



HIGH SPRINGS HIGHLIGHTS

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The High Springs Police Department, in partnership with its city counterparts, participated in the 2023 Operation Holiday Cheer event. Thanks to the support of area churches, civic organizations, businesses, and community partners, more than fifty children and twenty families were supported with food, gifts, and other essentials.



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FIRE DEPARTMENT

New for 2024, we will feature one of your High Springs Firefighters each newsletter.

In this issue, we introduce you to Lieutenant Kim Wilson. Lt. Wilson has been in the fire service for 15 years, ten of those with High Springs. Wilson was promoted to Lieutenant in 2017, and earned her Paramedic certification in 2022. Wilson is currently assigned to "C-shift."

In her spare time, Lt. Wilson manages her own small business, and loves to travel and spend time with her son.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT



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Happy New Year to all. We have started the year with some updating of the FLORIDA BUILDING CODE.

As of January 1st, 2024, all documents must be with the current Building Code. FLORIDA BUILDING CODE 2023, the 8th EDITION.

ELECTRICAL CODE is updated to the 2020 EDITION.

PARKS & REC DEPARTMENT

We are proud to announce the opening of brand new Pickleball courts at High Springs Civic Center. Following a ribbon-cutting ceremony in December, dozens of Pickleball enthusiasts have played on the courts every week.

Pickleball is a fast-growing paddle sport that combines elements of tennis, badminton, and ping pong. Played on a smaller court with a unique paddle and a plastic ball with holes, pickleball is known for its accessibility, social appeal, and engaging mix of strategy and athleticism.



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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

The City of High Springs, and partner HST Utility are nearing completion of the new AMI water meter installation. Over 2,800 commercial and residential meters should be installed citywide by the end of January, pending weather delays.

The new system will allow meters to be read from cellular collectors mounted to infrastructure across the city. The program is being conducted as part of the City's energy conservation program. Water meters are the devices used to measure the amount of water delivered to our customers. Replacing old meters will ensure that the City of High Springs can accurately track both individual usage for billing purposes, and monitor and evaluate community demands.

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT

The High Springs CRA hopes everyone had a wonderful holiday and a happy New Year. We hope everyone enjoyed the festivities and decorations downtown this year. The CRA will begin planning for the next Christmas season to be even more festive and prosperous downtown.

Commercial Façade Grants are open and accepting applications until January 31, 2024. Businesses that are within the CRA District can start off the new year with a fresh look and receive grant money for needed improvements. Find out more at highsprings.gov/cra.



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PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Do you know how wide, and where the “right of way” on your property is? It varies depending on the lot, and where in town you’re located. A good rule of thumb is at least ten feet, with many residential lots being twenty feet or more.

When erecting a fence, planting a garden, or performing other landscape/hard scape projects on your property, ensure you find the proper measurements.