



## THE CITY OF WINTER SPRINGS AND THE CITY OF LONGWOOD SIGN HISTORIC AGREEMENT



At a signing ceremony held on Thursday, September 8, 2005 at 11:00 a.m. at the Longwood Community Center, the City's of Winter Springs and Longwood signed a historic agreement between the two City's coordinating how property along the US Highway 17-92 corridor will be annexed and serviced.

Throughout the state, cities and counties are involved in head on conflicts over who has the right to annex and service unincorporated areas of our State. In spite of legislation intended to foster cooperative Joint Planning Agreements between cities and counties, the economic realities of annexation have made cooperative agreements difficult at best. Lacking a coordinated strategy, and cherry picking unincorporated areas with high revenue potential and avoiding those with low revenue generation potential annexation

has resulted in a "hodge podge" patch work of municipal boundaries between cities.

According to Winter Spring's City Manager Ron McLemore and Longwood's City Manager John Drago, the InterLocal Agreement they have worked out between their two cities could be a model for other Florida cities. The InterLocal Agreement does two things:

It smoothes out city boundaries along the US Highway 17-92 between the two cities and; determines who can best provide utility services.

As adopted, the InterLocal Agreement defines utility services based upon who can more effeciently service unincorporated areas along the 17-92 Corridor. **Continued on Page 6**

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### New! Service Online - MasterCard and Visa Now Accepted.



The City of Winter Springs is pleased to announce MasterCard and Visa is now accepted for Utility service payments. Please contact our service provider, Official Payments Corporation (OPC), at 1-800-272-9829 or find them online at [www.officialpayments.com](http://www.officialpayments.com) to initiate your payment. Your jurisdiction code is 1914. A convenience fee will be charged by OPC for this service. As always, please make payment by the **due date to avoid late fees and disconnection of service.** ❖



the City of Winter Springs  
**COMMISSION REPORT**



From Left to Right - Commissioner Joanne M. Krebs, Commissioner Donald A. Gilmore, Mayor John F. Bush, Commissioner Michael S. Blake, Commissioner Robert S. Miller and Commissioner Sally McGinnis.

During the months of March through August 2005, a number of Ordinances and Resolutions were approved by the City Commission:

**Ordinance 2005-06**, rezoned 11.028 Acres, located along State Road 434 (across from Doran Drive) from "A-1" Agricultural (Seminole County) to "Town Center" (City of Winter Springs); **Ordinance 2005-09**, revised the "R-3 Multi-Family" Zoning District's Permitted and Conditional Uses; **Ordinance Number 2005-10**, increased the city's Transportation Impact Fees; **Ordinance 2005-15**, increased monthly Stormwater Utility Rates; **Ordinance Number 2005-16**, established a new Noise Ordinance regulating sound levels deemed to constitute a public nuisance; **Ordinance Number 2005-17**, revised certain language in Section 6-193. of the City Code as related to the location of fences and walls; **Ordinance Number 2005-18**, allows on-street parking by Resolution; **Ordinance Number 2005-19**, annexed a parcel located at 820 State Road 434; and **Ordinance Number 2005-24**, revised "Town Center" Zoning District's Signage Regulations.

**Resolution 2005-10**, amended the Fiscal Year 2005 Budget; **Resolution 2005-13**, authorized the City to Charge a Municipal Service Tax on Reclaimed Water; **Resolution 2005-14**, recognized Schrimsher Properties, Inc. for use of Schrimsher Property Located within the City of Winter Springs for a Storm Debris Processing and Reduction Site following Hurricanes Charley, Frances, and Jeanne; **Resolution 2005-15**, established a Credit Card and Pin-Less Debit Card Acceptance Policy, and approved a contract with Official Payments Corporation for

processing of credit card payments;

**Resolution 2005-19**, memorialized amendments to the City Pension Plan approved by the Commission at its August 30, 2004 meeting; **Resolution 2005-22**, authorized the submission of applications to the Florida Urban and Community Forestry Emergency Hurricane Supplemental Grant Program; **Resolution 2005-26**, requested the Florida Department of Transportation to support the State Road 434 Traffic Circulation and Access Plan for the Town Center Urban Central Business District recommended by the City's Consultants; **Resolution 2005-27**, acknowledged the City's support of a Library within the City of Winter Springs' to the Seminole County Commission; **Resolution 2005-28**, nominated Ronald W. McLemore, City Manager; Anthony A. Garganese, City Attorney; and Andrea Lorenzo-Luaces, CMC, City Clerk As "City Manager of the Year", "City Attorney of the Year", and "City Clerk of the Year" respectively for the Florida League of Cities 2005 "Cities of Excellence Awards"; **Resolution 2005-29**, revised Building Permit Fees for new construction; **Resolution 2005-30**, certified Oak Forest Wall and Beautification District Assessment Rolls for 2005; **Resolution 2005-31**, certified Tusawilla Lighting and Beautification District Assessment Rolls for 2005; and **Resolution 2005-33**, adopted the "National Incident Management System", providing for the coordination of Municipal, County, and State Resources during natural and man made disasters. **Resolution 2005-38**, set the Final Operating Millage for the FY06 Budget at 4.6126 Mills and Final Voted Millage at .1374 Mills for a Total Millage of 4.7500 Mills. **Resolution 2005-39**, adopted the FY06 Final Budget at \$52,985,075 for all Funds.

Resolutions of Appreciation were approved for Dick Taylor for his service on the Oak Forest Wall and Beautification District Advisory Committee, and Kathleen Andrews for her service on the Beautification of Winter Springs Board.

For Additional Information on Ordinances and Resolution, Contact the **City Clerk's Office** at 407-327-5955, or visit our web site at [www.winterspringsfl.org](http://www.winterspringsfl.org).

**Mayor**

John F. Bush

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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

## Winter Springs Holiday Festival Weekend

The City of Winter Springs proudly announces their upcoming Holiday Weekend schedule for the weekend of **November 18th, 19th and 20th**. The weekend events begin on **Friday, November 18th with a Tree Lighting Ceremony** which will take place at the Winter Springs Town Center. The Tree Lighting will feature a displayed tree in which the City will decorate with Holiday lights and decorations as well as a live performance by the Indian Trails Middle School Show Chorus and the Winter Springs Elementary School Chorus will be on hand to perform. The **tree lighting activities will take place from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.**

On the following day, all eyes are set on Central Winds Park for a live performance of Holiday music and popular instrumentals by the one and only, **Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra**. The concert is scheduled to begin at 7:30pm. Also taking place **beginning at 6:00pm, will be an Instrument Petting Zoo** which will



allow children and adults to experiment with orchestral instruments with the help of the Philharmonic's professional musicians. There is no cost for admission to this great 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 as the entrance for Central Winds Park is a short walking distance. The Holiday Parade will take place on



**Sunday, November 20th** beginning at Winter Springs Elementary School on State Road 434 running east towards the Village Market Plaza. The **parade start up time is scheduled for 2:30 p.m.** and is expected to have over 70 entries which include: representatives from sport teams the Orlando Magic, Orlando Predators and Daytona Cubs as well as Winter Springs High School and Masters Academy Marching Bands, Representatives from University of Central Florida, Sea World, several non profit organizations, area

churches and large variety of entries which makes our parade one of the best in Central Florida. There will be plenty of candy being distributed to everyone whom attends. On hand as Master of Ceremonies, will be WESH TV 2's Bill Shafer and the Holiday Radio Network, Magic 107.7 FM will also be on hand for the entire weekend of events.



### 2005 Holiday Festival Schedule

-  **Friday, November 18th**  
**6:00 PM to 8:00 PM**  
 Holiday Tree Lighting Activities  
 Winter Springs Town Center
-  **Saturday, November 19th**  
**6:00 PM**  
 Orlando Philharmonic's "Instrument Petting Zoo"  
 Central Winds Park
- 7:30 PM**  
 Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra Holiday Pops Concert  
 Central Winds Park
-  **Sunday, November 20th**  
**2:30 PM**  
 Winter Springs 2005 Holiday Parade  
 S.R. 434, from Winter Springs Elementary to Village Market Plaza

For more information on Holiday Weekend events, please call (407) 327-6593. ❖

## Scottish Highland Games at Central Winds Park

The 29th Annual Scottish Highland Games will take place at Central Winds Park on **Saturday, January 21st 2006**. The Games include a mix of great entertainment, athletics, piping and drumming competitions, Scottish Merchants, Clan Tents, dancing and heritage foods. This will mark the 5th consecutive year in which the event will take place at Winter Springs' Central Winds Park. Last year, an estimated crowd of 9,000 people visited. The day's events were ongoing with much activity going on throughout the park. 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**, or

available at the gate on the day of the event for \$15.00. This year's event will feature some of the more popular Scottish and Celtic bands which will be performing in the park's amphitheatre. Proceeds from the games are for youth scholarships for the purpose of promoting the Scottish culture. Upon entry, there are no pets allowed. Tickets are available by calling **Jean Gordon at (407) 422-8226**. The Scottish Highland Games would like to recognize there sponsors Iceland Air, The Famous Grouse, Seminole County Convention and Visitors Bureau and the City of Winter Springs. ❖

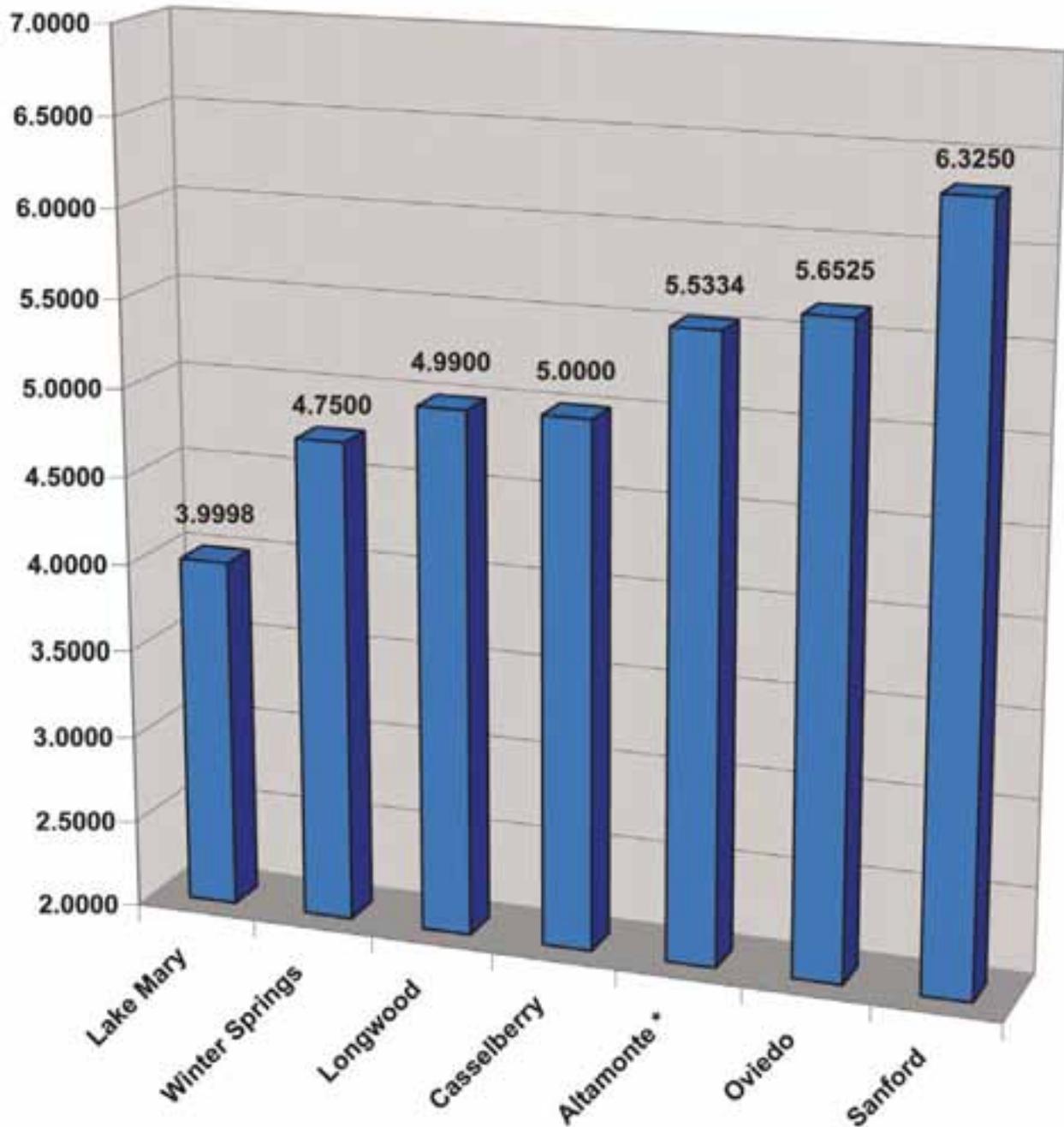
## Santa in the City 2005

presented by the Winter Springs Fire Department

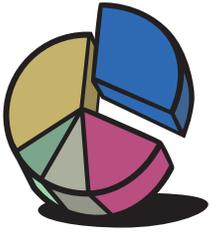
Santa will make his annual appearance escorted by the Winter Springs Fire Department. Santa will make his rounds throughout the City touring major streets in all sections of Winter Springs. To get updated information please go to the City of Winter Springs website at [www.winterspringsfl.org](http://www.winterspringsfl.org), information will be available starting in November. Because of the growth of the City, it is no longer possible to go down every street. However, you will be able to easily walk to the streets where Santa will be making his appearance. Happy Holidays! ❖

# WINTER SPRINGS RETAINS SECOND LOWEST PROPERTY TAX RATE IN SEMINOLE COUNTY

In spite of all the Budget Hoopla in This Year's Budget Making Process Final Budget Action Taken by the Winter Springs City Commission Keeps Property Taxes in Winter Springs Lower than all other City's In Seminole County other than Lake Mary.



\* Includes County Fire Service Millage



After lengthy debate the City Commission at the September 26, 2005 Final Budget Hearing voted 3/2 to

increase the City's advalorem millage two tenth's of one mill to fund six new police officers and one new fire prevention officer. The Police Department requested the six new public officers to respond to an increase in criminal activity that is being experienced in Winter Springs, and other cities throughout the Central Florida area. The additional fire prevention officer was requested to keep up with the increasing demand for school and commercial inspections. The two tenth's mill increase allowed the new public safety employees to be funded without having to make steep cuts in other City departments.

Other factors affecting the FY06 Budget increases was the need to begin replenishing a \$1.5 million reduction in City reserves caused by last year's hurricanes, increases in fuel, electricity, and building material cost resulting from Hurricane Katrina.

The two tenth's mill increase will raise the overall City millage from 4.5500 mills to 4.7500 mills.

The increased millage will increase actual property taxes paid approximately \$20 per \$100,000 of taxable value (Table 1.1).

## 2005 - 2006 DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

In Fiscal Year 2006, fifty-two percent (52%) of the City's General Fund Budget will be dedicated to Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Services

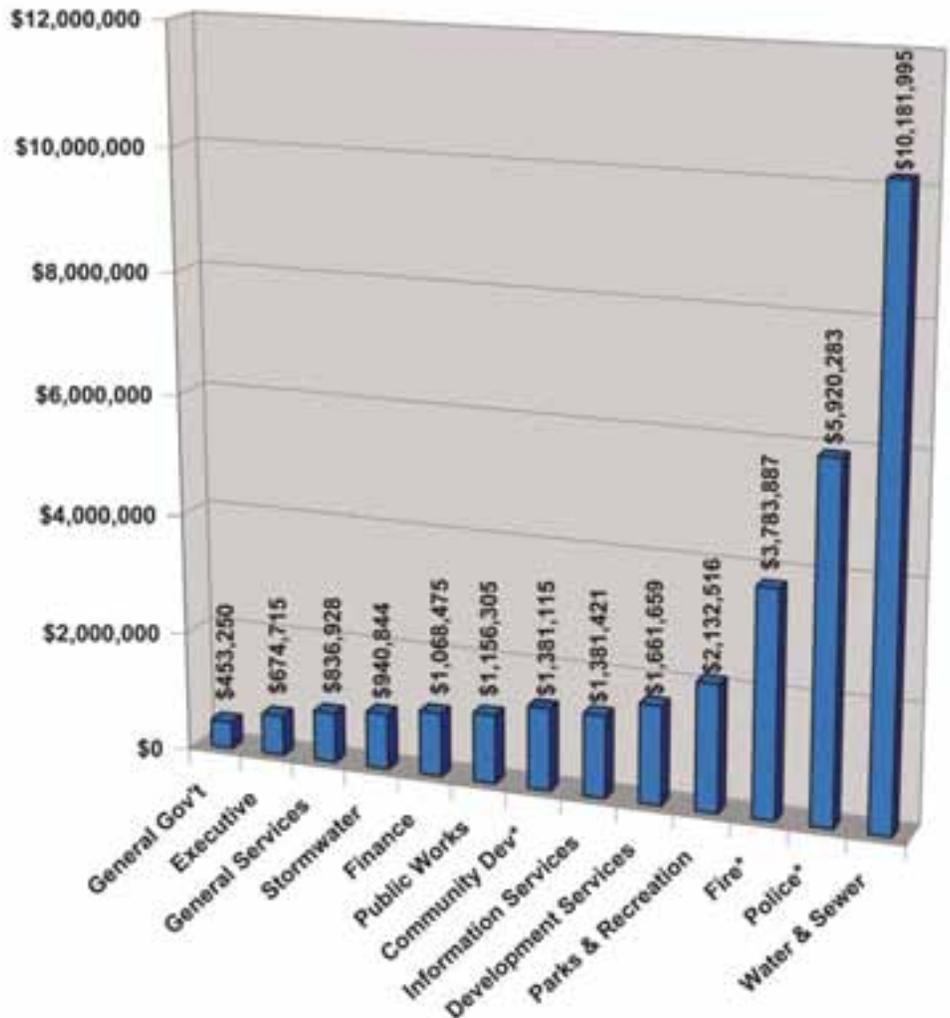


TABLE 1.1

Taxable Value	Increased Taxes Paid
\$100,000	\$20
\$200,000	\$40
\$300,000	\$60
\$400,000	\$80
\$500,000	\$100



## Thanks to Keeth Elementary

On behalf of the Winter Springs Commissioners I would like to congratulate the students, families and faculty of Keeth Elementary School for their outstanding job assisting victims of

hurricane Katrina. The student and faculty have raised more than \$9,000 for the victims.

The Keeth PTA and staff gave \$500 each to three families from New Orleans, whose children recently registered at Keeth. These families were invited to the PTA President's home where they were given almost all of the necessities to start their life here in Winter Springs. I know that these families and their children are appreciative of what you have done.

The students and faculty at Keeth are truly a dynamic, caring and supportive school that has reached out to people in need. It is through this kindness and goodness of your hearts and spirit, that you here at Keeth Elementary make Winter Springs and the world a much better place to live.

I extend my appreciation and sincerest thanks on the behalf of the City Commissioner and myself for your outstanding efforts on behalf of the Katrina Hurricane victims.

*John F. Bush*  
**John F. Bush, Mayor**

### Historic Agreement Continued from Page 1

It further defines which areas will be annexed based upon the smoothing out of boundary lines. In this case where Longwood is the preferred utility provider for unincorporated areas that are identified in the Agreement to be annexed into Winter Springs, Longwood will require the unincorporated area to annex into Winter Springs before it will agree to provide utility services.

The preferred utility provider charges its schedule of rates even though it may be providing water and sewer service in the unincorporated area of the other city. In this case, Longwood will charge its utility rates to customers it serves in the City of Winter Springs.

According to Winter Springs Mayor John Bush and Longwood Mayor H.G. "Butch" Bundy, this is only the beginning. Future agreements could address a number of services and boundary issues such as joint funding of parks. ❖

## NOTICE TO OUR RESIDENTS

### CRIME INCREASES IN WINTER SPRINGS

Crime has been on the increase throughout Central Florida. Winter Springs has experienced a 21.5% increase in criminal activities after the first 8 months of 2005. Burglaries, Robberies, Larcenies, and Auto Theft have all increased. The most significant increases are in Residential Burglaries from 85 reported in 2004 to 93 reported in 2005 which resulted in a 9.5% increase. 228 Larcenies reported in 2004 and 309 were reported in 2005 which is an increase of 35.5%. Auto Thefts also increase from 15 in 2004 to 22 in 2005 which is a 46% increase.

**The Police Department is requesting that you lock your vehicles even when they are parked in your driveway and also secure your garage door and other doors to your home. Please call the Police Department if you see anything suspicious in your neighborhood.**

### NEW NUMBERS FOR CIVIC AND SENIOR CENTERS

The Winter Springs Senior Center will have a new telephone number **beginning November 1, 2005**. The new number for the Senior Center will be **(407) 327-6554**.

The Civic Center will also have a new telephone number **beginning November 1, 2005**. The new number for the Civic Center will be **(407) 327-6556**.

### CITY DOCUMENT SEARCH ONLINE COMING SOON

The City of Winter Springs will be providing a new way for the public to view official documents. We have uploaded many years of Agendas, Agenda Items, Minutes and more.

Visit the 'City Documents Search' area coming in November of this year.

**Easy Navigation** – Like Windows Explorer

**Easy Searches** – Enter a word and find all lines of all documents containing that word

The **City Document Search** page provides you with instant access to the documents you need.

### WELCOME ABOARD!

The Information Services Department would like to welcome Joseph (Joe) Alcala to the Information Services team as the Information Technology Coordinator/Security Administrator. Joe comes to us with a Masters Degree in Management Information Systems and also holds several professional certifications which include MCSE, MCP, MCSA and CISSP. Joe is responsible for coordinating all Information Technology activities and projects as well as managing the security of the City's data network and infrastructure. Welcome Joe!

Parks and Recreation Department

## Fall 2005 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 & adults ages 6 and older. The cost is \$50 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 or online at [www.winterspringsfl.org](http://www.winterspringsfl.org).



### 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 and [www.bradstreettennis.com](http://www.bradstreettennis.com) or Winter Springs Parks & Recreation Monday through Friday from 8am-5pm at 407-327-6589.



### WRESTLING

The City of Winter Springs Parks and Recreation's Grizzlies Wrestling program is for boys & girls, from 6 to 60. Features Folk Style, Free Style, and Greco-Roman. The Fall season is Sept-Dec. & the Spring season is Jan-May. Registration is available at the class or at Central Winds Park prior to each season, Monday through Friday from 8am-5pm. The cost is \$50 per season. FAWA cards are \$30 annually which include insurance benefits. For additional information please call "Masters World Champion" Glenn Tolleson at 407-327-7982 or on-line at [www.eteamz.com/winterspringswrestling](http://www.eteamz.com/winterspringswrestling) or from Winter Springs Parks and Recreation at (407) 327-6589.



### YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE

The Winter Springs Basketball League, Fall season starts November 12th. Recreational League play is offered for boys and girls of all skill levels in grades K - HS. The cost is \$90 residents & \$95 for non-residents. Register by mail, or come to a site registration at JHMS, ITMS on October 1, 8 & 15, from 9:00am until 1:00pm or M-F at Central Winds Park in Winter Springs. Registration deadline is October 12. No online registrations. 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](mailto:chris@wsbl.com).



### Fall 2005 Sports Special Events

#### Grizzlies Hometown Hoedown

Winter Springs Grizzlies and Woody's BBQ are having the 2nd annual Hometown Hoedown at WSHS on Saturday, Oct. 15 starting at 5pm. Lots of Great Music, Kids Carnival Games, BBQ, and Family Fun. Tickets on sale now. For more info call Trey at 407-497-9439. ❖



## City of Winter Springs Telephone Directory

an expanded directory available online at [www.winterspringsfl.org/contact.html](http://www.winterspringsfl.org/contact.html)

City Hall .....	407-327-1800
Billing (water billing, sewer, garbage fees) .....	407-327-5999
Arborist .....	407-327-5982
Inspections .....	407-327-7596
Permits .....	407-327-5969
Planning.....	407-327-5966
Zoning.....	407-327-5963
City Clerk.....	407-327-5955
Deputy City Clerk.....	407-327-5965
City Manager .....	407-327-5957
Computer Services.....	407-327-5975
Comprehensive Planning .....	407-327-5967
Occupational Licenses .....	407-327-5964
Fire (Non-emergency) .....	407-327-2332
Mayor/Commission .....	407-327-5965
Parks and Recreations .....	407-327-6599
Senior Citizen Center .....	407-327-6697
Police (Non-emergency) .....	407-327-1000
Code Enforcement.....	407-327-7975
Public Works/Utility.....	407-327-2669
Job Hotline.....	407-327-7595
Garbage Complaints.....	407-327-7576
<b>Public Services</b>	
Progress Energy.....	407-629-1010
Waster Services of Florida	
(Garbage Pickup.....	407-831-1539
Bighthouse Networks .....	407-645-4701
Winter Springs Post Office .....	800-275-8777
<b>Elementary Schools</b>	
Keeth Elementary.....	407-320-5350
Lawton Elementary.....	407-320-6350
Winter Springs Elementary.....	407-320-0650
Rainbow Elementary .....	407-320-8450
Highland Elementary .....	407-320-6650
<b>Middle &amp; High Schools</b>	
Indian Trails Middle.....	407-320-4350
Winter Springs High.....	407-320-8750



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**SENIOR'S CORNER**

**Cypress Gardens**  
 October 15, 2005

Rediscover Florida's first theme park! Cypress Gardens Adventure Park blends it's storied past with sensational new thrills creating a unique family experience. Revisit the glorious historic gardens, graceful southern belles and "Wings of Wonder", the famed butterfly arboretum. Gasp in wonder at gravity-defying water ski and ice-skating extravaganzas. Enjoy spectacular daily shows and Jubilee Junction, where food and shopping take an entertaining, old-fashioned twist. Receive a 2nd day free so that you can return with your family & friends! The cost of \$58 per person includes: **R/T motorcoach transportation, Admisiion and Tax.** Bus will depart the Winter Springs Senior Center at 9:00 AM..

**Busch Gardens**  
 November 19, 2005

Spend an exciting day at one of the world's largest and most popular adventure parks. From wildlife to wild rides, Busch Gardens has something for everyone. Thrill to exotic animal encounters and spectacular shows. Special appearance by Jack Hanna and some of his incredible exotic creatures. The cost of \$74.00 per person includes: **R/T transportation, Admission and Tax.** Bus will depart the Winter Springs Senior Center at 8:00 AM.

**Holiday Lobby Tour**  
 December 10, 2005

Tour some of Orlando's most prestigious hotels, decked out in their holiday splendor. Enjoy a fabulous progressive luncheon featuring soup or salad at Portofino Bay, entrée at the Royal Pacific Resort 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 \$63 per person includes: **R/T motorcoach transportation, Tours, Lunch, Taxes and Gratuity on Meal.** Bus will depart the Winter Springs Senior Center at 10:00 AM..

**Slueth's Mystery Dinner Show - The Reunion**  
 January 8, 2006

All graduates have been invited to this gala affair in order to renew past relationships and to save Luray Academy. However, the Reunion brings together alumni with more than "saving the Academy" on their minds. Fireworks fly when this bastion of southern genteel society goes amuck and culminates in murder. Who Dunnit? It's everybody's guess!! The cost of \$55 per person includes: **R/T motorcoach transportation, Lunch, Show, Taxes, Unlimited beer, wine, soft drinks and Gratuity on Meal.** Bus will depart the Winter Springs Senior Center at 10:45 AM. Entrée choice required in advance. Choose from honey glazed cornish hen, baked cheese lasagna (with or without meatballs) or prime rib (additional \$3.20 charge).



**For More Information or Reservations Contact: Susie Coffman at 407-327-6697.**