

4TH ANNUAL HOMETOWN

HARVEST

Saturday, October 17th

Join us for the annual Hometown Harvest on Saturday, October 17th, 2009 from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Tuskawilla Road in the Winter Springs Town Center. Put on your jeans, boots, and western duds and join us for lots of country fun.

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2nd ANNUAL WINTER SPRINGS FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

Don't miss the 2nd Annual Winter Springs Festival of the Arts on October 24th and 25th from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Winter Springs Town Center. View the work of top artists from around the country as you stroll along scenic Blumberg Boulevard. Enjoy jazz and entertainment by talented performing artists in Magnolia Park. There will be a children's art activity area, student and senior exhibits. The Winter Springs Festival of the Arts is presented in conjunction with the Oviedo-Winter Springs Regional Chamber of Commerce. For more information please call 407-365-6500 or visit www.wsfota.org.



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WINTER SPRINGS INSIDER GOING DIGITAL

In effort to reduce costs and our impact on the environment, the Winter Springs *Insider* will no longer be distributed by US Mail. Beginning with the Winter 2010 edition, the *Insider* will be available primarily online at the City's website. Citizens can sign up for notification of when the next newsletter is available online at www.winterspringsfl.org/egov. For information on eCitizen and signing up for the *Insider*, see page 7. A limited number of copies will be printed and available for pick up at City Hall, Senior Citizen Center, and the Winter Springs Police Department.



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Upcoming Events

Hometown Harvest
October 17th

Winter Springs
Festival of the Arts
October 24th & 25th



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the City of Winter Springs COMMISSION REPORT



the Revision of Section 2-93 of the City's Code of Ordinances related to the City's Canvassing Board for all City elections.

During the months of June, July and August 2009, the following Ordinances were approved by the City Commission: **Ordinance 2009-02** Approved a change to Chapter 20 of the City of Winter Springs Code of Ordinances as it related to prohibiting parking vehicles on sidewalks and in front yards and providing standards for parking areas on residential properties. **Ordinance 2009-03** Approved revisions to Chapters 16 and 20 of the City's Code of Ordinances, as it relates to signage. **Ordinance 2009-07** Approved a change to Chapter 20 of the City of Winter Springs Code, as it relates to Commercial vehicles in residentially zoned areas. **Ordinance 2009-10** Rezoned two (2) parcels containing 9.04 acres, more or less, located adjacent to the north side of State Road 419 on the east and west side of Wade Street from "C-1 Neighborhood Commercial" to a "C-2 General Commercial". **Ordinance 2009-11** Approved a revision to Chapter 12 of the City of Winter Springs Code of Ordinances, as it related to the operation of golf carts on certain City roadways. **Ordinance 2009-12** Approved updating the Impact Fee Credit Schedule for Police, Fire, Parks and Recreation, and Public Buildings' Impact Fees for the period of 2009 to 2013. **Ordinance 2009-14** Approved

Additionally, the following Resolutions were approved during this period: **Resolution 2009-39** Approved a Request that all Elected Officials in the State of Florida operate under the Sunshine Law. **Resolution 2009-41** Approved the Proposed Operating Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2009-2010 at 2.4714 Mills and Voted Debt Service Millage Rate at 0.1100 Mills. **Resolution 2009-44** Authorized the submittal of the Certificate to Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll, Assessment Summary and Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Annual Assessment Roll for Tax Year 2009 related to the Oak Forest Wall and Beautification District and the Tusawilla Lighting and Beautification Assessment Area.

COMMISSION HOLDS THE LINE ON MILLAGE

In spite of the challenges it faced due to the limited availability of resources resulting from current economic conditions and restrictions imposed by the State Legislature, including Amendment 1, the City Commission voted unanimously NOT to increase your City millage rate for the upcoming year. The current City-levied total millage rate of 2.5814 remains unchanged for Fiscal Year 2010.

By adopting a new budget strategy aimed at aggressively reducing costs, the City was able to overcome a \$1.7 million budget shortfall in its General Fund and balance its Fiscal Year 2010 budget without reducing services, without utilization of reserves for operating purposes, without laying off employees, and without increasing the millage rate.

The City's Fiscal Year 2010 budget is available on our website at www.winterspringsfl.org.

SERVING YOUR COMMUNITY

Let us know if you want to serve on one of the City's Advisory Boards.

- ❖ Beautification Of Winter Springs Board*
- ❖ Board Of Adjustment
- ❖ Board Of Trustees (Pension Plan)*
- ❖ Code Enforcement Board
- ❖ 2010 Districting Commission (to be appointed late in 2009)
- ❖ Oak Forest Wall And Beautification District Advisory Committee*
- ❖ Planning And Zoning Board/Local Planning Agency
- ❖ Tusawilla Lighting And Beautification District Advisory 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 these Boards and Committees really only requires a few hours of one's time, 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 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.

WATER, SEWER AND RECLAIMED WATER RATE CHANGES

The Floridan Aquifer is the source of potable drinking water for Winter Springs residents. Extensive local coverage has been given to the regulatory mandates of capping and reducing withdrawals from the aquifer beginning in 2013. In order to meet these mandates to reduce aquifer withdrawals, the City will be required to convert the majority of potable water irrigation usage to reclaimed water usage. The City received a permit to withdraw surface water from Lake Jesup to augment the reclaimed water system and begin the conversion process. The initial phase of this conversion process will cost an estimated \$9M over the next 7 to 10 years and increase the number of reclaimed water customers from 1,700 to over 4,700.

To fund these mandates, as well as to maintain compliance with the legal requirements of current outstanding bond issues, beginning October 1, 2009 the monthly bill for water and sewer services is proposed to increase from \$50.91 per month to \$56.73 per month for the average customer in Winter Springs (using 9,000 gallons per month).

For more information and frequently asked questions about the new rates, please visit our website at www.winterspringsfl.org and click on "Water/Sewer Rate Change Questions" or contact Kip Lockcuff at 407-327-5989.

UPDATE ON FEDERALLY FUNDED TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

The City of Winter Springs has received approval of federal funding in the amount of \$812,000 to construct three transportation improvement projects under the 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), which is more commonly referred to as the "Economic Stimulus Plan." All three projects are currently scheduled to start construction in November 2009 with completion in March 2010. The three projects are described as follows:

- ❖ Construction of a right-turn deceleration lane on S.R. 434 eastbound at Hayes Road. This turn lane has been warranted for several years and it will provide necessary safety and operational improvements at the S.R. 434 / Hayes Road intersection. Project cost: \$125,000.
- ❖ Intersection safety improvements on S.R. 419 at Wade Street, consisting of construction of eastbound and westbound left-turn deceleration lanes from S.R. 419 onto Wade Street, a right-turn deceleration lane on S.R. 419 westbound onto Wade Street, and reconstruction of Wade Street from S.R. 419 north to the CSX railroad crossing. The project cost for the federally funded improvements is \$534,000. In addition to the federally funded work, the state has approved funding in the amount of \$120,000 for construction of a right-turn deceleration lane on S.R. 419 eastbound onto Sherry Avenue, and the City has already started the reconstruction of Wade Street from the CSX railroad crossing to Old Sanford-Oviedo Road.
- ❖ Construction of a right-turn deceleration lane on S.R. 434 eastbound at Vistawilla Drive. This turn lane has also been warranted for several years and it will provide necessary safety and operational improvements at the S.R. 434 / Vistawilla Drive intersection. Project cost: \$153,000.



S.R. 419 at Wade Street - Current Conditions

NEW WATER RESTRICTIONS : NAMES BEING SOLICITED FOR VETERAN'S MEMORIAL

On November 1, 2009, new irrigation restrictions will be in effect which limit irrigation to one day per week. This rule was adopted by the St. Johns River Water Management District in March of this year. For odd addresses, Saturday is the permitted day and for even addresses, Sunday is the permitted day. Irrigation twice a week will again be allowed when Daylight Savings Time takes effect on the 2nd Sunday of March, 2010. For more information, please visit SJRWMD website at <http://www.sjrwmd.com/wateringrestrictions/index.html>.



- Any donor wishing to honor the name of a family member or friend and who submits a fully completed application form and donation check in the amount of no less than \$100, will be entitled to have the honoree's name permanently etched in granite on the naming wall of the Winter Springs Veterans and Military Services Memorial located in the Town Center. The intent of the memorial is to honor all men and women who have served, or are currently serving our Country, whether in a peace time or war, and who have some relationship with the City of Winter Springs, whether the honoree or the donor resides in, works in, or simply takes pride in our community. For more information and to download the application, please visit www.winterspringsfl.org and click on Veterans Memorial under the Main menu.



4TH ANNUAL HOMETOWN

HARVEST

Saturday, October 17th
5:30 PM

Winter Springs Town Center
(corner of SR 434/North Tuskawilla Road)

Performances by:

Miss UCF Dasha Gonzalez
& Mr. UCF Tyson Nales
and Rock & Roll and Blues Band



RoadBlock



Tyson Nales
"Mr. UCF"



Dasha Gonzalez
"Miss UCF"

RoadBlock

As well as:

A Musical Performance by: *Lindy & Sol Y Mar!*

- Interactive Hayride • Kids Hay Play Area • Chick-Fil-A Kids Zone
- Bob Evans' Pumpkin Pie Eating Contest • Pumpkin Painting by Plaster House
- Face Painters • General & Food Vendors • Balloon Artists, Jugglers, plus a fall Firework Display!

Also Hope Food Pantry will be on hand to collect Non-Perishable Food Items to benefit our surrounding communities.

Hosted by:

Shadow of **K92FM**

& Arnie Nussbaum

Event is *free* to the Public



Shadow



Arnie Nussbaum

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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 Mayor & Commission • City Commission Meeting Audio.

That you can pay your utility bill by credit card (Visa and MasterCard) or have your utility bill payment deducted from your bank account? Please visit our website at www.winterspringsfl.org for more information regarding this payment option and to view and/or print the Bank Draft Policy and Bank Draft Authorization Form.

That you can apply for a garage sale permit online? For more information, visit our website and click on Online Services • Online Garage Sale Permits.

That you can apply for an arbor permit online? For more information, visit our website at and click on Online Services • Online Arbor Permits.

That answers to many Frequently Asked Questions are available on our website? For more information, visit our website and click on Main • FAQ's.

That you can view scanned City documents dating back to 1959? For more information, visit our website and click on Documents & Forms • Document Search.

That you can look up land, permit, and inspection information online? For more information visit our web site and click on Online Services • Land & Permit Information.

That the Winter Springs Police Department offers a Lock Box Program? This 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.

That the Winter Springs Police Department offers a program known as "R U OK"? This program is designed for the elderly or those who have special needs and desire to be contacted daily (at a time of their choosing) to ensure their safety and/or well-being. If contact is not made via this phone call, a police officer will be dispatched to check on that person and ensure that they are in fact "OK." For more info contact Capt. Kevin Presley at 407-327-7954.

That you can sign up for both emergency and non-emergency email alerts from our website? For more information visit our website and click on eAlerts for up-to-the-minute emergency notifications, or eCitizen for up-to-the-minute non-emergency notifications.

That the Winter Springs Police Department offers free Home Security Surveys? For more info contact Cpl. Allison Smith at 407-327-7955.

That there is a Division of Motor Vehicles office here in the City of Winter Springs? The Division of Motor Vehicles is a State of Florida Agency, not a City Agency. The State of Florida has a branch located at 290 East State Road 434 in Winter Springs and their telephone number is (407) 327-4760.

That the 2-1-1 Community Resource Database is available to you? The 2-1-1 database contains more than 3,000 health and human service programs covering Central Florida, with close to 600 of these programs physically located in Seminole County. Many of the services outside of Seminole County also serve residents in the County. For information contact them at 2-1-1 (or 407-839-HELP/4357) or visit their website at <http://www.rtmdesigns.net/211communityresources>.

That the Winter Springs Police Department offers a Women's Personal Safety Class 6 times a year? For more info contact Cpl. Allison Smith at 407-327-7955.

See More On Back...

Cut Along Dashed Line To Retain This Sheet

Did You Know...

That the City provides mosquito spraying? Spraying frequency is determined by the number of mosquitoes caught in traps located throughout the City.

That the Winter Springs Therapy Pool accommodates 30 people at a time and it is staffed by a licensed and certified Lifeguard, CPR/AED/First Aid and Oxygen Instructor, Swim Instructor, and Arthritis Foundation Aquatic Program Instructor? The instructor currently teaches/supervises 29 programs per week including water walking, aerobics, volleyball, and open swim. Contact staff at 407-327-6577 for more information.

That the City of Winter Springs has an automated delinquent telephone notification system for your City of Winter Springs' utility service account? Please verify that we have the correct telephone number on file for your account. You may update your information by filling out your change on the back of your monthly remittance advice. Should the need arise this will ensure that you receive the benefit of an additional notification.

That the appraisal of your property for property tax purposes is handled by the Seminole County Property Appraiser's office? For more information, please contact the Seminole County Property Appraiser's office at (407) 665-7506.

That the City Commission holds Regular Meetings on the second and fourth Monday of most months at 5:15 p.m. in the Commission Chambers of City Hall (1126 East State Road 434)? All City of Winter Springs' City Commission Regular Meetings/Workshops are open to the general public.

That you are welcome to address the Mayor and City Commission during Public Meetings? During all Regular Meetings of the City Commission, there is a section of the Agenda called "Public Input" to afford individuals the opportunity to address the Mayor and City Commission on any issue.

That signs of any type are not allowed in the City Right-of-Ways?

That one membership fee allows seasonal use of either of the City of Winter Springs two Splash Playgrounds?

That while we do respond to all animal complaints, the City does not provide Animal Services? Seminole County Animal Control provides this service for the City and can be reached at 407-665-5110.

That you can ask a question or send a comment to the City from our website? For more information visit our web site and click on Online Services • Citizen Comments and Requests.

That you can access various information related to the State of Florida Government? Please visit the following website: <http://www.myflorida.com/portal/Government>.



City of Winter Springs

Telephone Directory

CITY HALL	407-327-1800
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
City Clerk	407-327-5955
City Manager	407-327-5957
Computer Services	407-327-5975
Comprehensive Planning	407-327-5967
Occupational License	407-327-5964
Mayor/Commission	407-327-5965
Parks/Recreation	407-327-6599
Senior Citizen Center	407-327-6554
Police Dept. (Non-emergency)	407-327-1000
Code Enforcement	407-327-7975
Public Works/Utility	407-327-2669
Job Hotline	407-327-7595
Garbage Complaints	407-327-7576

To view more Did You Know questions, please visit www.winterspringsfl.org



WINTER SPRINGS FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

SIP SOME WINE AS YOU STROLL
ALONG SCENIC BLUMBERG BOULEVARD.
VIEW THE WORK OF TOP ARTISTS
FROM AROUND THE COUNTRY.
ENJOY JAZZ AND
ENTERTAINMENT BY TALENTED
PERFORMING ARTISTS.

CHILDREN'S ART ACTIVITY AREA.
STUDENT AND SENIOR EXHIBITS.
10 A.M. TO 5 P.M. DAILY

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CALL 407-365-6500 OR VISIT WWW.WSFOTA.ORG

WINTER SPRINGS EMAIL ALERTS AND NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

The City of Winter Springs is pleased to offer an emergency email notification system known as eAlerts. With eAlerts you can receive emergency alerts via your home or work email inbox! The eAlerts will be sent out by the Police Department, Public Works / Utilities and City Hall to inform concerned citizens of important information. Citizens may choose which eAlerts they would like to receive from a list of categories:

- Missing Persons and Children Alerts
- Major Traffic Alerts
- Health Risk Alerts
- Criminal Alert Bulletin
- Sexual Predators Living In City
- Gas Leak Alerts
- Boil Water Alerts
- Bomb Threat Alerts
- Hazardous Waste Spills
- Hurricane and Tornado Information

eAlerts
Emergency Email Notification System



The City of Winter Springs also offers an email notification system for non emergency events known as eCitizen. This system works the same as eAlerts and will send notifications to your home or work email inbox. The list of categories to choose from are as follows:

- City and Police Newsletter
- Press Releases
- Job Openings
- Special Events and Concerts
- And more coming soon!

eCitizen
City of Winter Springs Notification System

To sign up for eAlerts and eCitizen, please visit the City website at www.winterspringsfl.org and click on eAlerts or eCitizen in the left side menu. Sign up is simple, free and it will take only a minute. Just enter your email address and select which alerts & notifications you would like to receive. If you select City and Police Newsletter, you will receive a notification whenever a newsletter is available online. You may sign up as many email addresses you like, so be the first in your neighborhood or area to receive valuable information!



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Winter Springs, Florida 32708

visit us online at www.winterspringsfl.org



THE Winter Springs INSIDER BACKPAGE

SENIOR'S CORNER

RIDIN' THE RAILS OCTOBER 17, 2009

Your two hour lunch train experience begins in beautiful downtown Eustis. The gift shop/station is located on the shores of Lake Eustis and will immediately take you back to the days when rail travel was king. Sit back and relax in the restored 1948 stainless steel dining car, while the chef prepares your meal on board. Nothing could be finer than lunch in the diner! Relive the glorious days of rail travel as you amble along the nine mile route. All aboard! We'll cap off the day with a visit to beautiful downtown Mt. Dora with its many antique and specialty shops. **Cost:** \$68 per person **Includes:** R/T motorcoach transportation, lunch, train ride, shopping, taxes, gratuity on meal, driver's gratuity. Bus will depart the Winter Springs Sr. Center at 10:45 a.m.

TARPON SPRINGS NOVEMBER 14, 2009

Head to Tarpon Springs – the “Sponge Capital of the World”. Enjoy a fabulous Greek lunch then set sail from the historic sponge docks for a 90 minute cruise, hosted by a professional ecotourist. 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. Once back on land, stroll the sponge docks and browse the many shops and attractions in this quaint Greek fishing village. **Cost:** \$64 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 a.m.



HOLIDAY LOBBY TOUR DECEMBER 12, 2009

Tour some of Orlando's most prestigious hotels, decked out in their holiday splendor. We'll start with the warm Tuscan beauty of Portofino Bay. Next we'll bask in the “aloha spirit” as we enjoy a fabulous lunch at the Royal Pacific Resort. Then it's on to the magnificent Gaylord Palms where we'll stroll through Key West, St. Augustine and the Everglades, all within the atrium of this gorgeous hotel. Finally, reminisce about Christmas past at the elegant Grand Floridian. **Cost:** \$69 per person **Includes:** R/T motorcoach transportation, lunch, tours, taxes, gratuity on meal, driver's gratuity. Bus will depart the Winter Springs Sr. Center at 10:45 a.m.

SEMINOLE HARD ROCK CASINO JANUARY 16, 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. 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 7:30 a.m. Breakfast stop enroute.



MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS TODAY!!!

FOR MORE QUESTIONS OR INFORMATION CONTACT: SUSIE COFFMAN AT
407.327.6554