



a message from the City Manager

WINTER SPRINGS COMES THROUGH IN STYLE

An unprecedented parade of hurricanes—Charley, Frances, and Jeanne—swept through our City and the communities that surround us, leaving behind them a path of devastation and chaos.

But the residents of Winter Springs have come through the storms in great style.

Winter Springs Responds

Our Police, Fire, Public Works, and Utility Departments — along with thousands of residents, volunteers and power crews —responded quickly to begin the huge challenge of bringing our city back to life again.



The Mayor and the City Commission were there to support the City Employees and make sure we had the resources we needed. City Employees and FEMA crews worked around the clock to get the City up and running as quickly as possible. Streets and roads were opened within hours. Our debris removal contractor, ramped up the debris removal service more quickly than anyone thought possible. Electric and phone services were eventually restored and a sense of normalcy has returned to our lives.



But there is much work left to do. As I write these words, there is still debris and downed trees to be removed. (When we're all done, 250,000 cubic yards of debris will have been removed or more

than 12,500 truckloads of storm debris will have been removed from our city.)

The Weekend Army

But for me, the most striking scenes over the last few weeks were the residents of our community who I affectionately refer to as the "weekend army." Everywhere I went in Winter Springs, I saw all sorts of people rolling up their sleeves, rolling out their rakes and saws, and joining hands with



A member of the weekend army.

their neighbors to do their part in cleaning up our community. They helped each other remove trees, limbs, and other large debris from homes and vehicles. They shared ice, water, electricity, and phone lines whenever they could. In the great tradition of American community, our residents did everything possible to help their neighbors, even though their own homes and businesses were damaged.

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the City of Winter Springs **COMMISSION REPORT**

During the months of June, July and August 2004, a number of Ordinances were approved by the City Commission:

Ordinance 2004-16 and 17, changed the future land use and zoning of an 8.56 acre parcel located at 1181 Orange Avenue from Seminole County zoning to Winter Springs Town Center land use and zoning.

Ordinance 2004-19 and 20 changed the future land use and zoning of a 1.7 acre parcel located at 1884 Orange Avenue from County to Winter Springs Town Center land use and zoning.

Ordinances 2004-22 and 23 changes the future land use and zoning of two parcels located at 1286 Orange Avenue from County to Winter Springs Town Center land use and zoning.

Ordinance 2004-24 established criteria for the construction of deceleration lanes on S.R. 434 in Winter Springs.

Ordinance 2004-25 exempted Election Candidates from City qualifying fees and amended City Election District Boundaries reflecting new population data.

Ordinance 2004-28 established a C-3 17-92 Highway Commercial Zone and amended certain permitted uses in C-1 Neighborhood Commercial, C-2 General Commercial and I-1 Light Industrial Zoning Districts.

Ordinance 2004-29 regulates skate boarding in public places.

Ordinance 2004-31 established set back requirements in Planned Unit Development zones.

Ordinance 2004-32 rezoned 31 parcels located along S.R. 419 and Old Sanford Oviedo Road from C-2 General Commercial to L-1 light Industrial.

Emergency Ordinance 2004-11 adopted emergency regulations to address the aftermath of Hurricane Charley and authorizing the City Manager to utilize Seminole County bids for the employment of debris removal contractors.



In other action the Commission approved final plans, architectural renderings, and development agreements for Barclay Woods Town Home subdivision located on east S.R. 434, the Village Market Place expansion located on S.R. 434, lots 8 and 5 in the Tuskawilla Office Park, final plan amendments for the Villagio Retail Center located on S.R. 434, a conceptual development plan for a 170 unit Town Home development on the south side of S.R. 434 in the Town Center, construction of a left turn lane at the intersection of S.R. 419 and Moss Road, a joint School Board and City agreement providing for school resource officers at schools located in Winter Springs, an agreement with the cities in Seminole County Government to develop a county-wide potable water supply plan, early pay-off of a fire truck loan, renewal of contract meter reading services with Severn Trent Environment Services and enhancements to the mobile to police lap top computer system.

The Commission passed numerous resolutions including increases in Oak Forest Wall Assessment District maintenance rates, opposition to Seminole County's proposed charter Amendment

that pre-empts the City's Home Rule authority to determine land use policy in newly annexed lands, applications for landscape and beautification grants, and establishing a Bank Draft policy for payment of utility bills. The Commission passed several Resolutions expressing appreciation to citizens for their service to the community including, Donald A. Gilmore and Linda Tillis for service on the Tuskawilla Lighting and Beautification District Advisory Committee, Edward Martinez Jr. for service on the City Commission, Byron Giltz, George Colombo, Larry Roero, Lee Ferguson, Ron Webb, and Art Hoffman for their service on the City Election Districting Commission, and Mervin Warner for his service on the Code Enforcement Board.

Winter Springs Holiday Festival Weekend

The City of Winter Springs is proud to announce the schedule for our upcoming Holiday Weekend events to take place during the weekend of November 20 and 21.

The weekend events will kick off at the Winter Springs Town Center on Saturday, November 20, with a Tree Lighting Ceremony. The Tree Lighting will feature a traditional tree, adorned with festive Holiday lights and decorations. The ceremony will feature a live performance by the Orlando Philharmonic's premiere brass ensemble, The Sovereign Brass. The Indian Trails Middle School Show Chorus will also be on hand to perform. All of the tree lighting activities will take place on between 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

The Orlando Philharmonic to Perform

Following the tree lighting, the Festival's focus will move to Central Winds Park for a live performance of Holiday music and popular instrumentals by Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra. Recently celebrating its tenth anniversary, the Orlando Philharmonic is Central Florida's resident orchestra. It appears in more

professional musicians from around the globe in its mission to foster and promote symphonic music through excellence in performance, education and cultural leadership.

The Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra concert will begin at 7:30 PM. You can bring your own chairs or you can start your holiday season by bringing your own blanket and picnic and listening to beautiful music under the stars.

Prior to the concert, between 5:00 and 7:00 PM, the Philharmonic will be presenting its unique "Instrument Petting Zoo." This engaging offering is an opportunity for children of all ages to actually try their hands at a variety of orchestral instruments with the help of the Philharmonic's professional musicians.

There is no cost for admission to this wonderful event. We advise everyone to come early to get a great spot in the Central Winds Amphitheatre area for the concert. There will be parking available at Winter Springs High School, a short walking distance from the entrance to Central Winds Park.

The Annual Holiday Parade

The Holiday Parade will take place at 2:30 PM on Sunday, November 21. The parade route begins at Winter Springs Elementary School on State Road 434 and then heads east towards the Village Market Plaza. This year's parade will feature more than 70 entries, including representatives from several of the area's sport teams like the Orlando Magic, the Orlando Predators, and the Daytona Cubs.

The Winter Springs High School and Masters Academy Marching Bands will be there along

with representatives from the University of Central Florida, Sea World, several non profit organizations, our area churches, and many other local organizations. The Master of Ceremonies for this year's parade will be WESH-TV 2's Bill Shafer. The Holiday Radio Network, Magic 107.7 FM, will also be on hand for the entire weekend of events.



Every year, our parade is one of the best in Central Florida. For more information on the entire Holiday Weekend, you can call Chris Carson of Winter Springs Parks and Recreation at (407) 327-6593.



than 105 performances every season. The orchestra showcases the talents of more than 80

2004 Holiday Festival Schedule

Saturday, November 20

 **5:00 PM to 7:00 PM**

Orlando Philharmonic's "Instrument Petting Zoo"
Central Winds Park



6:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Christmas Tree Lighting
Winter Springs Town Center



7:30 PM to 9:30 PM

Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra Holiday Pops Concert
Central Winds Park

Sunday, November 21



2:30 PM

Winter Springs 2004 Christmas Parade
S.R. 434, from Winter Springs Elementary to Village Market Plaza

Scottish Highland Games at Central Winds Park

The 28th Annual Scottish Highland Games will take place at Central Winds Park on Saturday, January 15, 2005. The Games include a mix of great entertainment, athletics, piping and drumming competitions, Scottish Merchants, Clan Tents, dancing and heritage foods.

This will be the fourth year the Games take place at Winter Springs' Central Winds Park. Last year, an estimated crowd of 8,000 people visited the event. This year's event will feature some of the more popular Scottish and Celtic bands performing in the park's amphitheatre.

The event's hours are from 8 am to 5 pm, with a rain or shine stipulation. Tickets are available in advance for \$10.00. They will also be available at the gate on the day of the event for \$15.00.

Proceeds from the games will go towards youth scholarships to promote Scottish culture. No pets will be allowed. The Scottish Highland Games would like to recognize their sponsors: Iceland Air, The Famous Grouse, Seminole County Convention and Visitors Bureau, and the City of Winter Springs. Tickets are available by calling Jean Gordon at (407) 422-8226.

SERVING YOUR COMMUNITY

The City of Winter Springs has a number of Advisory Boards and Committees that provide assistance to the City Commission. Currently there are seven (7) active Advisory Boards and Committees. From time to time, other Advisory Boards and Committees are organized. As a result, we often need new members to serve.

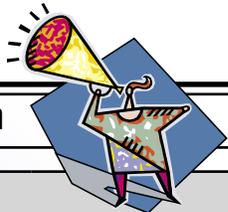
This City is fortunate to have many caring citizens who continuously give back to our community by serving on some of these Advisory Boards and Committees. The City Commission, the City Staff, and everyone in the community appreciates service of these wonderful and caring citizens.

Since vacancies continually arise on our Advisory Boards and Committees, the City Commission is always interested in finding residents who are interested in serving their community.

Usually, Advisory Boards and Committees meet once a month, and only require a few hours of one's time. But for that small investment of your time, the rewards are great. You will:

- Support the City Commission
- Meet members of your community
- Learn more about the City
- Work alongside the City's professional and technical Staff.

All Advisory Boards and Committee Members are appointed by the Mayor and City Commission. If you are interested in finding out more about serving on a board, please contact the Office of the City Clerk for more information at (407) 327-5999; (407) 327-5965; or (407) 327-5955.



Employee Recognition

30 Years of Service:

General Services
Mary Wilson

20 Years of Service:

Police Department Jim Wilkins	Fire Department Patricia Schraff
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15 Years of Service:

City Manager Department Jan Palladino	Police Department James Flannigan	Fire Department Steven Molnar	Utility Department Carlos Morales
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10 Years of Service:

Fire Department
Shane Massari

5 Years of Service:

Police Department Mark Padgett Toni Poe	Arbor Mike Mingea	Parks and Recreation Department Chuck Pula James Monte
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Municipal Election

On November 2, 2004

The individuals who have qualified to have their names placed on the ballot for the November 2, 2004 City of Winter Springs Municipal Election are:

Commissioner Seat/District Three

DONALD A. GILMORE
RICK KEEL

Commissioner Seat/District One

The current Commissioner in Seat/District One, **ROBERT S. MILLER** has been Re-elected – Unopposed.

Commissioner Seat/District Five

Ms. **JOANNE M. KREBS** has been Elected – Unopposed for Seat/District Five.

All terms are for four (4) years.

For any questions regarding locations of precincts, your status as a registered voter, or to become a registered voter, please contact:

The Office Of Mr. Dennis Joyner
Supervisor Of Elections
1500 East Airport Boulevard,
Sanford, Florida
Telephone Number: (407) 708-7700

WELCOME ABOARD

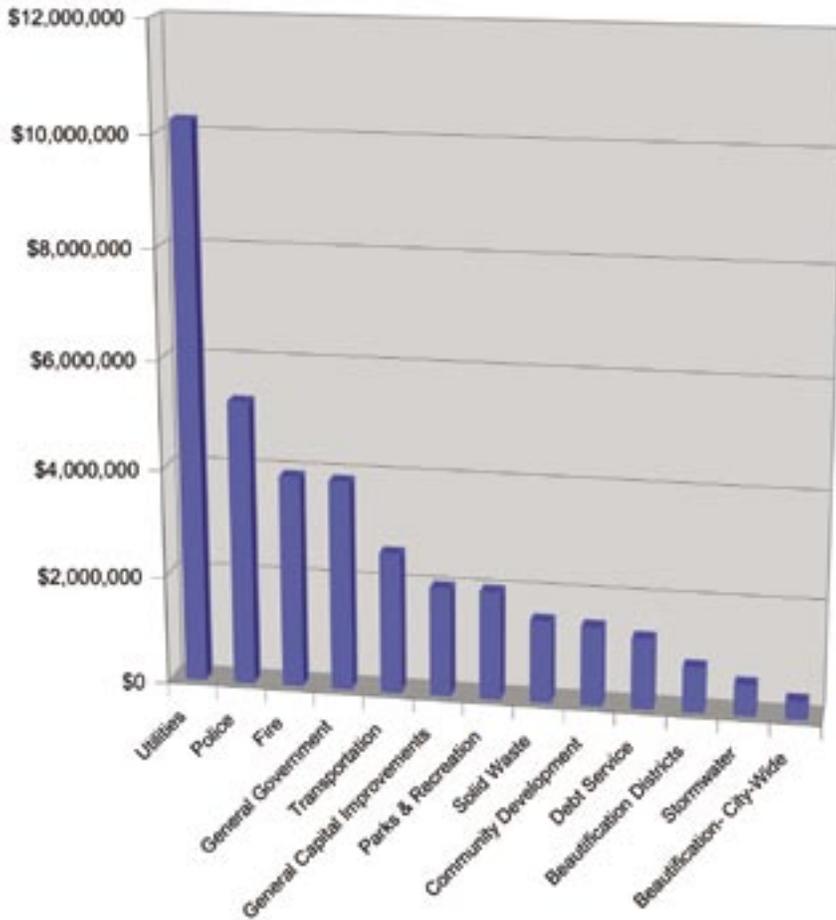
The City of Winter Springs welcomes Justin Edwards to the Information Technology Department. Justin joined our team on August 9 as the city's Web & Multi-Media Technician. He comes to us with a B.S. in Graphic Design from the Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale. Justin's practical experience includes freelance and volunteer work for non-profit organizations. A Miami native, he has selected the Orlando area as the place to settle and start a family.

No Millage Increase For FY 05

On September 27, 2004 the City Commission adopted the Fiscal Year 2005 City Budget maintaining the current advalorem millage at 4.3 mills for the General Operating Fund, and maintaining the special millage approved by referendum for the expansion of Central Winds Park at .25 mills. All other fees and charges remain the same. The Budget includes funds for construction of Magnolia Park, Cross Seminole

2004 - 2005 BUDGET - How your Money is Spent

*please note: an indepth copy of the 2004-2005 Budget is available at Winter Springs City Hall.



Trail, street improvements in the Town Center, improvements to Central Winds Park, construction of a new Public Works facility in the Industrial Park on S.R. 419, and improvements in information technology.



New Town Center Traffic Circulation Improvements

Construction will begin soon on two traffic improvement projects that will greatly improve traffic circulation in the Town Center.

Construction will begin in November on a right turn lane onto SR 434 that will allow traffic to make a right hand turn onto SR 434 in front of Publix.

Construction on a new signalized intersection at Doran Drive and SR 434 is scheduled to begin next summer, which will improve safety and circulation for Town Center traffic and new developments that will be under construction on the south side of SR 434 in the spring.

The Challenge Ahead

We have a lot of work ahead of us. To be candid, it may take us some time to get the City completely back to normal. Many of us are still waiting on repairs, insurance checks, and Federal assistance. Our streets and sidewalks need more cleaning. Blue tarps still drape many rooftops. Our skyline has been permanently altered with the loss of so many trees. With so many areas in Florida hit by hurricanes this season, FEMA was forced to remove some of its crews from our City to help more unfortunate victims throughout Florida.

Your City employees are working tirelessly to restore Winter Springs. Let me take this opportunity to say that I'm proud of their efforts and I know you are, too.

But let me also take this opportunity to thank all you, the remarkable residents of Winter Springs, for your assistance, patience, and support. We have faced these trying times together. We have responded together as a community. And Winter Springs has persevered.

Ronald W. McLemore
 Ronald W. McLemore
 City Manager

Village Walk Beautification Project Underway

After a delay of more than 18-months, work on the Village Walk Beautification Project in west Winter Springs is finally underway. The Village Walk project includes the construction of landscape medians on State Road 434 from the intersection of State Road 434 and State Road 419 west to U.S. Highway 17-92; upgrading and beautification of signalized intersections; and streetscape improvements along both sides of State Road 434. The project is scheduled to be completed August 2005.

Thank You Weekend Army



FOR HELPING YOUR NEIGHBORS AND YOUR CITY
GET BACK ON OUR FEET AGAIN.

Parks and Recreation Department

Fall 2004 Sports Programs

GOLF

The City of Winter Springs Parks and Recreation's Golf programs will continue monthly at Winter Springs Golf Club. Programs are for youth and adults, ages 6 and older. The cost is \$40 per month for hour-long lessons weekly on Tuesdays from 5:30 to 6:30pm. Pre-registration is required and available at Central Winds Park from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday. For additional information please call Winter Springs Parks and Recreation at (407) 327-6589 or online at www.winterspringsfl.org.



TENNIS

The City of Winter Springs Parks and Recreation and Bradstreet Tennis (www.bradstreettennis.com) offer a variety of tennis classes, clinics, and leagues for youth and adults of all ages. Instruction takes place at Trotwood Park Tennis Courts. Call Bradstreet Tennis for specific details on cost, schedules, and level of play. To register, call Bradstreet Tennis at (407) 262-2170 or Winter Springs Parks and Recreation Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM at (407) 327-6589.



WRESTLING

The City of Winter Springs Parks and Recreation's Scorpion's Wrestling program is affiliated with USAW, FAWA, and AAU Amateur Wrestling. The Winter Springs Scorpion's Wrestling Club is for boys and girls, from 6 to 60. The program features Folk Style, Free Style, and Greco-Roman. The Fall season runs between September and January. The Spring season runs from February through May. Registration is available at the class or at Central Winds Park prior to each season, Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. The cost is \$50 per season. FAWA cards are \$30 annually which



includes insurance. For additional information please call "Masters World Champion" Glenn Tolleson at (407) 327-7982. Information is also available online at www.eteamz.com/winterspringswrestling or from Winter Springs Parks and Recreation at (407) 327-6589.

YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE

The Winter Springs Basketball League winter season starts November 13. Recreational League play is offered for boys and girls of all skill levels in Kindergarten through High School. The cost is \$85 for Winter Springs residents and \$90 for non-residents. Registration forms are available online at www.wsbl.com. Players can also register in person on October 2 and on October 9 between 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM. In person registration will be available on those dates and times at JHMS in Oviedo, Indian Trails Middle School, or CiCi's Pizza in Winter Springs. The deadline for registration is October 9. If you want more information or if you're interested in coaching, call Winter Springs Parks and Recreation at (407) 327-6589. You can also contact the Winter Springs Basketball League at (407) 327-8952 or e-mail chris@wsbl.com.



Fall 2004 Sports Special Events

Super Y League National Soccer Tournament

Ajax Orlando is hosting the 2004 North American Olympic Development Program (ODP) Finals in November. The top 112 soccer teams from across North America will travel to Central Florida for the five-day tournament slated for November 19-22 at Central Winds Park. For more info call (407) 839-1982.

CFU – Central Florida United Soccer Classic

CFU Soccer club will host their annual Winter Classic on February 19-20 at Central Winds Park. Boys and girls teams from all over central Florida will compete in all age divisions. To register, contact the CFU office at (407) 695-4957.



City of Winter Springs

Telephone Directory

an expanded City Hall directory is available at www.winterspringsfl.org/contact.html

City Hall

Billing
Arborist
Inspections
Permits
Planning
Zoning
City Clerk
Deputy City Clerk
City Manager
Computer Services
Comprehensive Planning
Occupational License
Fire Dept. Non-emergency
Mayor/Commission
Parks/Recreation
Senior Citizen Center
Police Dept. Non-emergency
Code Enforcement

407-327-1800
407-327-5996
407-327-5982
407-327-7596
407-327-5969
407-327-5966
407-327-5963
407-327-5955
407-327-5965
407-327-5957
407-327-5975
407-327-5967
407-327-5964
407-327-2332
407-327-5965
407-327-6599
407-327-6697
407-327-1000
407-327-7975

Public Works/Utility

Job Hotline
Garbage Complaints

PUBLIC SERVICES

Progress Energy
Florida Recycling Service
(Garbage Pick-Up)
Brighthouse Networks
Winter Springs Post Office

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Keeth Elementary
Lawton Elementary
Winter Springs Elementary
Rainbow Elementary
Highland Elementary

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOLS

Indian Trails Middle School
Winter Springs High School

407-327-2669
407-327-7595
407-327-7576

407-629-1010

407-831-1539
407-645-4701
800-275-8777

407-320-5350
407-320-6350
407-320-0650
407-320-8450
407-320-6650

407-320-4350
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SENIOR'S CORNER

Dixie Stampede
 November 13, 2004

Dixie Stampede gets into the spirit of the holiday season with a special Christmas show for the whole family. The time, it's North Pole vs. South Pole! You'll be enchanted as elves serve your Yuletide feast and Santa arrives by sleigh. Holiday music, a live Nativity scene, and even wise men on camels all say "Merry Christmas!" –Dixie Stampede Style. A fabulous four-course feast is served during the show. The cost of \$59 per person includes:

Round Trip motorcoach transportation, Dinner, Show, Taxes, and Gratuity on meal

Bus will depart the Winter Springs Senior Center at 4:30 PM.

Contact Susie Coffman at (407) 327-6697.

Holiday Lobby Tour
 December 11, 2004

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 the Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress, entrée at the fabulous Ritz-Carlton Orlando Grande Lakes, and a scrumptious dessert buffet at the incomparable Gaylord Palms. End the day with a stop by Disney's elegant Grand Floridian. The cost of \$60.00 per person includes:

Round Trip transportation, Tours, Lunch, Taxes and Gratuity on meal

Bus will depart the Winter Springs Senior Center at 10:00 AM.

Don't miss out on this chance to celebrate the holidays in style! Contact Susie Coffman at (407) 327-6697.

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FALL 2004





Why Is Your City Suing Seminole County?

Why is Your City taking Legal Action to Stop the Referendum on the Proposed County Charter Amendment?

Why Should You Vote Against the Proposed County Charter Amendment if it comes to a Vote?

Why I Support this Action!

Dear Winter Springs Resident,

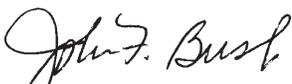
As your Mayor I want to inform you that the Winter Springs Commission has authorized our attorney to file suit against the Seminole County Commission regarding the proposed County Charter Amendment referendum that is on the ballot this November 2.

The proposed charter amendment led by County Commissioner Randy Morris and County Commission Chairman Daryl McLain would give the County Commission exclusive rights to make land use decisions in areas annexed into the city. As a result, when land owners seek voluntary annexation into our city, your elected City Commissioners would not have the authority to control the land use in the area annexed. As a result the County's decision would prevail over the wishes of your city officials and the property owners whose land is being annexed.

There are several valid reasons why the city is taking legal action against this proposal.

First, Cities across Seminole County have spoken out against this proposed amendment, but our County Commissioners are not listening. Therefore, we have no option but to fight the proposal in court. Second, this action is necessary for the city to protect its rights to control land use and development densities in the city in accordance with the wishes of our residents. Additionally, we believe this proposed amendment is unconstitutional. Furthermore, the amendment is vague as to the location of the areas that would be affected; it is not understood by the voters; it pre-empts the city's comprehensive planning efforts; it takes property rights away from property owners; it creates a greater distance between citizens and the officials who make the decisions (For instance, do you know who the county commissioner is that represents Winter Springs?); and it creates an unnecessary centralization of governmental decision making over city land use issues.

At first reading, the amendment may appear to be harmless. After all, protecting rural areas sounds like a good idea. Unfortunately, as with many things big governments often propose to do, the devil is in the details. And the details in this proposal present a scary picture.


John F. Bush, Mayor

**THE PROPOSED COUNTY CHARTER AMENDMENT
IS UNNECESSARY, UNLAWFUL, AND UNCONSTITUTIONAL**

An Important Message from Your City Commission

Residents of Winter Springs,

Your City Commission is being forced to take legal action to stop the unnecessary unlawful and unconstitutional County Charter Amendment scheduled for the November 2, 2004 General Election.

Led by County Commissioners Randy Morris and Daryl McLain, Seminole County wants to bring Big Government to you. We believe that local citizens are best suited to run their own local affairs. The County Commission wants to take that right away from you through the proposed Charter Amendment. If the Charter Amendment passes, decisions affecting you and your city will be made in Sanford rather than in Winter Springs.

It is regrettable that the city is having to take legal action against Seminole County to protect your rights.

We tried to convince the County that this act of Big Government is a bad idea. **They would not listen.**

Respectfully,

Winter Springs City Commission

*Commissioner Michael S. Blake
Commissioner David W. McLeod
Commissioner Robert S. Miller
Commissioner Sally McGinnis
Commissioner Donald A. Gilmore*