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16 5th Annual Spring Family Festival

Come out and join us for the 5th Annual Spring Family Festival and enjoy live entertainment, kid friendly events, food and drink vendors, and a car show by Crusin' Orlando. Festival takes place on Saturday, March 5th from 5pm-9pm at the Winter Springs Town Center.

FEATURE

17 Cops For Kids House Kickball Tournament

Come out and join us for kickball on Satuday, March 19th from 8AM - 5PM at the Oviedo Sports Complex! Admission is free and there will be free children's activities. See the flyer on page 17 for team registration information.

18 Camp Sunshine

This Spring Break, bring the kids to Camp Sunshine! Registration for the camp is currently open. Open to all children from kindergarten - 5th grade. See the flyer on page 18 for more information.

21 New eAlerts System

We've upgraded to a new and improved eAlerts system! Among the many new features is the ability to receive alerts via text message, more detailed alert information, a simplified sign up process for Winter Springs residents, and much more. Jump to page 20 to get all the info.

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MEET YOUR MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSIONERS



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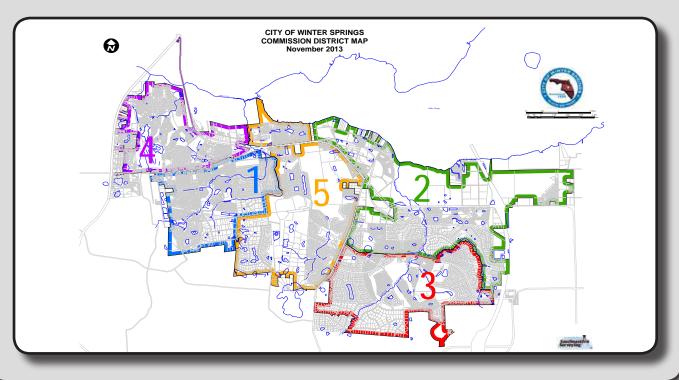


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Which District Do I Live In and Who Is My Commissioner? Click here to find out.







During the month of *January 2016*, the Winter Springs City Commission approved the following Ordinances and Resolutions at their Regular Meetings:

The City Commission adopted the following Ordinances:

- Ordinance Number 2015-14 which removes Policy 1.1.10 from the Housing Element of the City's Comprehensive Plan related to multi-family housing in commercially zoned areas of the City.
- Ordinance Number 2015-15 which amends the list of permitted, conditional and prohibited uses in the C-1(Neighborhood Commercial), C-2 (General Commercial), and C-3 (Highway 17-92 Commercial) zoning districts by removing multi-family residential uses as a Conditional Use in these zoning districts.

Ordinances (continued):

Ordinance Number 2015-08 which rezones a 39.81 acre property from GID (GreeneWay Interchange District) to PUD (Planned Unit Development), 2) Development Agreement, 3) Master Plan for the 39.81 acre property located on the north side of SR 434, north of the Creeks Run subdivision as the request is in compliance with all applicable policies of the Comprehensive Plan, and Chapter 20, Article IV -Planned Unit Development chapter of the City Code of Ordinances.

The City Commission approved the following Resolutions:

- Resolution 2016-01 which supports MetroPlan Orlando's Traffic Signal Technologies, authorizing the City to also support adaptive traffic signal technology on major arterials to improve traffic conditions.
- Resolution 2016-02 which formally establishes the 2016 Districting Commission and provides the Districting Commission's scope of duties and other administrative duties of City Staff for purposes adjusting the City Commission Voting District boundaries in accordance with the time frames imposed by the City Charter.

COMMISSION REPORT (CONTINUED)

Of Special Interest:

- Mayor Lacey and the City Commission recognized the Winter Springs High School Girls Volleyball Team as the 2015 FHSAA State Champions and presented those affiliated with the Winter Springs High School Girls Volleyball Team with a Proclamation in honor of their winning accomplishments.
- Mr. Chris Caldwell, Parks and Recreation Department Director, presented to the Mayor and City Commission, Ms. Dell Walker, Aquatic Specialist, Parks and Recreation Department as the "Employee of the Year" for the Parks and Recreation Department.
- Employee Service Awards were presented to City of Winter Springs Employees recognizing, 5, 10, 15 and 20 years of service respectively.
- The City Commission approved the nominations of Ms. Jane Pope, Mr. Ron Lightart, Mr. Bob Henderson, and Ms. Nancy Shear to the Districting Commission.
- The City Commission approved the nomination of Mr. David Withee to the Board of Trustees.
- The Citv Commission approved the nomination of Ms. Nancy Greenberg to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee.
- The City Commission approved the nomination of Mr. Rick Brown to the Code Enforcement Board.

Of Special Interest (continued):

 The City Commission approved the nomination of Mr. Ken Greenberg to the Tuscawilla Lighting and Beautification District Advisory Committee.



Attention: Homeowners Associations

From time to time, the City needs to send out information or get in touch with residents in various communities, and one way we can do this is to contact our various communities through their Homeowners Associations.

We want to keep in touch... If you are a member of any of the City's Homeowners Associations, we would greatly appreciate your assistance — simply contact the Office of the City Clerk at

(407) 327-5955...

or...

_CityClerkDepartment@winterspringsfl.org and let us know how to best contact your board, and who the City might need to contact should we need to.

MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION

PLAY BALL 2016 Winter Springs Babe Ruth Opening Day



CITY COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE

CITY COMMISSION UPCOMING MEETING SCHEDULE

March 2016

During the month of March 2016, the City Commission will hold two (2) Regular Meetings.

The first meeting will be on Monday, March 14, 2016 at 5:15 PM.

The second meeting will be on Monday, March 28, 2016 at 5:15 PM.

April 2016

During the month of April 2016, the City Commission will hold two (2) Regular Meetings.

The first meeting will be on Monday, April 11, 2016 at 5:15 PM.

The second meeting will be on Monday, April 25, 2016 at 5:15 PM.

For more information, please refer to the <u>City Calendar</u> or contact the City Clerk's Office at 407-327-5955.



March 13, 2016 - Daylight Savings Time Begins!

Get ready! On Sunday, March 13, 2016, at 2:00 AM, don't forget to turn your clocks forward 1 hour to 3:00 AM local daylight time. The sunrise and sunset will occur about 1 hour later on March 13, 2016 than the day before. Because of this, there will be more sunlight in the evening. Summer is fast approaching!

SERVE ON THE OAK FOREST WALL AND BEAUTIFICATION DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE!



ATTENTION: OAK FOREST RESIDENTS!

As many of you know, the Oak Forest community at Tuscawilla is a great place to live – and we would encourage ANYONE who resides in the Oak Forest community and who would like to help your fellow residents keep your community awesome, to consider serving on the Oak Forest Wall and Beautification District Advisory Committee.

This five member Committee meets for the most part annually, with their annual meeting usually held during May of each year. Occasionally there may be a need for a special meeting, and if so, we try to provide as much notice in advance as possible. Being a member of this important committee provides you with the opportunity to learn more about your community, and to be a trusted advisor to the City Commission, while also representing your fellow neighbors.

We would very much like to hear from you if you have an interest in serving on this committee. Please contact the Office of the City Clerk at (407) 327-5955 to request an application and/or for more information. You can also check out our website at:

http://www.winterspringsfl.org/EN/web/gov/boards.htm (the link to the City's application will be in the first paragraph)

We look forward to hearing from any Oak Forest residents who would like to help make their community an even better place to live!



Seminole County Animal Services Pet Adopt-a-thon

Saturday, March 5th, 2016 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Vaccine Clinic, Food, Adoptions, Games

Criminal Justice Center

For more info call: 407-665-5201

We're offering free rabies shots with the purchase of County licenses, and microchips for a donation of \$10 to our shelter friend group, T.E.A.R.S.

WE NEED YOU!



LOOKING FOR RESIDENTS TO SERVE YOUR MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION!

The City of Winter Springs is very fortunate to currently have many great citizens who serve their community by sitting on the City Commission's various Boards and Committees. The service of these wonderful and involved citizens is so very appreciated by the Mayor and City Commission, and City Staff.

Most of the City's Boards and Committees meet quarterly, but a few meet on a monthly basis. Being a part of one of our Boards or Committees only requires a few hours of one's time monthly or quarterly, but for this small effort, the rewards are incredible – serving the Mayor and City Commission; meeting and working alongside fellow citizens; learning more about YOUR City; and working with the City's professional and technical Staff. All of the City's Boards and Committees are appointed by the Mayor and City Commission.

Currently, the City's active Boards and Committees include:

- Bicycle And Pedestrian Advisory Committee (Meets Quarterly)
- Board Of Trustees (Meets Quarterly)
- Code Enforcement Board (Meets Monthly)
- Oak Forest Wall And Beautification District Advisory Committee (Usually meets annually - in May)
- Parks And Recreation Advisory Committee (Meets Quarterly)
- Planning And Zoning Board/Local Planning Agency (Meets Monthly)
- Tuscawilla Lighting And Beautification District Advisory Committee (Meets Quarterly)

The City Commission strives to make sure that as many citizens who are interested in serving in such a way, are able to. So, if you would like to serve on one of the Mayor and City Commission's Boards or Committees, please contact the Office of the City Clerk at (407) 327-5955 to request an application and/or for more information OR just go to our website at http://www.winterspringsfl.org/EN/web/gov/boards.htm. The link to the City's Application will be in the first paragraph.

Your interest and assistance is greatly appreciated!

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Receive Email Notifications or Facebook Posts:

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Check Us Out At:

http://www.winterspringsfl.org/join

Use the QR code below to sign up from your mobile device or visit http://www.winterspringsfl.org/m/ealert.htm

Use the QR code below to connect with us on Facebook

https://m.facebook.com/cityofwintersprings

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THE CITY OF WINTER SPRINGS WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME THE FOLLOWING BUSINESSES:

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NUSSBAUM PAINTING CORP
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Think, Shop, Buy Winter Springs

Winter Springs GoLocal is a free service helping Winter Springs business owners and Winter Springs residents connect.

Support your Community and your local Businesses!

The City of Winter Springs wishes to invite you to visit our GoLocal Business Directory Listing on the City's website. It is a FREE business directory webpage for businesses located in the City of Winter Springs. To be eligible to have your business listed on the GoLocal site you must own a legal for-profit business and hold a current business tax receipt from the City of Winter Springs.

The GoLocal Business Directory can help you promote your business by featuring your business name and logo in the main directory listing in up to three business categories. Next, when a potential customer clicks on your business listing, your very own webpage will open presenting up to four pictures as well as text that you can upload about your business. Website links, business hours, phone numbers, email, and features such as locations with Google Maps can help you personalize your website.

Tell customers who you are and what you can offer them. The site is set up in a very user friendly, "Do-It-Yourself" format and takes only a few minutes to create your own personalized webpage.

CONTACT: Kerwin Maynor Phone: 407-327-6562 or email: kmaynor@winterspringsfl.org for details. Visit our website at www.winterspringsfl.org/golocal/



BULLETIN BOARD

WINTER SPRINGS CIVIC CENTER

Are you looking for a great location to hold a wedding reception, birthday party, group meeting, baby shower, graduation party, office party, or dance? Winter Springs has the facility for you. The Civic Center is located at 400 North Edgemon Ave. and is accessible to both State Road 434 as well as State Road 419. The Center has the capacity to hold up to 100 people comfortably with chairs and tables. If you would like to schedule an appointment to see the Civic Center, or for rental information, please contact Julie Trujillo at 407-327-6556 or by email at itrujillo@winterspringsfl.org.





DOG TRAINING

The Winter Springs Parks and Recreation Department offers Dog Training Classes by Daryl and Pennie Payne of Pawfection Dog Training. Daryl has extensive experience in dog training and handling. He is a certified dog trainer and dog behaviorist. Training classes are held on Saturday mornings at the Winter Springs Dog Park. If you have any questions about training classes, please call Mike Barclay at 407-327-6592 or email:

mbarclay@winterspringsfl.org

RECREATION



Little Free Library - Coming Soon

The Winter Springs Parks & Recreation Department is excited to announce that we are starting our own Little Free Library that will be located at Trotwood Park. This is in partnership with Keeth, Indian Trails, and WSHS. The mission of the Little Free Library is "to promote literacy and the love of reading." Special thanks to Commissioner Joanne Krebs who recommended the idea. If you would like more information or to donate a gently used book for readers of all ages, please contact Mike Barclay at 407-327-6592 or email mbarclay@winterspringsfl.org.



Zumba

Zumba is an exciting full body workout that is designed to burn calories by moving to the music. Classes take place on Tuesday and Thursday from 6:00-7:00 pm at the Winter Springs Civic Center. Cost is \$5 per class. Come and join the party.



Camp Gladiator

Camp Gladiator is more than a fitness boot camp, it's an experience. Created by an American Gladiator Grand Champion, Camp Gladiator has become the fastest growing and most dynamic fitness program in the nation. A typical session includes interval training, sprint and agility drills, plyometrics, body weight strength drills, cardio mix, and much more. Camp Gladiator is designed to increase your functional strength, speed, stamina and, most importantly, deliver results. For more information about Camp Gladiator, please call Brian Dunigan at 407-327-6589 or go to www.campgladiator.com.



FOR MORE CLASS INFORMATION:

For more information, please contact Alyssa Bolick at the Winter Springs Parks and Recreation Department at 407-327-6593 or email abolick@winterspringsfl.org.

Click here for the:

Parks and Recreation webpage

PARKS AND RECREATION SPORTS PARTNERSHIPS

The Winter Springs Parks and Recreation Department partners with local sports organizations to provide athletic opportunities for the youth in Winter Springs. The benefits from playing sports include self discipline, self confidence, a healthier body, and stronger relationships with peers and adults. With our partnerships, we offer baseball, softball, basketball, soccer, football, and cheerleading. Below is the information about our partners:

Basketball

The Winter Springs Basketball League offers recreation and competitive leagues, tournaments, and summer camps for boys and girls from kindergarten through High School. There are four seasons throughout the year: spring, summer, fall, and winter. Registration for the Spring League 2016 is now open. The deadline to register is February 20, 2016. There is a site registration on Saturday February 13th at Central Winds Park from 9:00am-1:00pm. You can also register on the WSBL website. If your child has hoop dreams, contact Courtney Mullins with the WSBL at 407-327-8952 or visit www.wsbl.com.



Baseball & Softball

The Winter Springs Babe Ruth offers baseball and softball recreation leagues, travel teams, tournaments, and camps for boys and girls of all ages. Games are played on the beautiful fields at Central Winds Park. To get more information on how to sign up your slugger, please call Brian Dunigan 407-327-6589 or visit www.wsbaberuth.com.



Football and Cheerleading

The Winter Springs Grizzlies offer a tackle football and cheerleading program for boys and girls from 5-15 years of age. Practices are at Central Winds Park and home games are played on the stadium field at Winter Springs High School. For more information to get your child on the gridiron, call Jen Maxwell at 407-327-8966 or visit www.winterspringsgrizzlies.com.



Orlando City Youth Soccer

The Orlando City Youth Soccer club offers recreational and competitive leagues, tournaments, and camps for boys and girls from 4-19 years of age. Orlando City Youth Soccer's core values are professionalism, development, training, and coaching. Registration is open for the Spring Season. If your child is interested in scoring goals for Orlando City Youth Soccer, please call 407-695-4957 or visit www.orlandocityyouth.org.



Florida Kraze Krush Soccer

The Florida Kraze Krush Soccer club offers recreational and competitive leagues, tournaments, and camps for boys and girls from 4-18 years of age. The goal of FKK is to build one club, one family, and maximize the full potential of your children in a safe, competitive, and educational environment. Registration is open for the Spring Season. For more information on how to kick it with Florida Kraze Krush, please call 407-542-4939 or visit www.floridakrazekrush.com.



COMMUNITY EVENTS



City of Winter Springs Community Events 2016



Scottish Highland Games



January 16th/ Central Winds Park/ 8am-10pm

January 17th/ Central Winds Park/ 9am-6pm

Join the Scottish-American Society of Central Florida and The City of Winter

Springs for the 39th annual Scottish Highland Games! The Central Florida Scottish Highland Games allow you to immerse yourself in the unique culture and history of Scotland. During this two day festival, area Scottish clans and societies gather at Central Winds Park to compete in athletic events, highland dancing and Piping to celebrate their rich heritage. Check out the live entertainment and Scottish themed vendors. More info at www.flascot.com.

Father Daughter Dance



February 12th/ W.S. Senior Center/7pm-9pm

Dust off your dancing shoes and come to the annual Father Daughter dance! Set out for a fun filled night of dancing and music your little girl will never

forget. There will be a live DJ, a free photo by a professional photographer, free refreshments and great prizes!

Winter Springs Babe Ruth Opening



February 20th/ Central Winds Park/ 11am-12pm

Play Ball! Opening day for the Winter Springs Babe Ruth is a cherished tradition in Winter Springs. Celebrate teamwork, dedication, and

sportsmanship with the future citizens of Winter Springs.

Spring Family Festival



March 5th /W.S. Town Center/5pm-9pm Spring into the season with the Spring Family Festival! This event features live entertainment, food and beverage vendors, and more! Kids can take part

in a kids craft and enjoy the kids play area.

Celebration of Freedom



July 4th/ Central Winds Park/ 5pm-9:30pm

Celebrate the 4th of July with a BANG! Join your community at Central Winds Park for our annual Celebration of Freedom! The evening is filled with fun

from live entertainment and tasty treats to our very own Winter Springs Got Talent competition! Enjoy a fun filled kid's area and shop the various vendors. As the night wraps up the sky will fill with world class fireworks!

Hometown Harvest



October /November TBA/ W.S.Town Center/ 5pm-9pm

Celebrate Fall with the Hometown Harvest! From Hayrides to live musical performances this event is sure to please! Various vendors will be

available with food, drink and other goods. Kids can enjoy the Hay Play area and free pumpkin painting! See Winter Springs' very own Dancers with Class and even join them for a line dance!

Winter Springs Festival of the Arts



October 15th/ W.S.Town Center/ 10am-5pm

October 16th/ W.S.Town Center/ 10am-5pm

The Oviedo-Winter Springs Regional Chamber of Commerce and The City of

Winter Springs bring out Artoberfest! This event showcases 125 juried and invited artist that comprise the greater Central Florida Region. More than \$13,000 in cash prizes will be awarded. Designed for the entire family to enjoy, a variety of foods and beverages will be available for purchase. Don't miss the live entertainment and kid's activity area! For more information please call 407-278-4871.

Veteran's Day Memorial Ceremony



November 11th/ W.S. Town Center/6pm-7pm

The Rotary Club of Winter Springs and the City of Winter Springs host this annual celebration of our nation's heroes. This event will take place at the

Winter Springs Veteran's and Military Service Memorial and offers a time to honor retired military servants and to remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom.

Winter Wonderland



December 3rd / W.S. Town Center/ 5pm-9pm

Tis' the season for joy and celebration! Stop by the Winter Springs Town Center and enjoy the festivities this holiday season! It all kicks off with one

of the longest running traditions in our city, the 35th annual Holiday Parade featuring local talent and business. The parade will conclude at the Town Center, but the fun won't stop there! Gather around the Christmas Tree for the 13th annual Christmas tree Lighting! The Winter Wonderland event will follow with Entertainment by local youth and our Winter Springs Dancers with Class. Santa will be visiting with the local children by the tree. A fun filled kids play land will keep your little ones merry all evening long.

For more information please contact Alyssa Bolick at 407-327-6593 or abolick@winterspringsfl.org www.winterspringsfl.org









UPCOMING EVENTS

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Registration for the 2016 Spring Break Camp is now open!
There are two ways to register! Visit the office at Central
Winds Park M-F from 8am-5pm, or by appointment at the
Winter Springs Civic Center. To make an appointment please
call 407.327.6556.

Camp Information

Dates: March 21st – March 25th

Times: 7:30am– 5:30pm Grades: Kindergarten-5th

Location: Winter Spring Civic Center

Address: 400 N. Edgemon Ave

Winter Springs, FL 32708

Cost: \$90 For Winter Springs Residents

\$110 for Non-Residents

For more information please call Alyssa Bolick at 407.327.6593 or e-mail abolick@winterspringsfl.org



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Camp Sunshine SUMMER CAMP

Registration for the 2016 Summer Camp opens for Winter Springs Residents on Saturday, April 2nd from 8:00am-11:00am at the Winter Springs Senior Center.

Open Registration will begin on Monday, April 4th. There are two ways to register! Visit the office at Central Winds Park M-F from 8am-5pm, or by appointment at the Winter Springs Civic Center. To make an appointment please call 407.327.6556.

Camp Information

DATES: June 6th – July 29th

TIMES: 7:30am- 5:30pm

GRADES: Camp is open to students who will be entering

the 1st-6th grade for the 2016-2017 school year

LOCATION: Winter Spring Civic Center

ADDRESS: 400 N. Edgemon Ave

Winter Springs, FL 32708

COST: \$90 For Winter Springs Residents

\$110 for Non-Residents

For more information please call Alyssa Bolick at 407.327.6593 or e-mail abolick@winterspringsfl.org



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UPCOMING EVENTS

ARBOR DAY 2016

RED CYPRESS BREWERY & THE CITY OF WINTER SPRINGS PRESENT: ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT SARA MILLER: 407-327-5976







Get excited for April 2016!

Come join the City of Winter Springs for our annual Arbor Day Celebration! Enjoy locally brewed craft beer, live music, and learn about interesting topics such as choosing the right trees and plants for your landscape. Winter Springs residents will also have the chance to sign up for a free tree & bag of compost!



Event location: Red Cypress Brewery 855 E. State Rd 434 Winter Springs, FL 32708



FEATURE ARTICLE

We've Upgraded Our eAlerts System

The wait is over! We've upgraded our alert system to Nixle, a simpler, more robust, and feature rich eAlert notification system! Upon signing up, the new features and information offered to residents of Winter Springs include:

- Ability to receive eAlerts via text message.
- Ability to receive eAlerts in a detailed message directly to your email, or view them on our Facebook page.
- Simple alert categories: pick and choose which notification types to view, from Community, Advisory, or Alert notifications.
- Stay up to date via your preferred method of contact with prompt National Weather Service updates to the Winter Springs area. In the event of a weather warning, you'll never miss an important alert.
- Submission of any anonymous tips to the City of Winter Springs Police Department. Your information will not be stored or tracked, and is completely anonymous and confidential. As always, please submit urgent matters by calling 911.
- Ability to reply to select eAlerts with any information you feel is relevant and important. We want to hear your voice!





The Sign-up Process Is Eazy

To sign-up, visit our eAlerts web page at:

http://www.winterspringsfl.org/EN/web/resident/eNotifications.htm and click the Sign Up! button.

<u>Or...</u>

Go to:

https://local.nixle.com/register

Or...

Text 32708 to 888777 to sign-up via text message.

WINTER SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT



The Police Report:



TAX REFUND FRAUD: The Worst Part of Tax Season

It's tax season again and I have had several requests for information on Fraud as it relates to Tax Returns.

A victim has submitted a tax filing and is told by the IRS that their (the victim's) social security number has already been used to file. Victims of this offense can contact the IRS and fill out Form 14039, Identity Theft Affidavit. The IRS will walk you through the process of getting a PIN (personal identification number) and submitting your legitimate refund.

It is a Federal Crime to submit a fraudulent tax return, so the investigation falls under the jurisdiction of the Federal Government. The IRS has a threshold of loss, so if there are a huge number of fraud attempts by the same person, they may initiate an investigation. The IRS does allow tax payers to sign a release form to provide tax information to local law enforcement; however, this still does not provide suspect information. In order to charge someone with the crime, we as local law enforcement must prove to whom the money went. The account into which the refund was deposited is quickly liquidated. The accounts used are untraceable accounts, opened online or deposited onto cash or gift cards.

The IRS suggests to victims they report it locally, which we are more than happy to do for your records. It is not necessary for the IRS be contacted by us, but as a victim, you must contact them. They do not utilize any of the information we record in our reports. The IRS does not use our compiled data on crime as they compile their own.

WINTER SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT (CONTINUED)

Fraudsters can file false tax returns using a limited amount of PII (personal identification information). Safeguard your information at all times. This includes shredding junk mail, credit card applications, bank statements and medical billing information. Only accept phone calls from numbers you know or people you know if you have caller ID. Be cautious and monitor your credit closely. Citizens are particularly vulnerable after major medical care, large credit processing (like cars, houses and refinancing) after the death of a loved one and during the application process for student loans. The vulnerability is heightened by the fact that your information is handled by so many people. One medical procedure can utilize several different billing verifications!

Tax Fraud is only lucrative when committed in large numbers. It is conceivable that a subject could commit enough Tax Fraud in a year to live well for the following year. If you find yourself in this situation, please contact the IRS immediately. If you are having troubles, don't hesitate to contact the Winter Springs Police Department. We can walk you through the process and get your identity on the road to recovery.

According to the 2011 TIGTA Report (Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration), the IRS planned on paying out \$60 billion in fraudulent returns by 2015. Despite the fact, no steps have been made by the IRS to make positive verification of the identities of refund recipients. That means a fraudster can list just about any account they want to receive the funds. When this problem first arose, victims were waiting up to a year to get their refund. The last two years have shown a bit more urgency in dealing with the matter and most victims can expect a response from the IRS in 6 months or less.

WINTER SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT (CONTINUED)

For more information, don't hesitate to contact the Community Relations Bureau through Cpl. Raney at 407-327-7980 or Cpl. Fugate at 407-327-6561. Only a community and its police department can form the 360 shield of protection.

Always remember, if you see something unusual, do not hesitate to notify the Police. IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING. If you feel uncomfortable about calling the police department, you can report suspicious activity anonymously to the NEW CRIMELINE Number at 800-423-TIPS or on the CRIMELINE website http://www.crimeline.org/. You don't have to give your name. The Police Department in cooperation with the community is the 360 shield which protects us all.

Help the Winter Springs Police Department. Be a crime stopper not a victim. Lock your car. Report suspicious activity.

> Emergency: 911

Non-Emergency: (407) 327-1000

Visit us on the web at: www.winterspringsfl.org

WSPD is a nationally and state accredited law enforcement agency.

CRIMELINE 800.423.TIPS







CITY OF WINTER SPRINGS CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS UPDATE



Active Projects



Cross Seminole Trail:

• The Cross Seminole Trail has a missing link from Layer Elementary to the west end of Old Sanford/Oviedo Road. The planned connection will continue from the current terminus at Layer and run northerly adjacent to SR 419. The City has received a revised survey for the adjacent property and has submitted that survey to the state for review.

Magnolia Park Amphitheater:

• The Magnolia Park Amphitheater is proposed to be constructed at the eastern end of Blumberg Boulevard. Construction is anticipated to begin in fall 2016 with completion expected in early 2017.



Assisted Living Facilty:

• The City is working with the Hawthorne Group for a proposed assisted living facility. The facility will consist of 144 units with congregate dining and entertainment options. Engineered plans are scheduled to be submitted in the second quarter of 2016.





CONSTRUCTION PROJECT UPDATE (Cont.)



The Greens at Tuscawilla:

• The 60 unit townhome project is located on Winter Springs Boulevard. adjacent to the Tuscawilla Country Club. The project is approximately 93% complete with one building remaining to be built.



Jesup's Landing:

• The project consists of 171 townhomes in 30 building units on 17 acres of land located on the south side of Orange Avenue, behind Winter Springs High School. Construction is ongoing and the project is approximately 90% complete.





CONSTRUCTION PROJECT UPDATE (Cont.)



Opportunity Site:

• Winter Springs offers excellent opportunities for the development of high technology industries. Situated on the eastern edge of the City, Seminole Way is a strategic economic development initiative focused on attracting high value jobs and businesses to Seminole County. The State Road 417 (Central Florida Greeneway) corridor defines the boundaries of the Seminole Way district, spanning the length of Seminole County and connecting to both Orange County's "Innovation Way" and the "Medical City" located at Lake Nona. The City has targeted this Greeneway Interchange District (GID) for technology industry development complemented by commercial and retail establishments. It is expected to become a premier employment center with professional and high tech office buildings, conference facilities, and hotel rooms. The GID opportunity site is comprised of 26 potential sites with over 378 acres. One of the key features of this opportunity site is the ease of assemblage: it offers the largest consolidation of vacant developable land within the City under the ownership of only three land owners. Contact: Randy Stevenson - Community Development Director 407-327-5970

Lake Jesup 012811-2755



CONSTRUCTION PROJECT UPDATE (Cont.)



Plante Property (Tuskawilla Crossing):

• The proposed project will include approximately 381 residential units comprised of traditional single family detached homes and detached bungalow units on lots ranging from 34 feet. to 70 feet. in width. In addition, the project will include a commercial component. Staff is working with the applicant on final modifications to the site design. Staff is curently working with the applicant on the master plan for the parcel.

Pollack Shores Apartments:

• Final engineering was considered by the Planning & Zoning Board on December, 2015 and approved by the City Commission on December 14, 2015. Construction is expected to begin in the first quarter of 2016.





CONSTRUCTION PROJECT UPDATE (Cont.)





The RiZE at Winter Springs:

• This project is located east of City Hall in the Winter Springs Town Center. Construction on the residential units is underway. Occupancy of the first unit is scheduled for March 2016.

Seven Oaks Subdivision:

• The project consists of 138 single-family units located on the south side of Shepard Road, north of Florida Avenue, east of Boat Lake, near the City's boundary on U.S. HWY 17-92. Approximately 91% of the 138 units have been constructed or permitted.





Southern Oaks Subdivision:

• The Southern Oaks subdivision consists of a 50-acre development, with approximately 92 houses near the Oviedo and Winter Springs boundary along SR 434. Site work on the Winter Springs portion of the project is expected to commence in early 2016.



ELECTRONIC PLANS REVIEW PROCESS NOTICE



CITY OF WINTER SPRINGS



Electronic Plans Review Process

The City is now accepting Building Plans electronically. Paper Building Plans are no longer accepted. All Building Plans must be submitted with a computer online through the ePlans ProjectDox Plan Review System.

Electronic Submittal Advantages

- Submit your Building Plans 24 hours a day/seven days a week
- Upload plans from your computer, reducing trips/time driving back & forth
- · View and compare Building Plans on computer monitors or tablets
- Review of building plans will take only hours instead of days
- · Receive e-mail notifications for corrections and completion of the review
- No need to drive to City Hall to replace the corrections on paper plans
- Complete Integration with the City's file management archive system
- · Savings: Driving time, review time, fuel, paper, ink, and our environment

For more information, or visit: www.winterspringsfl.org/eplans







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Departments				
City Hall	407-327-1800			
City Manager	407-327-5957			
City Clerk's Office	407-327-5955			
Community Development Department	407-327-5968			
Finance Department	407-327-1800			
Information Services Department	407-327-7574			
Mayor & Commission	407-327-5955			
Parks & Recreation Department	407-327-6599			
Police Department (non-emergency)	407-327-1000			
Public Works & Utilities Department	407-327-2669			
General				
City Hall	407-327-1800			
City Information Line	407-327-7594			
Community Development Department				
Building Inspection Line	407-327-7596			
Building Official	407-327-5974			
Permits Customer Service Manager	407-327-1800 Option 1			
Planning & Land Development	407-327-5968			
Finance and Administrative Services				
Accounts Payable	407-327-5952			
Human Resources	407-327-5962			
Utility Billing	407-327-5996			
Fire				
Administration (Seminole County Fire Dept.)	407-665-5175			
Parks & Recreation Department				
Administrative Secretary	407-327-6597			
Central Winds Park Weather Hotline	407-327-8951			
Parks Maintenance, Safety Concerns, City Parks, Dog Park	407-327-6592			
Park Rangers - Nights,Weekends	321-696-9689			

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Recreation Division	
Splash Playgrounds	407-327-6597
Recreation Classes, Special Events, Pavilion Rentals, Spring and Summer Camps	407-327-6593
Civic Center Rentals	407-327-6556
Seniors Division	
Senior Center	407-327-6554
Therapy Pool	407-327-6577
Sports Division	
Adult Softball and Flag Football, Youth Sports Partnerships, Sports Field Rentals	407-327-6589
Police Department Emergency - Dial 911	
Citizen Advisory Committee	407-327-7980
Code Enforcement	407-327-7975
Community Classes	407-327-7980
CRIMELINE TIPS	800-423-TIPS
Community Relations	407-327-7980
Fingerprinting	407-327-7970
Property & Evidence	407-327-7959
Records	407-327-7970
Traffic Division	407-327-7958
Utility & Public Works	407-327-2669
Water, Sewer, Reclaimed Water, Streets, Sidewalks, Drainage, Gar- bage Pickup, Recycling	407-327-2669
For Questions Regarding Water Bills, Garbage Bills, Garbage Schedules, or Recycling Bills	407-327-5996
Water Conservation	407-327-6584
Water and Sewer Emergencies: After 5pm and Weekends	407-327-2669
Arbor	407-327-6584
Urban Beautification	407-327-5976



SENIOR'S CORNER



SENIOR CENTER

The Winter Springs Senior Center is the most active recreational facility in the City on a day to day basis. The Senior Center is open to anyone over the age of 55. The programs offered are designed to keep the body and mind active. The programs include Line Dancing, Mexican Train Dominos, Tai Chi, Ceramics, Art Group, Bridge, Dance Cardio, Pilates, Cardio Fit, Zumba Gold, Knitting, Quilting, Mah Jong, Computer Class, Chair Yoga, and Bingo. On Wednesdays, there is a catered lunch for only \$6.00. Each month, there are various day trips that will take you to see a show or walk through a museum. Cost varies in price per day trip. For more information about memberships, programs, day trips, or to RSVP by Tuesday for lunch on Wednesday, please call Julie Trujillo at 407-327-6554 or email: itrujillo@winterspringsfl.org

THERAPY POOL

The Winter Springs Therapy Pool is an award winning facility that provides exercise classes for those over the age of 55. The therapy pool has been voted as the #1 therapy pool in the State of Florida and the #2 therapy pool in the country by the United States Water Fitness Association. The water is heated to a temperature of 92-94 degrees. The benefits of the heated water include improving blood circulation and allowing aching muscles and joints to relax. Classes are offered in six week sessions at various intensities from low to medium intensity. The low intensity classes include Basic Arthritis, Water Walking, and Walk-Tone Balance. The medium intensity classes include Aerobics H2O, Power Aquatics, Water Wake-Up, and Strength & Flexibility. For more information about the therapy pool, classes, or membership, please call Dell Walker at 407-327-6577 or email: dwalker@winterspringsfl.org



SENIOR CENTER & THERAPY POOL MEMBERSHIP FEES

	Winter Springs Residents	Non-Residents
Senior Center	\$25.00	\$65.00
Therapy Pool	\$45.00	\$105.00
Both	\$65.00	\$165.00

Singin' in the Rain March 12, 2016

Cost \$76.00 - Bus departs the Winter Springs Senior Center at 10:00 AM.

Sister Act April 16, 2016

Cost \$76.00 - Bus departs the Winter Springs Senior Center at 10:00 AM.

MAKE YOUR RESERVATION TODAY!!!

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