



COMMISSION REPORT

During July, August and September the City Commission acted upon a number of land use and development related matters including: adoption of Ordinance 2003-18 annexing four parcels at 1204, 1206, 1208 and 1210 Orange Avenue; adoption of Ordinance 2003-14 and 2003-15 changing the zoning of two parcels at 839 and 895 West State Road 434 from Seminole County Commercial to Winter Springs Commercial C-2 zoning; adoption of Ordinance 2003-10 and 2003-11 which changed the zoning of two parcels located on Orange Avenue from Seminole Rural to Winter Springs Town Center; adoption of Ordinance 2003-23 amending the eastern boundary of the new Development Overlay District on State Road 434; approved a site plan and entered into a Letter of Understanding with Seminole County Schools for construction of a new elementary school on State Road 419; approved a re-plat of Wagner's Curve providing for the construction of 158 town homes known as Heritage Park on SR 434 across from the entrance to Central Winds Park; and approved plans allowing the construction of Building 1 in the Town Center located at the intersection of SR 434 and Tuskawilla Road to begin.



Back Row: Commissioners Martinez, Miller and Blake
Front Row: Commissioner McLeod, Mayor Bush, and Commissioner McGinniss

In other business the Commission held workshops and approved the fiscal year 2003/04 City Budget, reviewed preliminary reports on the consolidation of City and County Fire Departments, and authorized the study to be continued; adopted Ordinance 2003-24 amending the Commercial Vehicle Ordinance to allow for the covering of letters, and removal of equipment from vehicles, and to allow for parking in apartment complexes in designated areas; adopted Ordinance 2003-01 providing for the regulation of Open Alcohol Beverage containers in public places, adopted Ordinance 2003-26 extending the final date for the screening of dumpsters from October 1, 2003 to March 1, 2004, adopted Ordinance 2003-30 permitting the City to recover attorney fees and the cost of legal proceedings initiated by the City to enforce the City's code when the City prevails; approved an exclusive beverage agreement with Pepsi Bottling Group for concessions at Central Winds Park; approved construction of Fisher Road improvements; accepted the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for fiscal year 2002 from the City's auditors McDirmit, Davis, Puckett & Company, LLC; approved issuance of Improvement Refunding Revenue Bonds, Series 2003 saving the City \$70,000 in annual debt payments; authorized staff to develop plans for the utilizations of credit cards, debit cards and bank drafts for utility customers to pay water bills; accepted a donation of \$5,000 from the Tuskawilla Homeowners Association to initiate a canine unit in the police department; passed Resolution 2003-02 dissolving the Tuskawilla Country Club Village Street Lighting Maintenance District; approved acquisition of the 9-acre Wincey Tract for expansion of Central Winds Park in the amount of \$900,000; approved \$73,000 for the installation of under-drains to improve Northern Way, First Reading of Ordinance 2003-22 making numerous improvements to the City's Tree Ordinance; First Reading of Ordinance 2003-36 providing for the regulation of non-conforming uses and structures in the City; and approved an interlocal agreement with Seminole County Schools to continue the School Police Resource Officer Program in Winter Springs schools.

In other business the Commission issued employee service awards to City employees, approved proclamations honoring Fire Fighters Appreciation Week and the Code Enforcement Division of the Police Department.

Mayor Bush presented a Proclamation on behalf of the City in honor of City of Winter Springs resident, Dr. Richard Ajayi for his many contributions in helping to beautify the City of Winter Springs. Additionally, the City Commission approved Resolutions to be presented to the following City of Winter Springs residents for their service and contributions as members of the City's Tree (Arbor) Ordinance Review Advisory Committee - Mr. Gary Diller; Mr. Marshall Allen; Ms. Carol Fottler; Ms. Darcy Meagher; Mr. Brian Oliver; Mr. Roger Owen; Mr. William Reischmann; and Mr. Byron Giltz.



Dr. Richard Ajayi and Mayor Bush

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Police Explorer Golf Tournament
November 7th
- Senior Cruise
November 15th
- Holiday Parade
November 23rd
- Highland Games
January 17th

The City of Winter Springs wishes all its residents a happy, healthy and safe holiday season.



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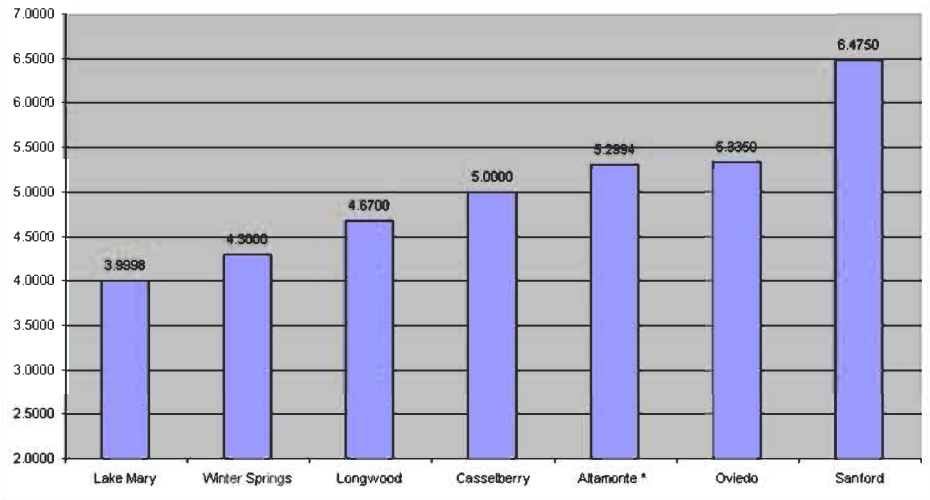
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CITY ADOPTS FY 04 BUDGET

The City Commission adopted its Fiscal Year 2003-2004 Budget at the September 22, 2003 Commission meeting raising the city millage from 4.1658 to 4.3000. The 3.22% increase in millage will help pay for 8 new firemen and 4 new police officers. The 8 new firemen will make it possible to operate a third fire station at City Hall to respond to the center of the city where responses have been rising over the past 5 years due to growth. The 4 extra police officers will make it possible to add a new patrol zone to the city to maintain response times throughout the city in response to growth. The additional policemen and firemen will also increase the city's capacity to carry out the city's role of responsibility under new Homeland Security programs which are designed to increase local government's ability to respond to terrorist threats.

IN FISCAL YEAR 2004 WINTER SPRINGS WILL HAVE THE SECOND LOWEST PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE OF THE SEVEN (7) CITIES IN SEMINOLE COUNTY

2003 Operating Millage Rates - Seminole County Cities

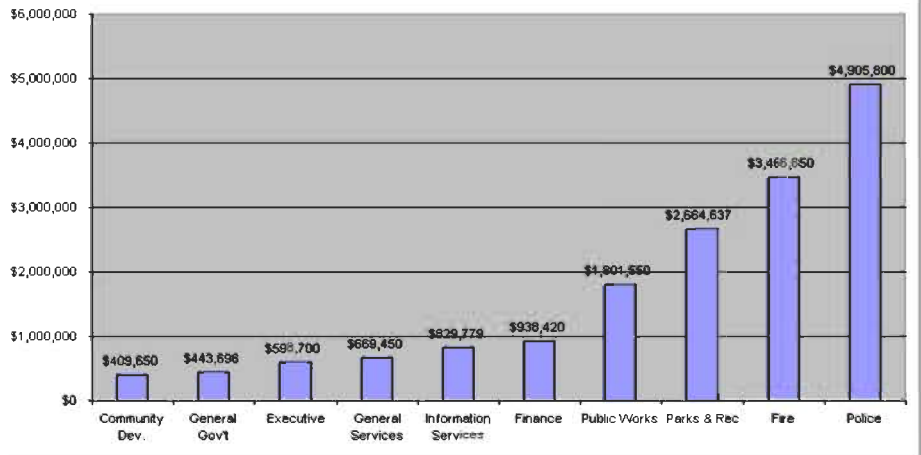


CROSS SEMINOLE COUNTY TRAIL OVERPASS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Construction began in June on the new \$3,039,000 Cross Seminole Trail Overpass over S.R. 434 east of Tuskawilla Road. The overpass has been designed for pedestrian and equestrian use. The overpass will allow a continuous trail system beginning in Oviedo, passing through the Winter Springs Town Center and connecting with Seminole Wekiwa Trail in Lake Mary. When completed the Oviedo section will be expanded to connect with Cody Way Trail in Winter Park. Completion of construction is scheduled for October 2004.

IN FISCAL YEAR 2004 FIFTY PERCENT (50%) OF THE CITY'S GENERAL FUND WILL BE DEDICATED TO PUBLIC SAFETY

2003-2004 General Fund Expenditures



"INSIDER" AVAILABLE ONLINE

The Winter Springs "INSIDER" Newsletter is now available on our website. Go to www.winterspringsfl.org and click on the newsletter icon on the front page and view the newsletter online. The website also has up to date information about the city and events.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

It is our pleasure to represent the Winter Springs Police Department as the Co-Chairpersons for the *2004 American Cancer Society Relay for Life*. This year Winter Springs High School has graciously donated their football stadium to hold this event. This will be the first time that a Relay has been held in Winter Springs.

The *Relay for life*, is an 18 hour, overnight, walk-a-thon and party to raise money for the American Cancer Society. There is food, games, and fun throughout the night. Area businesses and groups form teams of 10-15 people, set-up a themed campsite for the event, and put team members on the track to walk. We have been involved with *Relay for Life* for over 6 years. We are excited to be able to bring it home to Winter Springs in April 2004.

We would like to get employees, citizens, and business owners from the community to help with this event. We will be sending out more information as soon as it comes available. There are many areas of the event that you can help with entertainment, sponsorship, food, survivor activities, and games are just to name a few. American Cancer Society says that at a new site they don't expect a lot for the first year, maybe 25 teams and to raise approximately \$35,000.00. We want to show them that the rules are different here and we can exceed those numbers!

If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering to help at the event or have a team you want to enter please call Cpl. Allison Swain @ 407-327-7955.

POLICE DEPARTMENT EVENTS

The COPS and KIDS FUN RUN on October 25, 2003 starting at 10: am till 1:00pm at the Police Department on North Moss Road. For further information contact Corporal Allison Swain at 407 327-7955.

The Winter Springs High School will be having their annual Homecoming Parade on Friday, October 31, 2003 at 1:00pm. The parade will start at Trotwood Park and will travel Northbound on Tusawilla Road across State Road 434. Please allow yourself extra time due to traffic congestion from 1:00pm to 2:00pm. For further information contact Captain Mike Noland at 407 327-7966.

The Annual Winter Springs Police Explorer Golf Tournament November 7, 2003 starting at 12:00pm at the Winter Springs Golf Club on State Road 434. For further information contact Corporal Allison Swain at 407 327-7955.



PUBLIC WORKS/UTILITY DEPARTMENT

Oak Forest Wall and Beautification District

The 2004 non-advalorem assessments will increase less than 1%. The three tiers of assessments will increase from \$94.31, \$103.74 and \$117.89 to \$95.00, \$104.50 and \$118.75, respectively.

Tusawilla Lighting and Beautification District

The 2004 non-advalorem assessments are decreasing again this year. The single family home assessment will be reduced from \$94.22 to \$93.80.

SR 434 Improvements

The final design is complete. The County will be selecting a consultant for oversight of the project this month. The \$3.8 million dollar project includes medians, landscaping, signalization upgrades, decorative stamped asphalt at the intersections, milling and resurfacing. The project is scheduled to begin construction commencing in early. Project duration is for one year.

Northern Way

Northern Way repairs began in September. This \$150,000 project will install underdrains and reconstruct the failing portion of Northern Way near Mt. Laurel Drive. Completion will be by year end.

School Safety Sidewalk Project

Seminole County is administering a School Safety Sidewalk project in the City which will add 7,600 feet of 5 foot wide sidewalk. The new sidewalk is proposed on the south side Northern Way from Howell Creek Drive to Shetland Avenue, the north side of Northern Way near Fairway Oaks, and the entire west side of Shetland Avenue. A new pedestrian bridge will be constructed over Howell Creek as part of the project. Construction is projected to begin in early 2004.

Wendy's to Open in Town Center in October!





SCOTTISH HIGHLAND GAMES

The 27th Annual Scottish Highland and Celtic Festival will take place on Saturday, January 17th at Central Winds Park. If you have never witnessed the Games, you are in for a treat as you have the opportunity to see exciting events that go back hundreds of years which require great skill, strength and endurance which include the Caber toss, stone toss, hammer throws, sheaf toss and several others. There will be a variety of dances which will be showcased such as Highland Fling, Sword Dance, and several others. If you are interested in great foods, there is plenty of traditional eats on hand. Gates for this event will open at 9 am until 6 pm, admission is \$15.00. For further information, please call (407) 273-1970.



2003 ADVISORY BOARD AND COMMITTEE APPRECIATION DINNER

On an annual basis, the Mayor and City Commission has honored all of the City's citizens who give so much of their time and serve on the City's many Advisory Boards and Committees. This year's special event took place on Friday, August 8th, 2003 at the Winter Springs Golf Club.

Approximately 115 guests of the Mayor and Commission gathered for an evening which sparkled with gold stars in many forms and styles, in honor of the City's Advisory Board and Committee Members who the Mayor and City Commission consider the "stars" of the City - for all that they do to help the elected officials and our City. At the conclusion of the festive dinner, engraved gifts of appreciation were presented by the Mayor and the City Commission to the attendees.



TORCASO PARK SPLASH PLAYGROUND

The City of Winter Springs newest and very popular Splash Playground at Torcaso Park, 104 n. Moss Road between the Fire and Police Department will begin Fall-Winter operation beginning Sunday, October 26, 2003. The hours of operation will be 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., 7 days a week weather permitting. If it is very cool call Parks and Recreation at (407) 327-6599 to find out if it is open on the day you want to brave enjoying it. 13,179 people used the Splash Playground since it's opening on March 22, 2003.

CITY OF WINTER SPRINGS EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION



5 Year of Service

- David Hilliard (5 yrs) Fire Dept
- Louis Custidero (5 yrs) Police Dept
- Brian Griek (5 yrs) Police Dept
- Bill Skinner (5 yrs) Parks/Recreation
- Jerry Sturdevant (5 yrs) Public Works
- Nuri Gibbs (5 yrs) Utility Dept

15 Years of Service

- David Alamina (15 yrs) Community Development
- Kevin Brunelle (15 yrs) Police Dept

CITY AND THE FIRE UNION APPROVE NEW CONTRACT

Two years of contract disputes between the City and Winter Springs Fire Union ended on September 8, 2003 when the City Commission approved a contract with Winter Springs Professional Firefighters Local 3296. The new contract provides for firemen and paramedics pay increases and increases in reimbursement for education and training. The union ratified the contract on September 16, 2003.



CIRCUIT COURT UPHOLDS WINTER SPRINGS IN ANNEXATION CHALLENGE

On July 7, 2003 Seminole County Court Judge James E. C. Perry upheld Winter Springs annexation of 75 acres of land located west of Deleon Street known as the Carroll, Minter, and Weaver tracts, ending three years of litigation with the City of Oviedo and Seminole County. Oviedo and Seminole County argued that the annexations were unlawful since they created urban sprawl, created enclaves, and violated joint planning agreements between Oviedo, and Seminole County prohibiting Carroll, Minter and Weaver from being annexed. The City argued that annexations in and of themselves do not create urban sprawl, that the annexations did not create enclaves as defined in Florida Statutes, and that Seminole County and Oviedo did not have the authority to bargain away Carroll, Minter and Weaver rights to petition the City of Winter Springs for annexation through a joint planning agreement. Oviedo and Seminole County accepted the court's ruling and declined to appeal the case. Now that the litigation has ended, the City will begin the process of rezoning the property from county zoning to city zoning.

“HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS” IN WINTER SPRINGS

Sunday, November 23rd marks the beginning of what we consider to be the Holiday Season in Winter Springs. Beginning at 2:30 pm we celebrate with our annual holiday parade, “Home for the Holidays”. This year includes our friends from the Orlando Magic, Predators, Winter Springs High School Band, local radio stations as well as our Master of Ceremonies, WESH TV 2 Sportsman, Bill Shafer. The parade route will assemble at the Winter Springs Elementary School and end at the Village Market Place. If your business or organization would like to enter this year’s parade, please call (407) 327-6593 or visit our web site at: www.winterspringsfl.org.



ACQUISITION OF WINCEY PROPERTY COMPLETES MASTER PLAN OF PROJECTS FOR CENTRAL WINDS

On July 28, 2003 the City Commission authorized the purchase of 8.334 acres of property located on the Western boundary of Central Winds Park known as the Wincey Tract for further expansion of Central Winds Park. The acquisition completes the Master Plan of property acquisition recommended to the City Commission by the Central Winds Expansion Advisory Committee in April 2002. In their study the Advisory Committee recommended acquisition of the 27 acre Parker Tract and the 8.334 acre Wincey Tract and a Master Plan for development of the property. In September 2002, the voters approved a referendum setting aside ¼ mills to purchase and develop the Parker Tract. The Parker Tract is currently under construction to provide badly needed practice areas for all sports. A \$200,000 State FURDAP Grant provided the balance of funds needed to fund the acquisition of the Wincey Tract.



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Acquisition of the Wincey Tract will make it possible to complete a circular road through Central Winds Park with two different points of access. This will vastly improve the flow of traffic through the park. The acquisition will also provide additional badly needed parking areas and expanded space for larger community events such as the Annual July 4th Celebration. A small portion of the property is being set aside for the future site of an irrigation water treatment and storage facility.



Gambling Cruise - Sterling Casino

SENIOR EVENTS

November 15th 2003
Gambling Cruise “Sterling Casino”

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 motor coach 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.



Portifino Bay Resort

December 6th 2003
Holiday Lobby Tour

Tour some of Orlando’s newest and most prestigious hotels, decked out in their holiday splendor. Enjoy a progressive luncheon featuring soup or salad at Portofino Bay Resort, entree at the Royal Pacific Resort and a scrumptious dessert buffet at the incomparable Gaylord Palms. Stop by Disney’s Grand Floridian then watch the snow fall on Market Street in the City of Celebration.

Cost: \$57.00 per person
 Includes: R/T transportation, Tours, Lunch, Taxes, Gratuity on meal. Don’t miss out on this chance to celebrate the holidays in style!

Bus will depart the Winter Springs Senior Center at 10:15 a.m.
 Senior Events Information? Contact Susie Coffman @ 407-327-6697



Gaylord Palms Resort



The City of Winter Springs

1126 State Road 434
Winter Springs, Florida 32708



Visit Us On The Web @ www.winterspringsfl.org

THE CITY OF WINTER SPRINGS UNVEILS NEW WEBSITE!

More informative, easier to navigate, and updated daily, the new Winter Springs website was launched on August 31st. This site has many new features and is loaded with valuable information for the citizens of Winter Springs and visitors alike. The site includes a new FAQ section and detailed information on all the departments, as well as sporting and family events, sports teams, leagues and tournaments. A Citizen Comment and Request System called "Better Place" is now on the site so citizens can voice their opinions, enter a complaint or praise to a specific department and these e-mails are automatically routed to the corresponding departments for immediate review. This site will be an integrated part of the city and its function and was re-designed to give the citizens of Winter Springs more insight to the every day workings of the city. Also included are commission, board & committee documents and much more!

Visit the site at www.winterspringsfl.org and bookmark it today!



WINTER SPRINGS PHONE DIRECTORY - Complete listings online at www.winterspringsfl.org

City Hall	407-327-1800	Community Development	
Billing Department	407-327-5996	Arborist	407-327-5982
City Clerk	407-327-5955	Inspections	407-327-7596
City Manager	407-327-5957	Permits	407-327-5969
Fire Department (non-emergency)	407-327-2332	Planning	407-327-5966
Mayor/Commission	407-327-5965	Zoning	407-327-5963
Police Department (non-emergency)	407-327-1000	Computer Services	407-327-5975
Code Enforcement	407-327-7975	Comprehensive Planning	407-327-5967
Public Works/Utility	407-327-2669	Engineering Construction Inspection	407-327-5977
City Information Line	407-327-7594	Senior Citizens Center	407-327-6697
Job Hotline	407-327-7595	Occupational License	407-327-5964
Garbage Complaints	407-327-7576		
Parks /Recreation	407-327-6599		

Buckle Up Florida – You Drink & Drive – You Lose.

The holiday period between Thanksgiving and New Years is a time of celebration. Unfortunately, many people will act irresponsibly by driving impaired and not wearing safety belts, turning what should be a happy time of year into one of needless tragedy. From November 21st to January 4th, law enforcement will be out in force to make the holidays safe on Florida's roads, conducting special DUI enforcement and making sure that all motorists are wearing safety belts.

The Message
is clear: if
you drive
impaired or
don't wear a
safety belt,
you will lose!

