

To: Mayor and City Council
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► A Special City Council Meeting will be held Friday, November 21st at 7 PM at Florence K. Little Town Hall, 12 Colomba Road. The agenda includes 1st Reading of the DeBary Town Center and Equestrian Park.

1. Tropical Storm Fay FEMA Reimbursement

Staff, Representatives of Adjusters International and FEMA Representatives met to discuss the Public Assistance reimbursement process. Field visits were made to sites damaged by Tropical Storm Fay. The City's requests for Public Assistance through October 31st are to be submitted to FEMA next week. Reimbursement should be received prior to year end.

2. West Side Emergency Flood Management System

Staff, Representatives of Volusia County Utilities, David Hamstra of PEC and the Assistant City Attorney met to discuss the proposed agreement with Volusia County Utilities, and the City concerning the use of the borrow pit for excess reclaimed water. The agreement will be presented to Council for consideration when completed.

3. Activities in DeBary

**Wednesday, November 19
7 PM**

**Adult auditions for Gateway Community Theater
DeBary Art Studio, 155 S. Highway 17/92**

4. 2009 Rate Increase Approved

The Florida Public Service Commission on Wednesday unanimously approved all fuel, environmental and energy-efficiency cost increases for 2009. The increase will take effect January 1, 2009.

The impacts to businesses are as follows:

Average commercial impact: 26-28 percent increase

Average industrial impact: 28-32 percent increase

Progress Energy will continue to invest in a diverse fuel mix and plan for increased production of cost-effective and carbon-free nuclear power. Progress Energy Florida has a longstanding commitment to energy efficiency. It's a key part of our balanced approach to meeting Florida's

future energy needs. One way to manage expenses is by taking advantage of our innovative energy-efficiency options. For energy efficiency tips and information on a Business Energy check go to <http://www.savethewatts.com>.

5. Volusia County Reaffirms Support for Commuter Rail

Attached is a news release from Volusia County reaffirming its unanimous support for the commuter rail system.

6. Code Enforcement Board Meeting

At the November 12th meeting, the following issues were presented:

Had 2 CEB cases presented under the consent agenda, both owing \$0

4 cases present to CEB under new business

CEB 08-158-H (62 Alano Rd.) & 08-225-H (89 Sanford Ave.) were withdrawn due to being in compliance

CEB 08-139-H (8 Sunset Dr.) & 08-266-H (113 Floridana Rd.) was found in non-compliance

Approval of By-Laws as corrected.

7. Safety Coordinator

At the HAM radio operators weekly meeting, 2 meter and 6 meter communications were discussed. Sun spots have been low so the radio frequencies have been very good for communications.

The current CERT class discussed the second part of first aid which included signs and symptoms of sprains, strains, and fractures, hypothermia, heat stroke, and bleeding. The students were also taught how to evaluate patients with the head to toe assessment. Much of the class time was spent with a practical hands-on lesson by applying splints and bandages, and doing head to toe assessments.

Safety Coordinator Alan Williamson and Assistant City Manager Anthony Gonzalez spent a few hours on site visits with FEMA representative. The site visits included all public areas damaged by T.S. Fay.

Alan attended a free Health and Safety Expo sponsored by the Sunshine Safety Council. Alan attended two class sessions: The first was an update on OSHA regulations and changes being implemented. The second class was given by Volusia County Emergency Management on Lessons Learned for the 2008 Hurricane season.

8. Parks and Recreation Department

Recreation Coordinator Michelle Leach attended the Festival of Lights planning committee meeting on Wednesday, November 12, 2008. Layout and entertainment were discussed as well as safety precautions needed for the event. The City of DeBary is receiving sponsorships to help

fund this large community event. A special thank you to the following companies for their generous donation thus far: Barracuda Building Corporation, GAI Consultants, Hampton Inn of DeBary, Shoemaker Construction Company Inc, Riverside National Bank, Professional Engineering Consultants and Cici's Pizza.

On Monday, November 10, 2008 Recreation Coordinator Michelle Leach, Parks and Recreation Director John Fletcher, Assistant City Manager Anthony Gonzalez and Safety Coordinator Alan Williamson attended the Annual Ice Cream Social at the DeBary Civic Center. This event was designed for adults 50+ to enjoy a nice day of free ice cream and door prizes. Nearly 90 citizens attended this annual free event. Refreshments and appetizers were available. Attendees also enjoyed a presentation from Dr. C. of Florida Hospital *Fish Memorial*. The City of DeBary would like to thank the Florida Hospital *Fish Memorial* for donating funds to sponsor this event. A special thank you goes out to April Gardens, Winn-Dixie, Williams Custom Jewelry, Four B's Freezette, DeBary Diner, Salon Moxie, Beall's Department Store, Denny's Restaurant, Fazoli's Restaurant, Half Off Books, Panchero's Mexican Grill, Publix Super Market, Wal-Mart Supercenter and Riverside National Bank for donating door prizes for this event.

The 2nd Annual Christmas Lighting Display Contest will begin December 1, 2008. All interested households are welcome to fill out an entry form and return to the Parks and Recreation Department by November 28, 2008. Houses will be judged December 1, 2008 through December 10, 2008. Winners will be announced at the 2008 Festival of Lights on December 13, 2008 at DeBary Hall Historic Site. Entry forms are available at the Parks and Recreation Department located in Gateway Park. Winners will receive a special sign to show off in their front yards!

Registration for the 2009 Youth Outdoor Basketball League begins December 8, 2008 and ends December 19, 2008. Games will begin January 10, 2009 at Bill Keller Park. The cost is \$40. There will be two separate leagues for boys and girls ages 10 thru 14. For more information, please contact Recreation Coordinator Michelle Leach at (386) 456-5150.

Entry forms are available to enter the Christmas Parade at DeBary City Hall and the Parks and Recreation office. The Parade will be held on December 14, 2008 beginning at 3 pm. The theme this year is "Christmas in Toyland." There is no fee to enter the Parade. All entry forms must be turned in to the Parks and Recreation Department before the end of November.

Recreation Coordinator Michelle Leach attended the SAC meeting at DeBary Elementary School on Thursday, November 13, 2008. Issues facing local schools and children in the community were discussed.

9. Drainage Improvement Projects

Design Projects:

Valencia/Plumosa Drainage Project: Plans and geotechnical reports were delivered to the City Friday, November 7, for the bid packages. We received several calls from contractors this week as to where to pick up the bid documents.

Monroe/Catalina/Pond OS Project: No change in the project status from the previous CIP update:

GAI has completed the responses to the St. River Water Management District's request for additional information. Revised plans packages were delivered to the water management district Thursday, November 6, 2008. Review of this additional information will take approximately 30 days.

Matanzas Road Drainage Improvements: Final constructability review is underway and will be completed by November 21, 2008. Final plans will be prepared and delivered to the City December 4 for advertisement the weekend of December 6, 2008.

Pine Valley Court:

Un-named Lake #4 (Crystal Lake Drive)

Hollow Pine Drive

55 Community Drive

There is no change in the status of these projects. The scope of work on each project has been prepared and delivered to the city for review and approval. Once they are approved, work will begin on the plans and permitting phase of each project.

Construction Updates:

Bougainvillea Drive and Marsella Road Capital Improvement Drainage Projects, #10, #22, Jasmine Drive Drainage Improvements, Bougainvillea Dr. Utility Installation, Jasmine Drive Utility Installation.

Repair work continued on Pleasant Hill Drive in the Reserve subdivision. Barracuda Building Corp. mobilized equipment and materials and continued to develop the repair scheme with GAI Consultants. A test hole was excavated to determine the groundwater level. Dewatering is not expected to be required for the initial excavation near the pond and the road crossing under Pleasant Hill Drive. A new 18-inch diameter stormwater line will be installed above the existing pipes. The new section of piping will begin at the retention pond on Pleasant Hill Drive and continue to an existing manhole near the intersection of Pleasant Hill Drive and Forest Eagle Court. Utility locates have been ordered but lateral gas lines remain to be located. Installation of the new piping is scheduled to begin on Monday November 17, 2008. The repair should be completed within one month.

Please Note: Wednesday November 19, 2008 from 7 AM to 5 PM, Pleasant Hill Drive will be closed to all traffic between Englenook Drive and Forest Eagle Court. Residents will have access to their homes but through traffic must find an alternate route through the neighborhood. Volusia County Traffic Department will be notified today of the road closure.

Barracuda Building Corp. is also planning to begin work on the Bougainvillea CIP project starting on either Dogwood Trail or Jasmine Drive within the next two weeks.

Riviera Drive Capital Improvement Drainage Project – CIP Project #4

No changes this week however final acceptance and final payment is expected soon. Documentation of the TV inspection was received on 11/6/08

Magnolia/Aster/Dahlia Capital Improvement Drainage Project #12

Notice of Award and contracts were sent to Masci Corp. for execution.

Valencia/Plumosa Capital Improvement Drainage Project #17

The project was advertised for bids on November 8 and 9, 2008. There has been considerable interest in the project from potential bidders this week.

Matanzas Road Capital Improvement Drainage Project #8

Constructability review began this week.



COUNTY OF VOLUSIA NEWS FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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VOLUSIA COUNTY COUNCIL REAFFIRMS SUPPORT FOR COMMUTER RAIL

The Volusia County Council Thursday reaffirmed its unanimous support for a commuter rail system that is proposed to serve riders through a four-county region that includes Volusia, Seminole, Orange and Osceola counties.

As proposed, the commuter rail trains will run on tracks purchased from CSX railroad. Although the commuter rail project has garnered widespread support from Central Florida leaders, the proposal ran into a roadblock during the last session of the Florida Legislature, primarily over liability concerns. Supporters have said the project's future rests in the hands of legislators during next year's session.

"We remain committed to commuter rail," said County Chair Frank Bruno. "We intend to honor the original agreement we've signed."

As proposed the capital costs for the commuter rail project would be funded by the federal government, while operating costs would be borne by the local governments and the Florida Department of Transportation. The deal approved in July 2007 by the County Council estimates that Volusia County will have committed nearly \$143 million over the first 30 years of service. So far, Volusia's commuter rail expenditures are about \$1.7 million.

The approximately 60-mile train system would cater to commuters Monday through Friday. During the first phase, Volusia would have a rail station in DeBary, with a station in DeLand proposed for the second phase.

The County Council Thursday unanimously approved a change to the original agreement – to extend the timeframe for one year until December 31, 2009. "This extension will give us time hopefully to work things out during the next session of the Legislature," Bruno said.

City of DeBary, Florida

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Annual Toy Drive is ongoing – Last day of Drive is Friday, December 12th
Toys can be dropped off at Florence K. Little Town Hall – Weekdays - 9AM to 4 PM.

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| Nov 18 Tuesday
3 PM | MPO Technical Coordinating Committee
2570 W. International Speedway Blvd. Suite 120 DAB |
| Nov 18 Tuesday
6:30 to 8 PM | Public Safety Advisory Committee
Florence K. Little Town Hall |
| Nov 19 Wednesday
8:30 AM | WAV Board of Directors Meeting
2570 W. International Speedway Blvd. Suite 120 DAB |
| Nov 19 Wednesday
7 to 11 PM | City Council Meeting
Florence K. Little Town Hall |
| Nov 19 Wednesday
7 PM | Adult auditions for opening play for Gateway Community Theater
DeBary Art Studio, 155 S. Highway 17/92 |
| Nov 20 Thursday
7 – 9 PM | Orlandia Heights Meeting
Florence K. Little Town Hall |
| Nov 21 Friday
7 PM | Special City Council Meeting
Florence K. Little Town Hall |
| Nov 25 Tuesday
9 AM | Development Review Committee Meeting
Florence K. Little Town Hall |
| Nov 25 Tuesday
7 PM | Economic Development Advisory Committee Meeting
Florence K. Little Town Hall |
| Nov 27 and 28
Thursday/Friday | City offices closed for Thanksgiving |
| Dec 1 thru Dec 10 | Judging for 2nd Annual Christmas Lighting Display Contest |
| Dec 3 Wednesday
7 PM | City Council Meeting
Florence K. Little Town Hall |
| Dec 4 Thursday
6 PM | VLOC Dinner/Meeting
Deltona City Hall |
| Dec 9 Tuesday
9 AM | Development Review Committee Meeting
Florence K. Little Town Hall |
| Dec 10 Wednesday
6 PM | Code Enforcement Board Meeting
Florence K. Little Town Hall |