



City of DeBary Newsletter

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Hours: 8:30 AM to 5 PM

Monday through Friday

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Gateway Park Office

860 North Highway 17/92

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Florence K. Little Town Hall

12 Colomba Road

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A CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

The Gateway Orchestra

Residents are invited to attend a public performance by the Gateway Orchestra of the traditional Christmas standards along with a few arrangements by Mannheim Steamroller. The Christmas concert will begin at 7:30 PM on Friday, December 7th at Florence K. Little Town Hall, 12 Colomba Road. Musicians interested in joining the Orchestra should contact Conductor Rick Dwyer at 386/668-9587.

4TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

Saturday, December 8th
6 - 9 PM

DeBary Hall Historic Site
210 Sunrise Blvd

Stroll through the grounds of the mansion and view the Sparkling Holiday Lights and the Laser Light Show. Children can talk with SANTA while Hanson Fine Portraits takes complimentary 4" x 6" photos and listen to Storytime with Mrs. Claus on the veranda. Visit Santa's Workshop and the play area with bouncy houses, face painting by the DeBary Art League, and cotton candy and popcorn. The PTA will provide a "Build-A-Bear" area. Holiday Music by DJ John D. Winners of the City's 1st Annual Christmas Lighting Display Contest will be announced.

Refreshments available for purchase: PTA – cider and hot cocoa; CiCi's – pizza and sodas, Four Townes Moose Lodge and the Fraternal Order of Eagles – hamburgers and hotdogs. The only location for PARKING will be Gemini Springs Park. Buses will run from Gemini Springs to the mansion and return. The Festival is sponsored by DeBary Hall Historic Site and the City of DeBary.

DeBARY CHRISTMAS PARADE

3 PM SUNDAY, December 9th

Begins: Spring Vista Drive

Theme: "Red, White and Blue Christmas"

The Marching Band from Deltona High School and Middle School will perform.

Entry Forms are available at City Hall or Gateway Park. Entry deadline is November 30th. All decorations and music should match the theme of the Parade. Entries will be judged on originality, theme and overall appearance. Trophies will be presented to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in each of the following categories: Adult Civic, Youth Civic, School, Adult/Youth, Commercial, and a trophy for Judge's Choice, based on overall highest score. Route: Spring Vista Drive heading north on South US Hwy. 17/92 and ending at Poinsettia Drive. The Parade is sponsored by the City of DeBary.

1ST ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LIGHTING DISPLAY CONTEST

If you plan to decorate your home with lights or a display, you may want to enter the City's Christmas Lighting Display Contest. Beginning November 21st, entry forms will be available at City Hall and at the Parks' Office at Gateway Park, 860 N. Hwy. 17/92 – 8:30 AM – 5 PM weekdays. Judging will begin on November 26th and conclude on December 5th. Winners will be announced at the December 8th Holiday Festival of Lights at the DeBary Hall Historic Site, 210 Sunrise Blvd. The Contest is sponsored by the City of DeBary.

City of DeBary FY 2007/08 Budget Summary

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The 2007-2008 Annual Operating Budget for the City of DeBary is available at City Hall and on the City's web site. The total budget is \$30,604,548 which includes the General Fund at \$20,048,889 and the Special Revenue Funds at \$10,555,659. The budget represents the continuance of contract services with the County of Volusia for Fire Services, Sheriff's Department, Animal Control and Public Works.

The City has complied with the legislative mandate to reduce the Ad valorem tax rate, which has resulted in approximately \$400,000 reduction in revenue. The rate was reduced from 3.00000 to 2.57279 resulting in an increase of General Fund Balance Carryover from \$3,040,229 for FY 05/06 to an estimated \$4,475,126 for FY 06/07; an increase of \$1,434,897 which is an increase of 47%.

City Council budget has been substantially reduced due to Professional Services being transferred to General Government and a reduction in membership fees. This budget provides holiday decorations for US Highway 17/92, City Signature Special Event – Display of Lights at Gateway Park, Sponsorships for DeBary Art League, Freedom Festival, Combat Veterans Recognition, Volusia Days, St. Johns River Clean Up Day and Deltona High School Project Graduation. Bi-Monthly newsletter costs have been decreased due to downgrade in paper and color. Due to reserves that WAV accumulated and decreased costs, there are no WAV dues this year.

Debt Service for the Conference Center and the additional Memorial Park property was paid off in Fiscal Year 06-07. It is planned to borrow up to \$2.5 million for the construction of City Hall, renovations of Town Hall and furniture and fixtures for both facilities.

General Government now contains the activities that reach across all departments including Computer/Website maintenance, document imaging, grant writer, auditing, payroll processing, bulk mail permit, insurance, software and software upgrades.

Growth Management: The Neighborhood Improvement Officer part-time assistant has been moved to full time to assist with the contract land development, zoning and building permit activities. The Planner position has been deleted. There has been a substantial reduction in costs for building permitting and plans review, zoning and development services. The City must complete a Comprehensive Plan Evaluation and Appraisal report (EAR) for Department of Community Affairs in 2008.

Emergency Disaster Services: If there are no natural disasters and the revenues are maintained at the same predicted level, then approximately \$487,750 will be added to the reserves.

Safety and Training Services: This is a new department to account for the activities of the Safety Coordinator. The department has budgeted for NOAA safety radios and paint for driveway house numbers.

Public Works: Funding has been provided for large drainage maintenance projects. In addition, the City signs will be refurbished and an additional bus stop will be constructed. A study is to be conducted to determine health of lakes (Total Maximum Daily Loads).

Parks and Recreation: Funding has been provided for the following: Fencing repairs at Bill Keller Park and Rob Sullivan Community Park; Bill Keller Park/Lake Charles Irrigation Pump; John Deere Mower; Replacement Equipment Trailer and Heavy Duty Bucket for Tractor.

Capital Improvements: Upgrade/Replacement of 800 MHz Radios and Reverse 911® System; City Hall Construction and Furniture and Fixtures; Three Fire Hydrants; River City Nature Park Phased Improvements; Resurfacing; Rob Sullivan Community Park Improvements; Sidewalk Construction; Skateboard Element Construction; Stormwater Drainage Projects (Bonded); Town Hall Renovations; Water and Sewer Improvements Hwy 17-92 (CDBG Economic Development Grant); West Side Emergency Flood Management System.

Grants: The City has secured a \$.5 million Legislative Appropriation and \$.5 million FEMA Grant for the planning/design/permitting of the West Side Emergency Flood Management System (WSEFMS). The total FEMA grant for the WSEFMS is \$3.373 million. FDOT has committed \$1 million for construction of the West Side Emergency Flood Management System. It is anticipated that the City will receive a \$4,000 CERT grant, a \$750,000 CDBG Economic Development grant and a \$500,000 ECHO grant for the skateboard park. The Skateboard park will not be undertaken unless an ECHO grant is received. The City receives \$48,000 annually from FDOT for maintenance, lighting and traffic signals for US Highway 17-92.

Five-Year Capital Improvement: River City Nature Park and Rob Sullivan Community Park improvements have been planned for phased construction. The construction of a Fire Station and a Sheriff's Substation as well improvements to Gateway Park and Bill Keller Park are anticipated for a future fiscal year.

Debt Service: The Stormwater Fund will pay, until 2010, approximately \$180,000 for the purchase of the borrow pit. \$5 million of the \$10 million voter-approved stormwater bond has been borrowed to date. It is proposed to borrow up to \$2.5 million for the City Hall construction, Town Hall renovations and furniture and fixtures for both projects.

HIGHLIGHTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

See debary.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*.

September 5, 2007 City Council Meeting

- Presentations: Proclamation Declaring September 17th through 23rd as Constitution Week and Certificate of Recognition to Jonathan Kern, Eagle Scout.
- Approved Ordinance #21-07 – 2nd Reading – Adopting the Consolidated Land Development Code.
- Approved Resolution #07-17 – Adopting a Tentative Ad Valorem Millage Rate for FY 2007/2008.
- Approved Resolution #07-18 – Adopting a Tentative Annual Operating Budget for FY 2007/2008.
- Approved Resolution #07-25 – Appointing Canvassing Board for Primary and General Election.
- Approved Consent Agenda: Res. #07-20 Adopting a Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll for Solid Waste Collection, Res. #07-21 Adopting a Special Service District for Street Lighting, Res. #07-22 Adopting a Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll for the Stormwater Utility Fund and Res. #07-23 Adopting a Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll for the Orlandia Heights Special Neighborhood Improvement District; Res. #07-24 Dedicating Recycling Fund Proceeds to Road Improvements & Maintenance; Res. #07-19 Adopting Fee Schedule for Growth Management Fees; Amendment to Inter-local Agreement with Volusia County for Centralized Registration, Licensing and Discipline of Registered Contractors; Parks & Recreation Fee Schedule; and Final Agreement for Dissolution of the West Volusia Cultural and Corporate Training Center.
- Denied Request for Extension of the Overall Development Plan Development Order for Springview Unit 8 Subdivision.
- Approved Final Site Plan Application and Request for Variances to the Side Yard Setbacks Requirement (5 ft. in lieu of 10 ft.) and to Allow Stormwater Facilities to be Placed within Perimeter Buffers at 3003 Enterprise Road from Michael Evans, owner.
- Approved Phased Construction Plans for Rob Sullivan Community Park.
- Approved New Business: Award of RFP 07-07 for Financial Audit Services to Brent Millikan, Inc.; Award of RFP 08-07 for Citywide Street Resurfacing and Minor Bridge Repair to P & S Paving, Inc.; Orlandia Heights Roadway Chip Seal Project; Request to Donate Funds for Purchase of Van to Transport the Disabled Veterans of Volusia County.
- Appointments: Danny Allen to Volusia Growth Management Commission; Charlie Moses, Craig Cooper, and Toni Beiser as assistants to the OHNID.

October 3, 2007 City Council Meeting

- Approved Ord. #22-07 – Second Reading – Amending Chapter 30, Environment of the Code of Ordinances.
 - Approved Final Site Plan Application for DeBary State Farm Office with conditions A and B.
 - Approved Award of Bid #10-07 for Margarita / Sunrise Capital Improvement Drainage Project to Marcum Underground, Inc.
 - Approved Petition from Save DeBary Creek and Restore Gemini Springs Group Regarding the U.S. Corps of Engineers Dredging DeBary Creek.
- Appointments: David Asson and Marlee Grein to Public Safety Advisory Committee; Charlie Moses to the Orlandia Heights Neighborhood Improvement District Board of Directors.

Congratulations to Eagle Scout Jonathan Kern



Eagle Scout Jonathan Kern is recognized by Mayor George Coleman at the September 5th DeBary Council Meeting. Jonathan's Eagle Court of Honor was held on September 29th. Congratulations to Jonathan for his splendid achievements in Scouting.

DeBary Resident Jack Shinholzer

DeBary resident Jack Shinholzer, All American Defensive Linebacker at Florida State University, was inducted into the Florida State Athletic Hall of Fame on September 7th. He was named Outstanding Lineman of the 1964 Gator Bowl. Jack was called "The Wrecker" by his teammates, was drafted in the ninth round by the Washington Redskins and later played for the Oakland Raiders in the AFL. Jack is a published writer at iseepoetry.com. Congratulations to Jack for his outstanding record.



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

Youth Outdoor Basketball League

Co-ed - Ages 9 – 13

Registration dates are December 10th to 21st

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

At the Gateway Park Recreation Office

Game Schedule

Saturday mornings January 5th thru February 9th

at Bill Keller Park Cost is \$40 per person

**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**
Quarterly

Neighborhood Watch
Call 668-3820 for dates

Orlandia Heights Board
4th Thursdays 7 PM

Public Safety Committee
3rd Tuesdays 6:30 PM

Streetscape Committee
2nd Tuesdays 5:30 PM

“CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS”

The Annual Toy Drive will begin on Monday, November 5th and will run through Friday, December 14th. New toys and gifts are needed for boys and girls ages 3 to 14. Toys and donations can be dropped off Weekdays 9 AM to 4 PM at Florence K. Little Town Hall, 12 Colomba Road just behind the Fire Station 33.

To put your children on the list to receive toys, please call Sharon at 668-5150. For information on toys and donations, please call Alan Williamson at Town Hall at 668-3820 or call Sharon Pertler at 668-5150. The Toy Drive is sponsored by the DeBary Civic Association and the City of DeBary.

DeBary Little League Spring Season Registration Dates

Register at Bill Keller Park Concession Stand

Saturdays, January 5, 12, 19 - 9 AM – Noon
Tuesday, January 8 - 6:30 – 8:30 PM
Thursday, January 17 - 6:30 – 8:30 PM

Mandatory Coaches’ meeting will be held Saturday, January 26th
3 PM
at Florence K. Little Town Hall, 12 Colomba Road.

OPENING DAY – Saturday, March 15th 3 PM to 8 PM
Email: playeragent@debarylittleleague.org
League Information Officer: 386-837-5300

Check for timely updates and details at www.debarylittleleague.org

DeBary Hall Historic Site is looking for CRAFTERS

to display their handmade items at the Arts & Crafts Show to be held at the November 24th Holidays at the Hall 10 AM to 2 PM. Please call Lynn Taylor at 386/668-3840 for details and to register.



PRESORTED STANDARD
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
PERMIT NO. 137
DEBARY, FL

POSTAL CUSTOMER

**TRASH COLLECTION
BEGINS AT 6 AM**

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

PLEASE KEEP THIS SHEET

GARBAGE / RECYCLING / YARD WASTE

**Waste collection is picked up every day as scheduled.
Residents will be notified for Christmas Day alternative pickup day.**

HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE

- All garbage must be at the curb by 6 AM for collection.
- All garbage must be properly secured in TIED bags weighing not more than 50 lbs. and/or 4 containers no larger than 32 gallons with a LID
- Garbage consists of:** •Aluminum in less than 4' x 4' sections •Batteries-small •Blinds •Carpet cut in 4' sections and rolled •Computers/Printers •Flatten Cardboard boxes to 2' x 2', Construction: (small debris) clean sheetrock – unbagged. Sheetrock pieces must be bagged •Diapers •Egg cartons: plastic/cardboard •Fencing: metal/wood Shorter than 4' - stacked •Flooring Tiles: ceramic/vinyl/wood – need to be boxed •Fluorescent lights •Food/animal waste •Furniture: wicker/wood/PVC & sofas – chairs – chests – mattresses - box springs •Lawn mowers (need to have gas drained) •Lumber: landscaping/construction cut in 4' lengths or less •Plastic food containers •Plastic wrap •Packing peanuts (tied bags) •Styrofoam •Televisions •Toasters •Tools •Toys •Wicker •Wood Lattice cut Shorter than 4'.
- ▶If you live on a corner, please consistently place all of your items for pickup on one side of property.

RECYCLING BINS

- ▶Call 1-800-640-6875 to have a recycling bin delivered to your home.
- Aerosol cans-empty •Cans-aluminum-steel-tin •Bottles-glass-plastic – **plastic containers coded 1 thru 7**
- Cardboard boxes folded smaller than 2' x 2' •Corrugated cardboard •Junk mail •Magazines •Newspapers
- Paper bags •Empty margarine, cottage cheese & sour cream tubs, plastic deli containers, prescription bottles, hot drink tops, yogurt cups, syrup bottles, CD cases •Phone books •Aluminum/plastic siding – cut in 2' sections or less
- ▶No hazardous waste will be picked up at the curb. ▶Please do not put Garbage in recycling bin.

YARD WASTE

- ▶All yard waste must be at the curb by 6 AM for collection.
- ▶Grass clippings/leaves – bagged ■ No more than (4) 32-gal. containers ■ Tied trash bags – no more than 8 bags
- ▶Limbs/bushes/brush - Shorter than 4' x 4' bundled with rope. Each bundle should weigh less than 50 lbs.
- ▶ Stumps: Break apart into pieces weighing less than 50 lbs.
- ▶Please do not put rocks or dirt into bags for pickup.

▶ Numbers for your use

Area code (386)

- Animal Control 740-5241
- DeBary Building Department 668-9115 •Parks and Recreation 456-5150 •Planning and Zoning 668-8964
- DeBary Public Library 668-3835 •Fire Services 736-5940 Non-emergency Only
- Gemini Springs Pk 668-3810 •Neighborhood Improvement Officer (Code) 668-3650 •Passports 668-4588
- Post Office Information 668-6254 •Waste Pro 1-800-640-6875 recycling/yard waste/garbage.
- DeBary Sheriff's Substation 668-3830



BLACK BEAR SAFETY TIPS



If you see a bear, it is most likely passing through and, if it does not find food, the bear will simply move on.

IF YOU HAVE A CLOSE ENCOUNTER

- ▶ If the bear is not aware of you, leave the area
 - ▶ Remain standing upright
 - ▶ Never approach the bear
 - ▶ Leave the area if you are blocking a food source
 - ▶ Back up slowly and speak in a calm, assertive, assuring voice
 - ▶ Make sure the bear has an escape route
 - ▶ Yell, bang pots and pans, or use an air horn to scare away the bear
 - ▶ If the bear climbs a tree, keep people and pets away. When everything quiets down, the bear will come down and leave – usually after dark when the bear feels safe.
 - ▶ When a bear stands on its hind legs it is merely trying to get a better view, rather than acting in a threatening way.
 - ▶ Black bears are not generally aggressive even when confronted by humans. However, they are large, powerful, wild animals that need to be respected.
- ▶ Avoid direct eye contact
- ▶ DO NOT RUN FROM THE BEAR

HUMAN FOOD ATTRACTS BEARS

- ▶ Do not ever feed a bear
- ▶ Store trash in secure area until morning of trash pickup
- ▶ Bring pet food inside, store securely – feeding pets outside attracts bears
- ▶ Protect gardens, compost and livestock with electric fencing
- ▶ Clean all grills and store them in a secure area
- ▶ Remove wildlife feeders if there is a bear in the area.
- ▶ Bears can smell food from more than 1 mile away and, if they are rewarded with an easy meal, they learn quickly to return to the scene.

If a bear is threatening the safety of humans, pets or livestock, or is causing property damage, it is considered a nuisance and should be reported to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission – call 1-888-404-3922. It is illegal to intentionally feed black bears in Florida.

The following items attract bears and should always be protected by an electric fence or stored in a secure place, such as a garage or sturdy shed: Garbage cans – bird feeders – pet food, squirrel, and other wildlife feeders – pet food bowls – BBQ grills and smokers – pets and small livestock such as goats, rabbits, pigs and chickens – livestock feed – compost piles – beehives – fruit and nut-bearing trees and shrubs.