



WINTER SPRINGS KID POWER...

LANDS LIMO DRIVER IN THE SLAMMER - SUPPORT DUI EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS.

One of the great lines in Andrew Lloyd Weber's musical Les Miserables, recently performed by the students of Winter Springs High School, suggests that we should "never under estimate what little people can do".

Winter Springs High School Senior, Patrick Curley and nine of his high school friends recently took that line a step further demonstrating that "Armed with Good Information, Never Underestimate What Kids Can Do in a Difficult Situation."

According to Patrick information provided to him and nine of his high school buddies through a DUI Awareness program put on in the school by local law enforcement agencies helped them to deal successfully with a difficult DUI incident.

When Patrick and his friends noticed the driver they hired to take them safely to the

Winter Springs High School Prom running stop signs, driving on the wrong side of the road, and cutting off traffic, Patrick called his parents on his cell-phone, who subsequently called 911. Before Police caught up with them Patrick and his friends had convinced the driver to pull over...grabbed the keys, and withheld them from the driver until Police arrived on the scene.

The incident resulted in the driver being arrested for DUI and Patrick, his parents, and fellow students being invited to appear on NBC's Today Show.

Local law enforcement agencies take the rise in traffic accidents and fatalities related to annual graduation celebrations seriously. The agency's on-going programs counsel school students on the danger of alcohol related accidents and injuries, **see KID POWER on page 5**

NEW VETERAN'S MEMORIAL UNDERWAY



In honor of the Veterans of Winter Springs and Rotary Club's 100th Anniversary, the Winter Springs Chapter of Rotary International and the City of Winter Springs have formed a partnership to construct a new Veterans Memorial in the Winter Springs Town Center. Ground Breaking Ceremonies were held February 25, 2005 at the site located at the corner of Main Street and Blumberg Boulevard in the Town Center. Construction is scheduled to begin this summer.

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July 3rd at Central Winds Park

Arbor Day 2005
April 30th at the Winter Springs Town Center



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COMMISSION REPORT



During the months of January and February 2005, a number of Ordinances and Resolutions were approved by the City Commission:

Ordinance 2005-02, Changed the Future Land Use Map Designation of a 1.95 acre parcel, located at 1136 Orange Avenue, from (Seminole County) "Suburban Estates" and "Conservation" to (City of Winter Springs) "Town Center" and "Conservation Overlay" on those affected areas; **Ordinance 2005-03**, rezoned 1.95 Acres (more or less), located at 1136 Orange Avenue from "A-1" Agricultural (Seminole County) to "Town Center" (City of Winter Springs); **Ordinance 2005-04**, Changed the current Future Land Use Map (FLUM) Designation from "Low Density Residential" to "Commercial" for one (1) parcel located at the Northeast Corner of Parkstone Boulevard and State Road 434, within the Parkstone PUD (Planned Unit Development); **Ordinance 2004-38**, Changed the Future Land Use Map [FLUM] Designation from "Greenway Interchange" to "Mixed Use" and "Conservation Overlay" (on those affected areas) for the forty (40) acres, more or less, located on East State Road 434, immediately across from Creeks Run Way; **Ordinance 2004-40**, Changed the Future Land Use Map [FLUM] Designation from "Office" (Seminole County) to "Town Center District" (Winter Springs) for eight (8) parcels containing 11.028 acres, more or less, located south of State Road 434, west of the intersection at Tuskawilla Road; **Ordinance 2004-43**, Amended the Comprehensive Plan by adding Policy Statements to the Future Land Use [FLUM] Element relating to the establishment of an Urban Central Business District and Revising Transportation Element Policy 1.5.14 relating to the Town Center.

Resolution 2005-04, Amended and revised the schedule of filing fees for Zoning and Planning Services; **Resolution 2005-05**, Requested Seminole County, Florida to delay construction of the Cross Seminole Trail Connector within Winter Springs until a more suitable alignment could be agreed upon; **Resolution 2005-06**, Requested the Seminole County, Board of Commissioner's formal Endorsement to locate a Seminole County Branch Library in the Winter Springs Town Center, and scheduling of a Referendum on the funding of the Seminole County Library System Expansion Program; **Resolution 2005-07**, Requested the City's Adoption of the "Seminole County Local Hazard Mitigation Strategy" Plan; **Resolution 2005-08**, Authorized Staff to submit Grant Applications for the Florida Urban and Community Forestry Grant Program; **Resolution 2005-09**, Authorized the East Rural Transitional Area Development Code Project establishing a study committee made up of effected property owners to recommend development standards for rural area that may desire to annex into the City.; **Resolution 2005-11**, Authorized the City Manager to Execute Documents with the Florida Housing Finance Corporation to provide Disaster Relief Home Assistance Program Funds to provide financial assistance to low and moderate income home owners in the City to make storm damage repairs resulting from recent hurricanes.

Resolutions of Appreciation were approved for Joanne M. Krebs for her Service on the Planning and Zoning Board/Local Planning Agency, and David W. McLeod for his Service on the City Commission.

Former Tuskawilla Lighting and Beautification District Advisory Committee Member Ms. Linda Tillis was appointed to the Planning and Zoning Board/Local Planning Agency.

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Mayor

John F. Bush

Comissioner District 1

Robert S. Miller

Deputy Mayor/Commissioner District 2

Michael S. Blake

Commissioner District 3

Donald A. Gilmore

Commissioner District 4

Sally McGinnis

Commissioner District 5

Joanne M. Krebs

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COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS



Clearing of the Creeks and Waterways

A Creek Clearing program approved by the City Commission to remove storm debris from the City's creeks caused by last year's hurricanes is under way. The goal of the program is to clear obstructions from the City's creeks prior to the onset of this year's summer rain season that could cause wide spread flooding and property damage if not removed. The \$281,500 project is funded 75% by the Natural Resources and Conservation Service (NRSC) through its Emergency Watershed Protection Program and 25% by the City. Due to the complications of removing the debris from the creeks and trucking it to landfills, most of the debris will be relocated and stored on the creek banks in such a manner as to minimize the chances of debris washing back into the creeks during storms.

The projected schedule of the clearing is as follows;

1. Sheoah Creek (Highlands) – April 6 – 19, 2005
2. No Name Creek (Ranchlands) – April 20 – May 10, 2005
3. Gee Creek – May 11 – 31, 2005
4. Little Lake Howell Tributaries (Oak Forest) – June 1 – July 15, 2005
5. Howell Creek (Tuscowilla) – April 11- May 20, 2005
6. Bear Creek (Tuscowilla) – May 23 – June 24, 2005 (Please note that the schedules are projected and may be subject to change.)

Please call **Zynka Perez with the Stormwater Division at (407) 327-1800 ext. 316** for any questions. ❖

Serving Your Community

The City of Winter Springs has a number of Advisory Boards and Committees which provide assistance to the City Commission. Currently there are seven (7) active Advisory Boards and Committees and from time to time, other Advisory Boards and Committees are organized thus new Members would be needed.

During each year, vacancies may arise on any of the City's Advisory Boards and Committees and the City Commission is always interested in finding residents who would like to do their part to serve their community.

Usually, Advisory Boards and Committees meet once a month and really only require a few hours of one's time, but for this little effort, the rewards are great – serving the City Commission; meeting new members of your community; learning more about the City; and working 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 serving your community in this way - please contact the **Office of the City Clerk for more information and to request an application at (407) 327-5999; (407) 327-5965; or (407) 327-5955.** ❖

Advisory Boards and Committees:

Beautification of Winter Springs Board
Board of Adjustment
Board of Trustees (Pension Plan)
Code Enforcement Board
Districting Commission (Every 3 Years)
Oak Forest Wall and Beautification District Advisory Committee
Planning and Zoning Board/Local Planning Agency
Tuscowilla Lighting and Beautification District Advisory Committee

Community Youth Organization

Basketball Program

The Community Youth Organization of Winter Springs is once again sponsoring a youth basketball program for the upcoming summer. The program will be held at Torcaso Park on North Moss Road for boys and girls 6 to 18 years old. The program will begin on June 6, 2005 and runs through July 22, 2005. The hours of the program will be weekdays from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

The C.Y.O. Basketball Program provides several benefits for our community. First, we give parents a safe environment for their children to learn and play the

game of basketball. Second, we give the children in our community a chance to meet and interact with the police officers from the Winter Springs Police Department. Finally, we teach sportsmanship, teamwork, and the fundamentals of basketball.

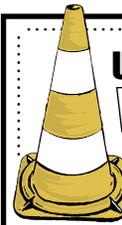
This will be our seventh year of hosting this program. The staff is looking forward to another great year and we know your children will enjoy themselves and learn the game of basketball at the same time.

If you have any questions on this program, feel free to contact **Cpl. Allison Swain or Capt. Jim Wilkins at (407) 327-1000.** ❖

Dollars and Sense Comprehensive Annual Financial Report

The Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2004 Annual Audit presented to the City Commission at the March 14, 2004 meeting by City Auditors McDirmit, Davis, Puckett & Company, LLC demonstrated the on-going financial strength of the City. Technically referred to as the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), the CAFR verified the City's compliance with all relevant accounting standards, an 8% increase in overall net assets, an actual \$66,611 increase in cash position as compared to a \$5.2 million projected decrease in cash position for the year.

The City's CAFR is available online at www.winterspringsfl.org under Forms and Publications. For information contact Michelle Greco, Finance Director at 407-327-5960. ❖



Utilities/Public Works Works for You.

Project Updates

Sidewalk Repairs

The City has completed repair of the majority of the 2,000+ feet of sidewalks damaged by the hurricanes. If the sidewalk near your home has not been repaired, please call 407-327-2669 so we can inspect it and ensure it is on our list.

Street Resurfacing

The following streets are planned on being resurfaced this year.

Montrose Street
Krikaldy Drive
MacGregor Road (Montrose to Shepard)
Dornoch Court
Dewers Court
Bombay Avenue (434 to N 1st)
Burgos Road
Marlin Road
Bonita Road
Tides Road
Seafarer Lane
O'Day Drive
Aloha Court
O'day Court
Arbor Glen Circle

Paving is projected to begin in June. ❖

WELCOME ABOARD!

new additions
to the City of Winter
Springs Staff

FINANCE
PARKS/RECREATION
POLICE
I.S.

Barbara Kountz

Accounts Payable Supervisor

Deborah Daniels

Utility Billings Specialist

Daniel Driscoll

Office Attendant

James Duckworth

Maintenance

William Finisterer

Splash Pad Attendant

Alan Lacerra

Splash Pad Attendant

Kristina Lacerra

Concession Stand Manager

Jonathan Lemasters

Maintenance Worker

Enrique Rivera

Maintenance Worker

Elizabeth Trapp

Communications Operator 1

Leah Bernosky

Communications Operator 1

Ron Kandzer

System Analyst/Kiva Administrator

FIRE PUBLIC WORKS/UTILITY

Joseph Yancoskie

Maintenance Worker

Thomas Thatcher

Maintenance Worker

Gregory Davis

Maintenance Worker

Fern Childers

Administrative Secretary

Brian S. Fields, P.E.

City Engineer

Ryan Alton

Firefighter/EMT

Michael Destefano

Firefighter/EMT

Brad Curl

Firefighter/EMT

Christopher Tulip

Firefighter/EMT

Jesse Crews

Firefighter/EMT

Famke Wolbers

Firefighter/EMT

James Harter

Firefighter/EMT



FIRE FLASH!

Fire Department News, Updates, And Safety Tips

Fire Department Receives Grant

The City of Winter Springs Fire Department recently received a grant from the Markoly Foundation for \$13,000. The funds will be used to purchase an all-terrain vehicle that can be used on the Cross Seminole Trail, at special events, and in areas where normal vehicle access is limited. This vehicle will be capable of carrying two paramedics as well as a patient in the lying position and will be available for use by this summer. ❖

Important Safety Reminder

The Fire Department would like to remind the residents whose property backs up to forested area to maintain a clear zone of at least 30 feet from the forested area and their home. This will help minimize the potential for fire to spread to your home in the event that the forested area is involved in a fire. These recommendations come from the State of Florida, Division of Forestry. For further information the following website is helpful www.firewise.org also please feel free to contact the Fire Department at (407) 327-2332. ❖

Second Annual Winter Springs Relay for Life

On March 18th and 19th, 2005 the 2nd Annual "Relay for Life" to benefit the American Cancer Society was held at Winter Springs High School Stadium. The event began with a proclamation read by Mayor John Bush honoring the Relay for Life for its great contribution to finding a cure for cancer. High School Principal Mike Blasewitz was on hand to welcome all the participants and cancer survivors.



The 2nd Annual "Relay for Life"

was a huge success thanks to the great support of residents of Winter Springs, the employees of the City and the Winter Springs Rotary Club. Police Chief Dan Kerr and Cpl. Allison Swain co-chaired the event that featured teams from all parts of the city and surrounding areas. Many of our businesses, churches, schools, the Winter Springs Fire and Police Departments and civic groups such as the Winter Springs Rotary Club sold food and craft items whose proceeds went toward the final total. The Stadium was decorated like an Olympic Village.

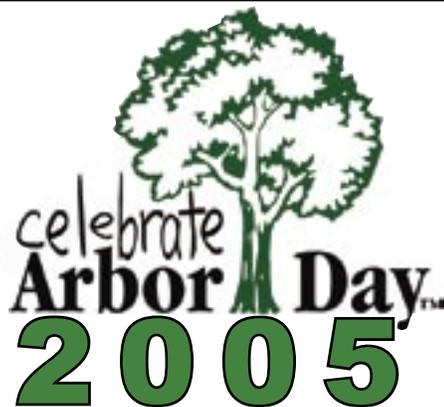
Throughout the evening there were live performances, contests and all around fun. Thanks to the community effort we were able to raise nearly \$45,000 to date with more donations still coming in. **Thank You Winter Springs, for your generous help.** ❖

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the value of alternative alcohol free celebration activities, and the need to call their parents or law enforcement agencies if they perceive themselves becoming involved in any unsafe situations.

The day prior to the Prom DUI incident the Seminole County and City Traffic Safety Team, made up of local law enforcement agencies conducted a mock DUI crash scene at Winter Springs High School alerting students to the dangers associated with driving while drinking. This drill was timed to focus student's attention on driving and drinking during graduation activities and celebrations.

A Proclamation recognizing their responsible and courageous actions will be presented to Patrick, his parents and the other students involved in the incident at the May 23, 2005 City of Winter Springs City Commission meeting. ❖



Join us on Saturday, April 30, 2005 from 9 am to 12 noon, for the Annual Arbor Day Celebration at the Winter Springs Town Center. There will be tree giveaways, educational displays, expert tree care companies, and horticultural answers provided. Please arrive early for the Cub Scout Presentation of Our National Flag and Ceremony Honors. Make sure to bring proof of residency (ex: copy of your City

water billing) as trees will only be provided to City of Winter Springs Residents. Stop by and make your promise to make our city a better one, one tree at a time.



Tree Planting and Care Tips

Planting a Tree

1. Before you dig, verify the location of any utility lines buried beneath your planting project.
2. Dig a hole two (2) times the diameter of the root ball and no deeper than the root ball's height. In compacted or poorly drained soils, elevate the root ball by berming up with a loose, sandy soil.
3. Back-fill with removed soil, making sure the top of the root ball is 1 inch above grade, adding water to eliminate air pockets.
4. Form a 4-6 inch high berm or saucer out of the excess dirt and

sod, approximately 1 foot out from the trunk.

5. Add 3 inches of mulch to the top of the berm, being careful to keep the mulch several inches from the tree trunk.

Watering Your New Tree

1. Newly planted trees require water every day with at least 3 gallons per inch of trunk caliper for the first month and every other day for the next 3 to 4 months. Watering as needed for the remainder of the first year.
2. Water by hand only. Use a hose with an automatic on/off switch or use a bucket. This will help you to comply with watering restrictions.
3. If soils are poorly drained, water less frequently.

For more information contact the Urban Beautification Division at 407.327.5976. ❖



The City of Winter Springs
Proudly Presents it's



INDEPENDENCE DAY

“CELEBRATION OF FREEDOM”

FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR

Sunday, July 3, 2005

Central Winds Park

3:00pm to 10:00pm

State Road 434 - Winter Springs

3:00pm:

GATES OPEN

3:00 – 8:45pm:

The Fantastic Winter Springs Rotary Club Kids Area with Games, Climbing Wall, Bounce Houses, Dunk Tank and Much More!

5:00 – 8:45pm:

Secondary Stage with Mix 105.1 with upcoming local talent.

6:00 – 9:00pm:

Main Stage Entertainment by the Navy Band Southeast from Jacksonville, Florida.

9:00 – 9:15pm:

INDEPENDENCE DAY CEREMONY

9:15 – 9:45pm:

**FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR
30 MINUTES OF Fireworks Choreographed to Music.**

Shuttle Bus Service:

Begins at 5:00pm at the following locations
Highlands, Winter Springs, Layer and Keith Elementary Schools, Indian Trails Middle School, The Venetian Village, Seminole County Bus Barn, Trotwood Park, St. Stephen's Church, Kash & Karry, City Hall, Winter Springs Post Office and the Town Center. Bus Service Will End at 11:00pm.

**“SORRY” NO FIREWORKS, COOKING DEVICES, OR PETS ALLOWED TO ENTER THE SHUTTLE BUS OR PARK.
COOLERS WILL BE CHECKED AT GATE!**

Parks and Recreation Department
2005 Year-Round Sports Programs and Camps



GOLF

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



TENNIS

The City of Winter Springs Parks and Recreation & Bradstreet Tennis offer a variety of tennis classes, clinics, & leagues for youth and adults of all ages. Classes offered at Trotwood Park Tennis Courts. Call Bradstreet Tennis for specific details on cost, instruction times & days and level of play. To register, call Bradstreet Tennis at 407-262-2170 or Winter Springs Parks & Recreation Monday through Friday from 8am-5pm at 407-327-6589.

LIFE SKILLS TENNIS CAMP

The Winter Springs Parks and Recreation Department and Bradstreet Tennis will offer Half day specialty tennis camps from 9:00am to 12:00 pm (\$105 for residents and \$110 for non-residents). Camp Weeks are May 31-June 3; June 20-24; July 11-15. For more information contact Jason Bradstreet at (407) 262-2170 or on-line at www.bradstreettennis.com or Winter Springs Parks & Recreation at (407) 327-6589.



WSBL BASKETBALL CAMPS

The Winter Springs Parks and Recreation Department and Winter

Springs Basketball League will host (4) ½ day Basketball Camps from 8:30-1:30pm daily at JHMS. These Summer Camps are for boys and girls grades K-8. The cost is \$110 per sessions for residents and an additional \$5 fee for non-residents. There are discounts for additional weeks & siblings. Week 1: June 13 –17
 Week 2: June 20 –24 Week 3: June 27 – July 1
 Week 4: July 11– 15 For more information contact the Winter Springs Basketball League at www.wsbl.com or at (407) 327-8952 or Winter Springs Parks & Recreation at (407) 327-6589.

HOGAN'S HOOPSTERS BASKETBALL CAMP

Golden Glove Baseball Camp on June 13-16 from 9am-1pm at Central Winds Park. This Summer Camp is ideal for boys and girls 13 and under. The cost is \$135 for the week of instruction by Jay Bergman and the UCF Baseball Staff, includes conditioning, baseball skills, pizza party and more fun. Register at Central Winds Park now on Mon-Fri from 8am-5pm. Come see the local college ballplayers from UCF. For more information call the Winter Springs Parks and Recreation Department at 407-327-6589.



BASEBALL CAMP

Golden Glove Baseball Camp on June 13-16 from 9am-1pm at Central Winds Park. This Summer Camp is ideal for boys and girls 13 and under. The cost is \$135 for the week of instruction by Jay Bergman and the UCF Baseball Staff, includes conditioning, baseball skills, pizza party and more fun. Register at Central Winds Park now on Mon-Fri from 8am-5pm. Come see the local college ballplayers from UCF. For more information call the Winter Springs Parks and Recreation Department at 407-327-6589.



The March 19th Egg Hunt at Trotwood Park was **HUGE!** Over **900** children participated in a hunt for **5,000** eggs for ages up to 10 years old.

The Winter Springs Parks & Recreation Department offers **SPORTS CAMPS** for youth ages 8-15 years old. It's an opportunity to be introduced to a **NEW SPORT** without a big commitment, or to just develop your skills in a **SPORT** you LIKE.

Most camps are held on weekdays from 9:00 am - 1:00 PM and are one week long. They are offered throughout the summer, except for the week of July 4th. Register early, don't delay.

For more information call 407-327-6589 or visit us online at www.winterspringsfl.org/parksrecreation.html



City of Winter Springs

Telephone Directory

an expanded Winter Springs City Hall directory available online at www.winterspringsfl.org

City Hall

Billing (water billing, sewer, garbage fees)

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

Public Works/Utility

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

407-327-2669

Job Hotline

Garbage Complaints

PUBLIC SERVICES

Progress Energy

Waste Services of Florida

(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

407-327-7595

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

**STERLING CASINO and
 DIXIE CROSSROADS**
May 21, 2005



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! Then, it's on to the world famous Dixie Crossroads for a sumptuous dinner. ❖

COST: \$39.00 per person

Includes: R/T motor coach transportation - Cruise - Unlimited Finger Food Deli Buffet Port Charges/Taxes-Complimentary cocktails to gaming participants-Dinner Bus will depart the Winter Springs Senior Center at 9:00 a.m.

MOUNT DORA
June 18, 2005

Relax as your motor coach takes you through the rolling hills of Lake County to beautiful Mount Dora, one of Florida's best-loved towns. Stroll around this quaint village browsing in art galleries and specialty shops. Voted as the "Best Antiquing in the State" by Florida Magazine, Mount Dora's shops are filled with nostalgic items and treasures from the past. Then embark on a two-hour cruise aboard The Contessa, a 1920's paddlewheel cruiser. Enjoy lunch onboard as you cruise through some of Lake County's most beautiful waterways. ❖

COST: \$52.00 per person

Includes: R/T motor coach transportation-Lunch-Cruise-Taxes- Gratuity on meal Bus will depart the Winter Springs Senior Center at 8:30 a.m.

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS TODAY!!!

FOR MORE QUESTIONS OR INFORMATION CONTACT: SUSAN COFFMAN AT 407.327.6697

SPRING 2005

