

Winter Springs

Celebration of Freedom 09

Saturday, July 4, 2009
Central Winds Park
5:00 pm to 10:00 pm

Bring the Family and Watch as we LIGHT UP THE NIGHT!

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

NEW RED LIGHT TRAFFIC SAFETY PROGRAM

In an effort to increase safety at our red light controlled intersections, the Winter Springs City Commission authorized the installation of photo enforcement cameras at selected intersections throughout Winter Springs. Photo enforcement was established in 1987 in the state of Arizona and has increased safety at major intersections across the country.



At this time, the Winter Springs Police Department has one operational red light camera located at SR 434 and Winding Hollow. It started receiving and recording red light infractions on March 25th with a 30-day grace period during which time only warnings were issued to the registered owner for violations. On April 25, 2009, by City resolution, citations began being issued to the registered owner for violations. The City is currently in the final stages of adding an additional camera that will be located at SR 434 and Vistawilla. Upon installation of this camera there will also be a 30-day warning period prior to any citations being issued. For additional information on the program or other question please contact Captain Glenn Tolleson at 407-327-1000 ext. 453 or by e-mail at gtolleson@winterspringsfl.org.

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the City of Winter Springs **COMMISSION REPORT**



During the period from January 2009 to May 2009, the City Commission entered into a Local Agency Program Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for construction of a Right-Turn Deceleration Lane on State Road 434 Eastbound at Hayes Road; and for construction of a Right-Turn Deceleration Lane on State Road 434 Eastbound at Vistawilla Drive; and for construction of Intersection Safety Improvements on State Road 419 at Wade Street. The City Commission also further addressed 3 Seminole Economic Enhancement Districts (SEED) Brownfield Area Designations [Town Center/GreeneWay Interchange/Village Walk]; the Torcaso Park Area Master Plan was further reviewed; and the City Commission met with the Local Planning Agency during 2 Special Meetings related to the Comprehensive Plan and in late May considered the recommendations from the Local Planning Agency on Amendments to the Adopted Future Land Use Map and to the Text of the Comprehensive Plan based on the City's Adopted Evaluation and Appraisal Report. The proposed Amendments will then be forwarded to the Florida Department of Community Affairs.

Also of special interest, Winter Springs' Bond Rating was upgraded to AA- from A+, based on continued strong debt service coverage provided by revenues, with consideration that there are no further plans to leverage the security and strength of the City's financial position.

The following Ordinances were approved during this period: **Ordinance 2009-04** Revised the building setback requirements for zero lot line developments with the PUD (Planned Unit Development) Zoning District; **Ordinance 2009-05** Adopted a Referendum to Grant Economic Development Ad Valorem Tax Exemptions for certain types of statutorily defined new businesses and expanding businesses.

The following Resolutions were Approved during this period: **Resolution 2009-02** Expressed Appreciation to Robert S. Miller for his service as a Member of the City of Winter Springs City Commission; **Resolution 2009-03** Expressed Appreciation to Donald A. Gilmore for his service as a Member of the City of Winter Springs City Commission; **Resolution 2009-04** Expressed Appreciation to Denise Ritchey for her service on the Tuscawilla Lighting and Beautification District Advisory Committee; **Resolution 2009-07** Expressed Appreciation to A. Mark Sardo for his service on the Board of Trustees; **Resolution 2009-08** Expressed Appreciation to Michael S. Blake for his service on the Board of Trustees; and **Resolution 2009-09** Expressed Appreciation to David W. McLeod for his service on the Board of Trustees.

The City Commission also Approved the following: **Resolution 2009-16** Expressed Appreciation to Ronald W. McLemore as City of Winter Springs City Manager; **Resolution 2009-20** Expressed Appreciation to Jan Palladino for her 20 years of dedicated service as Secretary to the City Manager; **Resolution 2009-21** Expressed Appreciation to Jose Romero his 20 years of dedicated service as an employee of the City of Winter Springs; **Resolution 2009-23** Expressed Appreciation to Donald Farnum for his 27 years of service as an employee of the City of Winter Springs; and **Resolution 2009-24** Expressed Appreciation to Robert Eckman for his 18 years of dedicated service as an employee of the City of Winter Springs; and **Resolution 2009-25** Expressed Appreciation to Bonnie Roberts for her 17 ½ years of dedicated service as an employee of the City of Winter Springs.

The following Awards were presented during this period: At the City Commission Regular Meeting of January 12, 2009, City of Winter Springs Employees were recognized for their Years of Service by the Mayor and City Commission during the semi-annual Presentation of Employee Awards.

In May of 2009, Winter Springs Resident and Veterinarian Dr. Jerry Eans, D.V.M. was awarded a Key to the City and a Proclamation for his kindness and exemplary generosity to the Winter Springs Police Department and for their K-9 Program; Winter Springs High School was presented with a Proclamation in honor of their First Place Winning Character Key Entry in the Leadership Seminole Character Key Video Contest 2009; Chief of Police Kevin Brunelle and the Entire Winter Springs Police Department were recognized in honor of "Law Enforcement Appreciation Month" (May), "Police Week" 2009, and "Law Enforcement Memorial Day"; and the City of Winter Springs' Code Enforcement Bureau was recognized in honor of Code Enforcement Officer Week.



DEPUTY MAYOR KREBS AND COMMISSIONER MCGINNIS HONORED



Winter Springs' Deputy Mayor Joanne M. Krebs (pictured left) and Commissioner Sally McGinnis (pictured right) were recently honored at the Seminole County Regional Chamber of Commerce's Salute to Seminole's Professional Women Reception. This Event was held on Wednesday, March 11, 2009 at the Lake Mary Events Center.



This inaugural event recognized 42 of Seminole County's most outstanding women in the areas of Arts & Culture, Business, Education, and Public/Community Service.

Deputy Mayor Joanne M. Krebs and Commissioner Sally McGinnis were chosen as nominees with Commissioner McGinnis being selected as a winner in the category of "Public/Community Service".

The City of Winter Springs is pleased to recognize the accomplishments of these two outstanding women leaders and public servants.

KEVIN L. SMITH APPOINTED CITY MANAGER MAY 26, 2009



At the May 26, 2009 Special Meeting of the Winter Springs City Commission, Kevin L. Smith was unanimously selected as the City Manager for the City of Winter Springs, Florida.

Mr. Smith's background includes service to local governments in Florida for approximately 19 years. Mr. Smith's professional experience has included serving as a Finance and Administrative Services Director, Deputy Finance Director, Assistant Finance Director, Human Resources Director, General Services Director and Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Executive Director.

Previously, on January 26, 2009, Mr. Smith was appointed as City Manager with a provisional six month term. Just four months into this term of office, and after much praise and many compliments related to his honest approach, his professionalism, and with consideration of what he has already accomplished since late January 2009, Mr. Smith was Voted 5-0 as the new City Manager for the City of Winter Springs.

Mayor Bush states, "I am pleased that the Commission voted 5-0 to hire Kevin Smith as our City Manager. He is the right person for the job!"

CITY RECEIVES BUDGET PRESENTATION AWARD

In March of this year, the City was notified by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) that the City's 2008-2009 budget document received the GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award. The GFOA compiled an extensive set of criteria which would distinguish a budget as a policy document, financial plan, operations guide, and communications device. Documents submitted to the Budget Award Program are reviewed by select members of the GFOA professional staff and by outside reviewers with experience in public-sector budgeting. To receive the award the document must be rated either proficient or outstanding by at least two of the three reviewers for all four basic categories, as well as for 14 of the 27 specific criteria identified as mandatory. The City first submitted for and received this award with its 2007-2008 Budget document, so this year marks our second year of achievement.



The City's budget documents from fiscal year 2001-2002 to the present can be found on the City's 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
- ❖ Oak Forest Wall And Beautification District Advisory Committee
- ❖ Planning And Zoning Board/Local Planning Agency
- ❖ Tusawilla Lighting And Beautification District Advisory Committee

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.

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Saturday July 4, 2009

Central Winds Park

5:00pm to 10:00pm

State Road 434 - Winter Springs

Celebration of Freedom 09

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Shuttle Bus Service Will Be Available See Below For More Info

Schedule of Events

- 5:00 PM Gates Open
- 5:30 PM **Winter Springs Kids Area** with Games, Climbing Wall, Bounce Houses and Much More.
Hot Air Balloon Rides Presented by Remax Town and Country
Celebrating 50 Years as a City in the Historical Tent. Presented by Tusawilla Homeowners' Association. Be sure to stop by and visit.
- 5:50 PM The Star Spangled Showcase. A competition of local singers performing live for GREAT prizes!
- 7:10 PM Winter Springs' own **17-70 Band**
- 8:20 PM **Tom Evan and The Fins Band**
(Jimmy Buffet Tribute Band)
- 8:50 PM **Surprise Guest!**
- 9:15 PM Fireworks Spectacular Choreographed to Music
- 9:40 PM Post-Fireworks Sock Hop with the **Roadhouse Blues Band**



Concession Vendors will be on hand featuring GREAT FOOD and DRINKS throughout the Grass Amphitheater.

For your safety: No fireworks, cooking devices or pets (with the exception of service animals) will be allowed to enter the shuttle bus or the event. Coolers at a maximum size of a 6 pack are permitted. All bags and coolers will be subject to search at the event gates.

Shuttle Bus Locations Provided By 

Parking at Central Winds Park will be limited. Extra parking is available at Venetian Shopping Plaza (W 434 across from Brusters Ice Cream) and Trotwood Park with shuttle buses provided courtesy of **LYNX**. Shuttle buses begin running at 5 PM.

Special Thanks To Our Donors and Sponsors









LYNX, Brown, Garganese, Weiss & D'Agresta, P.A, CDM Surveying, CPH Engineering, Modern Plumbing, Remax Town and Country, Herba Family Chiropractic, Chic Fil A of Winter Springs, and the Seminole Chronicle



FIREWORKS LAUNCH AREA

MAP LEGEND

Not to scale. Subject to change.

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- Public Safety Area** 
- Field Entry Gates** 
- Restrooms** 

GRASS AMPHITHEATER

BIG SCREEN

HANDICAP PARKING

RESERVED PARKING

PARK ENTRANCE

PARK ENTRANCE

FIELD 2

FIELD 1

FIELD 4

RE/MAX



CITY NEWS & INFORMATION

LYNX BUS ROUTE IN WINTER SPRINGS : WINTER SPRINGS AWARDED FEDERAL

A new Lynx bus route to service Winter Springs along State Road 434 (link 434) began service on



April 26 and operates between Oviedo Market Place and Rosemont Superstop, Monday to Saturday 5:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Ticket cost - \$2. For more information please visit www.golynx.com or call 407-841-LYNX.

STATE ROAD 434 SPEED LIMIT CHANGE

The posted speed limit on State Road 434 has been reduced from 50 mph to 45 mph from approximately Central Winds Park Drive to Tuskawilla Road.



STIMULUS FUNDING

- 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." The three projects include construction of a right-turn deceleration lane on S.R. 434 eastbound at Hayes Road for \$125,000; 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 for \$534,000; and construction of a right-turn deceleration lane on SR 434 eastbound at Vistawilla Drive for \$153,000. 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.
- Construction is estimated to begin in September 2009 with completion of all projects by March 2010.

RED LIGHT TRAFFIC SAFETY PROGRAM FREQUENT QUESTIONS

What is the City of Winter Springs Red Light Camera Enforcement Program?

This is a traffic safety program in which the City of Winter Springs utilizes state-of-the-art digital cameras and violation detection systems for the purpose of decreasing violations of the traffic control regulations and reducing collisions.

How do Red Light Cameras work?

Each intersection is outfitted with a high-resolution high-speed digital camera. The cameras are activated by sensors which are located at the intersection. The cameras are activated when a vehicle is detected by the sensors after the light has turned red. The camera takes two digital photos which document the violation. The program operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week, in all weather conditions. The system is only activated when a vehicle runs a red light. All intersections with red light cameras are clearly marked. The Winter Springs Police Department reviews every violation before the citation is issued. Citations contain an image of a violating vehicle before it enters the intersection, while it is in the intersection, and the license plate of the vehicle.

Why did I receive a Notice of Infraction?

A Notice of Infraction for a Red Zone Infraction is issued when your vehicle fails to stop at a clearly marked stop line or at any other stopping point described in the ordinance when facing a steady circular red signal. In the absence of a right turn on red restriction, a vehicle may make a right turn on red, but only after making a complete stop, and assuring that it is safe to proceed.

What if the registered owner was not driving the vehicle at the time of the violation?

The registered owner of a vehicle will be mailed the Notice of Infraction. If your vehicle was stolen, sold prior to the date and time of the violation, or was otherwise not in your care, custody or control at the time of the violation or any of the other reasons listed on the Affidavit of Non-Responsibility, you may submit a sworn statement to that effect to rebut the presumption that you were driving the vehicle at the time of the violation. The registered owner may submit information and supporting documentation to that effect by mailing an Affidavit that is downloadable from the link at the bottom of the notice. The Affidavit must be received by the due date of your Notice. If an owner furnishes satisfactory evidence pursuant to this paragraph, the Hearing Officer may terminate the prosecution of this Notice of Infraction issued to the owner, and if appropriate, issue a Notice of Infraction to the person identified in the evidence as the operator of the motor vehicle at the time of the violation.

What is the amount of the fine? Is there a late fee?

The fine amount is \$125.00. Yes, there is a \$25.00 fee for delinquent payments. An infraction detected through the use of an automated traffic safety camera is a non criminal offense. Like a parking ticket, an infraction detected by a traffic camera is NOT part of the violator's driving record. Therefore, a finding that the infraction was committed, either by payment or after a hearing, will not be reported to the Department of Licensing. However, failure to respond to a Notice of Infraction, failure to appear for a requested hearing, or failure to pay a penalty imposed after a hearing may result in an order being entered against you for an amount up to the maximum civil penalty, plus any administrative costs.

NEW eGOV SERVICES!



To better serve the residents of Winter Springs, the Information Services Department has enhanced the City's website and launched several new online services.

The website has been redesigned to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the City of Winter Springs. With this new look, the City has created easier access to the eGov services that we offer. One new service of interest is our City Commission Meetings Podcast.

You can subscribe via your favorite Podcast software (e.g., *iTunes*) and receive the latest City Commission meetings directly to your computer or audio device.

The Information Services Department also teamed up with the Community Development Department to create online inspection requests. Simply logon to the City website, fill out the inspection request form and your inspection will be scheduled. Additionally, several new eGov services have also been added for Police and Public Safety such as reports and records request, residential and business survey requests, online class sign ups and more. You can access this information from the home page of the City's website or by visiting www.winterspringsfl.org/egov. We encourage you to continuously check the eGov section of the website as the Information Services Department works to bring more online services to you.

For more information on the City website, please visit www.winterspringsfl.org or contact the Information Services Department at 407-327-7571.

REACHING OUT TO THE COMMUNITY

On February 26, 2009, the Mayor and City Commission hosted a Community Visioning Workshop. More than 100 residents of Winter Springs attended this event and shared their vision for the future of the City of Winter Springs. Following up on the incredible success of the Community Visioning Workshop, a Business Visioning Workshop was held on Tuesday, June 9, 2009. This Workshop was held to also afford local business owners an opportunity to provide input and help shape the future of our great City.



WINTER SPRINGS POLICE LOCK BOX PROGRAM



Based upon an initiative from Deputy Mayor Joanne Krebs, the City of Winter Springs Police Department recently implemented a Lock Box Program to further enhance the public safety services it provides to our community.

The Lock Box Program is intended to provide Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) access to your residence in the event of an emergency where you are unable to open the door.

A key to your residence will be stored in a secure metal storage device, similar to a realtor's lock box, near the entrance to your residence. The access code to the lock box will only be available to Police, Fire or EMS personnel and used only during an emergency.

The program is being funded by forfeited drug seizure monies. For more information please contact the Winter Springs Police Department's Community Services Bureau at 407-327-7999 or visit www.winterspringsfl.org.

PARKS AND REC

TROTWOOD SPLASH PAD NOW OPEN

The Trotwood Splash Pad located at 701 Northern Way and Trotwood Boulevard opened on May 2, 2009. Hours of operation for the splash pad are 10AM to 6PM daily and is designed to accommodate approximately 30 kids. For more information, including fee schedule, please contact the Winter Springs Parks and Recreation Department at 407-327-6597.



Photo Courtesy of Pam Carroll

2009 SUMMER CAMP

Camp Sunshine Summer Camp will be offered for the weeks of June 8th through August 14th for children entering 1st through 6th grades. There will be plenty for the campers to do such as field trips to water parks, movie theatres, bowling, roller and ice skating as well as arts and crafts, sports and a variety of social activities to occupy the summer time. The Camps will take place at the Winter Springs Civic Center (400 North Edgemon Ave). The hours of the camp are from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm. The camp enrollment fee is \$90 per week for residents and \$110 per week for non residents. For more information, please contact Chris Carson at 407-327-6593.

BABE RUTH REGISTRATION

August 8 & 15 at Central Winds Park from 9am - 2pm and August 22 (Skills Evaluations) at Central Winds Park from 8am - 5pm. Contact WS Babe Ruth at 407-263-5829 or www.wintersprings.baberuthonline.com.

SENIOR'S CORNER

SEA WORLD LUAU

JULY 18, 2009

As the sun sets over the harbor, feel yourself transported to the Pacific Isles for a festival filled with exotic tastes and entertainment. Pacific island dancers fill your unforgettable evening with live music, colorful costumes and traditional dance. You'll see fantastic fire dances and enjoy memorable live music as you savor an indulgent full-course meal. Who knows? You might even learn to hula! The park stays open late so, after the luau, enjoy the evening shows like Shamu Rocks. **Cost:** \$77.00 per person **Includes:** R/T motorcoach transportation, dinner, show, taxes, gratuity on meal, driver's gratuity. Don't miss out on this island adventure! Bus will depart the Winter Springs Sr. Center @ 4:30 p.m.



"GREASE" IS THE WORLD

AUGUST 16, 2009

Slick up your duck tail and put on your saddle shoes as we go back to the 50's. Join Danny, Sandy and the gang for some summer lovin' at Rydell High. This musical has it all - T-Birds, Pink Ladies and lots of Rock 'N Roll. For even more fun, get in the spirit by dressing in 1950's attire (optional). Lunch beforehand at the incomparable Dixie Crossroads. Be there or be square! **Cost:** \$64 per person **Includes:** Lunch, show, taxes, gratuity on Meal, driver's gratuity. Bus will depart the Winter Springs Senior Center at 10:15 a.m.

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS TODAY!!!

FOR MORE QUESTIONS OR INFORMATION CONTACT: SUSIE COFFMAN AT 407.327.6554

SEMINOLE HARD ROCK CASINO

SEPTEMBER 19, 2009

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. 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:** \$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 en route.



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.



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



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