

## CITY HALL'S NEW MESSAGE CENTER



In the City's ongoing efforts to increase communication with its citizens, the City Commission recently approved the installation of an electronic message display sign located in front of City Hall. Upcoming City meetings, events, and other important information for our citizens will be displayed on the sign.

## WINTER SPRINGS CHECKBOOK

In order to improve and increase transparency in the delivery of City services, specifically as it relates to financial transactions, the City has incorporated a new section into its website entitled "Winter Springs Checkbook".



This site will provide useful financial and budget documents as well as a section that details spending of your tax dollars. Please visit our Winter Springs Checkbook at <http://www.winterspringsfl.org/EN/web/gov/checkbook.htm> and be sure to check back as we continue to add new features to this section.

### Friends of Leash Optional Parks & The City of Winter Springs

Are proud to announce the  
**GRAND OPENING**  
of our community's permanent  
dog park:

### "HOUND GROUND"

(Located next to Central Winds Park)  
**March 27, 2010 @ 9:00 A.M.**

Visit [WinterSpringsFL.org](http://WinterSpringsFL.org) for more info



## WINTER SPRINGS

CELEBRATING

# 50

YEARS

INCORPORATED 1959

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Upcoming Events

Winter Springs PD vs  
Oviedo PD Charity Football Game  
March 20th

Hound Ground Grand Opening  
March 27th

Arbor Day Celebration 2010  
May 1st

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## the City of Winter Springs **COMMISSION REPORT**



During the months of September 2009 through December 2009, a number of Ordinances and Resolutions were approved by the City Commission.

The following Ordinances were approved during this period: **Ordinance 2009-08** approving the Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR) Based Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan which includes changes to the Future Land Use Element; Transportation Element; Housing Element; Infrastructure Element; Recreation and Open Space Element; Conservation Element; Public School Facilities Element; Intergovernmental Coordination Element; and Capital Improvements Element, as well as changes to the Future Land Use Map including Golf Side Villas; lot 91 and 92 of Tuscawilla Unit 12; Torcaso Park; Diane's Park; portions of the FP&L Easement between Moss Road west to the City Limits; Moss Park; Foxmoor Unit 2 and

3 Open Space; Fruitwood Park; and Sam Smith Park in response to the Objections, Recommendations and Comments (ORC) Report of the Florida Department of Community Affairs' and Consistent with Chapter 163, Florida Statutes and 9-J5, Florida Administrative Code; and **Ordinance 2009-13** amending Chapter 19, Utilities, of the Code of Ordinances regarding Water, Wastewater, and Reclaimed Water Rates, Fees, and Charges.

The following Resolutions were approved during this period: **Resolution 2009-47** establishing the Final Operating Millage Rate And The Final Voted Debt Service Millage Rate For Fiscal Year 2009-2010 For The City Of Winter Springs; the Resolution states that the City Commission is adopting its Final Operating Millage Rate at 2.4714 Mills and its Final Voted Debt Service Millage Rate of .1100 Mills again for this upcoming Fiscal Year and the Final Operating Millage Rate of 2.4714 Mills is 9.79% less than the computed rolled-back rate of 2.7395; **Resolution 2009-48** establishing the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2009-2010; **Resolution 2009-49** declaring support for the Florida Trail Association (FTA) Gateway Community Program, and requesting execution of the related Memorandum of Understanding between FTA (Florida Trail Association) and the City, outlining the responsibilities of each party under the program; **Resolution 2009-50** the Five-Year Capital Improvements Program (CIP) for Fiscal Year 2009/2010 – 2014/2015; **Resolution 2009-51** recognizing Patricia Schraff for her 26 years of dedicated service as an Employee of the City of Winter Springs; **Resolution 2009-53** recognizing "City Government Week"; **Resolution 2009-54** revising the Building Permit Fee Schedule for new construction; **Resolution 2009-56** expressing Appreciation to Mr. Dale Kirby for his service on the Code Enforcement Board; **Resolution 2009-57** authorizing the Manager or his designee to temporarily suspend the twenty (20) day due date upon hardship request by the customer and authorize the Manager to accept a payment plan for Water, Wastewater, and Reclaimed [Water] charges invoiced by the City in October, November, and December; and **Resolution 2009-59** authorizing an electronic message board feature to be incorporated in the existing permanent monument sign located at the entrance of City Hall On State Road 434 and establishing a related Use and Performance Standard Policy.

**Board Appointments:** The City Commission reappointed Mr. Don Gilmore as the City's Representative and Alternate to the South Seminole and North Orange County Wastewater Transmission Authority; Mr. Bob Henderson was appointed to the Code Enforcement Board; and Ms. Raquel Santana was appointed to the Oak Forest Wall And Beautification District Advisory Committee. Appointments to the 2010 Winter Springs Districting Commission were: Ms. Pam Carroll, Ms. Melanie Chase, Ms. Linda Collins, Mr. George Colombo, Mr. Ron Lighthart, Mr. Patrick O'Brien, and Ms. Naomi Roberts.

**Special Recognition:** We want to recognize and thank Mayor John F. Bush who served as the President of the Tri-County League of Cities during 2009. This organization serves the municipalities of Osceola, Orange, and Seminole County, assisting with numerous legislative issues. Additionally, Commissioner Joanne M. Krebs currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Tri-County League of Cities. Commissioner Rick Brown was Elected to Serve as Deputy Mayor until December 2010.

## NEW CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEES • COMMISSION MEETINGS

### NEW! Bicycle and Pedestrian Citizens Advisory Committee

The City is in the process of establishing a new citizens advisory committee whose purpose will be to promote pedestrian and bicycle travel as a viable transportation choice through the planning of new trails and interconnected sidewalks and bikeways to connect neighborhoods with parks, schools, and commercial areas within the City. Applications are now being accepted for this committee. Anyone having expertise or interest in being part of this grass roots effort in support of trails, sidewalks and bikeways should apply. If you have questions, please contact: Eloise Sahlstrom, Senior Planner at (407) 327-5967 or [esahlstrom@winterspringsfl.org](mailto:esahlstrom@winterspringsfl.org)

### NEW! Parks and Recreation Citizens Advisory Committee

The City is in the process of establishing a new citizens advisory committee whose purpose will be to promote City Parks and Recreation programs and to recommend policies and actions to promote, plan, design, construct and utilize City Parks and Recreation programs. Applications are now being accepted for this committee. Anyone having expertise or interest in representing recreational interests should apply. If you have questions, please contact: Chuck Pula, Parks and Recreation Director at (407) 327-6590 or [cpula@winterspringsfl.org](mailto:cpula@winterspringsfl.org)

Advisory Committee Applications can be found at our website or by clicking here



Your City Commission holds Regular Meetings on the 2nd and 4th Monday's of most months, in the Commission Chambers at City

Hall. Regular Meetings begin at 5:15 p.m. The City Commission also holds Workshops and Special Meetings on an as-needed basis. To see the Agendas and other related documents for any of these Meetings, please access our Website at [www.winterspringsfl.org](http://www.winterspringsfl.org) or contact the Office of the City Clerk at 407-327-5955, 407-327-5965, or 407-327-5999. **City Commission Meetings are also streamed live on our website if you cannot attend the Meetings in person.**

Please know that your Mayor and City Commission value your comments. Their contact information can be accessed on our Website or by calling any of the above noted telephone numbers.

## SERVING YOUR COMMUNITY

The City of Winter Springs is very fortunate in having many caring citizens who continuously give back to their community by serving on the City Commission's various Advisory Boards and Committees. The service of these wonderful and caring citizens is incredibly appreciated by the Mayor and City Commission, City Staff, and their fellow citizens.

The City of Winter Springs City Commission currently has a number of active Boards and Committees, which for the most part, serve the City Commission; thus the City Commission is always interested in citizens who would like to serve on one of these Boards and Committees. From time to time, other Advisory Boards and Committees are organized so new Members are often needed. Let us know if you want to serve on one of the City's Advisory Boards.

- ❖ Beautification Of Winter Springs Board\*
- ❖ Board Of Trustees (Pension Plan)\*
- ❖ Code Enforcement Board
- ❖ 2010 Districting Commission
- ❖ Oak Forest Wall And Beautification District Advisory Committee\*
- ❖ Planning And Zoning Board/Local Planning Agency
- ❖ Tusawilla Lighting And Beautification District Advisory Committee\*
- ❖ Winter Springs Ad Hoc Charter Review Committee

Usually, these Boards and Committees meet once a month but some of the City's Advisory Boards and Committees meet quarterly\*. Being a Member of any of our Boards and Committees really only requires a few hours of one's time monthly or quarterly, but for this small effort, the rewards are incredible! – Serving the Mayor and City Commission; meeting and working alongside fellow citizens; learning more about the City; and working with the City's professional and technical Staff. (All Board and Committee members are appointed by the Mayor and City Commission, and serve at their pleasure.)

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 407-327-5955.

**WE HOPE YOU  
WOULD LIKE TO BE ONE OF OUR NEXT VOLUNTEERS!**

# LOCK IT OR LOSE IT

## Practice TLC



**T**ake out valuables

**L**ock your vehicle

**C**lose your windows & sun roof



### Take out Valuables:

If you can leave your valuables at home do so. Otherwise, take valuables with you rather than leaving them in your vehicle. If you have to leave them in the vehicle place them in your trunk prior to arriving at your destination.

### Lock your vehicle:

Verify that your vehicle is securely locked before leaving the area. Keyless or remote locking systems can malfunction from a low battery, etc. leaving your vehicle vulnerable. Make sure it's locked! Check your remote locking and alarm activation devices batteries on a regular basis.

### Close Windows and Sun/Moon Roof:

Windows and sun/moon roof (if equipped) allows a thief a quick and quiet way to enter your vehicle. Even a crack in the window makes a thief's job so much easier. Verify that your vehicle windows are rolled up and the sun/moon roof is closed before leaving the vehicle.

**The Winter Springs Police Department would like your help by following these tips to aid in reducing auto burglaries.** Remember that the best prevention against thefts from vehicles is to always lock your vehicle and not leave valuables visible. Let's get together in moving the thieves out of Winter Springs. Don't be a victim, be safe.

If you do see suspicious activity it is important to report it immediately to the Winter Springs Police Department by calling 911. If possible get a good description of the person(s), his/her clothing, color and make of vehicle and direction of travel. It is not always possible to get a complete vehicle license number. Even a partial License number is helpful. If you are not sure where you are, look for a landmark or a street address on a building.

If you feel uncomfortable about calling the police department, you can report suspicious activity anonymously to the Winter Springs Police Tip Line at 407-327-8977 or email us at [crimetips@winterspringsfl.org](mailto:crimetips@winterspringsfl.org). You don't have to give your name.

### Help the Winter Springs Police Department:

**Be a crime stopper not a victim. Lock your car. Report suspicious activity.**

Saturday March 20th, 2010

Winter Springs High School

Gates Open At 3:00pm- Kickoff At 5:00pm

# GOPS

FOR



## WAYNE DENSCH

CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER

*Oviedo*



vs



*Winter Springs*

2nd Annual Charity Flag Football Game to Benefit Kids House of Seminole.



Admission \$5, Kids 5 And Under Free

Food, Drinks And Ice Cream for Sale With Proceeds Going To Kids House

# CITY OF WINTER SPRINGS ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECT UPDATE

❖ Project: **Construction of a Right-turn Deceleration Lane on S.R. 419 Eastbound at Sherry Avenue**

Status: Under construction with scheduled completion in March 2010

❖ Project: **Construction of a Right-turn Deceleration Lane on S.R. 434 Eastbound at Vistawilla Drive**

Status: Under construction with scheduled completion in May 2010

❖ Project: **Intersection Safety Improvements at S.R. 419 and Wade Street**

Status: Under construction with scheduled completion in June 2010

❖ Project: **Construction of a Right-turn Deceleration Lane on S.R. 434 Eastbound at Hayes Road**

Status: Under construction with scheduled completion in July 2010

❖ Project: **The Ranchlands Street Paving – Phase I (Bahama Road, Moss Road, Hayes Road, Tradewinds Road from Edgemon Avenue to Hayes Road)**

Status: Under construction with scheduled completion in June 2010

❖ Project: **The Ranchlands Street Paving – Phase II (Sunrise Avenue, Morton Lane, Williams Road, Arnold Lane, Herrell Road, Stoner Road, Jackson Circle, Tradewinds Road from Hayes Road to Fisher Road)**

Status: Design and permitting completion by April 2010 with construction scheduled for May-October 2010



For further information, please contact Brian Fields, P.E., City Engineer, at 407-327-7597 or [bfields@winterspringsfl.org](mailto:bfields@winterspringsfl.org).

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## CENSUS 2010

**What is the Census?** The census, as required by the U.S. Constitution, is a count of everyone living in the United States every 10 years. All U.S. residents must be counted—both citizens and non citizens.

**When is the Census?** The next census is April 1, 2010. The U.S. Census Bureau will mail or deliver census questionnaires in March 2010 to every resident in the United States and Puerto Rico.

United States®  
**Census**  
**2010**

**It's Easy!** The head of the household must complete and mail back their questionnaire upon receipt. Households that do not respond may receive a replacement questionnaire in early April. Census takers will visit households that do not return questionnaires to take a count in person.

**It's Quick!** It takes less than 10 minutes to complete the questionnaire. Census questionnaires are not available for completion online. Federal law requires participation in the U.S. Census.

**It's Safe!** Your personal information is confidential and protected by law.

**It's Important!** Your participation is needed. Returning your form can bring additional funding to Seminole County. Funding for roadway improvements, schools, health care, and many other services is beneficial to our community's quality of life. Census data also determines the number of seats in the U.S. House of Representatives and used for redrawing state and local legislative districts.

For more information, please visit [www.2010.census.gov](http://www.2010.census.gov) or [www.seminolecountyfl.gov/](http://www.seminolecountyfl.gov/)

# ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION 2010

Come join us on Saturday, May 1, 2010 from 9 am to Noon, for the City of Winter Springs Annual Arbor Day Celebration at City Hall, located at 1126 East State Road 434 next to the Winter Springs Town Center. This year we will be sharing with children ages 4-10 (and their parents) about the many benefits of trees in our community. There will be a youth chorus presentation and activities for all. In addition to Special Tree Giveaways during the program, we will be taking a short excursion down the scenic Cross Seminole Trail. Please note that door prizes and tree give-a-ways will be limited to City of Winter Springs Residents only. Hurry... Space is limited and pre-registration required. Stop by and help make our City a better one, one tree at a time. For more information contact the City's Arbor Division, at (407) 327-5982 or visit us on the web at: [www.winterspringsfl.org](http://www.winterspringsfl.org) to get your event registration form. Winter Springs is a recipient of the Tree City USA Sterling Communities Award!



For more information please contact: Mike Mingea, City Arborist, 407-327-5982, [mmingea@winterspringsfl.org](mailto:mmingea@winterspringsfl.org)

## ONLINE UTILITY BILL PAYMENT SYSTEM RELEASES NEW INTERFACE

The online utility bill payment system has undergone a cosmetic change. Users already using this system will notice the new look. If you previously had a UserID and Password, you will be able to use those credentials to log in to the new interface.

To sign up for online bill pay, contact the Utility Billing Department at 407-327-5996 or [utilitybills@winterspringsfl.org](mailto:utilitybills@winterspringsfl.org) to set up your UserID and Password. Please be aware that there is a **\$6.50** convenience fee per transaction for this service.

Visit <https://wsfl.munisselfservice.com/default.aspx> to learn more.

## CITY WEBSITE NOW OFFERS RSS FEEDS

Do you have an RSS reader such as Bloglines, Google Reader or My Yahoo?

The City of Winter Springs Website now offers RSS feeds for those who use RSS readers. RSS feeds allow you to have the latest updates come to you. Without having to go to the website, you can see the latest news article that has been posted to the front page of the site.

The following RSS feeds are now available on the website:

- Winter Springs News
- Winter Springs Public Notices

Visit <http://www.winterspringsfl.org/EN/rss/rss.htm> to find out how to add these feeds to your RSS reader. Look out for more RSS feeds in the near future.

*City of Winter Springs*  
**RSS Feeds**



City of Winter Springs

### Telephone Directory

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|--------------------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>CITY HALL</b>                     | <b>407-327-1800:</b> |
| Billing (water, sewer, garbage fees) | 407-327-5996:        |
| Arborist                             | 407-327-5982:        |
| Inspections                          | 407-327-7596:        |
| Permits                              | 407-327-5969:        |
| Planning                             | 407-327-5966:        |
| Zoning                               | 407-327-5963:        |
| <b>City Clerk</b>                    | <b>407-327-5955:</b> |
| <b>City Manager</b>                  | <b>407-327-5957:</b> |
| Computer Services                    | 407-327-5975:        |
| Comprehensive Planning               | 407-327-5967:        |
| Occupational License                 | 407-327-5964:        |
| <b>Mayor/Commission</b>              | <b>407-327-5965:</b> |
| Parks/Recreation                     | 407-327-6599:        |
| Senior Citizen Center                | 407-327-6554:        |
| <b>Police Dept. (Non-emergency)</b>  | <b>407-327-1000:</b> |
| <b>Code Enforcement</b>              | <b>407-327-7975:</b> |
| Public Works/Utility                 | 407-327-2669:        |
| Job Hotline                          | 407-327-7595:        |
| Garbage Complaints                   | 407-327-7576:        |

SENIOR'S CORNER

### ST. AUGUSTINE

April 17, 2010

Today we venture back in time as we travel to St. Augustine, our nation's oldest city. Departing from the Visitor's Center aboard the Ripley's Sightseeing Train, we'll learn the history of Florida's First Presbyterian congregation as we tour the exquisite Flagler Memorial Presbyterian Church. Re-boarding our trolley, we'll continue our narrated tour of more than 400 years of history before enjoying a fabulous lunch overlooking the bay. Spend the afternoon browsing the shops on St. George Street or use the train's on-off privileges to visit the many museums and historical sights.



**Cost:** \$68 per person

**Includes:** R/T motorcoach transportation, tours, lunch, taxes, gratuity on meal, driver's gratuity. Bus will depart the Winter Springs Sr. Center at 7:30 a.m.

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### SEMINOLE HARD ROCK CASINO

April 24, 2010 & July 17 2010

The Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Tampa has it all. A 145,000 sq. ft. casino with over 2,500 of the hottest Vegas-style gaming machines on the planet, including all your favorites. Fifty tables of Live Action Poker, with everything from Seven-Card Stud to Texas Hold'em. How do you wanna play? When you need a break from the action, quench your thirst at the cooler-than-cool Casino Center Bar or grab a bite of lunch at one of the many dining options.



**Cost:** \$29 per person

**Includes:** R/T motorcoach transportation, \$25 in machine play, \$5 meal voucher, Driver's gratuity. Bus will depart the Winter Springs Sr. Center at 8:30 a.m. No breakfast stop en route.

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### FLORIDA AQUARIUM

June 19, 2010

Experience the Florida Aquarium and see why it's among the top aquariums in the world. With more than 20,000 aquatic plants and animals from Florida and around the world, it's 200,000 sq. ft. of air-conditioned fun! Daily shows featuring sharks, otters and penguins. Enjoy lunch on your own at one of the dining venues then rejoin the group for an afternoon cruise aboard the Bay Spirit II, a 72 ft. air-conditioned catamaran. Encounter the awesome animals that thrive in the local waters around Tampa Bay.



**Cost:** \$60 per person

**Includes:** R/T motorcoach transportation, admission, cruise, taxes, driver's gratuity. Bus will depart the Winter Springs Sr. Center at 7:30 a.m.

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## MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS TODAY!!!

FOR MORE QUESTIONS OR INFORMATION CONTACT: SUSIE COFFMAN AT 407.327.6554

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