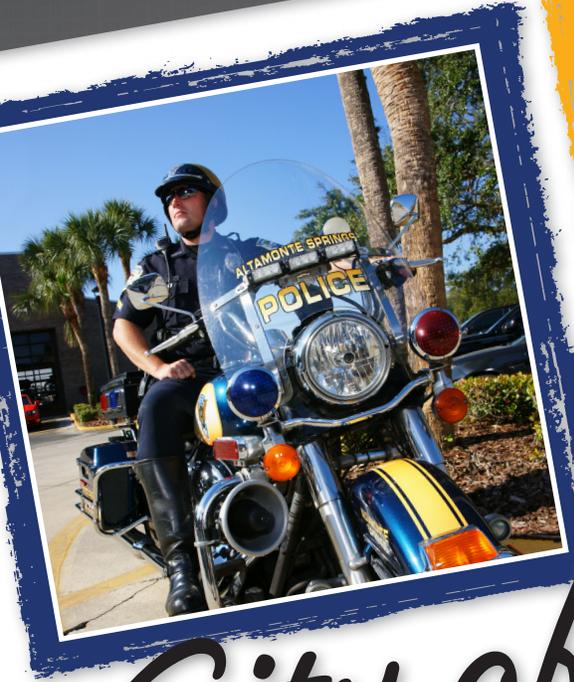
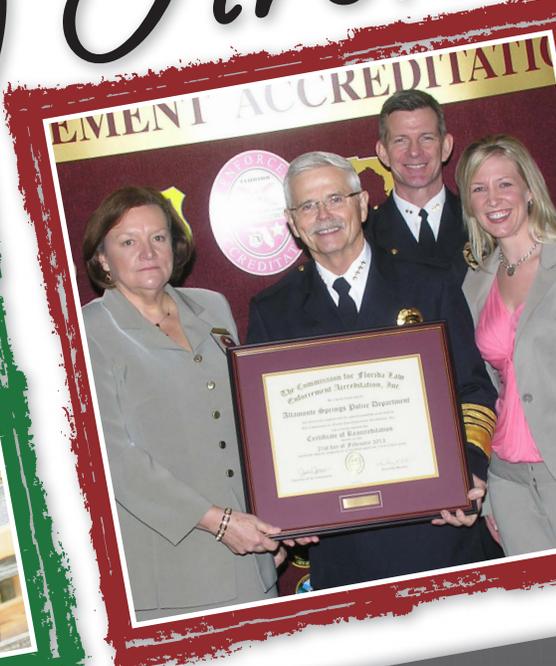




CITY OF
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City of Firsts



Altamonte Springs Receives National & State Accolades



2013 Budget

No Tax Hike and the City Remains Debt Free



Buddy Ball

Altamonte Bambino Baseball Gives Kids the Chance to Experience the Thrill of the Game



New Website

Altamonte.org Gets an Extreme Makeover

WINTER 2013



City Taxes Unchanged for 4th Year

Altamonte Springs Remains Debt Free

The City of Altamonte Springs adopted a budget of \$75.9 million for the new fiscal year, which began on October 1, 2013. Our budget this year is 2% less than our 2008 budget, and we cut our staff back to 2003 levels. As the old saying goes, the City is in fact doing more with less.

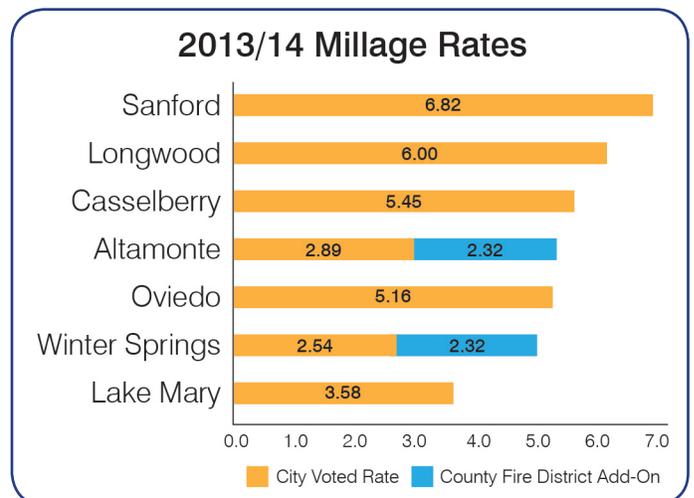
The property tax rate of 2.89 mills has not changed in four years. In fact, Altamonte's property taxes per capita (\$296) are the fourth lowest in Seminole County and the City's governmental expenditures per capita (\$799) are the third lowest in Seminole County. While keeping taxes and expenses low, we provide some of the best parks and programs in Central Florida. What's more remarkable is the fact that the City is and remains totally debt free. Altamonte Springs is one of the few cities in the region with no debt at all.

As mentioned, the City did not raise the property tax rate for 2013/14. Of additional interest are other rates and fees that also remain unchanged. For 2014, the City has not raised the rate on reclaimed water, has not raised the rate on stormwater, has not raised the rate on franchise fees, has not raised the rate on utility

taxes and has not raised rates on administrative fees such as business tax receipts.

Altamonte Springs proves cities can operate efficiently and effectively while providing excellent services at reasonable rates!

The City Commission remains committed to delivering first class services while ensuring the long-term financial health of the City through fiscally responsible policies.





City to Hold District III Commissioner Election

On November 5, the City of Altamonte Springs will hold an election for District III. The candidates for this seat are Commissioner Sarah Reece and Pam Donovan.

Only those registered to vote in the City of Altamonte Springs may vote in this election. Currently there are 25,009 registered voters in the City of Altamonte Springs.

Poll Hours & Locations

Polls are open on Tuesday, November 5 from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. at these locations:

- **Westmonte Park**—Voters living north of 436 and west of I-4 (Precincts 26, 28, 29, 30 and 35)
- **Country Creek Clubhouse**—Voters living south of 436 and west of I-4 (Precincts 32, 33 and 34)
- **Eastmonte Park**—Voters living south of 436 and east of I-4 (Precincts 37, 38 and 39)
- **City Hall**—Voters living north of 436 and east of I-4 (Precincts 24 and 36)

Voting by Mail

Voters may request an absentee ballot 24 hours a day, seven days a week by calling (407) 585-VOTE (8683) or online at www.voteseminole.org. The first batch of absentee ballots was mailed to local voters on October 4. Overseas absentee ballots were sent in mid-September.

For more information, contact the City Clerk's office at (407) 571-8119, visit www.altamonte.org or contact the office of the Seminole County Supervisor of Elections at (407) 585-VOTE (8683) and www.voteseminole.org.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES AT THE CITY OF ALTAMONTE SPRINGS

The City is currently accepting applications for various positions. Full-time employees benefits package includes:

- ✓ Paid Leave Time
- ✓ Paid Holidays
- ✓ Life Insurance
- ✓ Health Insurance

Limited-term positions offer competitive pay for flexible hours. For a complete list of all opportunities, please click on the Job Opportunities button at www.altamonte.org or call the Job Line.



Applications are available on the website or at City Hall. Email, fax or hand deliver your application to Human Resources.

If none of the current opportunities are right for you, sign up for instant notifications via email at www.altamonte.org under Notify Me.



Office Hours:

Monday through Friday
7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Address:

225 Newburyport Ave.
Altamonte Springs, FL 32701

Contact Information:

Phone: (407) 571-8000
Fax: (407) 571-8010
Job Line: (407) 571-8011
Email: GR82B@altamonte.org
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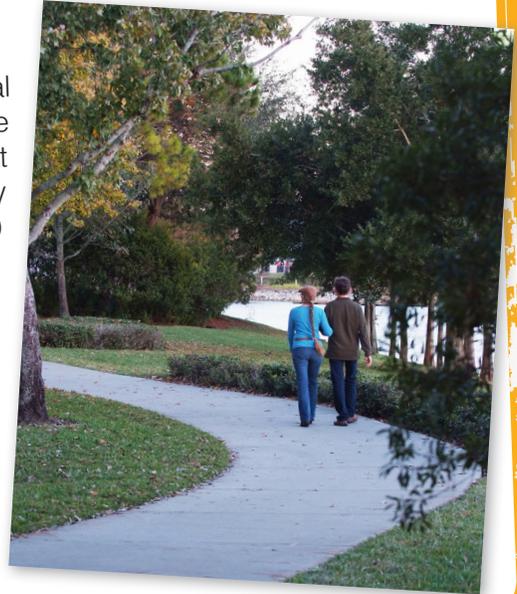
#1

Altamonte Springs Ranks First in CNN Money Magazine's Top 25 Places to Live in America

In September 2013, CNN Money Magazine released its annual "Best Places to Live" issue. Altamonte Springs ranked #1 in the "Best Places for Affordable Homes" category. CNN reported that residents who live here "see their incomes go the furthest." Only cities experiencing job and population growth with more than 100 home sales in 2012 were considered.

The city's demographics, residential housing base and high quality service contributes to our sustainable, stable community. Interestingly, residents with middle to upper-middle incomes are choosing to live in Altamonte Springs (either to rent or own).

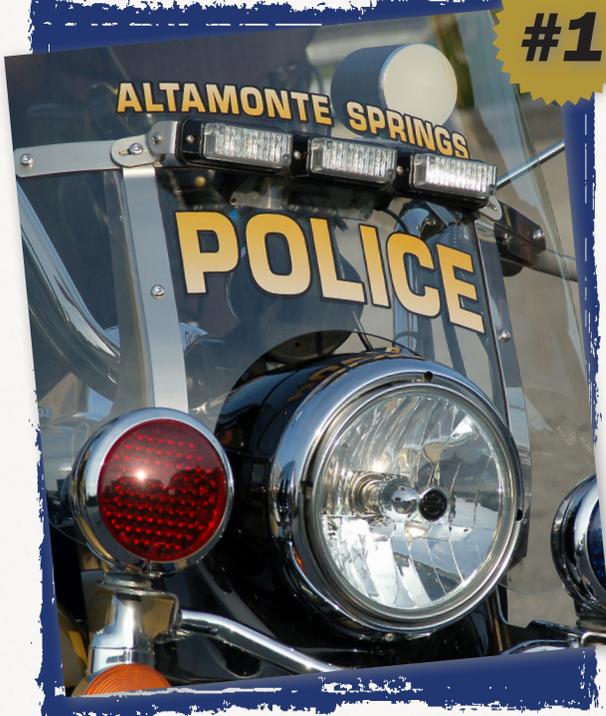
Thank you to all of the residents who have chosen to call Altamonte Springs home and for making us the national leader for communities that provide the "most bang for your buck" according to CNN.



#1

City Ranked First City in Florida by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Altamonte Springs is a busy place. On any given day, 150,000 to 300,000 people drive through our City. Our City is at the crossroads of the region and that puts a lot of pressure on our team to deliver services, but we've made it safe! The City was recently ranked the #1 city in the State of Florida by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the Florida Law Enforcement Motor Challenge for reducing traffic fatalities based on the 2012 year in review. The Altamonte Springs Police Department responded to eight accidents that resulted in fatalities in 2011. In 2012, through continual refinement of our approaches and procedures, and through the continued dedication of the outstanding men and women of the ASPD, there were no traffic related fatalities in 2012. We pray good fortune and health for all those we serve, and traffic accidents are often well out of our control, but the ASPD remains vigilant. To date, we have continued our 2012 standard. So far in 2013, there have been no traffic fatalities.



1st Altamonte Springs First Police Department Named an Excelsior Agency

Altamonte Springs Police Department (ASPD) became the FIRST municipal police agency in Seminole County to receive the Excelsior level of accreditation from the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation.

This is the Department's **fifth consecutive** accreditation award in 15 years, placing the agency in an elite category and recognized as an Excelsior Agency. The Excelsior Program was designed to identify the best police agencies by the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation. ASPD is the FIRST Police Department in Seminole County to receive the highest recognition.



1st Altamonte Springs Science Incubator: Florida's First City Sponsored/Privately Funded STEM Education Program



Last year the City Commission started the FIRST city sponsored/privately funded STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) education program in Florida. In just one year, we served more than 2,500 Seminole County students, created 18 internship opportunities and cash scholarships funded by the private sector.

The idea for a science incubator came about by a series of linked thoughts and goals. First, the City believes strongly that sustainable communities and stable economic development programs require first class education programs. Second, the City always looks for innovative ways to stretch your tax dollars. We find new ways to use facilities, to maximize their use and to save money. Marrying together those two elements of our core business values lead us to the proverbial fork in the road where you find great ideas.



In the end, it is really all about the people. Our team at the City is exceptional. In addition, we found the leadership at the SCPS Board and staff great partners. Duke Energy, Adventist Health System and Bright House Networks are the perfect private sector partners. They understand that their investment in STEM education strengthens their relationships within the community and is a form of pre-training for their future applicant pool. Each of them believes

in sustainable communities, just as we do. To learn more about the Altamonte Springs Science Incubator (AS₂I) and how Seminole County middle and high school students are receiving a leg up in preparation for careers in STEM fields, visit www.AltamonteIncubator.org.

OCTOBER

Senior Field Trip—Mt. Dora Craft Fair**October 26 | 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

Eastmonte Park – 830 Magnolia Dr., Altamonte Springs, 32701
Mt. Dora is filled with crafters and artists from all over the country as well as great food and entertainment. Cost is \$20 and includes transportation. Space is limited. Register today! For more information, call (407) 571-8813.

NOVEMBER

Youth Baseball League**Spring 2014 Registration | November 11 – January 17**

Eastmonte Park – 830 Magnolia Drive, Altamonte Springs, 32701
The Altamonte Springs Babe Ruth Baseball League provides league play in six divisions for participants ages 4 to 15. Costs vary by division. Visit www.altamontebaberuth.org to register. For more information, call (407) 571-8806.

Youth Girls Softball League**Spring 2014 Registration | November 11 – January 17**

Merrill Park – 985 Merrill Park Dr., Altamonte Springs, 32714
The Altamonte Girls Fastpitch Softball League, in affiliation with Babe Ruth Softball, provides league play for girls ages 4-18. Costs vary by division. Visit www.asrecreation.org to register. For more information, call (407) 571-8779.

Senior Field Trip—Hard Rock Casino, Tampa, FL**November 20 | 8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.**

Eastmonte Park – 830 Magnolia Dr., Altamonte Springs, 32701
Enjoy a fun day at the Hard Rock Casino in Tampa. Cost is \$20 and includes transportation. Space is limited. Register today! For more information, call (407) 571-8813.

DECEMBER

Senior Trip—Holy Land Experience**December 18 | 9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

Eastmonte Park – 830 Magnolia Dr., Altamonte Springs, 32701
Enjoy a day at Orlando's Holy Land Experience. Cost of \$55 includes admission and transportation. Lunch is on your own. Register now. Space is limited. For more information, call (407) 571-8813.

Youth Winter Camp**December 30 – January 6 | 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

Westmonte Park – 624 Bills Lane, Altamonte Springs, 32714
Camp offers day trips Monday-Friday to various area attractions for children ages 6 to 14. Registration begins November 25 and ends December 20 or until camp is full. Camp is limited to 50 participants. Visit www.asrecreation.org to register. For more information, call (407) 571-8749.



Library Events

Teen Program: Candy Sushi

Saturday, October 19 | 11-12:30 p.m.
6th thru 12th Grade
Refreshments Provided

**Crafts for Kids**

Saturday, October 12, November 9
and December 14 | 12-1 p.m.
Kindergarten thru 5th Grade

**ONGOING EVENTS****Adult Computer Classes**

Beginner: Mondays and
Wednesdays 8-10 a.m.
Advanced: Tuesdays and
Thursdays 8-10 a.m.

Little Angels Toddler Storytime

Tuesdays at 11 a.m.

After-School Art with Ms. Daissy

Wednesdays from 2:30-4:30 p.m.

Wee Ones Storytime

Fridays at 11 a.m.

Saturday Stories

Saturdays at 11 a.m.



281 Maitland Ave., Altamonte Springs, FL 32701
(407) 571-8830 | <http://altamonte.mysurpass.net/>

**Altamonte Basketball League (ABL) Winter Camp****December 30 – January 6**

Lake Brantley Fieldhouse – 1002 Lakefront Ln.,
Altamonte Springs, 32714

Join former Orlando Magic player Anthony Bowie as he teaches children ages 8 to 15 the basic basketball fundamentals and skill development. Registration starts November 25 and ends December 20 or until full. Camp is held weekdays beginning December 30, ending January 6. Visit www.asrecreation.org to register. Call (407) 571-8729.

ONGOING

Senior Pickleball

Mondays, October 1 – December 31 | 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.
Eastmonte Park – 830 Magnolia Dr., Altamonte Springs, 32701
Cost is \$2 per person and equipment is provided. For more information, call (407) 571-8813.

Senior Bowling League

Tuesdays, September – May 13, 2014 | 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.
AMF Lanes – Douglas Ave., Altamonte Springs, 32714
Cost is \$7.50 per week.
For more information, call (407) 571-8813.



Senior Bocce

Wednesdays, October 4 – May 2 | 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Westmonte Park – 624 Bills Ln., Altamonte Springs, 32714
Cost is \$15 for the season.
For more information, call (407) 571-8813.

Senior Cards

Wednesdays, Year Round | 10 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Eastmonte Park – 830 Magnolia Dr., Altamonte Springs, 32701
Cost is \$1 per week.
For more information, call (407) 571-8813.

Senior Bunko

First Tuesday & Thursday of Each Month | 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.
Eastmonte Park – 830 Magnolia Dr., Altamonte Springs, 32701
Cost is \$5 per person.
For more information, call (407) 571-8813.

Therapeutic Pool

Arthritis and Water Aerobics Classes

Monday – Friday, Year Round | 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Westmonte Park – 624 Bills Ln., Altamonte Springs, 32714
Cost is \$2 annually for residents. A physician consent form is required to participate. For more information on class times and registration dates, visit www.asrecreation.org or call (407) 571-8735.

Altamonte Springs
Police Department presents

Halloween

at Cranes Roost Park

October 31 • 5 ~ 9 PM

- Trick-or-Treating for Candy and Goodies Around Cranes Roost Lake
- Live Entertainment, Music and Games
- Kid Zone Activities
- Costume Contests for Kids and Adults (Begins at 6 PM in the Eddie Rose Amphitheater)
- Spooktacular Fountain Show
- Food Available for Purchase

A FREE Community Trick-or-Treat Event
Sponsored by:



For more event information:

www.UptownAltamonte.com

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FREE and open to the public.

No coolers or pets, please.

Bambino Buddy Ball

The national Babe Ruth Baseball organization, which founded Bambino Buddy Ball, recommends the Central Florida Bambino Buddy Ball League and Bright House Sports Networks facility as a prototype for other programs around the nation.

Do you know about Buddy Ball? Buddy Ball is a baseball program designed specifically for players with special needs, including children in walkers, wheelchairs or with limited mobility. The brainchild of Altamonte Springs Commissioner Sarah Reece, Buddy Ball serves the special needs population of Central Florida with 10 games per season in the spring and fall.

The fall schedule of games at Bright House Sports Networks Buddy Ball Stadium in Eastmonte Park had six teams and over 100 registered players. The growth of the league has been amazing as it began with just two teams and nine players for its first game. After our first season Buddy Ball Board President Sarah Reece stated, "We knew there were more kids that wanted and needed the outlet of team sports, and we knew we could provide that with baseball. We just had to let them know we were here." So Commissioner Reece and the Board Members began traveling to special needs events and activities around Central Florida signing up players and handing out literature about the free league in Altamonte Springs.

Buddy Ball gets its name from a key ingredient—the volunteers who help the players hit, field, throw and move around the bases during the game. The players build a special bond with their "buddies," making this a great experience for everyone involved. If you want to spend a memorable Saturday morning, plan to come out next spring to the Bright House Sports Networks Buddy Ball Stadium and enjoy the smiles, laughter and satisfaction that the players, buddies and parents get from the experience of playing baseball.

A big thank you goes out to all the "buddies" who volunteered to help these kids with the challenges their disabilities bring. To learn more about Central Florida Bambino Buddy Ball and how you or your organization can volunteer as buddies, contact Sarah Reece at sreece11@clf.rr.com.

Top: Commissioner Sarah Reece acts as a buddy for Red Sox player Joseph Kessel. **Middle and Bottom:** Local Rotary Club members Dave Dickens and Charlie Rand donate their time and abilities to assist players with hitting and fielding.



Eddie Rose Appreciation Awards

Altamonte Springs Department of Leisure Services honors program volunteers and sponsors.

The City of Altamonte Springs has an amazing volunteer program. Each year we celebrate our hardworking volunteers who pour their passion into our programs. The City recently held our annual Eddie Rose Appreciation Awards Night to honor volunteers, sponsors and partners involved in the programs and activities of the Leisure Services Department for the past year. Every day these individuals and businesses take on a multitude of tasks that help make the Altamonte Springs Library, Youth Athletics, Special Needs, Senior and Event Programming function like a well-oiled machine.

This was the 28th year the City held the event and handed out awards named for former City Commissioner and volunteer extraordinaire Eddie Rose. The theme of "An Essential Piece of the Puzzle" resonated throughout as those in attendance were honored for the essential role they played in the Leisure Services Department.

This year's outstanding nominees were announced by a cast of supporting colleagues, staff members and Altamonte Springs Commissioners Sarah Reece, Steve Wolfram, Gardner Hussey and Jon Batman. Award recipients were presented the "Eddie Award" by Mayor Pat Bates.

Special thanks to all our volunteers, sponsors and partners for helping us provide excellent programs and events for our community.

The award goes to...

Mayor Pat Bates presents the "Eddie Award" to the following outstanding performers:



Donna Mangan, Library



Cherie Brooks, Cheerleading



Linda Higdon, Girls Softball



Michael Smith, Flag Football



Jack Gutherman, Baseball



Matt Aultman, Basketball



Doreen Scribner, Special Needs



School of Oom Yung Doe



St. Stephen's Lutheran Church



MetroPCS



Cranes Roost Park

November & December Events

Friday Night Live

November 1, 8, 15 & 22 | 7–9 p.m.

Bring a picnic basket, sit back and enjoy great music and cool evenings in the park. Check our website for artist information.

Beer & Bacon Festival

Saturday, November 2 | 4–7 p.m. (Gates open at 3 p.m.)

Enjoy samplings of over 30 craft beers and everyone's favorite, bacon, while listening to music and enjoying beautiful Cranes Roost Park along with other great entertainment. Cash bars and food vendors will also be on site for this first time event hosted by 105.9 Sunny FM.

Walk Now for Autism Speaks

Saturday, November 9 | 9 a.m.–1 p.m.

A fun-filled, family-friendly event presented by Autism Speaks. It's a powerful force to fund vital research that will lead to answers about Autism. Experience the power of thousands united by a single cause.

Cranes Roost Sunset Cinema

Saturday, November 9 | 7 p.m.

Bring your blankets and chairs and enjoy "Escape from Planet Earth" on the lawn in front of the tower. This free event is produced by St. Stephen Lutheran Church.

Art, Craft & Wine Festival

Saturday, November 16 | 10 a.m.–8 p.m.

Sunday, November 17 | 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

Enjoy cooler weather in the park at this free event hosted by Seminole County South Rotary Club. It features artists and crafters offering original and unique items. Participate in the Wine Stroll to sample wine throughout the festival. Nonstop entertainment and food vendors add to the fun.

St. Jude Give thanks. Walk.

Saturday, November 23 | 8 a.m.–12 p.m.

Join St. Jude supporters in Altamonte Springs and in more than 75 cities nationwide to raise money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. In a single day, we will come together to help St. Jude change the way the world treats childhood cancer.

Santa Tuesdays

Tuesday, December 10 & 17 | 6–9 p.m.

Meet Santa and Mrs. Claus under the tower. Professional photos will be available for purchase or you may take your own. Get into the spirit and enjoy holiday entertainment while you wait. Food and beverages are available for purchase. No pets please.

Holiday Movie Nights

Thursday, December 12 & 19 | 7 p.m.

Watch holiday movies on the lawn in the Plaza. Bring the entire family for a fun, free evening together under the stars sponsored by Florida Hospital Altamonte. Food and beverages are available for purchase. Movie titles are listed on our website.

Friday Night Live

December 6, 13 & 20 | 7–9 p.m.

Enjoy free holiday concerts in the park. Check our website for performing artists.

Holiday Fountain Show

Nightly (Thanksgiving to New Year's Day) | 6, 7, 8 & 9 p.m.

Watch the beautifully choreographed fountain program featuring holiday music and lights sponsored by MetroPCS.

www.UptownAltamonte.com

Special Thanks to the City's 2013 Holiday Event Sponsors





Duke Energy's Light Up the Holidays

Saturday, December 7 • 5-9 PM

Eddie Rose Amphitheater • 5:00 PM

Aloma Eagle Ensemble

Orlando Children's Choir

Resurrection Children's Choir

Pop Shop Dance Group

Lighting Ceremony & Fireworks • 6:30 PM

NuLook Dance Group

Showtime Holiday Dance

Faithworld Acoustic Holiday

Dance United Orlando

Starz Dance Galaxy

First Baptist Church of Altamonte Springs

Performance groups subject to change.

For More Event Info:

www.UptownAltamonte.com

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Photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus

Train Rides • Kids Interactive Area

Dickens Carollers • Holiday Fountain Show

Food, Snacks & Beverages

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ALTAMONTE.ORG HAS BEEN REDESIGNED WITH A FRESH NEW LOOK, IMPROVED NAVIGATION & UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION

Our aim is to give Altamonte Springs residents and visitors the ability to easily browse the site for information in a quick and intuitive manner.

ALL IN ONE!

To better serve the community, the City has combined all of its websites into one. Our URLs are the same and will take you directly to the information you're looking for:

- Altamonte.org
- AltamonteIncubator.org
- UptownAltamonte.com
- ASPD.org
- ASRecreation.org

NEW FEATURES!

The new site has lots of great features including:

- **Calendars**—See all the City's events, get directions and share info with friends.
- **Document Center**—Find the City's forms and documents in one location for easy viewing and downloading.
- **Notify Me**—Sign up to receive job postings, newsletters, emergency alerts, event information and more.

Go online and explore our new site and all of its features today. And while you're there, sign up for [Notify Me](#) to stay connected to the City.

