

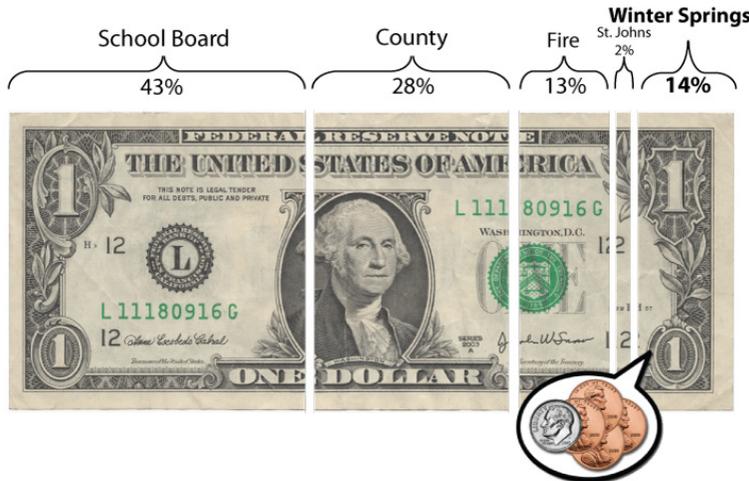
CITY COMMISSION SETS FY2013 TAX RATE

In the coming weeks, taxpayers will be receiving their annual *Notice of Proposed Property Taxes* from the Seminole County Property Appraiser. This annual informational notice includes data regarding your proposed property tax bill for the upcoming year, including the tentative tax (millage) rate proposed by each local taxing authority.

At the July 23, 2012 meeting of the Winter Springs City Commission, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the lowering of the City's operating tax (millage) rate by .02 mills to 2.43 mills. The Commission also voted to keep the City's voted debt millage rate unchanged at 0.1100 mills. Each of these rates will be reflected in the forthcoming *Notice of Proposed Property Taxes*.

In spite of challenges presented to the City by the limited availability of revenues resulting from current economic conditions and other factors, the City of Winter Springs remains committed to providing quality services to its residents via a balanced budget that functions within these limitations while continuing to meet the growing needs of our citizens.

Where Do Your Property Tax Dollars Go?



A copy of the City's Proposed FY 2013 Budget may be found on our website by clicking [here](#).

2012 FPZA DESIGN EXCELLENCE AWARD

On June 22nd, 2012, the Florida Planning and Zoning Association's Awards and Scholarships Committee recognized the City's Community Development Department for its exceptional effort on the City of Winter Springs Town Center District Code re-write by awarding the City with the prestigious 2012 Florida Planning and Zoning Association Design Excellence Award. The City's Community Development Department staff accepted the award during the 2012 Florida Planning & Zoning Association's Annual Conference in Orlando, Florida.

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Upcoming Events

Babe Ruth Registration
August 11th, 9:00AM - 2:00PM
Central Winds Park





the City of Winter Springs **COMMISSION REPORT**

During the month of June 2012, the following Ordinances, Resolutions, Contracts and Agreements were approved by the City of Winter Springs City Commission:

Resolutions:

Resolution 2012-16 - Approved the creation of the Tuscawilla Units 12/12A Wall Ad Hoc Advisory Committee, which will be a seven (7) member Ad Hoc Advisory Committee, comprised solely of residents from Units 12/12A in the Tuscawilla community.

Contracts and Agreements:

- The City Commission approved a Neighborhood Street Sign and Lighting Improvement Agreement with Meritage Homes for the Winter Springs Village Subdivision.
- The City Commission validated the staff's recommendation finding the Greens at Tuscawilla site-work to be built in substantial accordance with the Final Engineering plans and accepted the public infrastructure for ownership and maintenance.

Of Special Interest:

- The Mayor and City Commission recognized Winter Springs High School in honor of their first place winning Character Key Entry in the Leadership Seminole Character Key Video Contest 2012.
- Mayor Lacey and the City Commission were informed by the new Seminole County Public Schools Superintendent Walt Griffin that starting next year Keeth Elementary School will have a full day Pre-K program; and Winter Springs High School will have a solar energy program.

- The Mayor and City Commission received a presentation from Ms. Kathy Till with the Florida League of Cities on the subject of Advocacy related to municipal issues and legislative action.
- Mr. Philip S. Kaprow, President of the Oviedo-Winter Springs Optimist Club, presented a donation in the amount of \$1,000.00 to the City of Winter Springs for Parks and Recreation Summer Camp Scholarships.
- Mr. Philip S. Kaprow, President of the Oviedo-Winter Springs Optimist Club, also advised the City of Winter Springs that they would be awarding a donation in the amount of \$250.00 to the City of Winter Springs Police Department to assist with lunches for Explorer Camp attendees.
- Commissioner Cade Resnick appointed Mr. Gary Brook to the Tuscawilla Units 12/12A Wall Ad Hoc Advisory Committee.
- The City of Winter Springs received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its FY 2012 Budget document.
- The Mayor and City Commission received a presentation from the Planning and Zoning Board/Local Planning Agency related to their membership, efforts, and plans for the future.
- Commissioner Rick Brown reappointed Ms. Helen Baker to another four (4) year Term of Office on the Tuscawilla Lighting and Beautification District Advisory Committee.
- The Winter Springs City Commission appointed S. Avery Smith to fill the Commission Seat Three vacancy.
- Commissioner Rick Brown appointed Mr. Gary Brook to the Tuscawilla Units 12/12A Wall Ad Hoc Advisory Committee.
- K-9 "Rico" of the Winter Springs Police Department was honored for his selfless and dedicated efforts to the City of Winter Springs as he retires.

ELECTION 2012

The City will hold a Municipal Election on Tuesday, November 6, 2012 for the purpose of electing a Commissioner for Seat One, Seat Three, and Seat Five.

Qualifying to run for any of these Seats begins AT Noon on Monday, August 27th, 2012 and ends AT Noon on Friday, August 31st, 2012. Qualifying packets will be available around mid-August (2012) and will be available by contacting the City Clerk at 407-327-5955.

If you wish to register to vote, have questions about where you will vote or if you would like to request an Absentee Ballot, please contact the Seminole County Supervisor of Elections at 407-708-7705 or go to their website <http://semcoelections.org/index.html#> as soon as possible, and before their registration books close for the November 2012 Election.

2012 FPZA DESIGN EXCELLENCE AWARD *(Cont. from pg 1)*



Bobby Howell, AICP (second from right) and Randy Woodruff, AICP (second from left) of the Community Development Department receiving the award from Rachel Whitcomb Layton, AICP (left), Florida Planning & Zoning Association Past President and Brady Woods (right), Florida Planning & Zoning Association President.

In addition to receiving this prestigious award, the Community Development Department has been awarded the American Planning Association, Florida Chapter's Award of Merit in the Neighborhood Planning category for the City of Winter Springs Town Center District Code re-write. After much deliberation and review, the awards committee found the Town Center District Code re-write to be worthy of this award. Representatives from the Community Development Department will be in attendance at the Florida Chapter's annual conference in September to receive this award.

The Town Center District Code re-write was unanimously adopted by the City Commission on March 12, 2012, seven (7) months following their directive to staff to incorporate concepts of the "transect" into the code. The transect categorizes settlement patterns into zones ranging from a very rural character to a very urban character. This approach was deemed to be the best available strategy to provide a clear vision for the future of the Town Center. The re-write was completed in-house by the Winter Springs Community Development Department, with an estimated cost savings of \$75,000 in consultant fees to the City's taxpayers. The City of Winter Springs Town Center District Code was one of the first "form-based" codes adopted in the United States. As time and development progressed, the City Commission recognized some limitations of the original code. Because of the "one size fits all" methodology of the original code, it became increasingly difficult to develop the outer edges of the Town Center due to compatibility issues with existing subdivisions.

THE CITY OF WINTER SPRINGS WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME THE FOLLOWING BUSINESSES:

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| Pri's Sweet Delights | The Music Box | D'Anna Imports, LLC |
| Jeff Blanton | Kristie Blachstein | Kurt Vaughn |
| Kalman Olah Painting, LLC | Mike's Complete Pool Service | |



*Think, Shop, Buy
Winter Springs*

Winter Springs GoLocal is a free service helping Winter Springs business owners and Winter Springs residents connect. If you are a Winter Springs business owner and hold a valid business tax receipt with the City, go to www.winterspringsfl.org and click on GoLocal to add your business listing. For additional information, please call Kim Trench at 407-327-1800, option 1 or email ktrench@winterspringsfl.org.

CITIZENS SERVING THEIR COMMUNITY

The City of Winter Springs is very fortunate to currently have many great citizens who serve their community by sitting on the City Commission's various Boards and Committees. The service of these wonderful and involved citizens is appreciated by the Mayor and City Commission, and City Staff.

Most of the City's Boards and Committees meet quarterly, but a few meet on a monthly basis. Being a part of one of our Boards and Committees 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 of the City's Boards and Committees are appointed by the Mayor and City Commission.

Currently, the City's Boards and Committees include:

- Beautification Of Winter Springs Board (Meets Quarterly)
- Bicycle And Pedestrian Advisory Committee (Meets Quarterly)
- Board Of Trustees (Meets Quarterly)
- Code Enforcement Board
- Districting Commission (Per Charter, will be meeting in early 2013)
- Oak Forest Wall And Beautification District Advisory Committee (Meets at least annually - in May)
- Parks And Recreation Advisory Committee (Meets Quarterly)
- Planning And Zoning Board/Local Planning Agency
- Tusawilla Lighting And Beautification District Advisory Committee (Meets Quarterly)
- Tusawilla Unit 12/12A Wall Ad Hoc Advisory Committee (New)



We presently have current openings on the following two (2) Advisory Boards and Committees so if you feel you would be qualified and interested, please complete an Advisory Board and Committee Application.

The City Commission wants to make sure that as many citizens who are interested in serving in such a way, are able to – **so, if you would like to serve on one of the City Commission's Boards or Committees, please contact the Office of the City Clerk** at 407-327-5955 to request an Application or more information OR go to our Website at www.winterspringsfl.org and click on "Government" and then "Boards & Committees". The link to the City's Application will be in the first paragraph.

ATTENTION OAK FOREST RESIDENTS!!!!

As many people know, the Oak Forest community at Tusawilla is a great place to live – and we would encourage ANYONE who resides in the Oak Forest community and would like to spend a mere few hours occasionally serving your fellow residents, to contact us, as we need a few of you wonderful, caring citizens to help make your community an even better place to live!



The City of Winter Springs has a five member Committee (called the Oak Forest Wall and Beautification District Advisory Committee) which meets for the most part, annually 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.

Should you reside in the Oak Forest community – then you can apply to be considered for appointment to the Oak Forest Wall and Beautification District Advisory Committee. Additionally, the current four members of the Oak Forest Wall and Beautification District Advisory Committee have personally mentioned their preference in having a resident and neighbor from the Unit 8 part of the Oak Forest community join this Committee if at all possible.

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 also representing your fellow neighbors.

Serving Your Community Podcast (Click Here To Play)

BEAUTIFICATION OF WINTER SPRINGS BOARD

Are you a garden buff? Do you know a lot about flowers and trees? Do you often hear a call to beautify your garden – and others? Then we would love to have your expertise as one of the Mayor and City Commission's Advisors on the Beautification of Winter Springs Board.



This is a five (5) member Advisory Board to the City Commission who advise the Mayor and City Commission on beautification and environmental matters in our lovely City, and how we can keep our City that way.

If interested, please contact the Office of the City Clerk at 407-327-5999 or 407-327-5955 to request an Application or more information; or go to our Website at www.winterspringsfl.org.

WINTER SPRINGS ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECT UPDATE

Project: Shepard Road Streetscape

Description: 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.

Funding Source: U.S. 17-92 Community Redevelopment Agency

Status: Construction started January 16, 2012 and is scheduled to be complete by early August 2012.



Shepard Road Streetscape

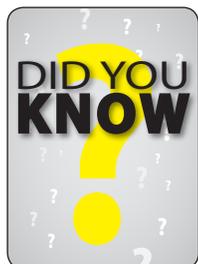
Project: Michael Blake Boulevard

Description: New two-lane City collector road in the Winter Springs Town Center from S.R. 434 north to Tuskawilla Road

Funding Source: One-Cent Sales Tax

Status: The segment from the Cross Seminole Trail north to Tuskawilla Road has been completed as part of the Winter Springs Village residential development. The segment from S.R. 434 north to the Cross Seminole Trail is a City project. Construction started in February 2012 and is scheduled to be complete in August 2012.

For further information, please contact Brian Fields, P.E., City Engineer, at 407-327-7597 or bfields@winterspringsfl.org.



THAT THE WINTER SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFERS A LOCK BOX PROGRAM?

This program is intended to provide Police, Fire and EMS access to your residence in the event of an emergency where you are unable to open the door. For more info contact Capt. Kevin Presley at 407-327-7954.



DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

Since May of 2011, the City Commission has approved the following development projects in the City. These projects consist of single and multi-family residential and commercial/retail uses. These projects are located throughout the city.

- **Amberlee** – 36 single-family homes located on Dovera Drive adjacent to the Oviedo Mall.
- **Winter Springs Village** – 202 single-family homes located on the east side of Tusawilla Road in the Winter Springs Town Center.
- **Jesup’s Landing** – 171 townhomes located on the south side of Orange Avenue in the Winter Springs Town Center.
- **Moss Park Mixed Use Center** – a three story vertical mixed-use building consisting of 6,000 square feet of commercial/retail space on the first floor, and 15 apartment units located on the upper two stories. This project is located on the north side of SR 434, east of the intersection of Moss Road and SR 434.
- **Moss Park Apartment** – 84 apartment units located on the east side of Moss Road, north of the intersection of Moss Road and SR 434. This project is located behind the Moss Park Mixed Use Center.
- **Tusawilla Greens** – 60 townhome units located on the south side of Winter Springs Boulevard, adjacent to the Tusawilla Country Club.
- **Family Dollar** - 8,000 square foot retail facility located on the north side of SR 434, between Fairfax and Devon Avenues.
- **Hayes Road Plaza** – 17,128 square foot single-story shopping center located on the southwest corner of the intersection of Hayes Road and SR 434.



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Sign Up Today At:

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Sign Up With Your Mobile Phone

Scan the QR code to the left with a QR code scanner app to sign up from your mobile phone or visit <http://goo.gl/6GBrF> from your mobile browser.





Parks and Recreation plays a vital role in creating a sense of community. In addition to providing open fields for kids to play sports, we also teach kids about teamwork and what it means to be a good team member. We create areas for families to come together and celebrate birthdays, graduations, and family reunions. Our message is simple, "It Starts In Parks". We want to create the sense of community, promote good health, and build our future citizens. We would love to hear from you. If you have any questions about what we have to offer or how we can improve, please call our office at 407-327-6597. Winter Springs parks are where lifetime friendships are formed, where the gap between generations is bridged, where people discover what they have in common. How do you grow a hometown with a sense of community? "It Starts In Parks."

BABE RUTH BASEBALL/SOFTBALL



It's that time again to sign up to play baseball/softball. On August 11th and 18th, the Winter Springs Babe Ruth will be holding registration for the fall season at Central Winds Park from 9:00AM - 2:00PM. Games start on September 15th. Let's get ready to "Play Ball"!

ADULT SOFTBALL/FLAG FOOTBALL

The Winter Springs Parks and Recreation Department is having open registration for Adult Softball and Adult Flag Football teams.



Softball consists of Men's(Mondays), Siemens Corporate(Wednesdays), and Co-Ed(Fridays) Leagues. All games are played at Central Winds Park under the lights. The season starts on August 13th. If you are looking to relive the glory days, have a good time, and meet great people, please come out. If you are not on a team, that's ok. Please call and we can help you find a team. For more information on Adult Softball, please call Eli Smith at 407-377-4058.

Flag Football is split up into two leagues, competitive(Tuesdays) and recreational(Thursdays). Both are played at Central Winds Park. If you are looking to get some exercise and catch touchdowns passes, just let us know. The season starts on August 14th. For more information, please call Mike Hesselbart at 407-327-6589.



CAMP SUNSHINE SUMMER CAMP

So far this summer, campers have had the opportunity to participate in fun team building activities and go on a variety of great field trips. Campers even had the chance to make homemade slime and build paper-mache planets during Science Week. For more information on any of the fun programs that we offer, contact Brian Dunigan at 407-327-6593 or email bdunigan@winterspringsfl.org.



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CAMP SUNSHINE SUMMER CAMP *(Cont. from pg 7)*

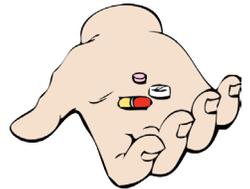
All summer long at Camp Sunshine, the Parks and Recreations team understands that “Character Counts”. The Camp Sunshine team has chosen campers based on exemplification of 9 different character traits. The camper that is chosen as the Character Camper of the Week is awarded with a certificate, tie-die t-shirt, and a gift card to a local sponsoring business. For week number 7, Hannah & Joshua Kozik were chosen as the Character Campers of the Week.



L to R: Andria Hancher-Camp Counselor, John Hogan-Camp Director, Whitney Gibbs-Camp Counselor, Kara Lockcuff-Camp Counselor, Bre Hall-Camp Counselor, Caitlin Tribit-Camp Counselor, Rudy Williams-Camp Counselor, Brian Dunigan-Program Coordinator

DRUG TAKE BACK INITIATIVE

On September 29th, 2012, from 10:00AM - 2:00PM the Winter Springs Police Department, along with the Drug Enforcement Administration, will coordinate our fifth Prescription Drug Take Back Initiative, a one-day collaborative effort with the DEA and other local agencies to remove potentially dangerous prescription drugs from our community’s homes. This Take Back initiative will provide a unified opportunity for the public to voluntarily surrender expired, unwanted or unused pharmaceutically controlled substances and other medications to law enforcement officers for destruction. The Winter Springs Police Department, located at 300 N. Moss Road, Winter Springs, will serve as the drop off location for unwanted prescription drugs within our community.



This Take Back initiative is a very important project and has removed approximately 1.5 million pounds (774 tons) of prescription medication from circulation nationwide. We would like to remind anyone who is unable to make this event, or who wishes to dispose of unwanted prescription drugs, that the Winter Springs Police Department, in cooperation with Operation Medicine Cabinet, also offers our residents a 24-hr drop off site located within the front lobby of the Police Department to immediately discard any unwanted prescription drugs. Should you have any questions, please contact Sergeant Nick Romano at 407-327-1000.

PHONE NUMBER CONTACT LIST



Departments		<u>Parks Division</u>	
City Hall	407-327-1800	Parks Maintenance, Safety Concerns, Park Rangers, City Parks, Dog Park	407-327-6592
City Manager	407-327-5957		Splash Playgrounds
City Clerk's Office	407-327-5955	<u>Recreation Division</u>	
Community Development Department	407-327-5968	Recreation Classes, Special Events, Pavilion Rentals, Spring and Summer Camps	407-327-6593
Finance Department	407-327-1800	Civic Center Rentals	407-327-6556
Information Services Department	407-327-7574	<u>Seniors Division</u>	
Mayor & Commission	407-327-5955	Senior Center	407-327-6554
Parks & Recreation Department	407-327-6599	Therapy Pool	407-327-6577
Police Department (non-emergency)	407-327-1000	<u>Sports Division</u>	
Public Works & Utilities Department	407-327-2669	Adult Softball and Flag Football, Youth Sports Partnerships, Sports Field Rentals	407-327-6589
General		Police Department	
City Hall	407-327-1800	Citizen Advisory Committee	407-327-7551
City Information Line	407-327-7594	Code Enforcement	407-327-7975
Community Development Department		Community Classes	407-327-7551
Arbor	407-327-6584	Crime Line	407-327-8977
Building Inspection Line	407-327-7596	Community Relations	407-327-7999
Permits Customer Service Manager	407-327-1800 Option 1	Fingerprinting	407-327-7970
Planning & Land Development	407-327-5968	Property & Evidence	407-327-7959
Urban Beautification	407-327-5976	Records	407-327-7970
Finance and Administrative Services		Traffic Division	407-327-7958
Accounts Payable	407-327-5952	Utility & Public Works	
Human Resources	407-327-5962	Water, Sewer, Reclaimed Water, Streets, Sidewalks, Drainage, Garbage Pickup, Recycling	
Utility Billing	407-327-5996	407-327-2669	
Fire		For Questions Regarding Water Bills, Garbage Bills, Garbage Schedules, or Recycling Bills	
Administration (Seminole County Fire Dept)	407-665-5175	Water Conservation	407-327-6584
Parks & Recreation Department		Water and Sewer Emergencies: After 5PM and Weekends	
Administrative Secretary	407-327-6597	407-327-2669	
Central Winds Park Weather Hotline	407-327-8951		

SENIOR CENTER

Are you 55 or older and looking for a place to meet new people and have a great time? If so, then head over to the Winter Spring Senior Center. The Winter Springs Senior Center is located at 400 N. Edgemon Ave. in Winter Springs. There are many different activities available to keep you moving like Line Dancing and Jazzercise. We also have other activities that will bring out the artist in you like Ceramics, Scrapbooking, and Art Meetings. Other activities offered are Computer Classes, Bingo, Yoga, and Tai Chi. Every Wednesday, a lunch is served for \$5.00 per person. For more information about the Winter Springs Senior Center, please contact Susie Coffman or Laura Domenech at 407-327-6554.

THERAPY POOL

If you are 55 or older and looking for a place to exercise and have fun, then come and take a tour of the Winter Spring Therapy Pool. The Winter Springs Therapy Pool is an Award Winning Facility that offers exercise classes in 94 degree water temperature. The Therapy Pool is located at 400 N. Edgemon Ave. right behind the Senior Center. There are different intensity classes that are offered each day. Some classes are low intensity like Basic Arthritis and can go up to the highest intensity of Aerobics H2O. For more information about becoming a member and registering for classes, please call Dell Walker at 407-327-6577.

EXPLORE THE REAL FLORIDA

AUGUST 18, 2012

Discover some Old Florida "treasures" on this unique day trip. We'll start with a visit to Blue Springs State Park, home of the manatees. Walk the boardwalk before boarding our pontoon boat for a two hour nature cruise through the shallow backwaters of the historic St. Johns River. Hear the sounds of nature as our naturalist guide gives us an intimate look at this most fragile ecosystem. Next, get ready for some Down South River Cookin' at Aunt Catfish's. Enjoy the unique Old Florida atmosphere while dining overlooking the Halifax River.

Cost is \$67.00 per person and includes motorcoach transportation, cruise, lunch, taxes, gratuity on the meal, and driver's gratuity. Bus will depart from the Winter Springs Senior Center at 8:00AM. For more information, please contact Susie Coffman at 407-327-6554.

9 TO 5 THE MUSICAL

JULY 14, 2012

Based on the hit movie, this new musical comedy tells the story of three unlikely friends who conspire to take control of their company and learn there's nothing they can't do...even in a man's world. Outrageous, thought-provoking and even a little romantic, 9 to 5 the Musical is about getting credit and getting even. Featuring Dolly Parton's original hit title song along with her new Tony Award and Grammy nominated score. Enjoy lunch beforehand at the incomparable Dixie Crossroads!

Cost is \$68.00 per person and includes motorcoach transportation, lunch, show, taxes, gratuity on meal, and driver's gratuity. Bus will depart the Winter Springs Senior Center at 10:15AM. For more information, please contact Susie Coffman or Laura Domenech at 407-327-6554.

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS TODAY!!!

FOR MORE QUESTIONS OR INFORMATION CONTACT: SUSIE COFFMAN AT
407.327.6554

SENIOR BINGO

Our Senior Association invites you to play Bingo on Wednesdays at 1:30 PM. We also have a Special Sunday lunch and Bingo on the last Sunday of every month. Contact Susie Coffman or Laura Domenach at 407-327-6554