



City of DeBary Newsletter

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Four Townes Moose Lodge 655

Reach-Out Program - Food urgently needed!

The need for non-perishable food for the Reach-Out Program is at the critical stage. Usage by the families needing temporary help has reached an all-time high. In 2008, 132 families were served. This year, 180 families have already been served. Please help to re-stock the pantry so that families needing a little help to get through the month can come to us for food. The Reach-Out Program gives these families a Hand-UP. This is not a hand-out program; it is a temporary helping hand to local families. The Outreach Center is open 7 days each week from 8:30 AM to 10 PM to receive food. For families needing temporary help, the Center is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 to 5:30 PM. The Moose Lodge is located at 201 Benson Junction Rd. (386) 668-0058.

SAFE SITTER COURSE-FREE

A 6-Hour Course

“Better Sitters Today.....Better Parents Tomorrow”

Tuesday, June 9th

9 AM to 4 PM

Location: Florence K. Little Town Hall 12 Colomba Road

A Safe Sitter Course will be offered through DeBary Safety Coordinator Alan Williamson’s office. This medically-accurate instructional course will teach boys and girls ages 11 through 16 how to handle emergencies when caring for young children. Safe Sitters will learn basic life-saving techniques, safety precautions to prevent accidents, how and when to summon help, and tips on basic care for infants, toddlers, preschoolers, & school age children such as Feeding, Bathing, Toileting, Diapering, Dressing, Activity/Play, and Sleeping.

Students in this course will learn and demonstrate care of the choking infant/child, rescue breathing, and CPR. Safe Sitter students will also learn Safety for the Sitter – What to do in an emergency – How to prevent injuries – How to manage injuries – Infant and child CPR – Infant and child choking rescue – How to manage problem behavior - How to entertain children of different ages – How to set up a babysitting business – How to screen job requests.

The Safe Sitter Course is Free. Lunch will be provided to students. The class size will be limited to 40 students and Advance Registration is required. Please RSVP to Alan Williamson at (386) 668-2040 extension 323 to register for the June 9th Safe Sitter Course. On June 9th, students must sign in between 8:30 and 9 AM.

VOLUSIA COUNTY EMERGENCY PUBLIC INFORMATION STATIONS

The stations listed will broadcast public information and instructions from the County’s Emergency Operations Center. RADIO: WNDB 1150 AM WHOG 95.7 FM WKRO 93.1 FM WVYB 103.3 FM

WDSC TV-15 - Turn TV to UHF Channel 15 OR CONSULT YOUR CABLE TELEVISION LISTINGS

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

See debarry.org for meeting agendas/minutes. To view City Council meetings live and to view the archives of City Council meetings, see the website's Home Page Web Site Directory and select *City Council Meeting - Live Webcast*. Council meetings are held 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month at 7 PM at the new City Hall located at 16 Colomba Road.

TORNADOES

Tornadoes can occur anywhere or anytime. These devastating storms come in many different shapes and sizes. Generally, weaker tornadoes have winds of less than 110 mph and last from 1 to 10 or more minutes. Stronger tornadoes have winds of approximately 110-205 mph and can last 20 minutes or longer. Violent tornadoes have winds of more than 205 mph and can last longer than one hour. Tornadoes frequently are associated with severe thunderstorms, particularly storms which produce hail and high winds. No place is completely safe from a tornado, but you can lessen the impact on you and your family by being prepared.

WHAT TO WATCH FOR: Tornado conditions are characterized by a dark, often greenish sky, tall dark clouds, hail and a loud roar similar to a freight train, high winds, and very large hail. Pay attention to the local news media, particularly when the conditions are right for the development of severe storms. Doppler Radar is a great tool for identifying tornadoes, but technology still does not allow us to predict when or where a tornado will touch down.

WHAT YOU CAN DO BEFORE THE STORM:

- Plan ahead. Know what you will do and where you will go if threatened by a tornado.
- Conduct tornado drills with your family so all will know what to do and where to go during an emergency.
- Keep a map nearby so you can track the movement of the storm from weather bulletins.
- Obtain a NOAA Weather Radio with a warning-alarm tone and battery back-up for warnings. Listen to local emergency television or radio. **STAY INFORMED.**
- If planning a trip out-of-doors, listen for the latest forecast. Take necessary actions if severe weather threatens.

IF A WARNING IS ISSUED or threatening weather approaches:

- Move to a pre-designated "safe area" in your home – an interior room – keep all windows/doors closed.
 - ▶ Houses do not explode due to air pressure differences.
- Stay away from windows to avoid flying glass and debris.
- If there is a gas smell or a fire, turn off the gas valve. **ONLY** the gas company can restore service.
- Stop your vehicle and find shelter. Don't try to outrun a storm in your car.
- If caught outside, get away from pools, lakes, the beach - If there are no buildings nearby, get out and away from the vehicle and lie down in a ditch or depression. Protect the head and neck.
- Evacuate mobile homes because they offer **no protection from winds**. Never go around barricades.

STAY AWARE – Pay attention to your surroundings. If something doesn't feel right or the skies look ominous, tune in to television or radio for information about potential storms or hazards. **STAY PUT** if a storm is approaching or an emergency incident has occurred. **STAY WHERE YOU ARE**, unless instructed otherwise or you are in imminent danger. Do not put yourself into danger by driving in hazardous conditions. Children are safer at school where they have emergency plans in place to protect them.

STAY INFORMED – Continue to monitor local media or NOAA radio. If public officials issue instructions to follow, such as evacuating, please do so immediately.

POST-TORNADO ACTIONS: USE CAUTION AND:

AVOID fallen power lines or broken utility lines and immediately report those you see.

STAY OUT of damaged areas and damaged buildings until you are told that it is safe to enter.

STAY OUT of flood waters. **USE** a flashlight to look for damage and fire hazards.

DOCUMENT damage for insurance purposes.

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

History teaches that a lack of hurricane awareness and preparation are common threads among all major hurricane disasters. By knowing your vulnerability and what actions you should take, you can reduce the effects of a hurricane disaster.

Have you completed your Disaster Plan Check-off List?

- Check your insurance coverage; flood damage is not usually covered by homeowners insurance. The National Flood Insurance Program telephone number is 1-800-427-9662.
- Obtain a NOAA Weather Radio. Remember to replace its battery every 6 months, as you do with your smoke detectors. (See Emergency Public Information Stations on last page of this Newsletter).
- Arrange for someone to care for your CHILDREN if disaster strikes and you are at work.
- Locate a safe room or the safest areas in your home, preferably an interior room. In certain circumstances, the safest areas may not be in your home but within the community.
- Stock non-perishable emergency supplies and a DISASTER SUPPLY KIT.
- Make a plan now for what to do with your PETS if you need to evacuate.
- Take First Aid, CPR and disaster preparedness classes, i.e., CERT.
- Have an out-of-state friend as a family contact, so all your family members have a single point of contact.
- Determine evacuation routes from your home and places to meet. Routes should be measured in tens of miles rather than hundreds of miles.
- Keep emergency phone numbers by all phones. Make sure your CHILDREN know How & When to call 9-1-1.

DISASTER SUPPLY KIT

Water - Store at least a 3 to 7-day supply of water for each person. This means 1 gallon of water per day for each person. Children, nursing mothers, and ill people will need more than one gallon each day.

Food – Store at least a 3-day supply of non-perishable food – foods that require no refrigeration, no preparation or cooking and little or no water. Ready-to-eat meats / fruits / vegetables – Pack a non-electric can opener. Canned juices / foods for infants / for the elderly / snack foods / paper plates / cups / plastic utensils.

Blankets / Pillows, etc. – 1 complete change of clothing / footwear / rain gear/ sturdy shoes.

First Aid Kit & manual / Medicines / Prescription Drugs - Special Items for babies and the elderly / Toiletries / Hygiene items / moisture wipes / aspirin / anti-diarrhea medication / laxative / disinfectant / denture needs / extra eye glasses / plastic bucket with tight lid.

Battery-operated radio and a NOAA weather radio - Flashlight / Batteries / Fully-charged cell phone with extra battery and a traditional (not cordless) telephone set / important phone numbers / Emergency Preparedness Manual / Cash (with some small bills- in a waterproof container) and Credit Cards – (Banks and ATMs may not be available for extended periods) – All Keys-house, car, safe deposit box. Map of the area (for locating shelters).

Toys, Books and Games - Pet care items - proper identification / immunization records / medications / ample supply of food and water / a carrier or cage / muzzle and leash.

Important documents – Keep in a waterproof container or watertight re-sealable plastic bag.
- insurance / medical records / will / bank account numbers / Social Security cards, etc.

Tools/shovel - keep a set with you during the storm / Vehicle fuel tanks filled.

Change your stored water supply every 6 months so it stays fresh. Replace your stored food every 6 months. Re-think your Disaster Supply Kit and family needs at least once a year. Replace batteries, update clothes, etc.

Grand Opening Ceremony and Dedication for DeBary City Hall Held March 21, 2009



June 6 Saturday 13th Annual St. Johns River Cleanup Day 8 AM to 11:30 AM

Volunteering with your family and friends is a great way to get involved in efforts to beautify and maintain the appearance of the St. Johns River. ►Wear comfortable clothing and closed-toed shoes and bring work gloves. Rakes, shovels, and trash grabbers may be helpful but not necessary. ►Bring bottled water with you. This year, the local cleanup sites will be Lake Monroe Park in DeBary, Lake Monroe Boat Ramp in Deltona, Lemon Bluff Boat Ramp in Osteen, and French Avenue Boat Launch at Starks Landing. For more information, please go to www.volusia.org/cleanup, or contact Darrell Abrahamson at dabrahamson@co.volusia.fl.us or (386) 736-5927 x 2424.

July 11th Saturday 9 AM to 3 PM Book Sale by DeBary Public Library Association, Inc., DeBary Public Library, 200 N. Highway 17/92. DVD's, VHS's, and CD's will be for sale. Books will sell for no more than \$3. Profits will be used for children's Library programs and future Library expansion. Sale will be in the Library auditorium.

FIREWORKS SAFETY: • Floridians should not sign "waivers" in order to purchase fireworks. Signing a waiver will not clear you of responsibility should you be caught using them, and using fireworks illegally is a first-degree misdemeanor punishable by up to one year in jail and a \$1,000 fine. •Even with legal sparklers there is still a risk of injury. When lit, some sparklers can reach temperatures between 1,300 and 1,800 degrees - at least 200 degrees hotter than a standard butane lighter. For a list of hundreds of sparklers that are legal to use in Florida, as well as safety tips, visit the State Fire Marshal's web site at www.fldfs.com/sfm. ►*Specifically Prohibited:* Firecrackers, torpedoes, skyrocketers, roman candles, daygo bombs, and any fireworks containing explosive or flammable compounds. ►*Specifically Permitted:* Devices approved and listed by State Fire Marshal which emit a shower of sparks upon burning, do not contain any explosive compounds, do not detonate or explode, are hand held or ground based, cannot propel themselves through the air, and that contain not more than 100 grams of the chemical compound that produces sparks upon burning. Any device that is not included in the list of approved items is prohibited, except that snakes, small smoke devices, trick noisemakers and certain other novelties may be sold at all other times. •Do not light sparklers on grass. •Never attempt to re-light a "dud." •Keep a fire extinguisher or water hose on-hand for emergencies. It's a good idea to drop used sparklers in a bucket of water.



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