



Winter Springs

Fall 2001

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“ I N S I D E R ”

THANK YOU

RESIDENTS OF WINTER SPRINGS

FOR YOUR VOTE OF CONFIDENCE

CHARTER

64.9% - YES

35.1% - NO

PARK

64.5% - YES

35.5% - NO

1¢ SALES TAX

72.4% - YES

27.6% - NO

City of Winter Springs



COMMISSION REPORT



From Your City Commission

Three referendum issues, an overhaul of the city's comprehensive plan, and budget issues kept the City Commission working overtime in July, August and September.

After months of planning, public workshops, and working sessions with citizen groups voters approved all three referendum issues on the September 4, 2001 ballot by an overwhelming majority. These referendums approved a new revised city charter, approved a 1/4 mill tax increase to acquire land and expand Central Winds Park and re-authorized the 1¢ Local Option Sales Tax for another 10 years for road and school improvements.

The City Commission has had numerous joint public meetings with the Planning Commission to expedite approval of a total overhaul of the City's Comprehensive Plan to meet State requirements. The Commission successfully compressed what is normally a 12-18 month process into three months to get the new plan to the State. The City Commission, Planning Commission, staff, and consultants working on the project agree that the overhauled plan is a much-improved plan over the one that has served the city since 1992.

The Commission had numerous meetings with James Doran Company finalizing details for construction of the 237,500 square foot Retail Center of the Winter Springs Town Center. During July 2001 the

Commission approved a settlement agreement with HCCH Corporation in which the not-for-profit company will agree to locate its proposed respite center for the homeless in some other location than Winter Springs. In return the city has agreed to acquire HCCH's property in Winter Springs for construction of a public works facility. The new public works facility will allow the city to relocate the badly out-dated public works facility located next to Torcaso Park to the industrial park located on the north side of State Road 419. The current public works facility is detrimental to the surrounding residential neighborhood. Relocation of the facility is an important part of the city's west area revitalizing plan.

In addition to these actions the Commission approved Ordinance 2001-16 regulating temporary storage structures known as PODS; Ordinance 2001-13 establishing a minimum 350 feet separation between gas stations.

Approved Ordinance 2001-43 providing for a uniform street naming and number program coordinated by Seminole County; approved Resolution 2001-29 submitting to the Florida League of City's recommended legislation that would prevent the terms of Joint Planning Agreements between local governments from effecting any local government that was not a party to the agreement; approved Resolution 2001-32 establishing assessments roles for he Country Club Village

Street Lighting Assessment District; appointed Commissioner Martinez to serve as liaison to the St. Johns River Water Management District; received a plaque of appreciation from Winter Springs High School Principal, Doreen Gruber for the city's funding and police department participation in "Project Graduation"; approved an agreement with John Brereton, Fernando and Wanda Fuentes, and the Reserve of Tusawilla Homeowners Association to provide easements for Tusawilla entranceway signs.

On September 24, 2001 the Commission passed the FY 2002 City Budget providing for expansion of the city's police department and numerous improvement projects related to the Town Center, Cross Seminole Trail, west-side redevelopment and utility improvements. The FY 2002 budget provides for a small millage increase raising the millage from 3.5400 mills to 3.7708 mills to cover the cost of additional police officers and to offset dramatic increases in health and workmen's compensation insurance.

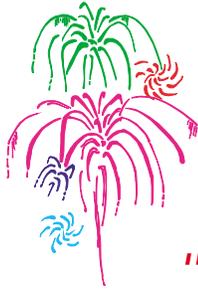
On August 27, 2001 the city was honored to have Winter Springs Boy Scout Troop 196 open the Commission meeting by leading those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Thank you Winter Springs Boy Scout Troop 196 for your patriotic leadership to your country.





JULY 4TH 2002 CELEBRATION OF FREEDOM

The City of Winter Springs wants YOU
to be part of the



July 4th, 2002

"Celebration of Freedom"

Planning is already underway for the 2002 July 4th Celebration and Fireworks Display at Central Winds Park, to make this the biggest and best July 4th Celebration ever.



This year's theme is going to be:

"Winter Springs Celebration of Freedom"

We want you to be a part of the Celebration of Freedom in two important ways.

1. If you have a talent, a band, an activity or just a great idea that would add to this year's Celebration of Freedom theme, or to make this year's Celebration of Freedom more fun to kids from 1 to 101, we want to hear from you!
2. Make sure you mark your calendar to be here when the fun starts on July 4th, 2002.

DON'T WAIT!

Contact Winter Springs Parks and Recreation Department at 407-327-4761 with your ideas for making Winter Springs July 4th, 2002 Celebration of Freedom the best July 4th celebration ever!

PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT



Adult Programs

Jazzercise:

Monday, Wed., Friday @ 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
All Year Program (Start anytime)
Instructed by: Charlenna Mann
Cost: \$28.00 per 4-week session
Location: Winter Springs Civic Center



Yoga:

Tuesday @ 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Instructed by: Rev. Donna Conley
Cost: \$12.00 per class
Location: Winter Springs Senior Center

Swing Dancing

Wednesday @ 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Instructed by: Judi Siegfried
Cost: \$ 40 per couple or \$25 per person
Location: Winter Springs Civic Center

Following Sessions:

November 7th – 28th
December 5th – Dec. 26th

Youth Programs

Tae Kwon Do:

Monday, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
Instructed by David Turnbull
Location: Civic Center
Following Sessions:
November 5th – Nov. 26th
Cost: \$30.00 per session
*December 3rd – Dec. 17th
*3 Week Session, \$25.00 fee



Gymnastics:

Tuesday, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. (Beginners)
Tuesday, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. (Advance)
Instructed by Amy Purdy
Cost: \$30.00 per person
Location: Indian Trails Middle School

Following Sessions:

November 6th – Nov. 27th
*December 4th – Dec. 18th
*3 Week Session, \$25.00 fee

SENIORS CORNER

GAMBLING CRUISE "STERLING CASINO"

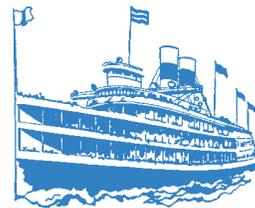
November 10, 2001

Join Lady Luck aboard Sterling Casino as she sails from Port Canaveral for 5 hours of sun and fun - "Vegas style". Try your luck in the casinos or enjoy the many other shipboard activities such as live music and dancing. Win or lose, you're sure to have fun!

Cost: \$19.00 per person

Includes: R/T motorcoach transportation, Cruise, Unlimited Finger Food Deli Buffet, Port Charges/Taxes, Complimentary cocktails to gaming participants

Bus will depart the Winter Springs Senior Center at 9:00 a.m.



HOLIDAY LOBBY TOUR

December 8, 2001

Tour some of Orlando's most prestigious hotels, decked out in their holiday splendor. Enjoy a progressive luncheon featuring soup or salad at the Portofino Bay Resort, entree at the Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress and a delicious dessert at the Grand Floridian. Stop by Disney's Wilderness Lodge, Yacht & Beach Club Resorts and finish your day with a stroll on the Boardwalk.

Cost: \$50.00 per person

Includes: R/T transportation, Tours, Lunch, Taxes, and Gratuity on meal

Don't miss out on this chance to celebrate the season in festive, decorative surroundings!



MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW!!!
CONTACT: Susie Coffman PHONE:407-327-6697





CITY OF WINTER SPRINGS CALENDAR OF MEETINGS - 2001

NOVEMBER 2001

City Commission Regular Meetings:

- Monday, November 12, 2000 - 6:30 P.M.
- Monday, November 26, 2000 - 6:30 P.M.

Beautification of Winter Springs Board

(B.O.W.S.) Regular Meeting:

- Wednesday, November 14, 2001 - 7:00 P.M.

Code Enforcement Board Regular Meeting:

- Tuesday, November 20, 2001 - 7:00 P.M.

Oak Forest Wall & Beautification District Advisory Committee Regular Meeting:

- Thursday, November 8, 2001 - 7:00 P.M.

Planning & Zoning Board/Local Planning Agency Regular Meeting:

- Wednesday, November 7, 2001 - 7:00 P.M.

Tusawilla Lighting & Beautification District Advisory Committee Regular

Meetings:

- Tuesday, November 20, 2001 - 7:00 P.M.

*HOLIDAY - Thursday, November 22, 2001 -
Thanksgiving Day*

*HOLIDAY - Friday, November 23, 2001 - Day
After Thanksgiving*

DECEMBER 2001

City Commission Regular Meeting:

- Monday, December 10, 2001 - 6:30 P.M.

Board of Adjustment Regular Meeting: (If Scheduled)

- Thursday, December 6, 2001 - 7:00 P.M.

Code Enforcement Board Regular Meeting:

- Tuesday, December 18, 2001 - 7:00 P.M.

Oak Forest Wall & Beautification District Advisory Committee Regular Meeting:

- Thursday, December 13, 2001 - 7:00 P.M.

Planning & Zoning Board/Local Planning Agency Regular Meeting:

- Wednesday, December 5, 2001 - 7:00 P.M.

Tusawilla Lighting & Beautification District Advisory Committee Regular Meetings:

- Tuesday, December 18, 2001 - 7:00 P.M.

*HOLIDAY - Monday, December 24, 2001 -
Day Before Christmas Day*

*HOLIDAY - Monday, December 25, 2001 -
Christmas Day*

Winter Springs Calendar



WINTER SPRINGS CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Proudly Presents



"HOLIDAY TRADITIONS"

Annual Holiday Parade

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2001 3:00PM

Sheoah Boulevard to Village Marketplace Parking Lot

Marching Bands, Floats, Fun, & Santa will be there too!
Bring the Family and Enjoy this Festive Occasion



PROUD TO BE AN AMERICAN



I was there that terrible day.

Like many in our country New York City is my home. As I watched the events of September 11th unfold before my eyes I couldn't help but think to myself; do these terrorists know what they just started? Surely, they must have thought this through before deciding to unleash this terror on America. Surely, they must have known that the people in the twin towers were from many countries other than America. Surely they must have known the true impact of their actions? I think not!

I witnessed such feats of unselfish giving and caring that it shook me to the core. I thought to myself, is this really New York, the place where people tend to keep to themselves, the same place where people never see anything, and almost always look the other way for fear of reprisal? Why, of course it is, it's New York City. The city that is so full of surprises with it diverse people from all nations and their way of life. The city that never sleeps. Now things have changed and I don't think they will ever be the same. But these senseless acts could have happened anywhere in America and the reaction would have been the same. You see, the terrorists victimized America, not just New York, DC and Pennsylvania, and in doing so they victimized Islamic, Jewish, Italian, German, Irish, and all other Americans.

If God gave medals out I am sure that every person in N.Y., D.C. and Pennsylvania would get one. I watched friends and relatives rush to the aid of their fallen family and friends. I watched people share their homes, food and thoughts with total strangers. I watched total strangers give a helping hand wherever and whenever it was needed. I saw strangers attending many funerals, silently promising to make sure the victim will never be forgotten. Very few tears were shed while they helped. All their tears were saved for the times they went home and could grieve with family and thank God for the safety of their own. I saw many people of all faiths and some with no faith praying. People with turbans kneeling in the streets. There was such a great sense of pride within each of these people. And that pride is what truly makes you Proud to be American.

I do not think the terrorists could ever comprehend what being an American truly means. If they had, they never would have done these despicable acts of terrorism on America. They would have known that we would rise up to the occasion and help each other so unselfishly that their heads would reel. They would have known that when it comes to helping in times of terror we would never give up because that is what Americans do. They would have known what America stands for and they would never have gone forth with this despicable act in the first place. They would have known that the consequences of their acts were not worth the wrath of America. They would have known that America stands for Freedom and Justice for All. And most of all they would have realized that we are all proud American's in this great country, and when you hurt some of us you are really hurting all of us. No matter what you throw at us we will just keep rising to the occasion. For you see, being an American is something we earned and it also something that no one can ever take away from us. This great country has been through too many wars in the name of freedom and justice for all to let any one try to take it away from us.

Make no mistake about it, you have wounded America. But know this, America will heal.

We will never forget all the heroes who gave their lives for their country in the name of freedom and justice for all. We pray for every victim and their family, we pray for peace and understanding, and we pray for all the innocent people in Afghanistan suffering under terrorist rule. And a word to the terrorists; never forget us, because we will never forget you. You see we are Americans and Proud of it.

Jan Palladino, City Employee
PROUD AMERICAN

THE WAR ON TERRORISM BEGINS ON MAIN STREET

Law Enforcement intelligence shared with local law enforcement suggests that cities like Winter Springs are not likely targets of organized terrorists. However, it is important that all communities maintain a heightened state of awareness. Here is what you can do.

- Be on the lookout for any suspicious activity around schools and public buildings, especially during odd hours and report any suspicious persons or activities to the police.
- Report unknown persons hanging around schools, public buildings and neighborhoods to the police.
- Report any unusual situation that just doesn't seem to be quite right or causes you to feel uncomfortable to the police.



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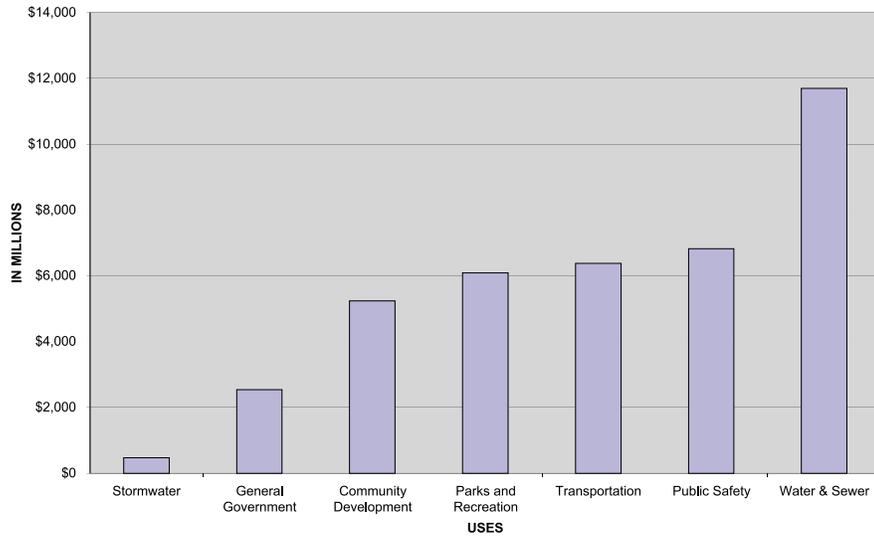
FISCAL YEAR 2002 BUDGET

Winter Springs total fiscal year 2002 budget represents an overall 9.6% decrease from fiscal year 2001. While the general fund and other governmental type funds increased 12% and 16% respectively, refinancing of the utility system's debt, and a sharp decline in revenues available for utility capital improvements accounted for the large decrease in the utility fund budget.

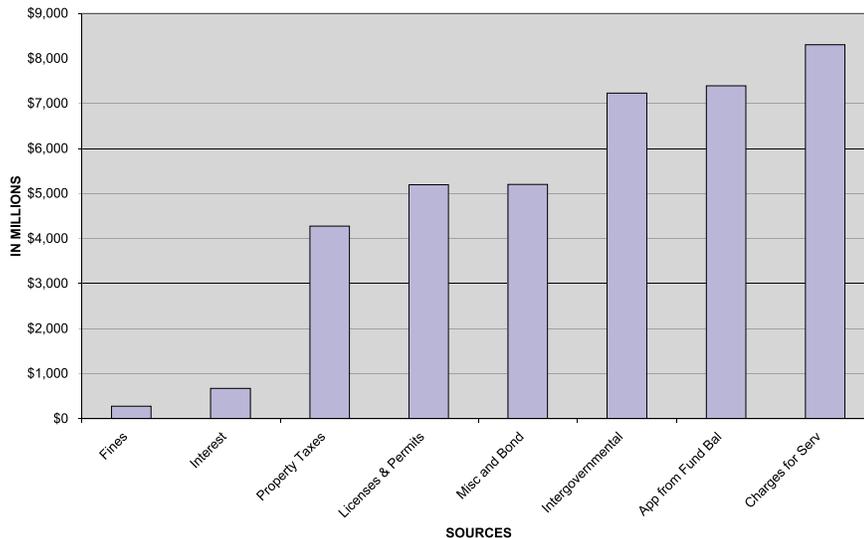
	<u>FY 2001</u>	<u>FY 2002</u>
General Fund	\$ 12,328,203	\$ 13,831,000
Other Governmental Fund	\$ 17,888,932	\$ 20,755,571
Utility Fund	<u>\$ 18,700,433</u>	<u>\$ 9,610,600</u>
Total	\$ 48,917,568	\$ 44,197,171

As shown below, water and sewer services continues to be by far the largest consumer of city dollars followed by public safety which includes police, fire and emergency medical services. User charges continue to be the largest revenue source for the city in FY 2002 including water and sewer, refuse collection charges, and stormwater charges. Property taxes make up 11% of the FY 2002 revenues. Property tax millage was raised in the FY 2002 budget from 3.5400 mills to 3.7708 mills to fund additional police officers and substantial increases in health and workers compensation insurance.

CITY OF WINTER SPRINGS FY 02 BUDGET - USE OF FUNDS



CITY OF WINTER SPRINGS FY 02 BUDGET - SOURCE OF FUNDS



The City of Winter Springs
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Winter Springs, Florida 32708

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TOWN CENTER WILL GO ON



Many people have asked if the Town Center has fallen victim to the war on terrorism and the current weakness in our economy.

The answer to this question is No! We had hoped for a November ground breaking but a few remaining permitting issues still have to be worked out. Late November is still possible but more likely in December 2001.