

To: Mayor and City Council
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1. Volusia Managers Meeting

I attended the July 23rd Managers meeting at which the following issues were discussed: that the Volusia Home Builders Association (VHBA) have four focal points for their green initiatives, which are central location for information, create a green building council, have a green section at tradeshow, and to create a model green ordinance; that HB7136, passed in 2008, requires governments to build green; that local governments can create incentives to encourage green building; the FCCMA Emergency Management Teams would like comments on the proposed plan which FCCMA plans to adopt in August 2008 and that a coordinator is needed in Volusia County.

2. New City Hall

On July 23rd, I met with Dean Shoemaker, DeBary Building Official Jim Stroupe, Assistant City Manager Gonzalez, volunteer John Wanamaker, Coldwell Banker, and Finance Administrator Seelbinder regarding the renovation of the Town Hall kitchen; a walkthrough to review the framing and data/electrical outlet locations will be scheduled the week of August 11th; and Jim Stroupe will review the revised electrical plans. Dean Shoemaker will complete the value engineering credits and will review the revisions of the Council dais layout and provide costs.

3. Activities in DeBary

**Friday, July 25th 8 PM Big Band Concert "Swinging Sounds of the Gateway Orchestra
GAZEBO at DeBary City Hall, 137 S. Highway 17/92**

**Saturday, July 26th 5 PM to 10 PM Block Party, Battle of the Bands, Concert
First Presbyterian Church, 267 E. Highbanks Road**

**July 28th >> Aug. 1st Game Quest Summer Day Camp
DeBary Hall Historic Site, 210 Sunrise Blvd.**

4. SJRWMD Application/Permit

The City has submitted application to SJRWMD for open grade paving of Ft. Florida Road from second entrance to Riviera Bella to Ft. Florida Point Road.

On July 23rd, SJRWMD issued a permit for Regulation of Stormwater Management Systems to the City of DeBary. The permit is for construction of a stormwater management system to be known as Magnolia Drive and Aster Drive Drainage Improvements; a 5.68-acre local government project to be constructed as per plans submitted by the City to the District.

5. West Side Emergency Flood Management System

Staff and David Hamstra, PEC met with Dick Harkey of U.S. Representative Mica's office concerning securing additional Hazard Mitigation Grant (FEMA) funding for the West Side Emergency Flood Management System.

6. Highbanks Marina Special Exception

Highbanks Marina has submitted their sketch plan depicting all recreational vehicles and accessory structures on the property.

7. Economic Development Committee

The Economic Development Committee met and received an update of the status of the brochure. Staff is soliciting proposals for the layout and design of the brochure. The Committee has also indicated that they will review the Land Development Code to determine if any adjustments can be made to improve the appearance of Highway 17-92.

8. Treehouse

The City has received the concept plan for the treehouse. It is planned to install the treehouse at the River City Nature Park.

9. Environmental Resource Permitting Conference

Last week, Assistant City Manager Anthony Gonzalez attended the Conference which is a section of the Florida Environmental Network, Inc. This is the advanced training session for Wetlands, Stormwater Quality, and Surface Water Management Permitting.

10. Safety Coordinator

On Saturday the 19th, the City of Deltona Fire Department provided CPR and First Aid training for CERT members. A total of 18 Deltona and DeBary CERT members participated in the training opportunity.

The weekly HAM radio operators meeting was held with a discussion on physics and the principals of modern physics.

Safety Coordinator Alan Williamson has been working on the request for proposal for debris pick-up and removal.

11. Parks and Recreation Department

The City of DeBary Parks and Recreation 2008 Summer Camp Program ended on Friday, July 25, 2008. The program had an average of 70 children participating each week.

The 50+ Crowd meets every Monday from 12-3 pm at the DeBary Civic Center. Seniors enjoy free food, free games and free fun for the afternoon. No registration necessary, just show up at the DeBary Civic Center next Monday at 12 pm for some free fun and games.

12. Drainage Improvement Projects

Design Projects:

The City has received a Request for Additional Information (RAI) from SJRWMD for the Valencia Road and Plumosa Road project and for the Pine Valley Court projects.

Valencia Road and Plumosa Road Drainage: The RAI from the SJRWMD requested us to demonstrate no increase in the pollutant loading to Angeles Lake due to diversion of 3.1 acres to the lake from the Lake Louise basin. In addition to this, we will need to provide assurances the project will not affect the drainage and flooding of adjacent properties.

These lakes are proposed to be interconnected and a positive outfall provided to the Tropic Lagoon as part of other DeBary Drainage CIP projects. The future interconnection of the lakes was explained in the application, but since the interconnection is not in place yet the water management district has to assume the present conditions.

We are currently working on these requests which may require modifications to the present stormwater management system design.

Pine Valley Court: Pine Valley Court RAI from SJRWMD has requested maintenance records on the existing 20-year old ex-filtration system on Pine Valley Court and is suggesting the system may need replacement due to its age. According to public records, the City does not own the ponds on each side of Pine Valley Court. The ponds northwest of Pine Valley are under the ownership of Volusia County and the pond south of Pine Valley Court is under the ownership of Diversified Land Corporation. We are in the process of gathering additional information on the ponds and the maintenance of the ex-filtration system in order to prepare responses to the RAI.

Matanzas Road and the Monroe, Catalina and Pond OS projects need further evaluation, based on discussions with the SJRWMD.

Matanzas Road: Matanzas Road Drainage improvements will require us to demonstrate there will be no increase in the pollutant loading to both Unnamed Lake, north of Highbanks Road and to Bonita Lake. Unnamed Lake will be no problem but the Matanzas Road basin may present problems meeting the pollutant loading requirements. A detailed analysis is being performed to determine impacts to the lakes.

Monroe, Catalina and Pond OS in the Reserve: Currently, we have completed modeling of the Pond OS using back to back 25 year, 96 hour storms to demonstrate the pond will hold the runoff from a multiple storm event. The water management district wants to see how the pond will operate in a saturated condition. Modeling of this scenario will take place next week.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 25 Friday 8 PM	The Swinging Sounds of the Gateway Orchestra Gazebo at DeBary City Hall
July 30 Wednesday 6 PM	City Council Special Meeting Florence K. Little Town Hall
Aug 5 Tuesday 6 – 9 PM	National Night Out Florence K. Little Town Hall
Aug 6 Wednesday 7 to 10 PM	City Council Meeting Florence K. Little Town Hall
Aug 9 Saturday 9 – Noon	City Council Workshop Florence K. Little Town Hall
Aug 11 Monday thru Saturday, Aug 23	Early Voting Dates for Primary Election 8 AM to 4 PM
Aug 11 Monday 10 to 11 AM	Historic Preservation Advisory Board Quarterly Meeting Florence K. Little Town Hall
Aug 12 Tuesday 9 AM	Development Review Committee Meeting Florence K. Little Town Hall
Aug 13 Wednesday 6 to 8 PM	Code Enforcement Board Meeting Florence K. Little Town Hall
Aug 14 > 16 Thursday > Saturday	Florida League of Cities 82nd Annual Conference Tampa Convention Center/Marriott Tampa Waterside
Aug 19 Tuesday 6:30 to 8 PM	Public Safety Advisory Committee Meeting Florence K. Little Town Hall
Aug 20 Wednesday 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM	Pet Vet Cruiser (spay/neuter) for DeBary residents only Florence K. Little Town Hall FILLED
Aug 20 Wednesday 7 to 11 PM	City Council Meeting Florence K. Little Town Hall
Aug 21 Thursday 7 to 9 PM	Economic Development Advisory Committee Meeting Florence K. Little Town Hall