

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. DeBary City Hall Grand Opening Ceremony and Dedication

The public is invited to attend the Grand Opening of DeBary's new City Hall which will be held Saturday, March 21st from 10 AM to Noon at 16 Colomba Road. The Ceremony will be followed by a tour of the Hall and a luncheon courtesy of Moose Lodge 655 and DeBary Walgreens at Florence K. Little Town Hall. Many thanks to our sponsors – GAI Consultants, Inc., Hampton Inn, Professional Engineering Consultants, Inc., and Shoemaker Construction.

2. Government Efficiency Workshop

Mayor Garcia and I attended a Government Efficiency Workshop hosted by VCOG on March 13, 2009 to consider ideas to decrease the cost of providing local government services. The group created a list of ideas that they would like to have considered. At the conclusion of the meeting, VCOG requested that the Managers create a timeline, process, and overview of each of the ideas following the format below and present a report at the VCOG meeting on May 18, 2009.

The VCOG Board has asked that a matrix be created for these ideas, which includes the following points:

- What policy questions should elected officials consider with each area,
- What are the potential impacts to the level of service in considering each idea,
- What is the degree of difficulty in pursuing each idea,
- What would be the timeline for considering each idea,
- What are the barriers to considering each idea,
- What category does each idea fall into (seen or unseen by citizens),
- What are the possible short and long term cost savings (1,000s, 10,000s, 100,000s),
- Will implementing the idea cause the elimination of jobs and if so how many,
- Identify if the area should be considered on a county-wide (regional) or sub-regional basis. What are the anticipated outcomes of considering each area?
- What is the return on the effort, if any?
- Will this keep monies in County?
- Identify which each area if function or actual consolidation should be considered?

There were questions about some services that are presently provided that just need to stop. It was determined that this is a time to review every area for efficiency.

The reduction in the quality or level of service offered to citizens was a concern but the group did view combining efforts favorably if it assured services could be retained.

The group asked each jurisdiction to develop a list of what services they would like to combine with others as well as informing other jurisdictions of any service areas they would offer to others, i.e. School District has 24-hour turn-around on printing services.

Whatever happens will require political will in the long run. Each Commission/Council (as a whole) will need to be on board with each idea implemented. The group mentioned that the process should focus on the policy questions that should be asked as well as having honest and open dialogue regarding the barriers or obstacles to implementing each idea.

3. VCOG Smart Growth Meeting

I attended the VCOG Smart Growth Meeting. A draft Joint Participation Agreement was reviewed. The agreement would be used when jurisdictions desired to joint plan for a particular area. The agreement stresses smart growth planning principals.

4. River Drive Property Owners

Mayor Garcia and I met with property owners along River Drive. They were very interested in creating a special assessment district for River Drive for paving and installation of water lines. They will attempt to collect the required signatures to petition the Council to create the district.

5. Activities in DeBary

Friday, March 20 8 PM	Gateway Orchestra "Musical Movie Magic" Gateway Center for the Arts, 880 N. Hwy. 17/92
Saturday, March 21 8 AM to 2 PM	VFW GARAGE SALE VFW Post 8093, 351 S. Hwy. 17/92
Saturday, March 21 10 AM to Noon	Grand Opening Ceremony DeBary City Hall 16 Colomba Road

6. Safety Coordinator

At the HAM radio operators' weekly meeting, a discussion was held on the different types of power supplies available. The discussion was on store-bought power supply units vs. homemade supply units. A demonstration was also given on the installation and use of battery clips.

The PSAC met and discussed all agenda items. The driveway stenciling project continues to move forward with the assistance of volunteers. Members of the PSAC will help distribute NOAA weather radios on Saturday March 28th from 9am to Noon. Chairman David Asson attended training at the County EOC on the computer system utilized in disasters.

The last CERT training class was held with the Fraternal Order of Orioles. Training included Light Search and Rescue as well as CERT organization. The class participated in hands-on training with cribbing and leverage exercises. A total of 15 members graduated. The class was a success with the help of Deltona Fire Department Chief Farer, Inspector Lisa Nadeau, and CERT instructor Josephine Opisso. Other expert instructors involved with training included Lt. Cliff Williams from the Volusia County Sheriff's Office on Terrorism, and Patrick Brodnik on traumatic stress and stress management.

With Safety Coordinator Alan Williamson's extensive background in the medical field and emergency management, he was asked to assist FISH Memorial Hospital on their annual Hospital Intake Drill. Volunteers were utilized as victims and Alan was an evaluator in the Emergency Room as well as the hospital's Command Center.

7. Parks and Recreation Department

Recreation Coordinator Michelle Leach held the youth flag football volunteer coaches meeting on Thursday, March 19, 2009. Those in attendance were able to review rules for the league, picked practice times and received equipment, light keys and schedules. There are currently 99 kids, 16 volunteer coaches and 9 teams registered for this league. Practices will begin the week of March 23, 2009. Games will be played on Friday nights and Saturday mornings starting April 17, 2009 and ending June 6, 2009. All games and practices are held at Rob Sullivan Community Park. If you are still interested in this program, please contact Recreation Coordinator Michelle Leach at 386-668-2040 to place your child on a waiting list.

"Playground Pals", a new and fun activity for toddlers (2-3 yr olds) and their parents, will have its registration from April 13, 2009-April 24, 2009, Monday-Friday from 2-5pm. Registration will take place at the Florence K. Little Town Hall (new Community Center) located at 12 Colomba Road. Cost is \$20 per child. Children and parents registered will visit various parks around the City every Thursday morning from 10:30am-11:30am. Activities include story time, arts & crafts, physical games, snacks and playground time. For further information, please contact Recreation Coordinator Michelle Leach at 386-668-2040.

Final preparations are being made for the 2009 Father/Daughter Dance. This event will be held at Town Hall on March 27, 2009 from 6-9pm. Elementary age girls living in DeBary are welcome to attend. This year's theme is "Mardi Gras." Girls and their fathers will enjoy a free night of music, dancing, refreshments, snacks, contests and prizes. Free pictures from Hansen's Fine Portraits will also be made available. There are only 15 tickets remaining! We have already given out 165 tickets to members of the community for this free night of fun. If you are still interested, please pick up your ticket today!

Planning continues for the 2009 Volunteer Appreciation Day. This event is for those citizens who have helped the City of DeBary in various projects, events or committees throughout the year. The event is scheduled for May 16, 2009 from 11am-2pm at the River City Nature Park. Volunteers will enjoy a nice afternoon of music and food. In addition, volunteers will participate in the 1st Annual Volunteer Frisbee Disc Golf Tournament. Invitations for this event went out on Monday, March 16, 2009.

The 50+ Crowd meets every Monday from 12-3pm at the DeBary Civic Center. Adults over the age of 50 are welcome. Attendees have the opportunity to play free games while enjoying free food and meeting new friends. For further information, contact Recreation Coordinator Michelle Leach at 386-668-2040.

Scheduling for the 2009 Summer Camp continues. Boys & girls entering 1st grade-entering 5th grade and/or ages 6-11 will be able to participate in various indoor and outdoor activities including but not limited to field trips, arts & crafts, playground time and movies. Registration will take place the month of May and specific times will be posted at a later date. For further information, please contact Recreation Coordinator Michelle Leach at 386-668-2040. Scheduling of interviews for the vacant counselor positions have already begun.

Parks and Recreation Director John Fletcher attended the VCRDA Meeting on March 18th in Deland. Discussion held was on impending budget issues.

Parks Superintendent Tom VanDeHey attended the Keep Volusia County Beautiful meeting on March 17, 2009 at the Tomoka Landfill in Daytona. Topics discussed included the beach cleanup in Ponce Inlet on March 21st, the hazardous waste collection on Apr. 4th from 9am-3pm in DeBary and the Volusia County plant sale at the Volusia County Fairgrounds also on April 4th from 8am-11am. Additional events discussed were the Turtle Day in Ponce Inlet on Apr. 18th and the St. Johns River cleanup on June 6th from 8am-11:30am at Lake Monroe Park in DeBary.

Parks and Recreation Maintenance staff members Wayne Dunlap and Joel Williams recently tested and earned their Pest Control Applicator Certifications. They are in the process of registering with the State Bureau of Entomology.

8. Drainage Improvement Projects

Design Projects:

Monroe/Catalina/Pond OS Project

The St. Johns River Water Management District ERP has been approved, the permit has been issued. GAI is awaiting a Bid number from the City in order to prepare construction plans for advertising.

Community Drive

SJRWMD has granted staff approval to the permit application. Permit modification has been approved in a letter from SJRWMD dated March 11, 2009.

Hollow Pine

The St. Johns River Water Management District ERP application package was submitted to the City on March 10, 2009. The City will submit package with signatures and fee to the District.

Pine Valley Court

Several design alternatives were also discussed in which to optimize the stormwater system, without impacting the roadway. GAI will be evaluating these alternatives.

GAI is in the process of finalizing the ERP application package including construction plans and stormwater management calculations. We anticipate submitting the package to the City by March 24th.

Crystal Pine Drive (Unnamed Lake #4)

Also discussed in the above-referenced meeting was the possibility of locating a treatment pond along Spruce Lane between Community Drive and Park Lane. This property is not recorded on the plat, therefore, ownership is unknown at this point. A title search will be conducted. The City will also research the possibility of obtaining a pond site in the area.

Preliminary research has shown that this may be a difficult and costly task. We understand that the City Attorney is investigating.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mar 20 Friday 8 PM	Gateway Orchestra Presentation “Musical Movie Magic” Gateway Center for the Arts, 880 N. Hwy. 17/92
Mar 21 Saturday 8 AM to 2 PM	Post 8093 Garage Sale – Ladies Auxiliary VFW Post 8093, 351 S. Highway 17/92
Mar 21 Saturday 10 AM to Noon	DeBary City Hall Grand Opening and Dedication Ceremony 16 Colomba Road
Mar 23 Monday 11:30 AM doors open 12:00 PM Lunch program	Chair Bruno - State of the County Address Ocean Center, DAB
Mar 24 Tuesday 8 AM	Volusia County MPO Meeting 2570 W. International Speedway Blvd. Suite 120 DAB
Mar 25 Wednesday 6 PM	City Council Workshop 16 Colomba Road
Mar 26 Thursday 6:30 to 9 PM	FLOC Dinner Meeting - Hosted by Holly Hill Halifax River Yacht Club
Mar 26 Thursday 7 – 9 PM	Orlandia Heights Meeting Town Hall
Mar 27 Friday 6 – 9 PM	Father-Daughter Dance Florence K. Little Town Hall, 12 Colomba Road
Mar 28 Saturday 9 AM to Noon	Weather Radio Distribution for Seniors with Property Tax Exemption City Hall, 16 Colomba Road
Mar 30 Monday 7 – 9 PM	Mayor’s Roundtable for residents in the SW quadrant of City Moose Lodge 655, 201 Benson Junction Road
Apl 2 Thursday 7 – 11 PM	City Council Meeting 16 Colomba Road
Apl 4 Saturday 9 AM to 3 PM	Clean Up DeBary Day/Hazardous Waste Collection Day Rain or Shine Florence K. Little Town Hall 12 Colomba Road
Apl 6 Monday 7 – 9 PM	Mayor’s Roundtable for residents in the NE quadrant of City Florence K. Little Town Hall, 12 Colomba Road
Apl 7 Tuesday 9 – 10 AM	Development Review Committee Meeting 16 Colomba Road