

Recreation

The City of Lake Wales is excited to introduce an addition to our Recreation Division. In the past, our Recreation Division has been limited to the facilities and parks we maintain. The City had the vision to hire a Recreation Coordinator in an effort to bring better events and recreation to our citizens. In November of 2017 the City hired Stephaine Edwards as our Recreation Coordinator. Stephaine grew up in Lake Wales and previously worked for the Lake Wales YMCA. Stephaine is responsible for four baseball leagues, two football leagues, one soccer league, a basketball program, pickleball, shuffle board and the pram fleet. She is excited to announce a new program in the works with the United States Tennis Association (USTA). Together they are teaming up to

bring a Junior tennis program to the City. This program will run at the City's Tennis Court, located near Crystal Lake Park on Orange Avenue. Keep an eye out for more information. Another recreation program implemented in June of 2017 is a partnership with the YMCA to offer the use of their swimming pool. Citizens that live within the City limits are able to utilize the pool Tuesday & Thursday from 11am-1pm, Saturday 10-4 and Sunday 12-4. Stephaine is currently working on a recreation master plan for the City of Lake Wales. The intent is to create a program that will improve quality of life by enhancing the current facilities and bringing new facilities and programs to the City. She has made great strides in the few months since she started. The new LakeNight Cinema is an event that Stephaine herself created.



The event has food trucks, games, and activities for the children before the movie starts at dusk. She hopes to make this a continual event so be sure to come out to the lake Friday, May 25, 2018 and support our new Recreation Coordinator.

LAKE WALES FAMILY YMCA & THE CITY OF LAKE WALES POOL USAGE PARTNERSHIP

The YMCA and the City of Lake Wales are partnering to allow city residents access to the YMCA's pool.

HOURS:
 Tuesday & Thursday 11am-1pm / 4pm-7pm
 Saturday 10:00am-4:00pm
 Sunday 12:00pm-4:00pm

TO UTILIZE THE POOL:

- Stop by the YMCA's front desk and fill out a guest waiver form to receive your guest card. (Must have proof of residency.)
- Once you receive your usage card, simply scan your card before each visit to the pool.
- All patrons under the age of 13 are required to check in with the lifeguard on duty to receive their swim test.

Water

The mission of the Water division is to achieve and maintain a facility operation that consistently meets all legal and regulatory requirements while protecting the community's natural resources and the environment. There are 3 aspects to the water division, the maintenance technicians, water plant operators and meter readers. Each section plays a vital role in the daily functions of the Utility department. The water plant operators maintain four water plants and each plant must be visited daily. The water plant operators are responsible for the distribution of 2.8 million gallons of water distributed a day. The raw water is pumped to either of the three interconnected 260,000 gallon and 400,000 gallon on-site storage tanks. Each tank is equipped with a roof top cascade tray aerator for the air stripping of volatile organics (hydrogen sulfide). Sodium hypochlorite is added as the water enters the storage tanks from the aerators to provide disinfection. The water is then pumped into the transmission/distribution system and it is gravity fed from our four elevated towers to homes and commercial properties by means of eight high service pumps. Once the water leaves the plant and is piped into the distribution system it becomes the responsibility of our maintenance team. The water main lines that deliver water to our homes is a highly pressurized

line; this is one reason a water-main break can cause such a disturbance. In an effort to reduce pressure on the line during a repair it may be necessary to isolate a section of pipe by turning off the flow of water. If ever there is a water outage rest assured our water technicians work diligently, at times for hours, until the leak is resolved. Our maintenance technicians are also responsible for providing service to vacant lots, new meter installations, and upgrades to the existing system. The Meter Readers not only read the meters they are responsible for new service connects and disconnects and verifying meter reads. As most of you may know the City has implemented remote reading for the water meters. At this time 7,000 of the just under 9,500 service connections are now serviced with a wireless reading meter. What this means is that our office staff can now read your meter remotely from the office. This ability allows us to monitor irregular usage as well as daily usage for our residents. This ability can help assist in leak detection which is an extremely beneficial feature for our residents.

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| BIKE PATH | KIWANIS | TENNIS COURTS |
| CRYSTAL LAKE | LAKE WAILES | TOURIST CLUB |
| CSX | LAKE WAILES TRAIL | TWIN LAKES |
| FIT PARKS | MUNICIPAL AIRPORT | WOMENS CLUB |

