



City of DeBary Newsletter

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Hours: 8:30 AM to 5 PM

Monday through Friday

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City of DeBary

2007 QUALIFYING SCHEDULE

Seats Running: **Seat 1 Term begins: 01-01-08 Ends: 12-31-10**
 Seat 2 Term begins: 01-01-08 Ends: 12-31-10

Qualifying Period: **Begins: 9 AM Monday, August 27th**
 Closes: Noon Thursday, September 6th

► **Qualifying Packets may be picked up at DeBary City Hall beginning 8:30 AM Monday, July 30th**

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT IN DeBARY

Tuesday, August 7th

6 PM to 9 PM

Florence K. Little Town Hall

12 Colomba Road behind the Fire Station

On August 7th, neighborhoods throughout DeBary are invited to join with thousands of communities nationwide for the **24th Annual National Night Out**. **Rain or shine, there will be displays outside and inside Town Hall.**

•Meet Deputy Genao and Brit, DeBary's K-9 •Bring the kids and let them climb in and climb on an M113 personnel carrier (tank), a Sheriff's patrol car, and motorcycles •Personnel from Volusia County Emergency Management, MPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety, West Volusia Traffic Safety, Chamber of Commerce of West Volusia, Sheriff's Office of Special Projects, Division of Forestry Wildfire Management, and many others will be present. •Don't miss this opportunity to get to know your local deputies and firefighters.

•COP members (Citizens On Patrol) will be present to fingerprint children. •Fire Services will perform car seat safety checks. •DeBary Volunteer Firemen will provide hot dogs and soda for those attending – donations are appreciated •This is a free fun-filled event designed to strengthen police-community partnerships, strengthen neighborhood spirit, heighten the awareness of crime and drug prevention, and to generate support for local anti-crime efforts.

Information will be provided for the Sheriff's Speed Measuring Trailer, Water Conservation, Hurricane Disaster Preparedness, Neighborhood Watch, and the CERT Program. Bring your friends and neighbors and help celebrate **DeBary's National Night Out**. Call DeBary Safety Coordinator Alan Williamson at (386) 668-3820 for more information.

From the Captain's Corner.....

Capt. Alan Osowski, VCSO

.....Anchors Away.....

The Sheriff's Office Marine Unit patrols over 100 miles of lakes and waterways including the St. Johns River. Two of its main responsibilities are education and boater safety. Marine deputies also enforce numerous state and local boating laws designed to protect boaters, manatees and other endangered wildlife and flora.

Marine deputies use boat safety checks as an opportunity to educate the boating public and to ensure that they have the necessary onboard safety equipment. Generally, some of the required equipment includes personal flotation devices (PFD) for all persons on the boat, a fire extinguisher, and a sound-producing device. Equipment requirements vary depending upon the length of the vessel. Specific requirements can be found on MyFWC.com, (Florida's Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission website).

Florida law authorizes a law enforcement officer to stop any vessel for the purpose of checking compliance with boating safety equipment requirements. Although their primary responsibility is education and safety, Marine deputies do enforce the law and issue citations for violations. Fines range from \$59 to \$63. They also enforce the BUI (Boating Under the Influence) law and, just as on the roads and highways, the legal Blood Alcohol limit is .08. So, if you are going to drink, be safe and have a "designated driver" to pilot your boat.

A final reminder from all the Marine deputies is, as a boat owner or boat operator, you are responsible for your safety and the safety of all your passengers. Enjoy the water and "Happy Boating...."

HIGHLIGHTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

See debarry.org for meeting agendas/minutes. To view City Council meetings live and to view archive of City Council meetings, please see the website's Home Page Web Site Directory and select *City Council Meeting - Live Webcast*.

May 2, 2007 City Council Meeting

- Presentations: Proclamation Declaring June 2, 2007 as St. Johns River Cleanup Day and Proclamation for Skylar.
- Approved Res. #07-09 – Minor Amendment to the MPUD Agreement for Four Townes Moose Lodge 655.
- Approved Res. #07-10 – Establishing a FY2007-2008 Annual Plan for Use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds.
- Approved Continuing Services Agreement with GAI Consultants for Growth Management Services.
- Approved First Amendment to Saxon Woods Development Agreement.
- Approved Proposals for Design, Permitting, and Preparation

of Construction Drawings for Five Stormwater Bond Capital Improvement Projects.

- Approved City providing up to \$1,000 per year in matching funds for minimal roadway maintenance for emergency vehicle access for health, safety, and welfare reasons for Detroit Terrace/Dutchman's Bend/Old Mill Rd.
- Approved Installation of Fire Hydrant at the Corner of Shell & Palmetto Roads.
- Approved Res. #07-11 – File Suit Against Volusia Growth Management Commission.
- Appointments: Lilly Sanchez to Code Enforcement Board and Laura Lee Clark to Streetscape Advisory Committee.

June 6, 2007 City Council Meeting

- Presentations: Annual Independent Audit for FY 2005/2006 by Alex Kish, CPA and Proclamation of Intentional Acts of Kindness Week for July 21 – 27.
- Approved Ord. #14-07 – 2nd Reading – Rezoning a 17.7 Acre Property Located at the East Side of Hwy. 17-92 North of its Intersection with N. Pine Meadow Drive from PUD to BPUD.
- Approved Ord. #15-07 – 2nd Reading – Rezoning a 2.95 Acre Property Located on the West Side of Hwy. 17-92 Approximately 600 Feet North of its Intersection with Fort Florida Road from I-1 to BPUD, File No. D-07-003.
- Continued Ord. #16-07 – 2nd Reading – Water Conservation until July 11th Council meeting.
- Approved Ord. #17-07 – 2nd – Appointment and Removal of Board Appointments.
- Approved Res. #07-12 – Amending FY 2006-2007 Annual Operating Budget.
- Approved Res. #07-13 – to Adopt Map "A" as Presented and Accepted by the Volusia Council of Governments (VCOG) Smart Growth Committee.
- Approved Amortization Period for Option 1 Compliance with Fences and Walls Regulations Along Major Roads.
- Approved Proposals for Design, Permitting, and Preparation of Construction Drawings for Three Stormwater Bond Capital Improvement Projects.
- Approved Contract with GAI Consulting, Inc. for Continuing Growth Management Services.
- Approved Reduction of Lien for 238 Colomba Road.
- Appointments: Bob Rini and William Brydges to Code Enforcement Board.

Thanks A Million!

The companies listed below provided Summer Day Camp scholarships for children who would otherwise not have had the opportunity to attend DeBary's Camp program. **Thanks A Million** to all for your generous Spirit of Giving!

DeBary Civic Center
Stavro's Pizza in DeBary
Dave Hansen of *Fine Portraits*

Remember,

► *Christmas Day is the ONLY day of the year when Waste collection is not picked up as scheduled.*

WATERING RESTRICTIONS

Dave Hooker
Neighborhood Improvement Officer

Summer has just arrived and already the heat is taking a toll on our yards. Unfortunately, although we have had rainstorms, our area is still designated as a drought area. Please help us conserve our most precious resource by conserving water usages on your yard. Currently, the County has issued a Level 2 water shortage, which limits water usage for your lawns. If you decide to water your lawn, please follow the days and times listed below:

Even Addresses – Thursday & Sundays (Automatic systems 4-8 am) or 5-9 pm (Manual or automatic systems).

Odd Addresses – Wednesday & Saturdays (Automatic systems 4-8 am) or 5-9 pm (Manual or automatic systems).

There is no watering of lawns allowed on Mondays, Tuesday, or Fridays. For more information, please contact Volusia County at 386-736-5998 or online at www.volusia.org/environmental.

Hurricane season is upon us, and the forecast is for another busy season. Please take this opportunity to remove any objects from your yard that could become projectiles during a storm. Remove any tree limbs that you feel might become a hazard in a strong wind. It is best to act now, before the storms begin.

DeBARY LITTLE LEAGUE

The Little League Board of Directors thanks the hundreds of parents who volunteered on the field and in the concessions during this spring's Little League. These exceptional efforts are what set our City apart.

Register at Bill Keller Park for the Fall Season

Saturday, August 18 – 9 AM to Noon
Tuesday, August 21 – 6:30 to 8:30 PM
Thursday, August 23 – 6:30 to 8:30 PM
Saturday, August 25 - 9:00 AM to Noon

Contact playeragent@debarylittleleague.org or call 386/837-5300 with any questions. Check for timely updates and details at www.debarylittleleague.org

SAVE THE DATE.....

DeBary Parks and Recreation

For information on the City's recreational programs, leagues, and special events, please contact DeBary Recreation Coordinator Michelle Leach (386) 456-5150 or email mleach@debary.org

•Fall Soccer League for Ages 6 - 11

Registration dates are September 10th to 21st

Monday thru Friday 8:30 AM to 5:30 PM

At the Gateway Park Recreation Office

Game Schedule

Saturday mornings October 20th thru November 24th
at Rob Sullivan Community Park.

Cost is \$40 per person

Volunteer coaches are needed!

•Fall Soccer Clinic for Ages 4 – 6

Registration dates are October 9th to 19th

Monday thru Friday 8:30 AM to 5:30 PM

At the Gateway Park Recreation Office

Clinics at 4:30 PM and 5:30 PM

Wednesday evenings November 7 thru December 12th
at Rob Sullivan Community Park.

Cost is \$20 per person

Volunteer coaches are needed!

Register Early for the Soccer League and Soccer Clinic

Stop by the Parks Recreation Office or call

Recreation Coordinator Michelle at (386) 456-5150

•To the 55+ Crowd: A senior citizens field trip is being scheduled for a date in September. Please call Michelle Leach at Parks & Recreation for details and to sign up.

•The DeBary Art League and the Parks & Recreation Department have begun preparations for the 9th Annual Haunted Hike to be held on October 20th at Gateway Park from 6 to 10 PM.

SEPTIC SYSTEMS PRESENTATION

Tuesday, July 31st 7 PM
Florence K. Little Town Hall 12 Colomba Road

Albert Royster from the Environmental Health Dept. will discuss how septic systems work, what to do when they fail, and how to maintain and care for the system. This presentation is open to the public.

**City Council and Volunteer
Board Meetings**

Florence K. Little Town Hall
12 Colomba Road

DeBary City Council
1st Wednesdays 7 PM

Code Enforcement Board
2nd Wednesdays 6 PM

**Community Emergency
Response Team (CERT)**
Call 668-3820 for dates

**Economic Development
Advisory Committee**
3rd Thursdays 7 PM

**Historic Preservation
Advisory Board**
Meets Quarterly

Neighborhood Watch
Call 668-3820 for dates

Orlandia Heights Board
2nd Thursdays 6:30 PM

Public Safety Committee
2nd Tuesdays 11 AM

Streetscape Committee
2nd Tuesdays 5:30 PM

**TRASH COLLECTION
BEGINS AT 6AM**

CALL WASTE PRO

Call 1-800-640-6875 for delivery
of **recycling bins** and for **Special
Pickup** of A/C Units - Clothes
Washers & Dryers - Freezers
- Water Heaters - Ranges -
Refrigerators - Dishwashers.
Special Pickup Days are
Thursdays.

**Volusia County
Emergency Information**

Media outlets:

Radio

WNDB 1150 AM

WNDA 1490 AM

WHOG 95.7 FM

US 93 93.1 FM

WVYB 103.3 FM

WCEU TV-15 (PBS)

Turn TV to UHF Channel 15

**Mayor Coleman has provided the following abstract from
Representative D. Alan Hays' July 2007 Newsletter regarding the
Property Tax Reform Constitutional Amendment:**

On January 29, 2008, the same day as the presidential preference primary, voters will choose between the new Super Exemption or the current system. If approved, the constitutional amendment will allow the average homeowner in Florida, who elects to be taxed under the new Super Exemption, to save about \$1300 per year in property taxes. The amendment will also allow you to choose the plan that best suits you, whether it be Save Our Homes or the new "tiered" Super Exemption structure. You will have the option to keep your Save Our Homes protection, but it will be a one-time option. However, once you move, you will lose your Save Our Homes benefits, and once you elect to take the new Super Exemption, Save Our Homes will no longer be available to you.

Quick Facts on the Super Exemption: • For any given homestead, 75% of the first \$200,000 of the market value for the property will be exempt. • Example: Your home's market value is \$250,000. (First Tier): \$200,000 x .75 = \$150,000. (Second Tier): \$50,000 x .15 = \$7,500. Exempt Value = \$150,000 + \$7,500. Total assessable value: \$250,000 less \$157,500 = \$92,500.

• For any home that exceeds \$200,000 in market value, the next \$300,000 in market value will be exempt by 15%. • The minimum exemption for a homestead will be \$50,000; the maximum amount will be \$195,000. • A \$25,000 Tangible Personal Property Tax exemption for businesses will also be created, which will exempt many small business owners from having to pay the tax at all. • Low-income seniors will now receive a minimum exemption of \$100,000.

Remember, when you vote in favor of the amendment on the January ballot creating the Super Exemption, you will be voting for a plan that allows you to choose between the new exemption and your Save Our Homes benefits.

If you vote against the amendment, then you are voting for the current system, essentially.



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