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Below are some interesting facts about Seminole, FL that you may not know:

- **The City of Seminole was formed at 5:00 p.m., Sunday, November 15, 1970 in Seminole Mall. Eight hundred ninety-five pre-registered citizens attended a pre-town meeting and 823 voted for incorporation, 72 against.**
- **Seminole is the youngest city out of 23 municipalities in Pinellas County.**
- **In March, 1995 the Seminole City Council voted to go from Council/Strong Mayor form of government to Council/City Manager form of government. Frank P. Edmunds, from the Town of Newmarket, New Hampshire was appointed as Seminole's first City Manager in 1995. Mr. Edmunds still holds that position.**
- **Seminole and its surrounding areas were described in history references as early as 1528. The invasion of the peninsular land, we now know as Pinellas County, was made by the Spanish who came in search of gold.**
- **Seminole's first grocery store A&P (aka: Atlantic & Pacific) was built by Jesse Johnson (one of the founders of the City of Seminole) in 1959. It sat on what is now known as the Treasure Island Fun Center at 7770 Seminole Blvd.**
- **The first part of Seminole Mall was constructed in 1965 and the rest was added in 1970.**
- **The lake in Seminole City Park is known as Meares Lake and was the early homestead of Albert and Dell Meares and their ten children about 1879. Their home served as the local post office and families would gather to trade community news while waiting for the mail to come from Clearwater via horse and cart.**
- **An article in the Tampa Business Journal May 25, 2007 listed Seminole Mall as the mall with the least number of reported crimes per 10,000 sq. ft. in the Tampa Bay area.**
- **From 1970 until 2008 the City of Seminole has increased population from 2,700 to today's total of 18,739.**
- **The City of Seminole contracts with the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office (582-6200) for their police protection.**

- **The City recreation center was opened in 1992 after purchasing the existing building from Community Christian Church and the athletic fields from the developer.**
- **In May, 2005 the new recreation center was renamed the “Holland G. Mangum Recreation Center Complex” and dedicated to former Seminole Mayor Holland G. Mangum.**
- **The original Seminole Community Library was opened by the Seminole Ridge Business & Professional Women’s Club on July 12, 1960 with a total of 3,500 books. It was first housed in a small cottage at Park & Seminole Blvds. donated by Home Federal Savings and Loan. Due to lack of space books were stored in the bath tub and refrigerator. It was operated by volunteers until October, 1989 when it was acquired by the City of Seminole.**
- **On February 15, 1971 a new library, located at 11000 Johnson Blvd., opened for service with 2,400 sq. feet and a collection of 15,000 volumes.**
- **The present Seminole Community Library at St. Petersburg College, Seminole Campus, is a partnership between the college and the City of Seminole and opened in August, 2003. The facility features a café, art gallery, bookstore, children’s library, teen zone, equipment and materials for the disabled, computer workstations and meeting space. At the present time the library has grown to a collection of 136,693 volumes.**
- **For special trash pickups please call Waste Management at 572-8779.**
- **Instruction on installing infant car seats is provided by the City of Seminole Fire Rescue Department. For more information please call 393-8711.**
- **The City of Seminole Fire Rescue Department has a “Free Smoke Detector” program for city residents who are in need of smoke detectors for their home. Call 393-8711 for more information**
- **The small cemetery on 102<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, with a metal fence around it, is known as the Lone Pilgrim Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery. Some of our earliest pioneers who helped mold our community are buried there.**
- **In 2004 the Sweetbay Supermarket opened the company’s first store here in Seminole (Seminole Blvd. and 102<sup>nd</sup>. Avenue). Today, there are 107 stores throughout Florida.**

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