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**The First Annual
Winter Springs**

**“Celebration of Spring”
Festival in the Park**

Sunday, March 12, 2006 – Central Winds Park

- 4-6 PM** **Arts and Food Picnic in the Park**
Local artists and food vendors will be displaying and selling their products.
- 4:30-5:30 PM** **Instrument Petting Zoo in the Park.**
Members of the Orlando Philharmonic will familiarize kids and adults with the various instruments of the Orchestra; allowing hands on opportunities to play the various instruments with the help of professional instructors.
- 6-8 PM** **Spring Concert in the Park.**
Andrew Lane and the Orlando Philharmonic will be performing the debut of the Winter Springs “Celebration of Spring Overture”, and presenting the music of local, national and international artists.
- 8-8:20 PM** **Laser Light Spectacular in the Park.**
This 20-minute laser light spectacular featuring laser graphics and digital sound will thrill young and old alike.
- 8:20-8:30 PM** **CLOSING CEREMONY**

**IT'S GOING TO BE A REAL PARTY!
BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY
IT'S FREE AND IT'S ALL FOR YOU!**

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Winter Springs Civic Center**

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CITY COMMISSION AWARDS SOLID WASTE SERVICE TO WASTE PRO OF FLORIDA, INC.

New Roll Out Cart Service and Rates to Begin March 1, 2006

On March 1, 2006 Waste Pro of Florida, Inc. will replace Waste Services, Inc. as the City's solid waste contractor and begin transition to a new roll out cart service for City residents that will be completed by the end of April. The new contract will necessitate an increase in rates.

Waste Pro Low Bidder: Waste Pro was the low bidder for Winter Springs' business, beating out Hewitt Environmental Systems and Republic Services for residential and commercial service.

Roll Out Cart System will Improve Service: The new roll out cart system, in combination with much tighter contract requirements, will improve service throughout the City. The new roll out cart system is becoming the residential solid waste system of choice throughout the country. Many cities in Florida, including Longwood and Maitland in our immediate area, have already adopted the system. Residents will no longer have to purchase garbage cans with the new roll out system. Every household will be supplied with one 96-gallon heavy duty plastic garbage cart on wheels. This cart will hold three times the amount of garbage held by standard garbage cans. Although experience across the country has proven that one cart will provide more container space than 99% of the residential customers will require, a second cart can be provided at an additional cost to the resident. As with the current collection system, the new roll out system will be collected twice weekly. Under the new system, all normal household (non-commercial contractor generated) solid waste will be picked up as part of regular service, including appliances, furniture, vegetative waste not more than 5 feet in length and 50 pounds in weight, garbage, and recyclables that are placed at the curb. This includes solid waste stored in the roll out cart in addition to solid waste that may be stored in bags, boxes or other garbage cans.



Special Pick Up Services will be Offered: In addition to regular solid waste pick up service, residents can purchase special pick up service, at an additional cost, for extraordinary amounts of household rubble, furniture, and plant material. As a result of this service, residents will no longer have the burden of transporting household debris to the County transfer station. Extraordinary items include tree trunks and limbs over five feet in length and 50 pounds in weight and piles of debris that require special equipment or more than 15 minutes for crews to pick up.

Other Services will Remain the Same: Under the new contract with Waste Pro, residents will continue to receive twice a week garbage pick up, once a week recycling, and once a week yard waste pick up.

Rates will Change: Under the new contract with the low bidder Waste Pro, the \$13.68 basic monthly service charge, which has been in place for nine years, will increase to \$18.10. This increase in cost is due to a large increase in labor, fuel, and equipment costs experienced by the waste industry over the past nine, and particularly the last two years. Under the existing contract that terminates on February 28, 2006, inflationary increases in cost were limited to 2.5% per year over the nine year period of the contract. However, in recent years costs have soared past the 2.5% allowable increase.

Questions and Answers

- Q.** Did we get the lowest bids for collection services?
A. Yes. Three companies bid. The bid results were as follows:
- ❖ \$39.73 Republic Services
 - ❖ \$22.79 Hewitt Environmental Systems
 - ❖ \$14.10 Waste Pro of Florida, Inc.

The Waste Pro bid was reduced further through negotiations to \$11.98 for collection. This amount does not include landfill costs, administrative costs associated with billing and accounting, and storm reserves.

- Q.** Were different type services bid?
A. Yes, the City considered the following services:

- ❖ Continuation of the current rear loader service.
- ❖ Semi automated roll out cart service.
- ❖ Fully automated roll out cart service.

- Q.** Why did the City choose semi automated roll out cart service over rear loader and fully automated service?
A. The semi automated roll out cart system is the more customer friendly system. It reduces litter, is far more aesthetically appealing, virtually eliminates garbage cans being strewn along streets and animals getting into garbage, is easily maneuvered even when fully loaded, eliminates the purchase of second and third standard size cans, is maintained and replaced when needed

by the contractor at no extra charge, and allows customers to use other garbage cans and bags when garbage levels are unusually heavy.

Q. If I have more garbage and other solid waste than can be put in the roll out cart may I put that garbage and solid waste out for pick up?

A. Yes. If your garbage exceeds the capacity of the roll out cart you may place bags, boxes, and other garbage cans next to the roll out cart for pick up.

Q. What do I do with my existing garbage cans?

A. As stated above, you may use them for unusually heavy accumulations of garbage along with your roll out cart. Additionally, you may use them for yard waste on your yard waste pick up day. If you find you no longer need them, simply discard them.

Q. What are the new rates for the new residential roll out cart system?

A. The new residential rate for the new roll out cart system is \$18.10 per month beginning March 1, 2006 as compared to the current rate of \$13.68.

Q. Why are the rates going up so much?

A. The \$13.68 rate for the current rear loader service has been in place for nine years. The current contract capped inflationary increases at 2.5% per year over the nine year period of the contract. During this nine year period, labor, fuel, and equipment costs have gone up far more than the 2.5% annual inflation allowance authorized in the contract. The new contract price reflects the actual increase in cost for collection services over the nine year period and the cost of the new roll out cart system as follows:

	Current Contract	New Contract
COLLECTION SERVICES		
Current rear loader service	\$ 7.97	\$ 7.97
Inflation increase	n/a	2.70
Increase for new roll out cart system	n/a	1.31
Total Collection Cost	\$ 7.97	\$ 11.98
OTHER COST		
Landfill disposal cost	\$ 4.10	\$ 3.87
Administration	1.00	1.00
Storm & Fund Reserves	.61	1.25
Total Other Cost	\$ 5.71	\$ 6.12
TOTAL COST	<u>\$ 13.68</u>	<u>\$ 18.10</u>

Q. Will my rates go up in the future?

A. The \$18.10 monthly rate is designed to remain constant for the five year life of the contract provided that we do not experience any unexpected cost increases. For example, County landfill disposal rates could increase during the life of the contract. Although these costs are not associated with the solid waste collection contract, they could affect the overall customer rate if increases are experienced in disposal rates. However, disposal rates are not anticipated to increase over the life of this contract. In addition to annual inflation increases, Waste Pro, like all solid waste contractors, is entitled to price increases for legal requirements imposed by Federal, State, or local governments unknown at the time the contract was adopted by the City and Waste Pro. Such extraordinary conditions

are not anticipated over the life of the Waste Pro Contract.

Q. What are Storm and Fund Reserves for?

A. These reserves are in place to help cover the extraordinary clean up costs associated with storm events without a need for an emergency rate increase. The City's share of clean up costs after the 2004 hurricanes was approximately \$2.5 million dollars. Most of the available storm reserves were depleted to help cover these costs. These reserves must be replenished to cushion the effect of inevitable future storm events.

Q. Will service improve?

A. Yes, for several reasons. Waste Pro is a long established solid waste company with an excellent record of performance. Nine years ago, the City entered into the current contract with Brown Ferris Industries (B.F.I.), another company with a long established track record of providing quality solid waste services. During the contract period, B.F.I. sold the contract to Florida Recycling Services, who then sold the contract to Waste Services, Inc. The quality of service declined during this period of time, especially in the last year. We are confident that Waste Pro will continue their tradition of quality service in Winter Springs. Secondly, the roll out cart system is much easier to provide in a clean, efficient and effective manner than the current rear loader garbage service. Thirdly, the City's new contract with Waste Pro is a much stronger contract with heavy penalties for poor service and more streamlined provisions for cancellation in the event of continued poor service. Fourthly, the contract provides for total pick up of normal household waste at the curb within the standard monthly charge, and special pick up services for extraordinary service for an additional charge, relieving residents from the burden of transporting such items to the County solid waste transfer station.

Q. Will the larger roll out cart be more difficult to maneuver than regular garbage cans?

A. Experience has proven that the roll out carts are far more maneuverable with less effort than traditional garbage cans.



Q. Will I be able to get appliances and other household waste picked up with the new roll out cart system?

A. Yes. Under the new contract, household rubbish and appliances will be picked up as long as it is not debris generated by a commercial enterprise, that it is taken to the curb side, and that it does not take more than 15 minutes to be picked up by crews.

Q. Can I get large items, such as construction debris, that are not considered normal household rubble picked up?

A. Yes. You can get special pick up for extraordinary items at a rate of \$60 for the first 2 cubic yards and \$25 per cubic yard thereafter. As a result, you will not have to carry these items to the County solid waste transfer station.

Q. Who do I call for information regarding special services?

A. Waste Pro at (407) 774-0800.

Q. Who do I call with complaints about service?

A. It is suggested that you first call Waste Pro at (407) 774-0800. If you do not get a satisfactory response, call the City at (407) 327-7576. Obviously, if you prefer, you may call the City first.

Q. If I have a bona fide physical impairment that prevents me from handling the roll out cart, may I continue my current method of taking solid waste to the curb?

A. Yes. In this case you may continue your current practice. Once again, most people find the roll out carts to be easier to maneuver than regular garbage cans and less strenuous than carrying bags and boxes.

Q. If I do not have room for the new roll out cart in my garage or yard may I continue my current practice of getting solid waste to the curb?

A. Only if you can prove that there is no room in your garage or in your yard. This is going to be a difficult case to make. The carts take up little more floor space than regular garbage cans. They are designed to sit inside your garage or storage room, or in your yard. They are impenetrable by pests, animals and rain, and are replaced by the contractor at no additional cost to the resident if they suffer damage or are stolen.

Q. May garbage and yard waste be combined in the cart?

A. No. State Law does not allow the combination of garbage and yard waste in the same container.

Q. Do I have to set my solid waste out for pick up twice a week?

A. Absolutely not. In fact, with the new 96-gallon roll out carts many residents will find that they will only need to be picked up once a week.

Q. When will the new carts be delivered?

A. Distribution of the new roll out carts will begin in mid-March and be completed by the end of April. Until such time as you receive your new cart, continue your current method of taking solid waste to the curb.

Q. What do I do until I receive my new roll out cart?

A. As stated above, continue your current method of taking solid waste to the curb until such time as you receive your new cart.

Q. Will my pick up schedule change?

A. Although most customers will maintain the same pickup schedule, some may experience a change in their scheduled pickup days. If this does occur, you will be given a minimum of two weeks notice prior to the change.



SEE IT IN
ACTION



the City of Winter Springs **COMMISSION REPORT**



During the last quarter of 2005, the City Commission appointed Commissioner Michael S. Blake Deputy Mayor, annexed 10.65 acres of unincorporated land located on the south side of S.R. 434 in the vicinity of the intersection of Tuskawilla Road into the Town Center Zoning District; adopted a new 10-year Cable Franchise Agreement with Bright House Networks, LLC; updated the City's impact fee schedule paid by developer for streets, drainage, parks, police, fire and municipal buildings; requested the Florida Department of Transportation to assess problems associated with the State Road 434 Improvement Project being completed between the intersection of State Road 434 and State

Road 419 and U.S. 17-92 and to make necessary improvements; approved a resolution supporting a Medical School at the University of Central Florida; approved a contract with PEC Engineering to design the Phase I reconstruction of Winter Springs Boulevard between Tuskawilla Road and Gary Hillery Drive; approved an emergency contract to repair bank erosion along Gee Creek in the vicinity of Hacienda Village; and signed a development agreement with the James Doran Company to develop 46.5 acres of land on the east side of Main Street in the Town Center.

In other actions the Commission appointed Mr. Larry Chmura to the Beautification of Winter Springs Board, approved a resolution of appreciation for Richard Grogan for his service on the Beautification of Winter Springs Board, and welcomed Kevin Smith, newly appointed General Services Director.

CONGRATULATIONS

Winter Springs Police Department Awarded Full Accreditation Status



The Winter Springs Police Department announced that their agency was awarded full International Accredited Status on November 19, 2005 in Nashville, Tennessee by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. The Department previously received State Accreditation on October 8, 2003 and National recognition from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies Inc. The latest award of excellence was achieved by meeting 446 standards that are critical to life, health and safety issues in the community.



This accomplishment by the Winter Springs Police Department of receiving full dual accreditation has only been achieved by 20 other cities in Florida. There are 410 cities in the State of Florida and 34 of those cities have achieved the single CALEA Accreditation.

During the on-site review and assessment of the Winter Springs Police Department in August of 2005 the assessment team from around the country met with citizens at a public meeting. The assessors were impressed with the participation and interaction between the community and the Police Department. At the Commission Conference in Nashville the CALEA Commissioners were impressed with the departments Crime Analysis Capabilities.

Parks and Recreation Presents...



“Eggstravaganza” Egg Hunt at Trotwood Park

The Parks and Recreation Department has scheduled their Egg Hunt “Eggstravaganza” for Saturday, April 15th at Trotwood Park located at 701 Northern Way in Winter Springs. There will be approximately 5,000 eggs hidden in 5 areas, they are: for ages 3 and under, 4 - 6, 7 - 8, 9 - 10 as well as a Special Needs area. There will also be Special Guests attending the Egg Hunt as well as Radio Disney will be on hand to run the games and give out great prizes for lucky individuals who find the mystery eggs. The Egg Hunt will begin at 10:00 am. Following the Egg Hunt there will be bounce houses, a petting zoo and refreshments available. **For more information, please call (407) 327-6593.**



Spring Break Camp

The Parks and Recreation Department is currently offering registration for this year’s Spring Break Camp which will take place from Monday, March 13th through Friday, March 17th at the Civic Center located at 400 North Edgemon Avenue. The camp will have a mix of sports, arts and crafts, trips and various social activities. Campers will have the opportunity to visit Chuck E. Cheese for lunch, attend a new release movie at University 8 Cinemas, as well as take in a day of roller skating at Semoran Skateway. All the trips and activities will be included in the cost of \$65 for each camper attending. The hours of camp will be from 7:30 am till 5:30 pm. For registration, please stop by the Parks and Recreation office at Central Winds Park or the Winter Springs Civic Center. **For more information, please call (407) 327-6593.**

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Twenty Five Years

Fire Department
Robert E. Dallas
David O'Brien
William Rivera, Jr.

Twenty Years

Fire Department
Corey Green
Utility Department
Donald Cheney
Police Department
Mike Noland
Ellen D. Simpson

Fifteen Years

Fire Department
Marc Baumgart
Matthew Hool

Ten Years

Police Department
Tracy Fugate
Jack Morgan
Kevin Presley
James Wickman
Fire Department
Kevin Sims
Utility Department
David Kerr

Five Years

Finance Department
Roseann Prickel
Iris Freeman
Fire Department
Marisol Esquelin
Information Services Department
Bill Thompson
Parks & Recreation Department
Norma Pardo
Utility Department
Clifton Mullis

Just A Reminder

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Community Development Department

On-line Building Permit Information!



In mid-January 2006, a new on-line Building Permit Information System was started giving the citizens of the City direct access to information about the type and location of building permits issued by and applied for in the City of Winter Springs.

The information displays the permit number, the type of permit, and the address. Permit information will be grouped by neighborhood for easy reference.

Look for the "Permit Reports" access under "New! Website Features" on the front page of the City's website at www.winterspringsfl.org.

New Additions to the City Of Winter Springs Staff

Kevin Smith	General Services, General Services Director
Frank Sheehy	Comm. Development, Plans Examiner
Chyrel Jackson	Comm. Development, Permit Specialist I
Donna Bruno-Borrelli	Finance, City Controller
Jazlyn Zombo	Fire, Firefighter/Rescue Tech
Stephen Cox	Fire, Firefighter/Rescue Tech
Ryan Pierson	Fire, Firefighter/Rescue Tech
Darren Cottrell	Police, Police Officer Lance Corporal
David Miller	Police, Police Officer Lance Corporal
Scott Murray	Police, Police Officer
Angel Cadiz	Police, Police Officer Lance Corporal
Shelly Brana	Police, Communications Operator I

To become part of the City Of Winter Springs staff please visit www.winterspringsfl.org to view our open positions.

SERVING YOUR COMMUNITY

LET US KNOW IF YOU WANT TO SERVE ON ONE OF THE CITY'S ADVISORY BOARDS.

- 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
- Tusawilla Lighting and Beautification District Advisory Committee

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) 327-5965; (407) 327-5999; or (407) 327-5955.

Welcome Aboard!

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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

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

PUBLIC SERVICES

- Progress Energy
- Waste Services of Florida (Garbage Pick-Up until 2/28/06)
- Brighthouse Networks
- Winter Springs Post Office

- 407-629-1010
- 407-831-1539
- 407-645-4701
- 800-275-8777

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

- Keeth Elementary
- Lawton Elementary
- Winter Springs Elementary
- Rainbow Elementary
- Highland Elementary
- Layer Elementary

- 407-320-5350
- 407-320-6350
- 407-320-0650
- 407-320-8450
- 407-320-6650
- 407-871-8050

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOLS

- Indian Trails Middle School
- Winter Springs High School

- 407-320-4350
- 407-320-8750



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SENIOR'S CORNER

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

March 5, 2006



The Florida Strawberry Festival is full of traditions. Whatever your interests, they have it all. Exhibits of agriculture, commerce, industry, livestock, fine arts, horticulture, and crafts await you. At 4:00 p.m., the stage comes to life with Larry Gatlin & The Gatlin Brothers. Don't miss this fantastic trio with their special blend of country and gospel. Of course no visit would be complete without a serving of luscious strawberry shortcake. Spend the day with us and enjoy a special part of Florida's heritage. Cost: \$52.00 per person - Includes: R/T motorcoach- Gate admission- Reserved concert seating- Strawberry shortcake. Bus will depart the Winter Springs Sr. Center at 9:30 a.m.

SARASOTA

April 15, 2006



Enjoy a fabulous lunch of Amish cooking at its best. Don't forget to save room for the pie! Then tour Marie Selby Botanical Gardens with its tropical and exotic foliage, tropical food gardens, waterfall garden

and antebellum mansion. Stop and browse St. Armand's Circle with its eclectic range of clothing and gift shops and art galleries. Cost: \$55.00 per person - Includes: R/T motorcoach- Lunch- Admission- Taxes- Gratuity on meal. Bus will depart the Winter Springs Sr. Ctr. at 7:30 a.m.

STERLING CASINO and DIXIE CROSSROADS

May 20, 2006



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: \$41.00 per person - Includes: R/T motorcoach 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. Don't be left out on this limited summertime outing.

WINTER 2006



MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS TODAY!!!

FOR MORE QUESTIONS OR INFORMATION CONTACT: SUSAN COFFMAN AT 407.327.6654