

TOWN OF WHITE SPRINGS, FLORIDA
OFFICIAL PUBLIC NOTICE

MAY DAY 2026 — IMPORTANT COMMUNITY INFORMATION

The Town of White Springs is proud to host the annual May Day celebration on Saturday, May 16, 2026. May Day 2026 features two official authorized events: a Gospel Program from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Old Carver School, and the May Day Celebration from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Bailey Ogburn Ball Park. May Day has been a beloved tradition in our community since 1999 and remains one of the most joyful expressions of who we are as a town. We look forward to celebrating with you.

To protect May Day, to protect our community, and to ensure everyone has a safe and enjoyable weekend, the Town is issuing this notice with important information about what is permitted and what is not during the May Day weekend.

SPECIAL EVENT ZONE DESIGNATION

The Town of White Springs, acting pursuant to Florida Statute § 316.1891, has designated a Special Event Zone covering roadways and adjacent properties within the Town limits, effective:

SPECIAL EVENT ZONE IN EFFECT

Friday, May 15, 2026, at 8:00 p.m.

through

Monday, May 18, 2026, at 6:00 a.m.

Within the Special Event Zone, the following applies to ALL persons:

- All traffic fines are **doubled**.
- Vehicles may be **impounded for up to 72 hours** for traffic infractions or violations.
- Law enforcement is authorized to enforce occupancy limits on both public and private property within the zone.
- Anyone who organizes or promotes an unauthorized gathering within the zone **may be held personally liable** for all law enforcement costs associated with that gathering, including overtime, equipment, and personnel.

Road Closures — Permit Required

The Town of White Springs requires a permit for any road closure within Town limits. The Town has not authorized any road closures for the May Day weekend other than those directly associated with the two authorized May Day events on Saturday, May 16th: the Gospel Program at Old Carver School and the Celebration at Bailey Ogburn Ball Park.

NO ROAD CLOSURES ARE PERMITTED

without prior Town authorization.

Any unauthorized road closure may result in immediate law enforcement action, personal liability for costs, and interference with the authorized May Day event.

Outdoor Gatherings — Know the Rules

The Hamilton County Sheriff's Office has announced that outdoor events after sunset will not be permitted during the May Day weekend. This applies throughout Hamilton County, including within the Town of White Springs.

What this means practically:

- Unauthorized outdoor gatherings — particularly those organized or promoted on social media — that occur after sunset and involve 50 or more people disrupting traffic are subject to Special Event Zone enforcement.
- Private gatherings on private property that do not involve road closures, do not disrupt traffic, and comply with applicable law are not the target of this notice.

The Town encourages all residents and visitors to enjoy the weekend safely, to support the authorized May Day celebrations, and to be mindful that actions which bring unnecessary law enforcement costs to the weekend directly affect the Town's ability to continue supporting May Day for years to come.

Help Us Protect May Day

May Day belongs to this community. It has survived and thrived for 27 years because of the people of White Springs. The Town asks for your help in making sure it continues.

Here is how you can help:

- Do not organize, promote, or participate in unauthorized road closures or unpermitted outdoor events.
- Share this notice with family, friends, and visitors coming to White Springs for May Day weekend.
- If you see a situation developing that could jeopardize public safety, contact the Sheriff's Office.
- If you have questions about what is or is not permitted, contact the Town before the event.

Contact Information

Town of White Springs

Town Manager: Elmon Lee Garner
(386) 397-2310
www.whitesprings.org

Hamilton County Sheriff's Office

Non-emergency: (386) 792-2004
Emergency: 911

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- Law enforcement may enforce occupancy limits on public and private property within the zone.
- Organizers of unauthorized gatherings **may be held personally liable** for all law enforcement costs, including overtime, equipment, and personnel.

NO UNAUTHORIZED ROAD CLOSURES.

The Town has not authorized any road closures beyond the two official May Day events on Saturday, May 16th.

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