

Winter Springs HOLIDAY Events 2011

The City of Winter Springs presents the 2011 **Holiday Parade** and **Christmas Tree Lighting** on Saturday, December 3rd in the Winter Springs Town Center. This free Event begins at 5PM and will feature various musical performances and offers fun for all ages. For more information call the Parks and Recreation Department at 407-327-6597.

COMMISSIONER JOANNE M. KREBS RATIFIED AS NEXT PRESIDENT OF TRI-COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES

At the Tri-County League of Cities meeting on Thursday, October 20, 2011, Commissioner Krebs was nominated and ratified by the Membership to serve as the next President of the Tri-County League of Cities. Commissioner Krebs will be sworn in as the next President of the Tri-County League of Cities on Thursday, January 19, 2012.



The Tri-County League of Cities is an advocacy organization comprised of all of the municipalities in Orange, Osceola, and Seminole Counties. This organization works in coordination with the Institute of Government primarily "to resolve localized municipal issues" and to provide legislative and other vital information that pertains to helping municipalities work through a myriad of complex and legal issues.

The City of Winter Springs is very pleased and honored to recognize Commissioner Joanne M. Krebs as an outstanding leader and public servant and we offer her our sincerest congratulations on her upcoming Presidency!

GARBAGE AND YARD WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES

City offices will be closed on November 11th in observance of Veteran's Day; garbage collection services will occur as usual on that day. City offices will be closed on November 24th and 25th in observance of Thanksgiving; there will be no collection services on Thanksgiving Day but services will resume on Friday, November 25th.

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Upcoming Events

- Veterans Day Ceremony
Winter Springs Veterans Memorial
November 11th at 5PM

- Holiday Parade and
Christmas Tree Lighting
Winter Springs Town Center
December 3rd 5PM - 9PM

- Scottish Highland Games
Central Winds Park
January 14th - 15th





the City of Winter Springs **COMMISSION REPORT**



During the month of September 2011, a number of Ordinances and Resolutions were approved by the City Commission as follows:

The following Ordinances were approved during this period:

- Ordinance 2011-12** - Adopted the City's five (5) year schedule of Capital Improvements in accordance with the Community Planning Act for Fiscal Year 2012 through Fiscal Year 2017
- Ordinance 2011-13** - Approved on second reading the Repeal of Public Building Impact Fee

The following Resolutions were approved during this period:

- Resolution 2011-39** - Approved the Tentative Operating Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2011-2012 for the City of Winter Springs at 2.4500 Mills which is 6.25% less than the rolled-back rate of 2.6133 Mills and the tentative Voted Debt Service Millage rate for Fiscal Year 2011-2012 for the City of Winter Springs at 0.1100 Mills
- Resolution 2011-40** - Established the Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2011-2012
- Resolution 2011-41** - Approved the Final Operating Millage Rate and the Final Voted Debt Service Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2011-2012 for the City of Winter Springs
- Resolution 2011-42** - Approved the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2011-2012

Resolution 2011-44 - Established a special payment arrangement policy for Water and Sewer Utility customers
Resolution 2011-45 - Amended the City's Bank Draft Policy

Resolution 2011-51 - Established the Solid Waste Fund, Arbor Fund and purposed constraints imposed upon the uses of these funds as necessitated by GASB (Governmental Accounting Standards Board)

The following Resolutions of Appreciation were approved during this period:

- Resolution 2011-49** - Honoring Ms. Leah Weisman for her service as former Code Enforcement Board Member
- Resolution 2011-50** - Honoring Mr. Terry Patten for his service as a former member of the Oak Forest Wall and Beautification District Advisory Committee

During this period, the following Contracts and Agreements were approved:

- MV Transportation Agreement for Senior Center Transportation
- Severn Trent Environmental Services to read City water meters
- Civil Engineering Services with CPH Engineers, Inc.; Camp Dresser & McKee, Inc.; Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson, Inc. for up to three (3) years
- Agreement with Clarke Aquatic Services, Inc. for aquatic weed control and maintenance services of City maintained ponds
- Stockpile Agreement with Mattamy Partnership to permit the Conditional Stockpiling of soil on the Jesup's Landing Townhome site

Of Special Interest:

The City Commission Approved the installation of granite monuments by the Tusawilla Homeowners Association at the two flag poles on Winter Springs Boulevard in Tusawilla in honor of Tusawilla residents who have served either in a military or in a civilian capacity

RESIDENTS CAN USE QR CODES TO PAY UTILITY BILLS

Chances are you've seen QR codes. They're in magazines and advertisements, on websites, TV, invoices, business cards, and billboards. These square-shaped bar codes seem to be popping up everywhere.

Utility customers in the City of Winter Springs now have a quick and convenient way to pay their water utility bills using QR codes. Using the camera on their mobile device, utility customers can scan the QR code on their utility bill. Embedded within the QR code is the customer's bill number, amount owed on their current bill and a link to a secure payment screen where they can easily complete payment using a credit or debit card or electronic check.

By utilizing QR codes on the City's utility bills, utility customers can now conduct business with the City at their leisure and in the comfort of their own environment. No longer is a utility customer required to come to City Hall and make a payment or mail in a check.



CITIZENS SERVING THEIR COMMUNITY

Citizen input and participation are very important to our Mayor and City Commission and having citizens serve on our various Boards and Committees is a very important link between our community and our Elected Officials.

Currently, the City's Boards and Committees include:

- ❖ Beautification Of Winter Springs Board
- ❖ Board Of Trustees
- ❖ Code Enforcement Board
- ❖ Districting Commission
- ❖ Oak Forest Wall And Beautification District Advisory Committee
- ❖ Planning And Zoning Board/Local Planning Agency
- ❖ Tuscawilla Lighting And Beautification District Advisory Committee
- ❖ Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee
- ❖ Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee



ARE YOU A FINANCIAL WIZARD??



If so – we would like to encourage you to serve on the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees is a very important Advisory Board that serves the City Commission and offers financial and investing advice for the City's Pension Plan.

There is currently an opening on this Board and we would love to have your expertise and wisdom, as we work with this very challenging market and try to get optimum results for the City's employees and the City's Pension Plan.

As one of the City Commission's critical Advisory Boards and Committees, the Board of Trustees is a five (5) member Advisory Board that meets on a quarterly basis (on the second Tuesday of February, May, August, and November).

If you have current expertise in investing, economics, and/or the finance arenas, we would encourage you to add your advice on bulls and bears and ledgers and investments, as a member of our Board of Trustees.

If this sounds like a great opportunity to you, please contact the Office of the City Clerk at (407) 327-5999 for further information or to request an application; or just go to our Website at www.winterspringsfl.org, and click on "Government" and then "Boards & Committees". The link to the Application will be in the first paragraph. We look forward to hearing from you!

• CALLING ALL OAK FOREST RESIDENTS!!!!

• The Oak Forest Wall and Beautification District Advisory Committee is one of the City's very important Committees and currently there is a need for a couple of Volunteers. We are hoping it will be YOU!



• The City Commission has a number of Advisory Boards and Committees and one of them is the Oak Forest Wall and Beautification District Advisory Committee. This Advisory Committee meets at least annually, with an annual meeting held in May of each year. Occasionally, there may be a need for a Special Meeting, and if so, we try to provide as much notice in advance as possible.

• If you live in the Oak Forest community – then you can apply to be considered for Appointment to the Oak Forest Wall and Beautification District Advisory Committee. Being a member of this important Committee provides you with the opportunity to learn more about your community, and be a trusted Advisor to the City Commission while representing your fellow neighbors.

• As it pertains to this Advisory Committee, serving on the Oak Forest Wall and Beautification District Advisory Committee only requires a few hours of one's time annually, and/or whenever a meeting is held, but the rewards are many!!

Serving Your Community Podcast (Click Here To Play)



CITY CONSTRUCTION AND PAVING PROJECTS UPDATE

Asphalt Resurfacing of Various City Streets – The following streets are scheduled to be milled and resurfaced in November 2011:

- Meadowbrook Lane
- North Hawthorn Circle
- Murphy Road from the Gee Creek Bridge South to Edgemon
- Sheoah Boulevard southbound from Moree loop (north) to Macduff Lane
- South Devon Avenue from S.R. 434 to Lombardy Road
- Morgan Street
- Chestnut Ridge Street and Hazlenu Street
- Chestnut Estates (north and south sides of Winter Springs Boulevard)

The milling and resurfacing contract has been awarded to the Middlesex Corporation and all streets are scheduled to be completed by January 2012. City Staff will provide notices to residents in the immediate vicinity of the resurfacing work approximately one week before work begins. No roads will be closed and residents will have access to and from their driveways at all times.

Michael Blake Boulevard – This segment from the Cross Seminole Trail north to Tuskawilla Road is under construction as part of the Winter Springs Village residential development and is expected to be completed in late 2011. The segment from S.R. 434 north to the Cross Seminole Trail is a City project and is expected to be completed in early 2012.

Choices in Learning Charter School – The joint use agreement for use of the school building and park facilities was approved by the City Commission on October 24, 2011. Final paperwork and punch list items are being completed for Certificate of Occupancy issuance. The school is scheduled to be open on November 28, 2011.

Intersection Improvements at Seneca Boulevard and Vistawilla Drive – The project will include replacement of the existing valley gutter across Seneca Boulevard, plus asphalt milling and resurfacing to improve quality across the intersection. Design is complete and construction is scheduled for December 2011.

Shepard Road Streetscape – The project includes streetscape improvements on Shepard Road from US 17/92 east to Wildwood Drive. Work includes asphalt milling and resurfacing, adding a landscaped median, curb and gutter, sidewalks, a stormwater management system, and landscape, irrigation, and hardscape improvements. The design is complete and the project has been advertised for construction bids. Construction is expected to begin in February 2012 with completion in May 2012.

Jesups Reserve – D.R. Horton continues to move forward towards completion of this project. Twelve (12) units have been completed and issued Certificates of Occupancy. An additional twelve (12) units are currently under construction and six (6) additional units have been permitted but not yet started construction.

Family Dollar – A Family Dollar store is being proposed on the north side of S.R. 434 between Fairfax Avenue and Devon Avenue. This 8,000 square foot retail store is being considered by the Planning and Zoning Board in November and will then be forwarded to the City Commission for their consideration.

Winter Springs Village – Permits for eleven (11) units have been submitted to the Building Department and have received a first review. Responses to the review comments are forthcoming. According to the developer, pre-sales are going well.

WINTER SPRINGS GOLOCAL

Winter Springs GoLocal is a free service helping Winter Springs business owners and Winter Springs residents connect. If you are a resident looking for business located within Winter Springs, [click here](#). If you are a Winter Springs business owner and hold a valid business tax receipt with the City, [click here to list your business for free](#).



POLICE EXPLORER GOLF TOURNAMENT

Winter Springs Police Explorer Post #708 will be hosting their annual charity golf tournament to benefit the Shop with a Cop program on Friday, November 18th. The tournament will be held at the Twin Rivers Gold Club, 2100 Ekana Drive, in Oviedo. Registration begins at 7:30AM with a shotgun start at 8:30AM. Cost is \$65 per person or \$260 for a foursome with a Bar-B-Q lunch to follow. Prizes include longest drive, closest to the pin, mulligans, 50/50, hole-in-one and many others. For complete details or to register for the event contact Cpl. Kevin Chaulk at 407-327-1000 x574 or kchaulk@winterspringsfl.org.



SHOP WITH A COP

The annual Shop with a Cop breakfast will be held at Senior Tequillas on December 17th. This will be the fourteenth year the Winter Springs Police Department has hosted the Shop with a Cop program. This program helps spread Christmas joy to some needy children and their families. In addition to helping with gifts, the Shop with a Cop program also helps the children build positive relationships with police officers.

eAlerts

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**TARPON SPRINGS
NOVEMBER 12, 2011**

Today we'll head to Tarpon Springs – the “Sponge Capital of the World”. Enjoy an authentic Greek lunch then set sail from the historic sponge docks for a two hour cruise, hosted by a professional eco-naturalist. Cruise down the Anclote River where you'll learn about the area and the seafaring industries it has spawned over the years. You'll glide across Tarpon Bayou and discover the abundance of life found in Florida's estuaries. A trip out of the mouth of the river follows and sets the stage for an encounter with dolphins, birds and manatees. Wade in the water and do some shelling on Anclote Key Island. Once back on land, stroll the sponge docks and browse the many shops and attractions in this quaint Greek fishing village.

Cost: \$69 per person

Includes: R/T motorcoach transportation, lunch, cruise, taxes, gratuity on meal, driver's gratuity. Bus will depart the Winter Springs Sr. Center at 8:30 a.m.



**CHRISTMAS CAROL PRESENTED BY ALHAMBRA THEATRE & DINING
DECEMBER 10, 2011**

Join in the holiday fun on a day trip to the oldest dinner theatre in the country, Alhambra Theatre and Dining, to enjoy a live stage performance of the Charles Dickens' classic holiday tale of one man learning the true meaning of Christmas. Ebenezer Scrooge is a cynical old man whose greatest concern is money, and who regards compassion as a luxury he can't afford. On Christmas Eve, Scrooge is visited by the ghost of Jacob Marley, his former business partner, who arranges for Scrooge to be visited by three spirits in an attempt to show him the error of his ways -- the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Christmas Present and Christmas Yet to Come.



Cost: \$72 per person

Includes: R/T motorcoach transportation, lunch, show, taxes, gratuity on meal, driver's gratuity. Bus will depart the Winter Springs Sr. Center at 8:00 a.m.

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS TODAY!!!

FOR MORE QUESTIONS OR INFORMATION CONTACT: SUSIE COFFMAN AT
407.327.6554

NEW CRAFTING PROGRAMS!

The Senior Center will be starting some new crafting programs. We are starting with ceramics and hand building with clay, paper crafts, cards, scrapbooking and 3D. The kiln has been tested and is ready to go as soon as all program supplies are in place. November 7th is the next paper craft day; 2 cards cost \$4.00 if it is your first time and \$5.00 if you have participated before. All supplies are furnished except your glue. A glue roller is used and can be purchased at any office or craft store.

WINTER SPRINGS THERAPY POOL

The Winter Springs Therapy Pool has been awarded the #1 Aquatics Program in the State of Florida and the #2 Aquatics Program for Therapy Pools in the United States by the United States Water Fitness Association. We would like to thank all our members, instructors and team for making this possible. We could not have done it without your help.

The final session of the year will end on December 9th. Open swim will be the week of December 12-16 with the hours of 9AM to 4PM. The therapy pool will be closed December 19th through January 2nd for maintenance.

Please join us for the Winter Springs Therapy Pool Holiday Potluck on November 8th at 12 noon. We are going to celebrate the holidays with a good old fashion potluck. The turkey will be provided; we ask that all participants bring their favorite holiday side dish.

Open Swim is scheduled on Monday and Wednesday from 2PM - 4PM, Tuesday and Thursday from 12 noon - 4PM, and Friday from 1PM - 4PM.

For more information regarding any programs, events, or memberships at the Therapy Pool, please contact Dell Walker at 407-327-6577.