

ALTAMONTE SPRINGS

INNOVATORS FOCUSED ON COMMUNITY

For 100 years, Altamonte Springs has celebrated community pride, dedication to innovation, forward-thinking leadership and sustainable vision. The City was established with the future in mind, and today it is a vibrant and bustling community that is an internationally known innovator.

In a year unlike any other, the unexpected challenges of COVID-19 changed daily life for communities around the world. As part of their emergency response, Altamonte Springs went above and beyond to ensure public safety for all members of the community.

Altamonte Springs was among the few cities in the United States to test wastewater for COVID-19. Through this practice, the City created the first predictive model in Florida capable of estimating the total number of infected persons by zip code and predicting infection outbreaks a week ahead of time. The City has shared this innovative tool and resulting data with congressional leaders and healthcare administrators to further protect communities. By working with neighboring organizations, City leaders are able to

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understand the prevalence of the virus locally.

With residents in mind, Altamonte Springs always aims to position their community at the forefront of innovation. The City strives to work beyond the typical constraints of local government. Cutting-edge technology, dynamic projects, and proactive initiatives drive their progress across all industries.

The City's legacy of cultivating innovation to power the future continues with the Altamonte Electric Utility (AEU). As the first municipal electric utility in Seminole County, the AEU aims to provide a diverse array of renewable energy sources to self-power City facilities. The utility's first project is a one-megawatt solar array that floats on top of a retention pond. The project will supply power to the Altamonte Springs Regional Water Reclamation Facility in an effort to further increase sustainability,

reduce the City's carbon footprint, and lower costs. The floating solar array is the third largest in the United States and is expected to be operational in 2021.

Altamonte Springs' efforts in sustainability rank among global industry leaders. The City was recognized as a 2020 Water Resources Utility of the Future by the Water Environment Federation. Altamonte Springs operates one of the top water systems in the world, regularly transforming operations through innovation and technology.

Altamonte Springs is a diverse, debt-free city with unparalleled services and programs. The City takes a fiscally conservative approach that allows them to pursue progress with flexibility and plan for the future.

Throughout its rich history, Altamonte Springs has remained focused on investing in the community. Meaningful milestones and outstanding achievements represent how far the City has come and how much potential there is for more. With a bright, promising future ahead, Altamonte Springs joins residents, business owners, and visitors in creating lasting change.

The AEU Floating Solar Array consists of 2,430 panels that convert sunlight into electricity. Together they can generate approximately one megawatt of power.





LONGWOOD STAYS STRONG

New businesses and long-time partners invest in the Longwood community

Like most communities, Longwood has faced unprecedented and unimaginable challenges. However, years of developing a strong, close-knit community with a strong infrastructure for attracting, retaining, and supporting businesses paid off as the city was able to celebrate a number of successes even in the most challenging of times.

With a fast-growing population, Longwood has been more attractive than ever to new development but has also been fortunate enough to see huge investments from long-time community partners. Orlando Health South Seminole completed a \$20 million expansion including a new cardiac catheterization lab and a new entryway and lobby. UPS commenced construction on a \$27 million, 55,000-square-foot expansion to its Longwood distribution facility, which will add more than 40 high-paying jobs. Kustom US, a national property restoration firm, expanded its Longwood headquarters and looks to continue its impressive growth in the new location. These investments

were bolstered by the opening of the city's long-awaited first Publix grocery store – which is a unique location situated to directly serve a number of great neighborhoods – as well as the opening of a new LA Fitness location that brought new life to a key gateway. Alta Longwood, a 263-unit apartment community, is nearing completion and will bring hundreds of new residents to Longwood's Heritage Village. The same developer, Wood Partners, announced the new 342-unit Alta Cypress community, which will join Lyman High School and Northland Church in anchoring new retail development at the fast-developing intersection of Dog Track Road and Ronald Reagan Boulevard. Longwood also was a leader in allowing businesses the flexibility to deal with the challenges created by COVID-19 through hassle-free expansions of temporary signage and outdoor dining standards in order to remove red tape and help businesses roll with the punches.

Longwood understands the importance of giving people the opportunity to be safely social, and while many events had to take a different form this year to keep everyone safe, Reiter Park

and the historic downtown still came alive for a number of great events. The weekly Farmer's Market, food truck events, and the annual Arts & Crafts Festival continued to bring excitement downtown, and the city was even able to debut a new event – the St. Andrew's Society of Central Florida's Ceilidh In The Park – that is sure to be a new favorite.

The Police Department has taken the step of furthering its bond with Longwood residents by hosting monthly Community Forums, where residents are encouraged to meet and learn about law enforcement operations and outreach, demonstrating the City's continued commitment to transparency and engagement.



Flags adorn Longwood's Heroes Monument.