

To: Mayor and City Council  
From: Maryann Courson, City Manager  
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Subject: DeBary City Manager's Weekly Report

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### **1. SJRWMD Project and Land Committee Meeting**

On January 9<sup>th</sup>, Mayor Garcia and I attended the Committee meeting which was held at the Orange City Council Chambers. The implementation of the Blue Spring Action Plan was discussed by Sonny Hall (SJRWMD). Carol Lippincott (Lippincott Consulting) reported on the progress of the FDEP Blue Spring Working Group which focused on keeping the area's common species common. In the 1970's, only 11 manatees were reported at Blue Spring whereas today there are 200 manatees at the Spring. Volusia County Utilities Scott Mays discussed the Blue Springs minimum flows required for 2025 by the SJRWMD for manatee protection and increased population. The required minimum flows would be a hardship for the water utilities in West Volusia

### **2. VOLUSIA COUNTY'S "FAY" FUNDING**

Volusia County received the information from FEMA concerning the funds that will be allocated to the County, as well as the Cities within the County for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP). Only \$3,500,000 was allocated. The 14 home buy-out program was \$4.4 million (which will be lower since 2 to 3 people have dropped out), the Lakeside gravity outfall system was \$1.3 million, and upgrading the Eastside system was \$2.2 million for a DeBary total of \$7.9 million. Other County-wide initiatives have been submitted since the 11/18/08 LMS meeting for an approximate total of \$12 million.

### **3. Safety Coordinator**

At the December 29<sup>th</sup> HAM radio operators meeting, a presentation was given on Phase Shift Keying. Phase-shift keying (PSK) is a method of digital communication in which the phase of a transmitted signal is varied to convey information. There are several methods that can be used to accomplish PSK. Amateur-radio operators use a special form of binary phase-shift keying (BPSK) or quaternary phase-shift keying (QPSK) known as PSK31. In this mode, the data transmission rate is 31.25 baud (state changes per second), and the signal bandwidth is approximately 31 Hz. The main advantage of PSK31 is its excellent signal-to-noise ratio (S/N or SNR), which allows communication under adverse conditions such as severe fading, noise, or interference when other communications modes fail.

At the January 5<sup>th</sup> HAM radio operators meeting, a discussion was held on wood carving. One of the hobbies of a HAM operator is wood carving so he brought in a few of his sculptures and

carving tools. The tools included a carving knife used to pare, cut, and smooth wood. A gouge with a curved cutting edge used in a variety of forms and sizes for carving hollows, rounds and sweeping curves; A chisel used for lines and cleaning up flat surfaces; A V-tool used for parting and in certain classes of flat work for emphasizing lines.

Safety Coordinator Alan Williamson held a Neighborhood Watch meeting for residents of the Reserve. The residents wish to implement a neighborhood watch program and this was the first meeting to discuss the program and the needs of the residents. Lt. Williams from the Volusia County Sheriff's Office was in attendance, and provided insight from a law enforcement perspective. A total of 11 residents were in attendance.

Alan attended the Local Mitigation Strategy meeting in Daytona Beach. The agenda included the review and adoption of 7 new initiatives. The notice of funding for Tropical Storm Fay HMGP funding was made available. Volusia County allocation is \$3,511,759.00. The NOFA is also available on the FDEM website at [www.floridadisaster.org/Mitigation/Hazard/](http://www.floridadisaster.org/Mitigation/Hazard/) The next LMS committee meeting is scheduled for 9:30 AM on Friday January 16th, and will include the prioritization of all T.S. Fay HMPG initiatives.

The VIP (Volunteers Inspiring Pride) held their meeting to discuss the calendar for the new year. Updates and additions were added to the calendar of events.

#### **4. Pickup of Illegal Signs**

Attached is a spreadsheet detailing pickup of illegal signs from the City's rights-of-way through December 2008.

#### **5. Parks and Recreation Department**

The 2008 Fall Youth Soccer League concluded its 10-game season on Saturday, December 20, 2008. The Team Good Sportsmanship Award was won in the Senior League by the Tigers coached by Luis Rodriguez and Terry Lodge. The Award was won in the Junior League by the Falcons coached by Dan Couvillon and by the Eagles coached by Jason McDaniel and James Hennessey III. Thanks again to our volunteer coaches for making this the best season yet.

The 2009 Youth Outdoor Basketball League began practices on Saturday, January 10, 2009 at Bill Keller Park basketball courts. Recreation Coordinator Michelle Leach met with volunteer coaches, parents and players to review rules, schedules and rosters. Games will begin on January 24, 2009 at Bill Keller Park.

Recreation Coordinator Michelle Leach attended the District Advisory Committee (DAC) Meeting on Wednesday, January 7, 2009 at Deltona High School. Upcoming budget cuts to the Volusia County School District for the 2008/2009 and 2009/2010 school were discussed. An estimated \$13 million dollars will be cut immediately from the school district's budget including cuts in extracurricular activities.

Recreation Coordinator Michelle Leach attended the SAC meeting at the DeBary Elementary School on Thursday, January 8, 2009. Issues facing the DeBary Elementary School were discussed.

Recreation Coordinator Michelle Leach met with a representative from DeBary Golf & Country Club on Friday, January 9, 2009. Possible development of a new Youth Tennis Clinic at Bill Keller Park was discussed. This program would target boys and girls ages 4-14.

Recreation Coordinator Michelle Leach attended the VIPS meeting on Friday, January 9, 2009. Community needs were discussed.

## **6. Drainage Improvement Projects**

### **Design Projects:**

**Monroe/Catalina/Pond OS Project:** We met with SJRWMD on December 11, 2008 to discuss the RAI comments. One outstanding issue is what the District will accept in terms of quantifying the effects of groundwater mounding of the ponds surrounding Pond OS. GAI proposed a conservative, cost effective means of analysis and sent same to the District via e-mail on December 16, 2008. We are awaiting response from SJRWMD as to whether this method is acceptable. No Change.

**Matanzas Road Drainage Improvements:** Final plans are completed and will be delivered to the City today, December 5, 2008 for advertisement. No Change.

**Community Drive:** Plans were submitted to the City on January 6, 2009, we are expecting review comments back on January 16, 2009. Draft geotech report was received January 6, 2009. We are meeting with Anthony Gonzalez January 9, 2009 to discuss corner clip drainage easement.

**Hollow Pine:** Hollow Pine survey is complete with the exception of locating geotechnical borings. Preliminary drainage system layout is underway. Draft geotech report was received January 6, 2009.

**Pine Valley Court:** Survey is complete with the exception of locating geotechnical borings. We are meeting with Anthony Gonzalez to discuss on January 9, 2009.

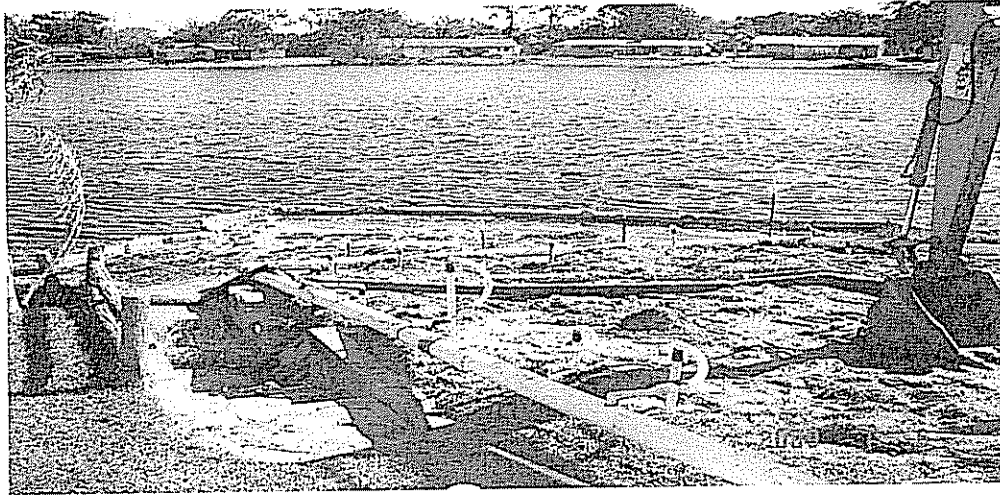
**Crystal Pine Drive (Unnamed Lake #4):** Survey is complete with the exception of locating geotechnical borings and wetland flags.

### **Construction Updates:**

Stormwater Capital Improvement Program - Weekly Project Report – January 5, 2009 to January 9, 2009

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

Emergency repair work has been completed on Pleasant Hill Drive in the Reserve subdivision. Barracuda Building Corp. completed installation of new water mains for Volusia County Utilities along Jasmine Drive. Stormwater improvements for the Jasmine Drive project began with placement of a floating turbidity barrier along the edge of Lake Anna Maria and dewatering is in progress to install a new outfall structure as shown in the picture below.



Barracuda Building Corp also began work along Bougainvillea Drive and Dogwood Trail installing new water mains for Volusia County Utilities. Stormwater construction on Bougainvillea Drive and Dogwood Trail will begin after the new water mains are installed which should be in early February.

Barracuda Building Corp. provided additional services to replace a section of sidewalk along Glen Abbey Lane that was washed out during Tropical Storm Fay. The sidewalk replacement is shown in the picture below.



#### **Valencia/Plumosa Capital Improvement Drainage Project #17**

GAI recommended award of the contract to the DeBary City Council at the regular City Council meeting on January 7, 2009. The City Council voted to table the award of the contract until after

a Stormwater Workshop is held on January 28, 2009. The Stormwater Workshop is scheduled for the Council to review the comprehensive stormwater plans for the City.

**Matanzas Road Capital Improvement Drainage Project #8**

The Bid Date is Friday January 16, 2009 when bids will be opened at 2:00 PM at the New DeBary City Hall, 16 Colomba Road. The Engineer's Estimate for the construction project is \$542,300.

**Magnolia/Aster/Dahlia Capital Improvement Drainage Project #12**

Masci Construction received Notice to Proceed on January 5, 2009. Survey staking has been completed for the work and drainage structures are in production. GAI met with residents in the area of the project to answer question about the scope of the work. Work should begin clearing the pond at the intersection of Magnolia Drive and Aster Drive as soon as drainage structures are available which is expected by January 21, 2009. The pond will not be excavated for some time as it will be used for storage of materials until the project is near completion.

**Community Drive Stormwater Capital Improvement Project #24**

GAI began the constructability review of the 90% construction plans for the project.

Gene Leighton  
Signs

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
	# of Signs	# of Signs	# of Signs	# of Signs	# of Signs
January		585	350	410	321
February		417	354	289	230
March		405	412	335	412
April		520	442	277	332
May		498	375	238	262
June		345	486	395	369
July		280	370	273	281
August		328	262	264	295
September		303	328	320	334
October	560	287	380	276	291
November	423	247	372	279	292
December	520	241	234	190	291
	<b>1,503</b>	<b>4,456</b>	<b>4,365</b>	<b>3,546</b>	<b>3,710</b>

# City of DeBary, Florida

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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<b>Jan 12 Monday</b> <b>10 – 11 AM</b>	<b>Historic Preservation Advisory Board Quarterly Meeting</b> <b>Florence K. Little Town Hall</b>
<b>Jan 13 Tuesday</b> <b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>Streetscape Advisory Committee Meeting</b> <b>Florence K. Little Town Hall</b>
<b>Jan 17 Saturday</b> <b>8 AM to 2 PM</b>	<b>Trash &amp; Treasure Sale</b> <b>Gateway Center for the Arts, 880 N. Hwy. 17/92</b>
<b>Jan 20 Tuesday</b> <b>9 – 10 AM</b>	<b>Development Review Committee Meeting</b> <b>Florence K. Little Town Hall</b>
<b>Jan 20 Tuesday</b> <b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>Public Safety Advisory Committee Meeting</b> <b>Florence K. Little Town Hall</b>
<b>Jan 21 Wednesday</b> <b>6 – 7 PM</b> <b>7 – 11 PM</b>	<b>City Council:</b> <b>City Council Workshop</b> <b>City Council Regular Meeting</b> <b>Florence K. Little Town Hall</b>
<b>Jan 22 Thursday</b> <b>7 – 9 PM</b>	<b>Orlandia Heights Board of Directors Meeting</b> <b>Florence K. Little Town Hall</b>
<b>Jan 25 Sunday</b> <b>1 PM</b>	<b>Youth Free Throw Basketball Competition</b> <b>Bill Keller Park</b>
<b>Jan 28 Wednesday</b> <b>6 PM</b>	<b>City Council Workshop</b> <b>Florence K. Little Town Hall</b>
<b>Jan 31 Saturday</b> <b>10 AM to 4 PM</b>	<b>Grand Opening of the Gateway Center for the Arts</b> <b>880 North US Highway 17/92</b>
<b>Feb 4 Wednesday</b> <b>7 PM</b>	<b>City Council Meeting</b> <b>16 Colomba Road</b>
<b>Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8th</b> <b>Feb 7 at 8 PM</b> <b>Feb 8 at 2 PM</b>	<b>Stageplay: “All in the Timing”</b> <b>Gateway Center for the Arts, 880 North Hwy. 17/92</b>
<b>Feb 10 Tuesday</b> <b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>Streetscape Advisory Committee Meeting</b> <b>16 Colomba Road</b>
<b>Feb 11 Wednesday</b> <b>6 PM</b>	<b>Code Enforcement Board Meeting</b> <b>16 Colomba Road</b>
<b>Feb 17 Tuesday</b> <b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>Public Safety Advisory Committee Meeting</b> <b>16 Colomba Road</b>