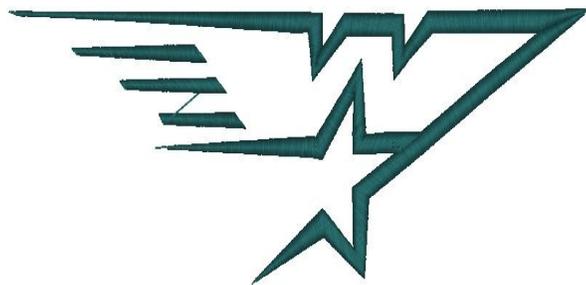
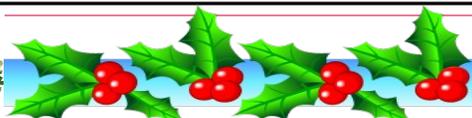


# City of Winfield Newsletter



**Seasons Greetings**



*From the Desk of the Mayor .....*

## **CITY PURCHASES FORMER PJ'S DAYCARE FOR NEW MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

I would like to apologize for not getting a newsletter out sooner, but we have been extremely busy trying to get some things accomplished and finalized to give a current report. As you know from previous newsletters, we have had plans for several years now to build a new municipal building that would incorporate City Hall and the Police Department under one roof. In our last newsletter, we stated that we had purchased the 19 Second Street property with the intention of building a new municipal building. Since that time, I was informed that Stoneridge Development was willing to sell the PJ's Daycare building. After much consideration and discussion with City Council, it was decided that purchasing it would be a much wiser use of City funds; because, if the City was to build a building, we would have to put the job out for bids, go through the whole bid procedure and pay the contractor prevailing wage. The estimate that I received to build a building to the size we would require was \$ 2 million plus. The City has signed a purchase contract with Stoneridge Development for the new building for a purchase price of \$ 773,700; which included the necessary changes to the interior of the building. We have also purchase a 45' strip of adjacent land for parking for \$41,208. This is a considerable savings compared to building a new municipal building on our own. Since it is a well-known fact that the wheels of government turn very slowly, it's not surprising to report that we hope to get to move into the building by February 2014.

Currently, the plan for the 19 Second Street property is to demo the house (I have arranged to sell the scrap metal, which will help offset the demolition cost) and apply the monies saved by purchasing the building rather than building a new one to make that area a park and the adjacent Police Station a Community/Senior Citizen Center. It has not been decided yet as to what will be done yet with the old Town Hall building, especially since the foundation is cracking very badly and the building is not insulated very well, among other issues. f

## **Credit/debit cards are now accepted at city hall and on website**

We are pleased to announce that we have been working for three months finding a system to accept credit and debit cards at City Hall and on the website, but because of the fees charged by the bank, we thought we would not be able to do so. However, Mayor Barrett contacted West Virginia Interactive and we are now set up through them, at no cost to the city, to accept debit and credit cards and the site is very secure. There is a 2.5% fee (on total of bill) plus a \$ 1 service charge that is charged to the customer for use of their card, but some of our customers do not mind paying the fee in order to have the convenience of paying with their credit/debit card. f

## **NEW ACCOUNTING SOFTWARE PURCHASED**

In January, you will be receiving your sanitation bill in a new format. The city has updated their accounting software to AccuFund Accounting Suite, which has been rated among the top 100 accounting software programs for government and nonprofit organizations. Our old software was DOS based and outdated technology, and our server had one bad hard drive. The cost to just replace the server on the old software was more expensive than the whole new accounting package, with a new server included. The new software will not only save time, but is much more user-friendly and a nationally based organization which provides email, phone and local technical support. We are very excited about implementing

## **MAYOR AND POLICE CHIEF ATTEND TRAINING FOCUSED ON PROTECTING WINFIELD CHILDREN**

Mayor Barrett and Chief Perrine were selected to attend a training seminar provided by the Department of Justice at the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children in Alexandria, Virginia on November 17th and 18th. They joined 46 other Chiefs, Sheriffs, and 911 Emergency Managers who were also selected and invited to attend the 149th

**MAYOR AND CHIEF ATTEND TRAINING**

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session of the CEO Course. Mayor Barrett and Chief Perrine are now part of more than 5,000 officials who have completed this training. The Missing and Exploited Children Seminar was designed to provide attendees with a better understanding of the issue of missing and sexually exploited children, and how to specifically deal with the situation of a child who has been reported missing - when time is so critical. Once we adopt the policies and implement the procedures, the City of Winfield will be recognized by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children for meeting the essential training and policy elements which demonstrate preparedness in responding to a missing child incident.

Created in 1997 and funded by the US Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency (OJJDP), the CEO training discusses the needed steps in implementing best practices for call takers, responding Officers, investigators and command staff. Once candidates are selected to attend, all travel and lodging expenses during the training are cover by the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children through a grant by OJJDP. Winfield Police Department was the only department in West

**WINFIELD PD SHOP WITH A COP**

Ohio that was invited to attend this very program. In the past several years, the City of Winfield Police Department has participated in the Sheriff's Department Shop with a Cop Program. This year, the City Council approved a \$ 1,000 donation for the City of Winfield Police Department to have their own program. Our Shop with a Cop program will be held on Saturday, December 14, 2013 at 8:00 a.m. The Police Department has selected several Winfield families to help with their program. f

**OFFICER YOUNG ATTENDS R.A.D. INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATION PROGRAM**

Some time ago, the Winfield Police Department purchased a Rape Aggression and Defense system with funds from a federal grant. On November 4 - 6th, Officer Kevin Young attended a three-day Rape and Aggression Certification Program that was held in Akron, Ohio. As part of his teaching duties as the School Prevention Resource Officer, he will initially offer the RAD Systems of Self Defense Program to the Junior and Senior female students at Winfield High School. The RAD Program is designed for women, men, children and seniors and offers a holistic approach to self defense education, supporting the necessity of continuous learning in order to provide realistic options for each population as they go through life. The program includes components comprised of lecture, discussion and physical resistive strategies. The Winfield Police Department is planning to offer this course to the citizens of



**NEW MAILING ADDRESSES FOR PUTNAM COUNTY**

As I am sure some of you are aware, the County 911 Center has been changing addresses for residents of the county. This has been planned for several years now, but is just now being implemented. We understand that this has been a great inconvenience for you, as well as for us, but we have no control over the changes, since it has all been done by the Putnam County Addressing & Mapping.



**Merry Christmas !!**

**Mayor Barrett and Staff would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone and very Merry Christmas and a prosperous, healthy and happy new year! We look forward with great anticipation to a new year full of possibilities and accomplishments for the City of Winfield!**



**Advertise your Business on our Website !!**

If you have a business in Winfield and would like to advertise on our website, you can now do so at no cost to you by emailing your link to us at [cityhall@cityofwinfield.net](mailto:cityhall@cityofwinfield.net). If you currently have an ad, the size we would need for our website is 200 pixels x 200 pixels. Email us your ad or link by January 6, 2014. Once we have all of the business ads, they will be drawn at random for the order they will appear on the site. We hope to have all of the ads posted on the website by mid February, 2014.

