



NEWLY ELECTED COMMISSIONERS BONNER & HOVEY AND INCUMBENT COMMISSIONER KREBS SWORN IN

Newly elected City Commissioners Gary Bonner and Jean Hovey were sworn in during inauguration ceremonies on December 8, 2008, as was incumbent City Commissioner Joanne Krebs, who was re-elected to her second term of office.

Commissioner Bonner was sworn in by his daughter, attorney Ashley Girolamo, Commissioner Hovey was sworn in by attorney Mike Jones, and Commissioner Krebs was sworn in by attorney Melanie Chase.

Commissioners Bonner, Hovey and Krebs will serve four year terms through December 2012. More information about your City Commission may be found on the City's website at www.winterspringsfl.org.



Commissioner Gary Bonner



Commissioner Jean Hovey



Commissioner Joanne Krebs

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Central Winds Park

Highland Games Gathering
January 17th
Winter Springs Town Center

SCOTTISH Highland Games

January 17-18, 2009

HIGHLAND GAMES RETURN TO WINTER SPRINGS



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MEET YOUR NEW COMMISSIONERS



COMMISSIONER JEAN HOVEY

My husband, Bruce and I moved to Florida in 1985 and have lived in Winter Springs since 1987. Our two sons, Robert and Michael, both graduated from Lyman High School. We have two grandsons, Bradley and Zachary. Both our sons live and work

in Central Florida.

I have been a legal assistant for 30 years and currently own a "temporary agency". I work in law firms in the Orlando area and have worked in a variety of different areas of the law.

Volunteering has been a major part of my life. I recently served as Membership Chair of the League of Women Voters of Seminole County. I have been active in PTA since our sons were in elementary school and continue to be actively involved today. I've served on local PTA's, the Seminole County PTA, Florida PTA, School Advisory Committees, School District Committees, served in the Lyman High School Athletic Boosters Club, Indian Trails Chorus, and a Cub Scout Den Leader. Currently, I serve as President-Elect for Florida PTA. I'm an avid reader and read all kinds of books.

I am excited to serve as Commissioner in Winter Springs and I look forward to meeting our citizens during the next four years.

Sincerely,

Jean Hovey

Commissioner, District 1

COMMISSION AUDIO ONLINE NOW AVAILABLE LIVE!

You can now listen live to Regular Commission Meetings online via the City's Website. Previous meeting recordings are also archived and available.

Just visit www.winterspringsfl.org and click on the Mayor & Commission menu to use these services.

CITY OF WINTER SPRINGS MUNICIPAL ELECTION RESULTS

The following individuals were elected at the November 4, 2008 City of Winter Springs Municipal Election:

Commissioner / District One

JEAN HOVEY - Elected

Commissioner / District Three

GARY BONNER - Elected

Commissioner / District Five

JOANNE KREBS - Re-Elected

All terms are for four (4) years.

COMMISSIONER GARY BONNER



As one of the newly elected members of the Winter Springs Commission, I am honored to have the opportunity to serve the community. I have a life-long commitment to community service that includes current service on the Boys and Girls Clubs of Seminole County and the Seminole Community Mental Health Centers Board of Directors. I am also a Member in the Rotary Club of Winter Springs and the Oviedo-Winter Springs Chamber of Commerce. My membership in the Chamber has given me the opportunity to serve on the Board of the Winter Springs Festival of Arts. My wife Leslie, son Tyler and I are all members of St. Stephens Catholic Community, and involved in many community outreach activities.

My early exposure to community service and local politics began in my youth, growing up in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida. My mother, Rae, was a teacher in the public school system and homemaker to their large family. My father, George, worked in the defense industry and served our community in the position of City Commissioner and Mayor. We were always busy as a family working with the community to make our home town better. My parents instilled a call to serve and the moral values to do the right thing, into my brothers, my sister and me.

Our family moved to Winter Springs in 1992. We have lived in the same house for sixteen years. In 2007, I retired from my career as an Executive with BellSouth/Cingular/ATT, and opened a business in Winter Springs. I graduated from the University of Florida with a B.A. in Business Administration, and from Rollins College with a Master of Business Administration. After many years of traveling for a large company I welcomed the opportunity to be close to home and the challenge of running my own business in my home town. The new "local focus" strongly appealed to me and led to my decision to pursue an interest in local politics and to work with the community in establishing a new vision for the future of Winter Springs.

My vision for the future has been molded by the thousands of citizens I have met along the campaign trail. I believe local government exists to serve all the citizens, and any plan for the future of Winter Springs can only result from the active participation of as many people in the process as possible. I welcome the views and involvement of everyone and look forward to working with the city staff in building many new communication tools to keep the citizens engaged and informed. I ran on the platform of transparency and accountability in local government and I intend to accomplish that for the people.

I was honored to be inaugurated onto the Commission on December 8 with the oath of office administered by my daughter Ashley, a practicing attorney from West Palm Beach, Florida. It was a very special moment for me to have my entire family present, including my mother and father. It has been a wonderful journey and I am ready to serve on behalf of all the people in Winter Springs.

Sincerely,

Gary Bonner

Commissioner, District 3



the City of Winter Springs **COMMISSION REPORT**



During the months of July through December 2008, the City Commission approved ordinances that rezoned two (2) parcels containing 9.04 acres 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 “C-2 General Commercial”; rezoned two (2) parcels containing 28.9 gross acres located at 1900 DeLeon Street; amended the height of walls allowed within the I-1 Light Industrial Zoning District; authorized the inclusion of the City in Seminole County’s Fire and Emergency Services Municipal Taxing Unit; amended the City of Winter Springs Code of Ordinances to provide that when a municipal election results in a tie vote that the candidates that receive an equal and highest number of votes shall run again in a runoff municipal election; annexed a parcel located at 1072 West State Road 434 equaling approximately 7.06 acres; approved a small scale Future Land Use Map (FLUM) amendment changing the Future Land Use Map designation of a 7.06 acre parcel located at 1072 West State Road 434; rezoned 7.06 acres located at 1072 West State Road 434 from “A-1 Agricultural” to “GreeneWay Interchange District”; approved a small scale FLUM amendment changing the Future Land Use Map designation of 2.6 acres located off of Shore Road between Seville Chase and Winding Hollow Subdivisions from “Public/Semi-Public” to “Rural Residential”; adopted a small scale FLUM amendment changing the Future Land Use Map Designation of 7.64 acres located adjacent to the City’s West Effluent Disposal Site from “Rural Residential with Conservation Overlay” to “Public/Semi-Public with Conservation Overlay”; approved the five year Capital Improvements Program (CIP) for FY 2009-2013; amended the Comprehensive Plan to incorporate revisions and the annual update to the Capital Improvement Element (CIE); and authorized implementation of red light camera infractions.

Additionally, the Commission adopted Resolution 2008-03 establishing the City of Winter Springs Memorial Tree Planting Program; Resolution 2008-33 approving the proposed operating and voted debt service millage rates for Fiscal Year 2008-2009; Resolution 2008-36 designating an area of the City as the “Town Center Seminole Economic Enhancement District (SEED) Brownfield Area”; Resolution 2008-37 designating an area of the City as the “Village Walk Seminole Economic Enhancement District (SEED) Brownfield Area”; Resolution 2008-38 designating an area of the City as the “GreeneWay Interchange Seminole Economic Enhancement District (SEED) Brownfield Area”; Resolution 2008-40 establishing the tentative operating millage rate for Fiscal Year 2008-2009; Resolution 2008-41 establishing the tentative budget for Fiscal Year 2008-2009; Resolution 2008-43 which related to keeping Seminole Beautiful; Resolution 2008-46 expanding the Oak Forest Wall and Beautification District boundaries to include one new parcel; Resolution 2008-47 establishing the final operating millage rate and the final voted debt service millage rate for Fiscal Year 2008-2009; Resolution Number 2008-48 establishing the final budget for Fiscal Year 2008-2009; Resolution 2008-49 related to supporting Winter Springs High School’s Band of Gold; and Resolution 2008-53 amending the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Budget.

The Commission presented Resolutions of Appreciation to Sherri P. Moore for her service as a member of the City of Winter Springs Code Enforcement Board and to Ralph Fuccillo, Public Works Department, for his 24 years of dedicated service as an employee of the City of Winter Springs.

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 407-327-5965, 407-327-5999, or 407-327-5955.

32nd Annual



Central Florida

SCOTTISH Highland Games

JANUARY 17 & 18, 2009

Saturday: 8 to 5 • Sunday: 9 to 5

Central Winds Park - Winter Springs, Seminole County, FL

RAIN OR SHINE • NO PETS ALLOWED IN PARK

Piping & Drumming Competition

Athletics (Men & Women) & Highland Dancing

Archery • Scottish Clan Tents • Border Collies

Vendors • Medieval Knights • Authentic Scottish Food

Highland Hashing (Run for Beer) • Parade of Tartans

Kids' Games • Free Winter Springs Town Centre Ceilidh

TICKETS AND INFORMATION

407-I-AM-SCOT • WWW.FLASCOT.COM

ADULT: 1-Day \$12 adv / \$15 at gate • 2-Days \$20 adv / \$25 at gate

Sunday only \$12 at gate • CHILD (6-11): \$5

The celebration continues Saturday night at Winter Springs Town Center for a free outdoor ceilidh!

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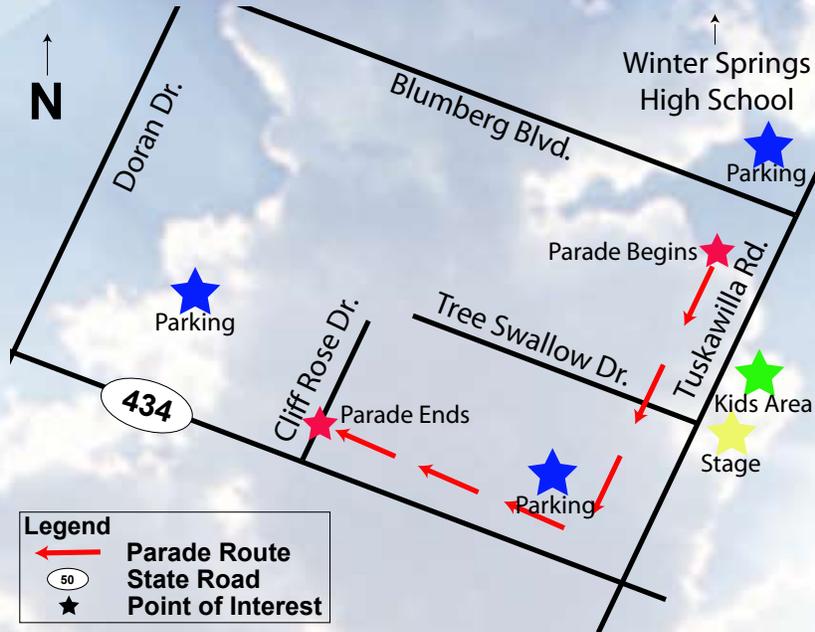


Highland Games Gathering In The Town Center

Saturday Night, January 17, 6:00-9:00 PM

Bring the whole family to the Saturday Night Highland Games Gathering in the Town Center.

Opening Ceremonies	6:00 PM
Parade of the Tartans	6:15 PM
Kids Games & Entertainment	6:30 PM
Closing Ceremonies	8:50 PM



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CITY AWARDED FEDERAL GRANT FOR BRIDGE CLEARING & STABILIZATION

The City of Winter Springs was recently awarded a federal grant of up to \$234,375 from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to remove sediment and stabilize banks at five major creek crossings that sustained damage during Tropical Storm Fay.



The locations are: Bear Creek at Winter Springs Boulevard (photo above), Howell Creek at Northern Way (south bridge), No Name Creek at Power Easement (near Winding Hollow), Gee Creek at Moss Road, and Gee Creek at S. Edgemon Avenue. The total construction cost for the five projects listed above is estimated to be \$312,500. NRCS will fund 75% of the construction cost and the City will fund the remaining 25% from the Stormwater Utility Fund. All projects are scheduled for completion by June 19, 2009.

2009 NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM

The City is now taking applications for the 2009 Neighborhood Improvement Grant Program (NIP). The NIP Grant is for landscaping improvements to public areas throughout the City of Winter Springs. This could mean a roadway within your subdivision, a median, an entranceway or even a City Park that your group would like to improve. Completed applications are due no later than May 1, 2009 to qualify for the program. Please visit the City's website at: www.winterspringsfl.org or call (407) 327-5976 for more information.

WINTER SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT AWARDED REACCREDITATION



On December 6, 2008, the Winter Springs Police Department was awarded reaccreditation through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) during a ceremony in Tulsa, OK. The department was originally accredited through CALEA on November 19,



2005. Currently, the Winter Springs Police Department is the only municipal agency in Seminole County to achieve this prestigious award.

The accreditation process requires that our agency and its policies and practices be stringently examined by a CALEA assessment team in order to ensure the agency is providing quality service to our community. Chief of Police Kevin Brunelle and the entire police department are thankful to the many citizens, business owners, and city officials whose continued support helped us achieve this award.



SANTA'S RUN 2008

The Winter Springs Police Department carried on the time honored tradition established by the Winter Springs Fire Department of escorting Santa Claus through the City during the holiday season. This event was performed by members of the police department without impacting budgeted overtime funds.

MEMORIAL TREE PLANTING PROGRAM

The City of Winter Springs recognizes and appreciates the many benefits that trees provide for our community. Trees bring an important natural element into our man-made environment as they shade our streets, homes and parks, purify the air, and produce leaves, flowers, fruits and bark of interesting colors and texture. Additionally, a tree's stature, strength, and endurance tend to provide it a cathedral-like quality. Consequently, trees are often planted as living memorials.

With this in mind, the City is offering an opportunity for residents of Winter Springs to acknowledge or remember individuals by allowing trees to be planted in select parks and public areas through its new Memorial Tree Planting Program. Please visit the City's website at: www.winterspringsfl.org or call (407) 327-5976 for more information.

GARAGE SALE PERMITS NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE

To better serve the residents of Winter Springs, the Community Development and Information Services Departments have launched a new online service. Effective December 16, 2008, City residents can apply for and be issued a garage sale permit online!

To access this service, simply go to www.winterspringsfl.org and click on **Online Services**. All permits will be processed within one (1) business day of the request. Please be aware that, in accordance with City code, garage sales on residential property shall be held only by the resident(s) of the property and shall be of no longer duration than six (6) days total for each sale. No more than two (2) garage sales shall be held during any twelve-month period by any person or organization. No retail or wholesale merchant shall hold any such sale on residential property.

If you have any further questions, please call at (407) 327-5963.

RECYCLING REMINDER

The City of Winter Springs offers curbside recycling service to households in the City through its collection contract with Waste Pro of Florida and in compliance with Seminole County guidelines. An unlimited amount of recycling may be placed out for collection; however, Waste Pro will leave behind any materials not accepted in the program.



The following items ARE accepted in the curbside recycling program:

- ❖ Pasteboard (i.e., cereal boxes, empty paper towel and toilet paper rolls, soda boxes, beer boxes, tissue boxes, gift boxes, pizza boxes and shoe boxes)
- ❖ Brown paper grocery bags (no wax, no wet strength material, no liners)
- ❖ Corrugated cardboard (flattened and cut down to no larger than 3 ft. by 3 ft.)
- ❖ Newspaper, supplements, magazines and catalogs
- ❖ Plastic #1-7 (#'s on bottom of containers) Remove all lids
- ❖ Glass bottles and jars (clear, green and brown) Remove all lids
- ❖ Aluminum cans
- ❖ Steel cans and tin household containers, such as food cans
- ❖ Telephone Books
- ❖ Please rinse out all containers and discard lids

The following items ARE NOT included in the curbside recycling program:

- ❖ Plastic bags
- ❖ Motor oil or pesticide containers
- ❖ Light bulbs or drinkware
- ❖ Aluminum foil or pie plates
- ❖ Paint or pesticide cans
- ❖ Electronic devices
- ❖ Egg cartons and styrofoam trays



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
Deputy City Clerk	407-327-5965
City Manager	407-327-5957
Computer Services	407-327-5975
Comprehensive Planning	407-327-5967
Occupational License	407-327-5964
Fire Dept. (Non-emergency)	407-327-2332
Mayor/Commission	407-327-5965
Parks/Recreation	407-327-6599
Senior Citizen Center	407-327-6697
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
PUBLIC SERVICES	
Progress Energy	407-629-1010
Waste Pro of Florida	407-774-0800
Bighthouse Networks	407-645-4701
Winter Springs Post Office	800-275-8777
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS	
Keeth Elementary	407-320-5350
Lawton Elementary	407-320-6350
Winter Springs Elementary	407-320-0650
Rainbow Elementary	407-320-8450
Highlands Elementary	407-320-6650
Layer Elementary	407-871-8050
MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOLS	
Indian Trails Middle School	407-320-4350
Winter Springs High School	407-320-8750
S. Seminole Middle School	407-320-1350
Oviedo High School	407-320-4050



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SENIOR'S CORNER

SEMINOLE HARD ROCK CASINO
 January 17, 2009

The Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Tampa has it all. The facility offers 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. Also available are 50 tables of Live Action Poker with everything from Seven-Card Stud to Texas Hold'em and new table games featuring Blackjack, Baccarat, Mini Baccarat, Pai Gow Poker, Let It Ride and Three Card Poker. 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: \$29.00 per person.

Includes: R/T motor coach transportation, \$25.00 in machine play, \$5.00 meal voucher and driver's gratuity. Bus will depart the Winter Springs Sr. Center at 7:30 a.m. Breakfast stop enroute.

TAMPA BAY DOWNS
 February 14, 2009

Catch the excitement of thoroughbred horse racing at the one and only Tampa Bay Downs. First, enjoy a sumptuous lunch buffet in the Clubhouse featuring fresh fruit salad, chilled pasta salad, tossed garden salad, vegetable primavera al pesto, potatoes au gratin, green beans amandine, chef carved roast beef & turkey breast, and cream puffs & cookies. Then, check your program, pick your horses, make your wagers and get ready because the horses will be off and running. COST: \$50.00 per person.

Includes: R/T motor coach transportation, admission, lunch, program, reserved seating, taxes, gratuity on meal, and driver's gratuity. Bus will depart the Winter Springs Senior Center at 8:30 a.m. Breakfast stop enroute.



MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS TODAY!!!

FOR MORE QUESTIONS OR INFORMATION CONTACT: **SUSIE COFFMAN AT (407) 327-6554**