

Happy St. Patrick's Day



Spring Family Festival

Saturday, March 10th
 5pm-9pm
 Winter Springs Town Center

Enjoy all that spring has to offer at
**The 1st Annual
 Spring Family Festival**
 in Winter Springs.

The Event will feature exciting live entertainment for the entire family and a great selection of vendors. There will also be a kid's area with exciting games for children of all ages.

For more information please visit
www.winterspringsfl.org or call 407-327-6593.

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Upcoming Events

Spring Family Festival
 March 10th 5PM - 9PM
 Winter Springs Town Center

Spring Break Camp
 March 19th - 23rd, 7:30AM - 5:30PM
 Civic Center

Summer Camp Registration
 April 21st 9AM - 12PM
 Civic Center





the City of Winter Springs **COMMISSION REPORT**



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

Ordinances:

Ordinance 2011-15 – Approved the revision of Chapter 16, Signs and Advertising of the City’s Code of Ordinances.

Ordinance 2012-02 – Approved the establishment of Regulations for City Parks and other public recreational areas located within the jurisdictional limits of the City of Winter Springs.

Ordinance 2012-03 – Approved a six (6) month extension of the City’s temporary moratorium on the issuance of business tax receipts or Land Use approvals for pain management clinics.

Resolutions:

Resolution 2012-01 – Appreciation and Gratitude to Mr. Vernon Rozelle, Jr. for his service as a recent Member of the Board of Trustees.

Resolution 2012-02 – Appreciation and Gratitude to Mr. Max Swaim for his service as a recent Member of the Board of Trustees.

Resolution 2012-03 – Supporting the Florida League of Cities’ initiative regarding Police Officers and Firefighters’ disability presumption reforms.

Contracts and Agreements:

- An Agreement with Central Florida Environmental Corporation for construction of Michael Blake Boulevard from State Road 434 to the Cross-Seminole Trail.
- An Agreement with Power Exterminators, Inc. for Neighborhood Parks chemical services and Central Winds Park chemical services.
- Task Order #4 to the Engineering Agreement with CPH Engineers, Inc., to provide professional engineering services for force main improvements to the east wastewater collection system.
- An Agreement with Eastwood Tuff Turf, Inc. for the landscaping and irrigation installation for the Shepard Road Streetscape Project.

Of Special Interest:

- Ms. Sherry Norman was selected as “Employee of the Year” for the Parks and Recreation Department.
- “Chief’s Award of Excellence” was awarded to Sergeant Brad Heath, Corporal Matt Scovel and Corporal David Smith of the Winter Springs Police Department.
- “Department Officer of the Month” Award was presented to Officer Jorge Melendez of the Winter Springs Police Department.
- “Years of Service” Employee Recognition Awards were presented to City of Winter Springs Employees.
- The City of Winter Springs was named “2011 Tree City USA” and a recipient of the Growth Award by the National Arbor Day Foundation.



Commission Workshop - Tuscawilla Units 12/12A

The City Commission is hosting a second workshop to discuss the brick wall along Tuscawilla Units 12/12A Subdivision. The workshop will be at Winter Springs City Hall, 1126 East State Road 434, Winter Springs, FL 32708, in the Commission Chambers on March 28, 2012 – 6 p.m. All interested members of the public are encouraged to attend. For more information, please contact Steven Richart of the Community Development Department at: 407-327-5976.



LANDSCAPING TIPS

A CLOSER LOOK AT ZOYSIA GRASSES

By: Steven T. Richart, Urban Beautification Manager

What type of grass should I choose for my new landscape? This is a common question from property owners who want to install a nice looking lawn while saving money on their watering bills. Since I've been asked a lot lately, I wanted to address the option of using Zoysia grasses as an alternative to St. Augustine, in light of claims that "...with Zoysia, there's less maintenance and watering, in addition to a greater pest resistance".

To provide you with a little background, Zoysia grasses are warm season grasses native to Southeast Asia. In 1911, 'Zoysia matrella' was introduced into the United States from Manila by botanist C. V. Piper. Because of its origin, the newly introduced grass was commonly called 'Manila' grass. Piper suggested that the grass had promise for wide-spread use along the Gulf and Atlantic Coasts of Florida due to many factors including favorable climate and soils in these areas.

Because Zoysia grasses can tolerate variations in temperature, sunlight, and irrigating, they are now commonly used in golf courses and for residential lawns located in regions having temperate climates. Zoysia is known to be a salt tolerant, very dense turf that can resist several diseases and hold up well under moderate to heavy traffic. The commonly used cultivar 'Zoysia Emerald' has become particularly popular among homeowners in central and south Florida.

Many varieties of Zoysia are available for wholesale and retail purchase in either palletized sod or seed forms and grow most aggressively during the warm wet summer months, becoming less active during the winter months. Zoysia grasses have gained popularity as of late due to their fine texture, soft feel and low growth habit. Some experts consider Zoysia grasses to be an 'upgraded' turf as compared to options such as Bahia and St. Augustine for more prestigious new construction and renovation projects.

Several disadvantages of using Zoysia grasses are that they require reel blade mowing equipment for optimum results and they are vulnerable to attacks by nematodes, hunting billbugs and fungus at varying degrees of severity. Additionally, all Zoysias form a heavy layer of thatch which will require routine renovations in addition to performing poorly on compacted soils.

Zoysia grasses have a high fertility requirement and generally thirst for potassium, so a structured chemical application program will be required for the long term success of your project. Since Zoysia tends to have shallow root growth, frequent watering will likely be necessary in order to maintain optimum health when planted in dryer climates.

My general recommendation regarding Zoysia would be to do your homework before installing this grass at your residence and know the soils, understanding the effort it will take to maintain the desired look. In many cases the cost of maintenance and additional care required may outweigh the desire to try something new!

Please feel free to contact me if you need help or have additional questions related to this article at 407-327-5976.

CITIZENS SERVING THEIR COMMUNITY

The City of Winter Springs is very fortunate to 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 so 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 requires only 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, meets every three years)
- 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
- Tuscawilla Lighting And Beautification District Advisory Committee (Meets Quarterly)



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 407-327-5999 or 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 Tuscawilla 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. 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.

Therefore, we would very much like to hear from you if you would be so kind to offer to serve on the Oak Forest Wall and Beautification District Advisory Committee! 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 just 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. We would love to hear from YOU!!!

Serving Your Community Podcast (Click Here To Play)

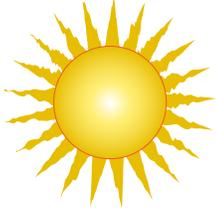


COMMUNITY EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Spring Family Festival - March 10th 5pm - 9pm

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Spring Break Camp 2012 at Camp Sunshine March 19th - 23rd



Spring Break Camp 2012 will be held from March 19th - 23rd at the Winter Springs Civic Center. The Camp is for kids ages 6-12 years of age. The cost is \$70 for Winter Springs residents and \$90 for non-residents. Registration can be completed at the Parks and Recreation administrative offices at Central Winds Park, Monday-Friday from 8am-5pm. For more information, please call 407-327-6593.

Summer Camp Registration

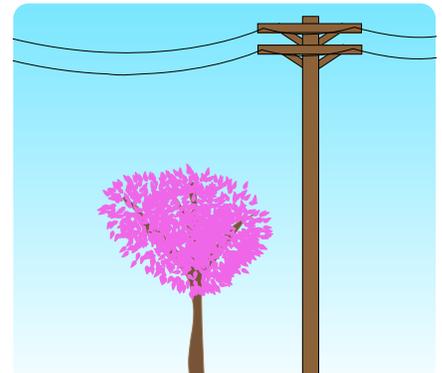
Early summer camp registration for Winter Springs residents will be on Saturday, April 21st from 9am-12pm at the Winter Springs Civic Center located at 400 North Edgemon Avenue. For more information on Summer Camp, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 407-327-6593 or email bdunigan@winterspringsfl.org.

ARBOR UPDATE

As you may have noticed, Progress Energy performed routine utility line clearance pruning along Northern Way (north of Winter Springs Boulevard) in January of this year. It is Progress Energy's policy to prune trees in proximity to the power lines every three years, to insure compliance with applicable rules and law.

Many of the trees planted beneath the power lines are live oaks, which reach a mature height of 40-60 feet. The type of pruning required to maintain clearance will create an unnatural form in the trees, weaken their structure and promote health problems, which will likely result in structural failure during storms and premature death of the trees. To avoid this issue in the future, the City plans to remove (only) those smaller trees (less than 15 feet in height) growing under the power lines in the right-of-way and replace them with other trees that will not grow to more than 15-20 feet in height, such as Walter's viburnum, 'Little Gem' magnolia, yaupon holly, Simpson's stopper and redbud, among others.

We do not currently have a specific time schedule for when the tree removal and replanting will begin, but it will likely start in May. The project will encompass the northern portion of Northern Way (north of Winter Springs Boulevard). If you have any concerns about trees being removed from the right-of-way or have any questions, please contact the City Arborist at 407-327-6584 or email at swolfe@winterspringsfl.org.



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

Perry A. Phillips

Rev Works, Inc

Linda Kamus

Mfp Ventures, LLC

Buckets of Happiness, LLC

Fidelity Security Agency, LLC

Samantha Ryder

John M. Irye, P.A.

Kristina Grimm

Mattie's Delectable Desserts

Jemm, LLC

A Clean Pool and Deck

Pinnacle Maintenance Building Services

Building Unique Individuals Living Dream



*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 407-327-5963 or email ktrench@winterspringsfl.org.

eAlerts

eCitizen

Sign up today to receive email notifications directly from the City of Winter Springs to your email inbox. Sign up is simple, free and will only take a minute. Just enter your email address and select which alerts and/or notifications you would like to receive.

Get Connected To:

Major Traffic Alerts, Criminal Alert Bulletins, Boil Water Alerts, Hurricane and Tornado Information, City Information, News, Special Events, Newsletters and many more!

Sign Up Today At:

<http://www.winterspringsfl.org/join>



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.



DID YOU KNOW

That you can listen in LIVE to Commission meetings online? Previous meetings are also available in the archive section. To listen in, visit our website and click on Government • Mayor & Commission • Commission Meeting Audio.

BABE RUTH OPENING DAY



Play Ball!

Baseball and Softball are back in swing in Winter Springs. The Winter Springs Babe Ruth held their annual Opening Day Ceremony on February 18th at Central Winds Park. The Park was filled with players, coaches, and parents ready to start the season. The ceremony ended with the Season Opening First Pitch from Mayor Charles Lacey and the most famous words in baseball/softball ...Play Ball! Good luck to all the players and have a great season.



PHONE NUMBER CONTACT LIST



Departments		Parks Division	
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	407-327-5999	Recreation Division	
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	Seniors Division	
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	Sports Division	
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	407-327-5963	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	407-327-2669
Utility Billing	407-327-5996	For Questions Regarding Water Bills, Garbage Bills, Garbage Schedules, or Recycling Bills	407-327-5996
Fire		Water Conservation	407-327-6584
Administration (Seminole County Fire Dept)	407-665-5175	Water and Sewer Emergencies: After 5pm and Weekends	407-327-2669
Parks & Recreation Department			
Administrative Secretary	407-327-6597		
Central Winds Park Weather Hotline	407-327-8951		

ST. AUGUSTINE

MARCH 17, 2012

Venture back in time as we travel to St. Augustine, our nation's oldest city on Saturday, March 17th. We'll stop at the Visitor's Center before embarking on a narrated tour of more than 400 years of history aboard the Ripley's Sightseeing Trains. Enjoy 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 sites.

Cost is \$70.00 per person and that includes motor coach transportation, tour, lunch, taxes, gratuity on meal, and driver's gratuity. The bus will depart the Winter Springs Senior Center at 8:00 am. For more information, please contact Susie Coffman at 407-327-6554.

SEMINOLE HARD ROCK CASINO

APRIL 14, 2012

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 like Wheel of Fortune, Little Green Men, Blazing 7's, Texas Tea plus classics like Double Diamond, Red, White & Blue, and Five Times Pay. 50 tables of Live Action Poker, with everything from Seven-Card Stud to Texas Hold'em. New table games featuring Blackjack, Baccarat, Mini Baccarat, Pai Gow Poker, Let It Ride and Three Card Poker. 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 is \$30.00 per person and includes motorcoach transportation, \$25.00 in machine play, \$5.00 meal voucher, and Driver's gratuity. Bus will depart the Winter Springs Sr. Center at 8:30 a.m. No breakfast stop enroute. For more information, please contact Susie Coffman at 407-327-6554.

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS TODAY!!!

FOR MORE QUESTIONS OR INFORMATION CONTACT: SUSIE COFFMAN AT
407.327.6554

SENIOR PROGRAMS AND CLASSES

For information regarding any programs at the Winter Springs Senior Center like ceramics, line dancing, yoga, tai chi, bingo, or computer classes, please contact Laura Domenech at 407-327-6554.

For information about classes, schedules, or questions about the Winter Springs Therapy Pool, please call Dell Walker at 407-327-6577.

