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### **Light the Night Leukemia Walk**

#### To all City of Winter Park employees:

hances are, one or more of your employees has been touched by leukemia, lym-

phoma, Hodgkin's disease or myeloma. Here's a chance for your organization to join in the fight against these diseases.

We invite you, the employees, their friends and families to form a corporate team and join the Leukemia Society of America's Light The Night Leukemia Walk. Light the Night is a 2 to 3 mile evening walk through Lake Island

Park in Winter Park on Sept. 25.

Participants who raise at least \$25 will carry an illuminated red balloon throughout the walk to signify their personal commitment to the cause. Your employees and their families will walk with others in the community, including cancer patients and survivors who will hold glowing white balloons. The funds raised will support the Leukemia Society of America's research and patient service programs.



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Nearly 80 percent of our total expenditures directly fund its mission, making us one of the top

rated voluntary health agencies.

Please join us at Channel 6 in making your company part of this uniquely beautiful night of celebration and commemoration.

Please return the registration forms that were distributed earlier in the month to your departments by mail or fax if you are interested in participating. You can

E-mail us at brandtd@fl-cen. leukemia.org if you have questions or are interested in sponsorship opportunities. Once we receive your registration form, we will send you a Team Captain Kit with all of the tools you'll need to get started.

Carry the light of hope!

Sincerely,

society of america

Leslye Gale WKMG-TV, Channel 6 News Anchor Honorary Chairwoman



Dr. William Gordon, Principal of Winter Park High School, (left) presents a "Partnership in Education Award" to Bill Carrico, Director of Parks and Recreation, during the Aug. 10 City Commission meeting.

# Fire Department announces promotions

In July, the Fire Department held promotional exams for one lieutenant position and two engineer positions. The exams included a written test,



Firefighter/EMT Mike Templeton, left and Firefighter/EMT Gary Mitchell were recently promoted to Engineer.

physical abilities test as well as practical situations applicable to each position.

Firefighter/Paramedic Rick McGarity was promoted to lieutenant. McGarity has been with the City for over nine years. As an A-shift lieutenant, McGarity will be in charge of Station 60.

In addition, Firefighter/EMT Garry Mitchell and Firefighter/EMT Mike Templeton were promoted to engineer. Mitchell has been with the city for eight years and Templeton has been with the City for over five years.



Firefighter/Paramedic Rick McGarity, who has been with the City over nine years, was recently promoted to Lieutenant.

## Mobile Operations Vehicle benefits entire City

In February 1999, the Police Department, in conjunction with the Fire Department, received a "Mobile Operations Command Vehicle". Though it resembles a typical RV in its appearance, the interior is set up for use by both departments.

The new vehicle will be utilized by the Police or Fire Department when they need a command post in close proximity to the scene of a major incident such as a SWAT or Crisis Team operation, major crime scene, large fire or even a natural disaster.



The command vehicle has complete dispatch and computer capabilities. To show the partnership between the police and fire departments it is painted and striped with both color schemes and outfitted with emergency equipment.

Since the command vehicle has been operational, it has been used at the Art Festival and a DUI Checkpoint. The command vehicle provided a central point of operations at the scene during these events, while allowing the Communication Center to handle normal operations of calls for service throughout the city.

During the Memorial Day Weekend, Winter Park sponsored a DUI Checkpoint on 17-92 at Elvin Ave. During the DUI Checkpoint, the Winter Park command vehicle served as the central point of operations for its officers and those of several other agencies including: the Orange County Sheriff's Office, Florida Highway Patrol, Maitland and Ocoee police departments as well as other agencies.

Through the use of this new additional piece of equipment, the police and fire departments hope to provide continued quality service to the community.



Will Mathis, Lift Station Operator, who retired after 38 years of service with the City, shows off a new watch he was given by members of the Public Works Department prior to his retirement on July 23. Mathis will be remembered for his loyalty, commitment and dedication to the employees and residents of Winter Park.

### W.P. neighborhoods participate in 16th Annual National Night Out

n Aug. 3, neighborhoods throughout Winter Park participated with thousands of other communities nationwide for the "16th Annual National Night Out" crime and drug prevention event. National Night Out is designed to: (1) Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, (2) Generate support for, and participation in local anti-crime efforts, (3) Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and (4) Send a message to criminals, letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Officers visited five areas which included: Orwin Manor, Section 7, Bryan Ave, Pine Ave and the Winter Park Oaks subdivision on Monroe Ave. The officers of the Community Policing Unit passed out coffee mugs, cups, and other give-aways.

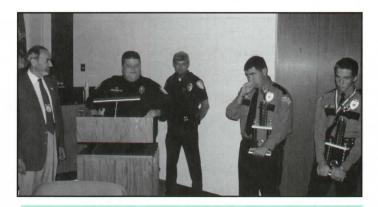
McGruff the Crime Dog, the Neighborhood Watch mascot also was present and greeted the residents. The Fire Department also participated in this event by having an engine for everyone to see and climb into.

Next year we will be participating in the 17th Annual National Night Out. We will need the support of all the Neighborhood Watch Groups, as well as city employees. As the event gets closer look for more information on how you can help and also make arrangements to have the Police and Fire Department visit your Neighborhood.



For complete listings of community events, check out: www.ci.winter-park.fl.us

Winter Park's official web address



Police Officer John Montegomery says a few words during the Aug. 10 City Commission Meeting where the trophies received by the Winter Park Police Explorers at the State Police Explorers Competition were presented.