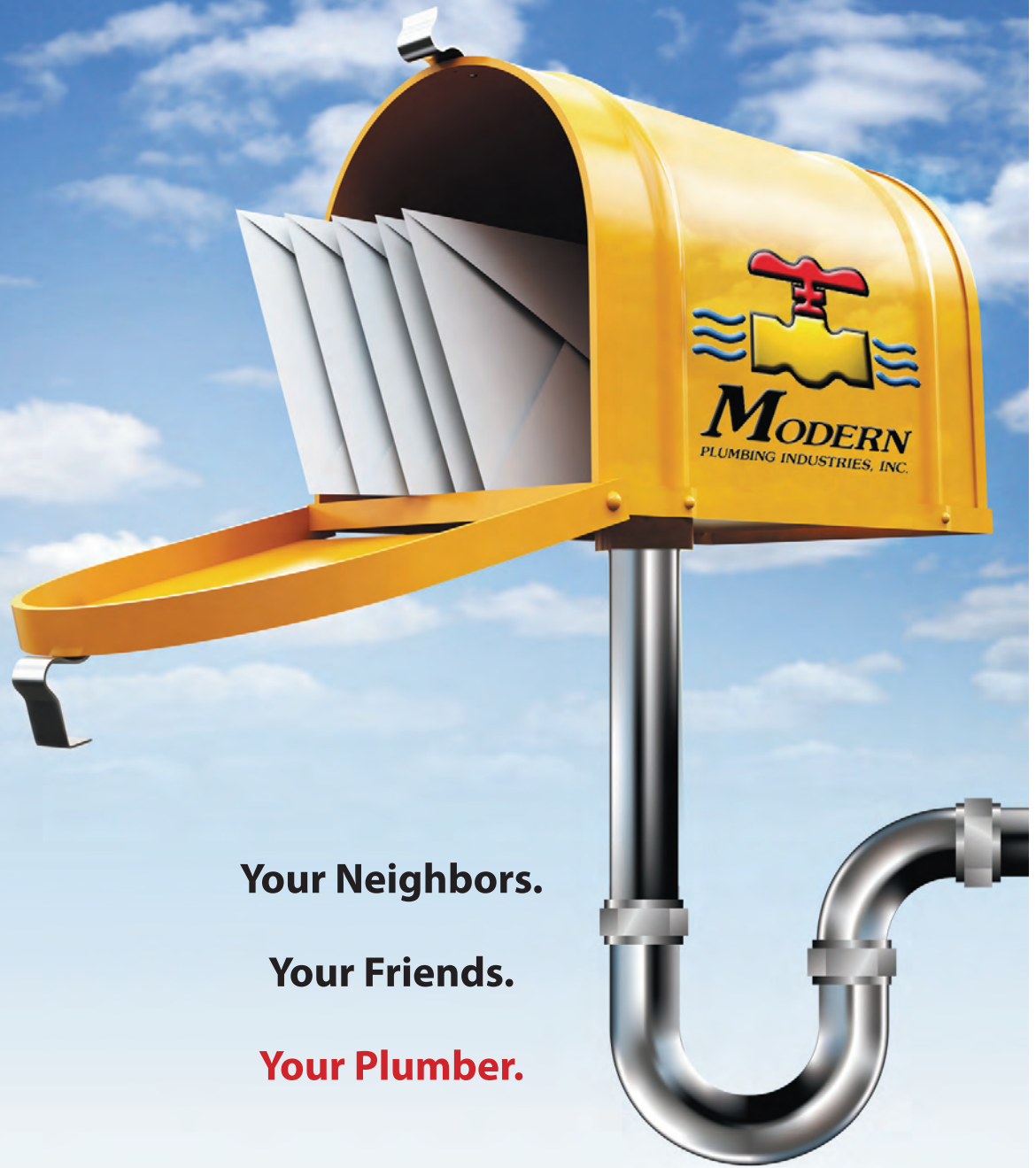
Birthstone: Pearl | Birth Flower: Rose



## FOOD TRUCK THURSDAY BRINGS THE COMMUNITY TOGETHER

Trotwood Park came alive on a recent evening as residents gathered for Food Truck Thursday, a flavorful event hosted by the City of Winter Springs and generously sponsored by Laura Leigh Wood. With the scent of delicious eats in the air and the sounds of live music filling the park, families, friends, and neighbors enjoyed a relaxed and festive atmosphere. From savory bites to sweet treats, there was something for everyone. The event was well attended, and everyone left with full stomachs and smiles. Proof that great food and great company make for a perfect evening.





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## VETERANS CORNER

### More Than a Season: Honoring Our Veterans This Summer

As we move into the sunny days of June, we're reminded that freedom to enjoy simple pleasures—family barbecues, warm afternoons on the golf course, or a flag proudly waving in the breeze—is something we never take for granted. That freedom, of course, was made possible by the service and sacrifice of our nation's veterans.

This month holds special meaning with Flag Day on June 14, a perfect opportunity to reflect on the flag our veterans defended in times of war and peace. The stars and stripes are more than a symbol—they represent the courage, unity, and resilience embodied by every service member, past and present.

We also recognize Father's Day on June 16, which for many of our families here in Tusawilla includes dads and granddads who once wore the uniform. Their leadership didn't end when their military service did—it continued at home, in our neighborhoods, and often in silent, humble ways that shaped generations.

To all our veterans—those who served long ago and those recently home—thank you. Your presence enriches this community, and your stories remind us that patriotism isn't seasonal.

If you're a veteran living in Tusawilla, we'd love to hear from you. Future issues will feature local veteran spotlights, so please consider reaching out and sharing your story. You are always our honored guests in this community.

## HONORING OLD GLORY: A TRIBUTE TO FLAG DAY

June 14th in Tusawilla

Every June 14th, Americans pause to honor one of the most enduring symbols of our nation: the United States flag. Known as Flag Day, this annual observance marks the day in 1777 when the Continental Congress officially adopted the Stars and Stripes as our national flag.

While it's not a federal holiday, Flag Day offers a meaningful opportunity to reflect on our shared values, recognize our veterans, and display the flag with pride. Here in the Tusawilla community, many homes are already adorned with flags year-round—but on June 14th, the neighborhood becomes a sea of red, white, and blue.

The American flag has gone through many designs, but the current 50-star version has flown longer than any other. Each star represents a state, while the 13 stripes stand for the original colonies. But the flag is more than fabric; it represents freedom, sacrifice, unity, and the enduring spirit of a people who strive for a more perfect union.

Want to show your patriotism this year? Consider flying your flag at sunrise, and remember to take it down at sunset unless it's properly illuminated. If your flag is weathered, June is a great time to retire it respectfully and replace it. Organizations like local VFW posts often provide flag retirement services.

For our younger residents, Flag Day can also be a teaching moment about civic pride and American history. A simple conversation about the flag's meaning can help pass on a love of country and community.

From parades to quiet displays of pride, Flag Day may not be flashy—but it is powerful. In neighborhoods like Tusawilla, it's yet another reminder of the values we share and the unity we uphold.



# 27<sup>TH</sup> CELEBRATION OF FREEDOM

Presented by AdventHealth

**Thursday, July 4 | Central Winds Park | Gates Open at 5:00 PM**

Join us this Independence Day for one of Winter Springs' most cherished traditions!

Enjoy an evening of live entertainment, a free kids' zone, local vendors, and a spectacular fireworks finale. Don't forget to wear your red, white, and blue!

## WHAT TO BRING:

- ✓ Folding or beach chairs
- ✓ Picnic blankets
- ✓ Water bottles
- ✓ Small personal coolers

## PLEASE LEAVE AT HOME:

- ✗ Drones, fireworks, sparklers
- ✗ Tents, grills, weapons
- ✗ Glass containers or outside alcohol
- ✗ Large coolers (over 6-pack size)
- ✗ Pets (service animals only)

*All bags and coolers will be searched.*

## PARKING INFO:

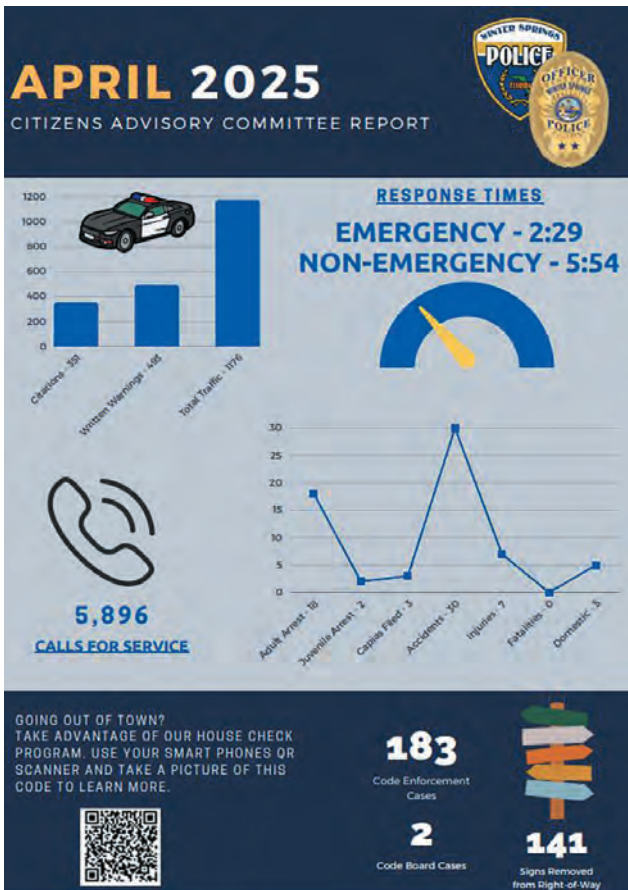
Enter via SR 434 and Central Winds Drive

Handicap parking available onsite

Additional parking at City Hall & Winter Springs High School

Orange Ave. and parts of Central Winds Parkway will be CLOSED during the event

*Let's light up the night—see you on the 4th!*







# You're Invited!

## Tuscawilla Homeowners Association Annual Membership Meeting

Thursday, June 12, 2025  
7:00 PM

Wedgewood Tennis Villas Clubhouse  
(Located on Forrest Hills Drive)



NICK ROMANO  
CAPTAIN

Join your neighbors for our 2025 THOA Membership Meeting — an evening of important updates, community connection, and public safety insights.

**We are honored to welcome Captain Nick Romano of the Winter Springs Police Department as our guest speaker.** Captain Romano will give a brief but vital presentation on how to avoid becoming a victim of fraud or scams — a timely and important topic for all residents.

Following his talk, Captain Romano will open the floor to your questions about:

- Crime trends in the Tuscawilla area and Winter Springs
- Police Department initiatives
- The many services offered to our community by the WSPD

This is a unique opportunity to get direct answers and practical tips from one of our city's most trusted public servants.

Whether you've lived here for years or are new to the neighborhood, we encourage all homeowners to attend and engage. Stay informed, stay safe — and help shape the future of our community.

# LOOK

## WHAT'S COMING

### NEW PAVILION COMING SOON TO TROTWOOD PARK

Exciting things are happening at Trotwood Park! Near the newly added basketball courts, the City of Winter Springs is constructing a large pavilion that will provide much-needed shade and gathering space for residents. What makes this project even more special is that it's being built in-house by our own talented City staff, saving taxpayers money while delivering high-quality results. The photos show our dedicated team hard at work, bringing this vision to life. We're proud of their craftsmanship and commitment to enhancing our parks for everyone to enjoy. Stay tuned for the grand opening!



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# HURRICANE SEASON IN CENTRAL FLORIDA: HOW WINTER SPRINGS IS INVESTING AND BUILDING RESILIENCE

Hurricane season is officially here—running from June 1st through November 30th—and in Winter Springs, especially in our Tuscawilla community, we know how serious that can be. Just three years ago, Hurricane Ian brought devastating impacts to our city—washing out multiple bridges, disrupting water and sewer service, and leaving many residents to deal with flooding and prolonged recovery efforts.

That experience reminded us how vulnerable Central Florida can be and just how important preparation and infrastructure investment truly are.

This year, residents can take comfort in knowing that the City of Winter Springs is making historic investments in stormwater protection and hurricane resilience. In fact, more than \$13 million in storm-related infrastructure projects are currently underway or in development.

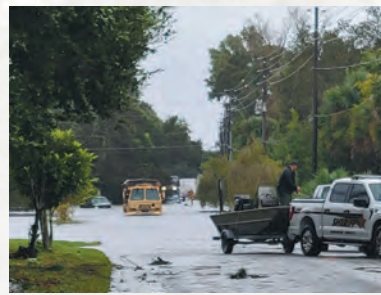
## Here are just a few of the key efforts:

- Tuscawilla Crossings Pond 1 Repairs – \$2.5M
- Wetland Park Outfall Improvements – \$1.5M
- Gee Creek Stabilization at Moss Park – \$190K City match
- Safe Room at Police Station – \$600K City match

- Hurricane Milton Debris and Sediment Removal Projects – \$0 City match (100% grant-funded!)
- Permanent Generator at Public Works – \$185K City match
- Flood-Proofing 12 Sewer Lift Stations – \$1.2M City match
- Acquiring & Elevating Flood-Prone Homes – Over \$200K in local match
- Culvert & Channel Improvements on Gee Creek and No Name Creek – Over \$1.2M
- Future projects from our Kimley-Horn Stormwater Master Plan – Estimated at \$5M

These projects represent a powerful combination of local commitment and federal/state grant support, all aimed at protecting homes, reducing flood risk, and improving recovery time after storms.

As always, we encourage every household to prepare: stock up on essentials, update your emergency plans, and sign up for city alerts. But know this—Winter Springs is preparing too, and the work underway today will help protect our community for years to come.



## PREPARING FOR HURRICANE SEASON: A COMMUNITY RESPONSIBILITY

As hurricane season approaches, it's essential that every Winter Springs resident takes time now to prepare. While we hope for a quiet season, preparation can make all the difference when storms do occur. In recent years, our city has experienced firsthand the devastating impact of hurricanes which flooded hundreds of homes across Winter Springs. Being ready is not just about convenience; it's about protecting lives, homes, and neighborhoods.

### Build a Kit

Start by assembling an emergency supply kit. Include essentials such as:

- At least three days' worth of water (1 gallon per person per day)
- Non-perishable food
- Flashlights and batteries
- A battery-powered or hand-crank radio
- Prescription medications
- Important documents in a waterproof container
- Chargers and backup power for electronics
- First aid supplies and hygiene products

### Make a Plan

Discuss evacuation routes and shelter plans with your family. Know whether you live in a flood-prone area and review Seminole County's evacuation zones. Make arrangements for pets, and if

anyone in your home has medical needs, register in advance for special needs shelters.

### Stay Informed

Follow official sources like the National Weather Service, Seminole County Emergency Management, and the City of Winter Springs for real-time updates. Sign up for local alerts through the City of Winter Springs or Alert Seminole to receive emergency notifications directly to your phone or email.

### Prepare Your Property

Clear gutters and drains, secure loose outdoor items, and consider installing storm shutters or reinforcing garage doors. Trim trees and branches near your home to minimize damage from high winds.

### Community Matters

Check on neighbors—especially seniors or those with limited mobility. When we prepare together, we strengthen the safety net that makes Winter Springs such a caring and resilient community.

As your local officials continue working on long-term flood protection and infrastructure upgrades, your personal preparation remains the first and most important line of defense.

Let's stay safe, look out for each other, and make this hurricane season one of readiness—not regret.



# HONORING SERVICE AND LEGACY: ERIK ANDERSON RECEIVES THE 2025 DON GILMORE AWARD





## ERIK ANDERSON — Con't

In every great neighborhood, there are individuals who quietly go above and beyond giving their time, energy, and heart to strengthen the fabric of the community. This year, the Tusawilla Homeowners Association is proud to recognize Erik Anderson as the recipient of the 2025 Don Gilmore Award for outstanding volunteer service and civic involvement.

The award, named in honor of the late Don Gilmore, celebrates residents who embody the same spirit of service Don exemplified during his lifetime. Don's legacy includes time as a City Commissioner for Winter Springs, a past president of the Tusawilla Homeowners Association, and a driving force behind numerous service-based organizations that continue to benefit the Tusawilla community to this day.

Erik Anderson follows in these footsteps with quiet leadership and an unwavering commitment to others. Originally from Ohio, Erik moved to Florida to attend the University of Central Florida, where he met his wife Danielle. Married for 19 years, they've made Tusawilla their home for the past 12, raising two sons in a household where service isn't just a value — it's a way of life.



Danielle, a former full-time teacher after graduating from UCF, has continued her passion for education as both a dedicated mother and an active substitute teacher in the community. Her impact was recognized when she was named Lawton Elementary School's "Dividend of the Year" — an award honoring her outstanding volunteer work and commitment to the success of local students. Whether in the classroom or

at home, Danielle is a constant source of support, compassion, and generosity.

Together, the Anderson family leads by example. Erik credits his own parents for instilling in him the importance of giving back, and he has carried that forward every step of the way. He has served on the Board of Directors for the Chelsea Woods Homeowners Association for seven years, including approximately five years as President, helping guide one of our neighborhood's most established communities. Beyond his neighborhood, Erik dedicates time to Christian HELP, where he volunteers as a career coach working with individuals to find meaningful employment and prevent homelessness through stability and support.

He is also a proud graduate of Leadership Seminole, Class 32, a year-long civic leadership program. His class selected *Impower* — an organization supporting young adults aging out of foster care as their yearlong service project. Together, they worked to enhance housing and services for youth transitioning

into adulthood, and for Erik, it was another deeply rewarding opportunity to help others reach their full potential.

Professionally, Erik is a licensed Professional Engineer with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering and a master's in industrial engineering. He has been with Wharton-Smith Inc for 20 years, a local construction management and general contracting firm known for its strong culture of giving back. Wharton-Smith is recognized not only for the projects they build, but for their commitment to hiring individuals who serve as true partners in community improvement. He works locally at Wharton-Smith, where he holds the title of Director of Collaborative Delivery — a fitting role for someone so devoted to bringing people together for the greater good. He currently serves on the national board of the Water Collaborative Delivery Association and the Board of Directors for the Florida Design-Build Institute of America. Fittingly, Erik is currently overseeing the replacement of Winter Springs' two wastewater treatment facilities — a vital infrastructure project for the city he serves so passionately. This massive project is one of the most significant infrastructure investments in the city's history. Erik's role as a key partner in this effort reflects the deep trust placed in him by both Wharton-Smith and the Winter Springs community.

His commitment to global service is equally noteworthy. Erik has contributed to fundraising efforts for Wine for Water, a charitable initiative organized by the Florida Section of the American Water Works Association. This program raises funds to promote safe, clean drinking water for underserved communities in developing nations, reinforcing Erik's belief that access to clean water is a human right, no matter where you live.

Outside of their many commitments, the Andersons are an active and adventurous family. They enjoy hiking together and have traveled to destinations such as the Shenandoah Valley in Virginia, Norway, and other beautiful corners of the world to share in their love of the outdoors. The Andersons are car enthusiasts and enjoy restoring and working on various automobiles. Danielle is also an avid runner, having competed in races ranging from 5Ks to half marathons. The family are active members of Willow Creek Church, where their values of faith, family, and community continue to guide their lives.

While Erik would likely find this kind of attention uncomfortable — a reflection of his genuine humility — as this year's Don Gilmore Award recipient, Erik Anderson reminds us that service begins at home — and grows outward through every kind act, every volunteer hour, and every commitment to a stronger, more connected community. Our neighborhood is better because of residents like Erik — and the family who walks beside him.



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### TUSCAWILLA WOMEN'S CLUB

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On Thursday, May 8th, we had our annual Luncheon and meeting at Stefano's Trattoria Italian Restaurant.

During our meeting a new secretary, Linda Coleman, was formally installed. Our next meeting will be Thursday July 10, 1pm at Wedgewood Tennis Villas Clubhouse.

There will be No Meeting in June.

The Book Club and Lunch Bunch are still going strong each month. All are welcome. Please contact Anne Combs 407-761-5779 for further information and questions. Looking forward to seeing you there.

### SHOW OFF YOUR SUMMER ADVENTURES!

Headed to the beach? Hiking the Rockies? Exploring a new city or just relaxing by the pool with family and friends?

We want to see it all! Share your favorite snapshots from your summer travels, staycations, or neighborhood adventures, and you might be featured in an upcoming issue of Tuscawilla Today!

- Send your photos to Editorkathymccann@gmail.com
- Be sure to include your name and where the photo was taken!
- Bonus points for creative poses, great views, and plenty of smiles!

Selected photos will be featured together in a special spread titled "Tuscawilla Summer Vacations" in an upcoming issue of Tuscawilla Today. Let's celebrate our community by sharing the joy of summer—one photo at a time!

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

June 5	Planning & Zoning Board meeting 6PM City Hall
June 9	City Commission meeting 6:30 PM City Hall
June 12	<b>THOA Board of Directors Meeting</b> , 6:00 PM Wedgewood Tennis Villas Clubhouse
June 12	<b>THOA Membership Meeting with Capt. Romano</b> 7PM Wedgewood Tennis Villas
June 14	Flag Day
June 15	Father's Day
June 19	Juneteenth. City offices closed
June 20	First day of Summer
June 23	City Commission meeting, 6:30 City Hall
June 24	Code enforcement Board, 5:30 City Hall

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