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6TH ANNUAL HOMETOWN

HARVEST

Saturday, October 22nd
5:30 PM



Straight Deal

Fun For The Kids

**Winter Springs
Town Center**

(corner of SR 434/
North Tuskawilla Road)

Performances by:

Straight Deal

**The Hope Foundation will be
on hand to collect Non-Perishable
Food Items to benefit our
surrounding communities!**



- Interactive Hay Ride • Kids Zone • Free Pumpkin Painting
- Stilt Walkers & General and Food Vendors

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Upcoming Events

Winter Springs
Festival of the Arts
October 15th & 16th

Hometown Harvest
October 22nd

Holiday Parade
and Tree Lighting
December 3rd

4TH ANNUAL WINTER SPRINGS
FESTIVAL OF THE

ARTS

A FESTIVAL OF ART, WINE AND JAZZ AT THE WINTER SPRINGS TOWN CENTER
OCT 14 7:30

OUTDOOR EXPERIMENTAL FILM BEHIND WINTER SPRINGS TOWN CENTER

OCTOBER 15 & 16
10 AM - 5 PM ADMISSION FREE



ARTIST: JEFF ECKERT • PENCIL DRAWING



Winter
Springs
Festival
OF THE
ARTS

Produced by
Oviedo-Winter Springs
Regional Chamber of Commerce
AND THE CITY OF WINTER SPRINGS



WWW.WSFOTA.ORG 407-365-6500
LOCATED BEHIND THE WINTER SPRINGS TOWN CENTER

The Winter Springs Festival of the Arts, presented by Bright House Networks, celebrates the appreciation of art, wine, and jazz. Fine art presentations include sculpture and clay, drawing, graphics, pastels, crafts, jewelry, mixed media, painting, photography, digital media, and performing arts. With 125 juried and invited artists participating, this annual festival is a true representation of the various artistic and creative personalities that comprise the greater Central Florida region with more than \$13,000 in cash prizes awarded to participating artists. Designed for the entire family to enjoy, a variety of food and beverages will be available for purchase plus live entertainment and a kids activity area.





the City of Winter Springs **COMMISSION REPORT**



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

The following Ordinance was approved during this period:

Ordinance 2011-11 - Amended Article II, Division 4 of Chapter 19, Utilities, of the City Code

The following Resolutions were approved during this period:

Resolution 2011-34 - Authorized the submittal of the Certificate to Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll, Assessment Summary and Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Annual Assessment Roll for Tax Year 2011 related to the Oak Forest Assessment Area and the Tuscawilla Lighting and Beautification Assessment Areas Phases I and II to the Seminole County Tax Collector

Resolution 2011-35 - Amended the Commission's rules and procedures to permit Public Input at the beginning and end of City Commission meetings

Resolution 2011-36 - Adoption to accept the proposal by BB&T Bank to purchase the City's Improvement Refunding Revenue Bonds, Series 2011B and to refund all of the City's outstanding improvement Refunding Revenue Bonds, Series 1999

Resolution 2011-37 - Adopted the proposal by BB&T Bank to purchase the City's Water and Sewer System Revenue

Refunding Revenue Notes, Series 2011 C to refund all of the City's outstanding Water And Sewer Revenue Bond Series 2001

Resolution 2011-38 - Amended the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Budget

Resolution 2011-43 - Adoption of extending for an additional ninety (90) days, the moratorium as to the filing and/or receiving of any application for the issuance of Business Tax Receipts or Land Use approvals regarding the operation of "Pain Management Clinics"

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

- A six month contract with Mr. Todd Persons Communications for purposes of providing professional public relation/communications support to the City of Winter Springs
- Agreement between the City of Winter Springs and the Oviedo-Winter Springs Regional Chamber of Commerce for the 4th Annual Winter Springs Festival of the Arts
- Annual School Resource Officer Inter-Agency Agreement Contract with the Seminole County School Board
- Final Engineering/Site Plan and Aesthetic Review for the Lake Jesup Reclaimed Water Augmentation Facility located at the northwest corner of Central Winds Park near the shore of Lake Jesup
- Amendment #1 to the City's Agreement with the St. Johns River Water Management District for funding construction of the Solary Canal Regional Stormwater Treatment Area.

Of Special Interest:

On August 8, 2011 Chief of Police Kevin Brunelle, Police Department presented a "Meritorius Action" Award from the Winter Springs Police Department to Corporal Kevin Crager.

On August 22, 2011, Ms. Elizabeth Larsen of Winter Springs representing The Sallie Harrison Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution presented the City of Winter Springs with a Commemorative Flag in memory of "September 11th".

AFTER-HOUR UTILITY RECONNECTION

As a convenience to our utility customers for whom service has been disconnected, the City of Winter Springs is offering a new on-site service that will allow customers to have their service restored after normal business hours. A \$45 after-hour reconnection fee will be collected at the time of the on-site visit. This payment must be in the form of a valid credit or debit card (VISA, MasterCard, Discover, American Express). The utility employee, with the use of a tablet device, will visit a secure website where the credit or debit card holder will enter their card information. Once the transaction is complete, the card processing vendor will provide the customer with a receipt via email as well as immediate confirmation to the utility employee. Standard processing fees will be applied by the card processing vendor for all transactions. It will still be necessary for the customer to bring their account current by 5 pm on the next business day in order to maintain service. The City will also offer this on-site service, on a very limited basis, to residents who are disabled and physically unable to come to City Hall in order to avoid an interruption in service. For further information, please contact our Utility Department at 407-327-5996.



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)



DEVELOPMENT PROJECT UPDATES

Tuscawilla Greens – Tuscawilla Greens is a proposed 60-unit townhome development located on the south side of Winter Springs Boulevard, east of the Tuscawilla Country Club. In 2008, the project was originally approved for the construction of 60 condominium units. Infrastructure for the development consisting of streets, stormwater retention areas, and water and sewer lines were constructed following the original approval in 2008; however, the condominium buildings were never constructed. A new developer is proposing to construct 60 townhome units in a Mediterranean architectural style utilizing the infrastructure that was constructed in 2008 in order to complete the development.



Winter Springs Village – On September 12, 2011, the City Commission approved a plat for Phase 1 of Winter Springs Village; a residential, new urbanist style community located in the Winter Springs Town Center, on the east side of Tuscawilla Road, north of the Cross Seminole Trail. Once build-out of all phases of the project is complete, a total of 202 new homes will be added to the Winter Springs Town Center. The neighborhood, currently under construction, is designed based upon the “new urbanist” concept for residential units, which is required of all development in the Winter Springs Town Center. Home types include bungalow and estate lots. The bungalow and smaller estate lots will have two car garages which will be accessed via alleyways. Except for the larger estate lots, garages will not be visible from main streets, but only from the alleyways. As required in the Winter Springs Town Center Development Code, on-street parking will be provided on Tuscawilla Road, and on the internal neighborhood streets. Additionally, the project will allow for the construction of Michael Blake Boulevard, which will connect the northern portions of Tuscawilla Road with SR 434. A full median opening will be provided at the intersection of SR 434 and Michael Blake Boulevard. Construction of Michael Blake Boulevard will allow improved emergency access to area properties, allow an alternate route to SR 434 in addition to Tuscawilla Road. Michael Blake Boulevard is a key component of the City’s Town Center Master Transportation Plan and to the development of the eastern portion of the Town Center.



Winter Springs Village Estate Homes Perspective



Town Center Code Re-write – On August 1, 2011 a workshop was held with the City Commission regarding the future direction of the Town Center. During this workshop, city staff and the Town Center consultant, Dover-Kohl, presented ideas involving a concept known as the “transect” that could be incorporated into a re-write of the Town Center Code. The “transect” categorizes settlement patterns into six general types of “zones” that range from rural to urban places to allow predictability in community design. A consensus was reached by the City Commission to direct staff to re-write the Town Center Code based upon the principles of the transect. City staff is currently studying various applications of the transect codes and how they can be incorporated into the new version of the Town Center Code. Incorporation of the transect principles will allow different intensities of development to occur within the Town Center and will facilitate a transition from the core of the Town Center to the lower densities of nearby residential areas.

The Kee-Wee Entertainment District (formerly Eckerd’s Drug Store) – On September 29th at 5 p.m., a “soft opening” event will be held at the site of the Kee-Wee Entertainment District, which is located at the fork of SR 419 and SR 434 in the location of the old Eckerd’s drug store building. Kee-Wee is an upscale, multi-purpose entertainment facility that is a combination of a sit-down restaurant with indoor and outdoor seating, sports bar, and a video game arcade. City staff has been working with the owner for some time to determine the best ways to upgrade the site from an abandoned drug store to an upscale multi-purpose entertainment facility.



Jesup’s Landing – On June 27, 2011 the City Commission approved a Conceptual Plan for 171 townhomes in the Winter Springs Town Center on the south side of Orange Avenue, behind Winter Springs High School. The property is the site of a townhome development that was approved in 2005 for 185 units. In 2007 the builder, Levitt & Sons declared bankruptcy and the property went into foreclosure. In 2011, the property was purchased by Mattamy Homes. Mattamy Homes has submitted engineering plans to the City for approval of construction of the 171 townhome units. If the project is approved by the City Commission, groundbreaking for the townhomes is anticipated to begin shortly thereafter.



CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY UPDATE

As a result of low enrollment, the Police Department will be postponing the start of the latest Citizen's Police Academy class. We will advertise the new schedule when it is determined to be sure anyone who may be interested in attending the academy has sufficient time to enroll. Ideally, we would like to see a minimum of 15 applicants. If you are you or anyone you know may be interested in this program please contact Sgt. Nick Romano at nromano@winterspringsfl.org or 407-327-1000 X408 and he will be able to assist you. Thank you for your interest in this and other programs offered by the Police Department.



CODE ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

The Code Enforcement Division is responsible for helping to enhance neighborhood and community aesthetics by enforcing city codes and ordinances. The Division handles calls from residents and business owners daily about everything concerning these issues. We take a proactive stance in property maintenance of foreclosed homes which are causing a neighborhood health and safety concern. If you know of a home in your neighborhood that fits this description, please send an e-mail to "_PoliceCodeEnforcementBureau@winterspringsfl.org" (note the underscore at the start of the address) and someone will contact you. You may also call 407-327-1000 X447.

eAlerts

eCitizen

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**SEMINOLE HARD ROCK CASINO
OCTOBER 22, 2011**

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. 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: \$30 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.

**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.

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS TODAY!!!

FOR MORE QUESTIONS OR INFORMATION CONTACT: SUSIE COFFMAN AT
407.327.6554
