

# ALTAMONTE SPRINGS

## LEADING THE WAY



At the City of Altamonte Springs, innovative solutions to industry challenges are commonplace. The City strives to offer sustainable and forward-thinking services to improve the quality of life for its residents. As leaders in local, regional, and international discussions on water, transportation, land use, and recreation programs, the City collaborates with public and private entities to work on new ideas. From youth S.T.E.M. programs to transportation networks, the City's innovative projects are gaining widespread recognition while leading the way in the industry.

### Altamonte Springs Science Incubator (AS<sub>2</sub>I) Internships

An innovative program promoting career readiness in the high-demand fields of science, technology, engineering, and math (S.T.E.M.), AS<sub>2</sub>I offers hands-on activities and experiences for Seminole County middle and high school students. The program includes a summer internship program which provides real-world training with industry professionals and the ability to discover new

professions. From engineering to medical technology, interns have the chance to experience different types of workplaces, learn more about the booming S.T.E.M. industry, and develop their own career paths.

### Project H<sub>2</sub>O Tx

In an effort to create a pipeline of qualified technicians in the field of water/wastewater management, the City of Altamonte Springs, Seminole County Public Schools ePathways, and Lake Brantley High School have partnered to create Project H<sub>2</sub>O Tx (Project Water Technology). Located at the award-winning Altamonte Springs Regional Water Reclamation Facility, the course provides high school seniors with formal instruction and practical experience in water resource management, wastewater treatment process control, and wastewater treatment facility operations. Besides learning about treatment processes, course content includes plant safety, maintenance, laboratory procedures and reporting, which are all applicable to many environmental science and water resource careers. Students gain sufficient instruction and experience to apply for careers

in the wastewater treatment field as Plant Operator Trainees or related positions.

### Intelligent Intel

Altamonte Springs is a one-stop shop when it comes to education. From elementary schools to college campuses, the City offers all levels of educational options for the community. Demographics in Altamonte Springs show that 52.7 percent of residents 25 years or older had an associate's degree or higher in Altamonte Springs in 2017, according to data obtained from the U.S. Census Bureau. This number was 14.5 percent higher than the state average of 38.2 percent. 94.6 percent of the population had at least a high school diploma or the equivalent.

Leadership and staff share a vision of making Altamonte Springs the best place to live in Central Florida. Refusing to be bound by the typical constraints of local government, the City proves every day they can have low taxes, no debt, excellent health care options, abundant opportunities for academic growth and great services all at the same time.



Students listen intently during a Project H<sub>2</sub>O Tx classroom session.



The Lyman High School Homecoming Parade and Community Pep Rally is one of the many events at the new Reiter Park, when the historic district comes alive to support the Greyhound students and families.

# HISTORIC LONGWOOD

The City of Longwood continues an exciting trend of new development and redevelopment, topped off by the opening of Reiter Park.



Located in the City's Heritage Village, the revitalized Reiter Park is a source of pride for the community and has already hosted a number of exciting events including the Smash Beer Festival, the annual Easter Egg Hunt, a monthly food truck event, numerous concerts, and more. With a new amphitheater and splash pad, the park gives visitors a whole new set of reasons to visit Longwood's beautiful historic district.

Located just down the street from Reiter Park, the Ronald Reagan Boulevard Complete Streets project is nearing completion, bringing safer crosswalks and bike lanes to the heart of downtown Longwood. The project was envisioned as part of the City's commitment to safer streets and pedestrian-friendly design but will have the added benefit of providing new on-street parking spaces to give visitors more opportunities to visit the City's great downtown businesses. Combined with soon-

to-be-completed landscape and hardscape improvements, the corridor will be an exciting new space that will act as a pedestrian-friendly gateway between Longwood's SunRail Station and all of the great events at Reiter Park.

The Heritage Village has seen even more investment from the private sector, as Orlando Health South Seminole Hospital began work on more than \$20 million in improvements to increase their service capacity and revitalize their front entryway. Just down the street from the hospital and Reiter Park is the new Alta Apartments, a 263-unit apartment complex from Wood Partners Group that broke ground earlier this year.

In early 2020, Publix will open a unique new location in Longwood that is intended to directly serve many of the City's neighborhoods and provide a new grocery option for residents. LA Fitness will open its first Longwood location at the intersection of

US Highway 17-92 and S.R. 434, replacing an old grocery store and joining Starbucks and Taco Bell, both national brands that opened Longwood locations in the past year. The recently opened WaterVUE Apartments and the under-construction Grand View at Lake Wildmere provide waterfront living on some of Longwood's beautiful lakes, and with many more developments under review, the development boom in Longwood shows no sign of slowing.

Longwood continues to invest in public infrastructure as well. The East Longwood Septic Tank Abatement project is underway, which will lead to the abandonment of more than 100 septic tanks that will help to reduce nutrient loading and provide water quality improvements to nearby impaired waters. The Ronald Reagan Boulevard sewer extension project is also wrapping up, which provides sewer to one of the City's main corridors.