



City of Seminole

Fall/Winter 2020
Community Newsletter

Seminole City Council

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*Mayor
Leslie Waters*
2020 Home Rule Hero Award



*Vice-Mayor
Chris Burke*



*Councilor
Thom Barnhorn*
2020 Home Rule Hero Award



*Councilor
Roger Edelman*



*Councilor
James Olliver*
2020 Home Rule Hero Award



*Councilor
Jim Quinn*



*Councilor
Trish Springer*

The City of Seminole is Dedicated to Excellence, Professionalism and Integrity, in the delivery of Community Services for an Enhanced Quality of Life for those living, working and visiting our Community.



City of Seminole Officials Honored with 2020 Home Rule Hero Awards



The Florida League of Cities recently recognized Mayor Leslie Waters, Councilor Thom Barnhorn and Councilor Jim Olliver with the 2020 Home Rule Hero Award. These three, City of Seminole City Council members, have earned this prestigious award for their tireless efforts, throughout the legislative session, to promote local voices making local choices to protect the Home Rule powers of Florida's municipalities and to advance the Florida League of Cities' (FLC) legislative agenda. Home Rule is the ability for a City to address local problems with local solutions with minimal State interference. Home Rule Hero Award recipients are local government officials who consistently reach out to members of the Florida Legislature to give a local perspective on issues that affect their community.

Our City of Seminole Team

SEMINOLE STRONG/STRONGER TOGETHER



City of Seminole Municipal Election

The City of Seminole Municipal Election will be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020, from 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Electors in the City of Seminole will have the opportunity to vote for two (2) Council Members. The positions are three-year terms.

Candidates in alphabetical order:
Tom Christy
Roger Edelman
Jim Quinn

YOUR

VOTE

COUNTS

★ Seminole Polling Locations ★

Precincts #s 251, 254, 255, 256
Starkey Road Baptist Church
8800 Starkey Road
Seminole

Precinct # 253
Portuguese American Suncoast Association, Inc.
7808 46th Avenue North
St. Petersburg

Precinct # 302
Lake Seminole Presbyterian Church
8505 – 113th Street
Seminole

Precinct # 303
Bay Pines Condo Recreation Center
9801 Bay Pines Blvd.
St. Petersburg

Precinct # 305
Seminole United Methodist Church
5400 Seminole Boulevard
Seminole

Precinct # 307
Calvary Church Seminole
6155 – 113th Street
Seminole

Precinct #s 309, 317, 347
Seminole Community Library
9200 – 113th Street
Seminole

Precincts #s 314, 319
St. Justin Martyr Roman Catholic Church
10851 Ridge Road
Seminole

Precinct #s 315, 316, 348
Seminole Recreation Center
9100 – 113th Street
Seminole

If you have any questions about your voter's registration, please contact the Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections at (727) 464-8683

Seminole's Response to Covid-19

The City Council and the City's Emergency Management Team continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation with County, State, and National Emergency Management Agencies and continue to carefully assess each day how we can best serve our community and support our employees during these challenging times. This is a "fluid" situation and Seminole City Government is being responsive to changes in regulations, guidelines, and community needs.

The following are current changes in City Services:

- All visitors that enter City Buildings will be required to sanitize their hands, wear a face mask, and have a wellness check.
- All employees will be wearing a face mask when working directly with a member of the public
- Practicing social distancing by staying 6 feet apart from others not in your party is recommended in every City Building.
- Processes are in place for online permitting and a protocol has been implemented for the drop off and review of building permits/plans. Building and Code Enforcement Divisions' phones will be staffed during the business day.
- All Fire Department personnel are following the protocols established by the Pinellas County Medical Director. All Fire Department Stations are closed to the public.
- The Seminole Community Library is open and provides online services and requires masks in the building.
- The Seminole Recreation Center is open to members only, along with reduced occupancy in the facility, provides online service and requires masks in the building.
- Public Works will continue with projects and will follow established CDC protocols.
- The Canoe and Kayak Launch in Waterfront Park is open.
- City of Seminole's Parks are open, including the playground areas. Public Works staff disinfects playground equipment once a day.
- By visiting any of our parks and by using our facilities you voluntarily assume all risks related to exposure to COVID-19.

For more information go to: <http://www.myseminole.com/website/covid19.html>



City of Seminole's Thirteenth Consecutive Year Receiving the Distinguished Budget Award from Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA)



*Distinguished
Budget
PRESENTATION
Award*

The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) has awarded the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award to the City of Seminole for its Fiscal Year 2019 Budget. This marks the thirteenth (13) consecutive year that the City has received this award. As in past years, the City Council established over-arching goals at its annual goal-setting workshop. New in the FY 2019 Budget was an Action Plan for each goal, which identified initiatives and responsibilities to move the City closer to achieving each of the goals. Long range financial plans for each of the City's appropriated funds, projected revenues, and expenses over the next five years were also incorporated in the Budget document. The financial plans help to explain restrictions on use of funds, sources of revenues, and the impact of non-recurring capital expenses on future operating budgets. The 2019 Budget also included meaningful performance indicators, for each department, providing goals and objectives for specific programs and services.



The Kiwanis Breakfast Club of Seminole 2020 Field of Honor

The Kiwanis Breakfast Club of Seminole is proud to sponsor the Sixth Annual Field of Honor, co-hosted by the City of Seminole. American flags, with 24-inch long military-style streamers honoring veterans by name will be displayed around the pond in front of City Hall and in front of the Post Office. The flags will be installed on November 1, 2020, and will be taken down December 1, 2020.

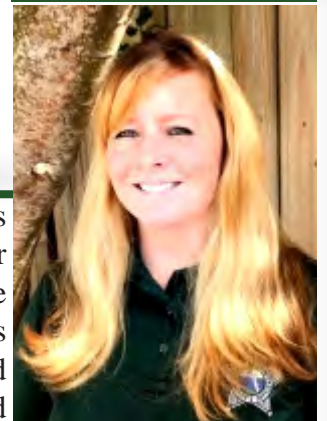
For those individuals and businesses who would like to honor a veteran and sponsor a flag the cost is \$35. The deadline to sponsor a flag for the 2020 display will be Tuesday, October 20, 2020. All funds raised are used by the Kiwanis Club to help support the numerous community service programs in the Seminole area.



To sponsor a flag for a veteran you wish to honor, visit www.KiwanisSeminoleBreakfast.com
For more info call Wayne @ 813-767-4682 or Leah @ 727-873-7852

Community Policing

Deputy Tiffany Ashcom



As the holiday seasons approach, please remember to drink responsibly. In the United States, one person is injured from an alcohol related crash every 90 seconds and one person will die as a result of a DUI crash every 50 minutes. Driving under the influence is a 100% preventable crime. The average DUI costs approximately \$10,000 which includes fees from towing companies, insurance, attorneys and court costs. The Pinellas County Sheriff's Office uses saturation patrols as part of an on-going commitment to reduce deaths, injuries and property damage associated with traffic crashes related to impaired driving. Please consider designating a sober driver, using ridesharing apps or a taxi service.



This year's Ride and Run With the Stars event has been canceled. However, we hope you will continue to support the Sheriff's Christmas Sharing Project. Donations will be accepted through December 1, 2020.
Mail your check made payable to Ride & Run With The Stars to P.O. Box 2500, Largo, FL 33779
Attn: Sergeant Elizabeth Brady

Community Development

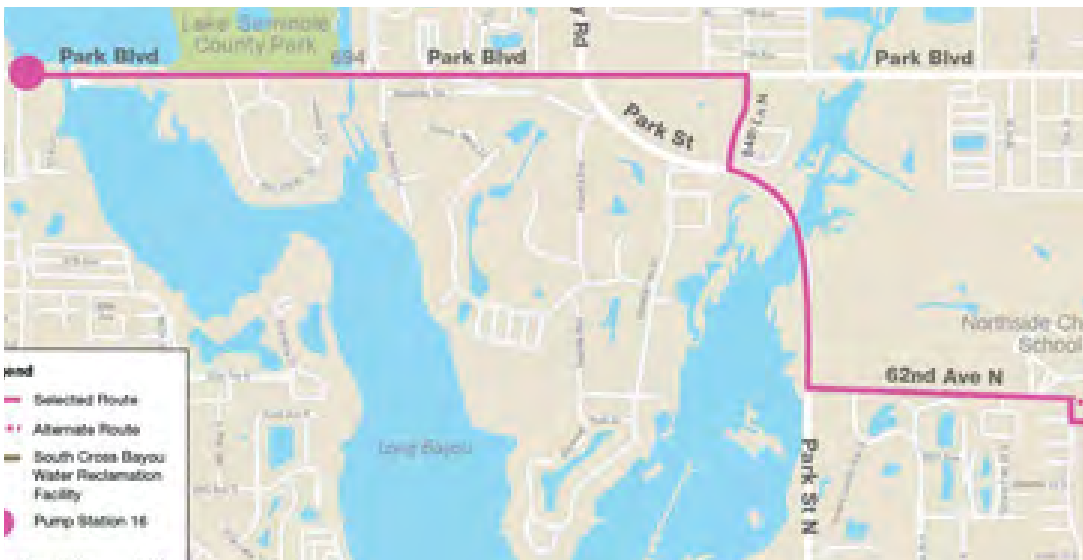
Pinellas County Utilities and the State of Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) have major projects that are on-going in the City of Seminole.

The first project is related to Pinellas County Utilities, the County is currently overseeing the on-going replacement of two large sewer lines that run through the City. The County owns and operates two force mains that transport waste water from the Seminole area and surrounding unincorporated Pinellas County. The wastewater is collected at Pump Station #PS-016 on Park Boulevard, in front of Home Depot, and pumped to the South Cross Bayou Water Reclamation Facility (SCBWRF) via an existing 36-inch diameter Ductile Iron (DI) force main, and a parallel 20-inch diameter Cast Iron (CI) force main. The existing 36-inch and 20-inch force mains are over 40 and 50 years old respectively. This sewer line replacement project is being accomplished using a combination of underground directional boring and open trenching down the middle of the Park Boulevard right-of-way. Replacing these aging force mains will protect public health, improve wastewater service reliability, improve operational flexibility, and protect the environment. The project is estimated to cost approximately, \$15,300,000, is currently on-going, and is expected to be completed sometime in the Summer of 2021. If you have any questions about this project, **please contact Pinellas County Utilities at (727) 464-4000.**

The second project is being coordinated by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). The FDOT is implementing a capital project to resurface approximately three miles of Seminole Boulevard from 53rd Avenue North to 101st Avenue North which runs through the City of Seminole. According to the FDOT, this on-going resurfacing project is estimated to cost about \$6,800,000, and is projected to be completed sometime in the Spring of 2021. Seminole Boulevard is part of the State Highway System, and the State of Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is committed to ensuring that the roadways under its jurisdiction are safe and well maintained. If you have any questions concerning this on-going FDOT project, **please contact the FDOT Public Information Officer at (813) 975-6060.**



MAJOR PROJECTS IN THE CITY OF SEMINOLE



Fire Rescue



SERVE UP FIRE SAFETY IN THE KITCHEN!

Sunday, October 4 - Saturday, October 10

Since 1922, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) has sponsored the public observance of Fire Prevention Week. In 1925, President Calvin Coolidge proclaimed Fire Prevention Week as a national observance, making it the longest-running public health observance in our Country. During Fire Prevention Week, children, adults, and teachers learn how to stay safe in case of a fire. Firefighters provide lifesaving public education in an effort to drastically decrease casualties caused by fires. Fire Prevention Week is observed each year, during the week of October 9th, in commemoration of the Great Chicago Fire, which began on October 8, 1871, and caused devastating damage. This horrific fire killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures, and burned more than 2,000 acres of land. Fire Prevention Week 2020, in the United States, will begin on Sunday, October 4, and end on Saturday, October 10. This year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, "Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen!", works to educate everyone about the simple, but important, actions they can take to keep themselves, and those around them, safe in the kitchen.

Smoke Alarm Safety

Smoke alarms are a key part of a home fire escape plan. When there is a fire, smoke spreads fast. According to NFPA, working smoke alarms cut the risk of home fires in half.

- Smoke alarms should be installed on the ceiling or on a high wall, in every bedroom, and on every level of the home.
- Test your smoke alarms once a month.
- Smoke alarms should be replaced every 10 years.

When smoke alarms sound, get outside and stay outside!

Carbon Monoxide Safety

Often called the invisible killer, carbon monoxide (CO) is an invisible, odorless, colorless gas created when fuels burn incompletely. In the home, heating and cooking equipment that burn fuel can be sources of carbon monoxide.

- CO alarms should be installed in a central location outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home and in other locations where required by applicable laws, codes or standards.
- Test your CO alarms once a month.

If a CO alarm sounds, immediately move to a fresh air location outdoors or by an open window or door.

Winter Holiday Safety

- Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.
- Keep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections.
- Use clips, not nails, to hang lights so the cords do not get damaged.
- Stay in the kitchen when cooking on the stovetop.
- Blow out lit candles when you leave the room or go to bed.
- Turn off all light strings and decorations before leaving home or going to bed.

**MORE THAN TWO
OF EVERY FIVE
DECORATION FIRES
HAPPEN BECAUSE
DECORATIONS ARE
PLACED TOO CLOSE
TO A HEAT SOURCE.**

Seminole Community Library

Dig Into Digital This Fall With The Seminole Community Library @ St. Petersburg College

With downloadable movies, music, eBooks and eAudiobooks available 24/7, your Library is always open! Your Seminole Community Library card provides free access to over 40,000 digital titles through Libby (created by OverDrive) and Hoopla.

Read or listen on your eReader, tablet, phone, laptop or home computer.



Download or stream up to 5 eBooks, comics, audiobooks, movies or albums each month at hoopladigital.com, or via the **Hoopla app**.



- Download the **Libby app** on the App Store or Google Play.
- Find **Seminole Community Library**.
- Enter your **Library Card Number**.

If you need assistance getting started, please contact the Library staff at (727) 394-6905.



Seminole Community Library, 9200 113th Street, Seminole, Florida 33772

(727) 394-6905 — myseminole.com/website/library.html

Public Works

Seminole Waterfront Park



You may have noticed quite a bit of activity at the City of Seminole's Waterfront Park. The new ADA accessible kayak and canoe launch has been completed along with the installation of a kayak/canoe wash station. The approach and grade have been improved and Flexi-Pave was installed to make the trip to the launch smoother.

The restroom project is currently under construction with a substantial completion date set for early October 2020. The observation boardwalk project began on September 1, 2020, and the installation of two additional covered picnic pavilions began on September 7, 2020, also with a projected completion date of early October 2020.

The playground project, is an All Access playground which includes ADA accessible components, and is projected to be completed by December 31, 2020. You can find a large map displayed at Waterfront Park showing the layout of each of the park's element.



Scan this QR code to have access to the Waterfront Park Virtual Kayak and Canoe trail.

Help **Stop** Recycling Contamination

Recycling Contamination continues to be a big problem throughout Pinellas County. Whether you have been recycling for decades or just started, it's worth taking a second look to make sure you are recycling correctly:

- Remember to never bag your recyclables. Always empty loose recyclables into your recycling cart and always leave plastic bags out.
- Just because something is plastic does not mean it can go into your recycling cart. Items such as plastic fruit containers and coffee pods should not be placed in your recycling cart. These items should go in the garbage.
- Another major contaminant shredded paper. Shredded paper is too small to be properly sorted at a recycling facility when it is mixed with other materials.

If you want to see if an item should go in the garbage or be recycled, please visit Pinellas County's A-Z guide for recycling at <http://www.pinellascountv.org/solidwaste/getridofit/>



Please...
**DO NOT
LITTER**

Let's work together to keep our city clean. Litter is a continuous problem and WE are the solution. We can carry our trash to a receptacle, carry a glove to pick up litter we come across, check the area we are leaving in a park to ensure we have everything we brought in, and recycle appropriate items. Fun fact: In 2019, the Seminole Parks Division collected 151,572 gallons of trash and pet waste.

Recreation Events

Event tickets will not be available at the door and must be pre-purchased at www.eventbrite.com

Event	Date	Time	Location	Price
Music in the Parking Lot A drive-in music event with featured band, "Mike Suggs and The Be Prepared to Party Band" – A Toby Keith Tribute (Country/Southern Rock)	October 9, 2020	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Recreation Parking Lot	\$10-\$25 per car
"The Hatching" A Haunted Halloween Egg Hunt!	October 30, 2020	6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Recreation Field	\$7 per child
Craft Fair	November 21, 2020	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Recreation Center	Free to public
WinterFest	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Breakfast with Santa	December 19, 2020	8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Recreation Center	\$5 per child/ \$7 per adult



Connect with us to get the latest information about Seminole Recreation Events, programs and activities.



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Follow us on Instagram

@getseminole



Follow us on Snapchat

@getseminole

Seminole Employee Spotlight

Congratulations to
Fleet Maintenance Manager
Brad Rownd
for 40 Years of
Dedicated Service!



On July 28, 2020, Fleet Maintenance Manager Brad Rownd was honored for his 40 years of service. He was presented with an Outstanding Achievement Award recognizing his hard work, creativity, “get it done” attitude, and dedication to the City of Seminole. The City of Seminole thanks Fleet Maintenance Manager Brad Rownd for keeping our fleet rolling for 40 years!

Connect with us on Social Media!



Fire@SeminoleFire

Library@SCLSPC

Recreation@getseminole

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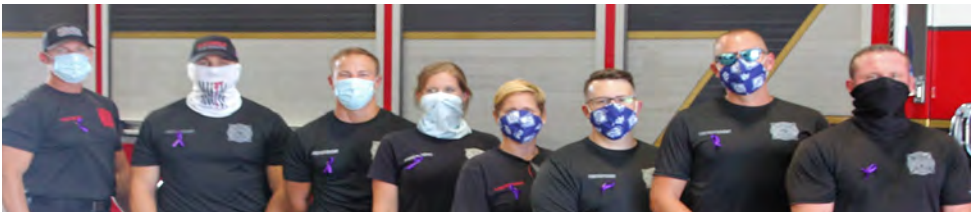
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Purple Heart Celebration

The City of Seminole is a Purple Heart City and joined patriots across the country celebrating Purple Heart Day on Friday, August 7, 2020. Purple Heart Day recognizes the men and women who have been wounded on the battlefield or paid the ultimate sacrifice with their lives to defend our freedoms. The City of Seminole thanks all of the American Heroes that have sacrificed for our freedom and gratefully honored them on this special day.



Library Employees: (Photo 1) (Left to right) Patty Holloway, Lynn Losasso, Julie Carlton, Angela Porcelli, Lorie Tonti and Maria Scropo.



Fire Employees: (Photo 2) (Left to right) Lt. Mike Lathrop, Firefighter/EMT Robby Wendel, Firefighter/EMT Todd Kearney, Firemedic Katie MacDougall, Lt. Betsy Ferlita, Firefighter/EMT Matt Rogers, Firefighter/EMT Josh Turner, and Firefighter/EMT Ryan Pierce.



Public Works Employees: (Photo 3) (Left to right) Vinny Torres, Sam Reel, Natalie Harris Arlie Anderson, Rodney Due, Cathy Culp, Barbara Dunn, Timothy Keene, and Jose Gonzalez.



City Hall Employees: (Photo 4) (Left to right) Ann Toney-Deal, Georgeanne Ahrendt, Natasha Copeland, Ann Marie Mancuso, Shelby Lamb, Allison Broihier, and Erica Ottmann.





City of Seminole
 9199 113th Street North
 Seminole, FL 33772

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Addresses, Telephone Numbers, & Web Information

<p>City Hall (727) 391-0204 9199 113th Street North Hours: M-F 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Library (727) 394-6905 9200 113th Street North Hours: Effective when SPC in session. Monday-Wednesday 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 a.m. Thursday 12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Friday & Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.</p>
<p>Community Development (727) 398-3108 9199 113th Street North Hours: M-F 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.</p>	<p>City Manager & City Clerk's Office (727) 391-0204 9199 113th Street North Hours: M-F 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.</p>
<p>Building/Code Enforcement/ Occupational Licenses (727) 392-1966 9199 113th Street North Hours: M-F 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Pinellas County Utilities (727) 464-4000 Water Services, Watering Restrictions</p>
<p>Public Works (727) 393-6383 11195 70th Avenue North Hours: M-F 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Seminole Historical Society (727) 399-0587 7464 Ridge Road</p>
<p>Fire Administration (727) 391-8711 9199 113th Street North Hours: M-F 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Greater Seminole Area Chamber of Commerce (727) 392-3248 7777 131st St N #7</p>
<p>Recreation Center (727) 391-8345 9100 113th Street North Hours: Monday - Friday 6:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Pinellas County Sheriff (Non-Emergency) (727) 582-6200 * If your call is an emergency, Dial 9-1-1</p>
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