

To: Mayor and City Council
From: Maryann Courson, City Manager
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1. West Volusia Chamber of Commerce Green Initiative Workshop

I attended a workshop held by the Chamber of Commerce for West Volusia leaders and elected officials concerning Green Initiatives. Presentations were made by Progress Energy Efficiency Specialists, Lindsey Roberts of Water Authority of Volusia, St. Johns River Water Management District concerning Florida Water Star Program, Gel Recycling and Coldwell Banker concerning sustainable practices at a business level. Small practices can make an impact. By replacing seven(7) iridescent light bulbs with energy-saving fluorescents you can save \$70 per year on your electric bill. The next steps would include community education, creation & implementation of practices for all government buildings, Green Business Fair, business recycling, green development standards and green collaboration between private and public sectors.

2. Mayor's Roundtable

Mayor Garcia's Roundtable will be held Monday, April 6th at 7 PM at Florence K. Little Town Hall, 12 Colomba Road. Residents living in the Northeast quadrant of the City of DeBary are invited to attend.

3. Activities in DeBary

**Saturday, April 4th
9 AM to 3 PM
Rain or Shine**

**Clean Up DeBary Day/
Hazardous Waste Collection Day
Florence K. Little Town Hall, 12 Colomba Rd.**

**Saturday, April 4
10 AM
1 PM**

**Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Bunny Tea
Gemini Springs Park
DeBary Hall Historic Site, 210 Sunrise Blvd.**

**Saturday, April 4
7 PM**

**New River Bluegrass Band Concert
Gateway Center for the Arts, 880 N Hwy. 17/92**

**Sunday, April 5
7:30 to 11:30 AM**

**P a n c a k e B r e a k f a s t
DeBary Volunteer Firemen's Association, Inc.**

**Wednesday, April 8
1 to 3 PM**

**T e e n C a r e e r F a i r
DeLand Public Library Auditorium
30 E. Howry Ave.**

Practical tips for teens who are planning ahead for their careers.

4. March 30th Roundtable

On Monday, March 30th, Mayor Garcia's first Roundtable was held at Moose lodge 655. The Roundtable was chaired by Mayor Bob Garcia and Assistant City Manager Anthony Gonzalez. Part of the Roundtable session was set aside to discuss the City's Strategic Plan for the future of DeBary. Residents were asked to participate in a tabletop exercise and discuss what they would like the City to look like ten years in the future. Twenty residents participated in the Roundtable. The next Roundtable will be held on Monday, April 6th at Florence K. Little Town Hall.

5. Permit Revenue

In March 2009, the Building Department issued 133 permits and collected \$13,815.

6. Safety Coordinator

At the weekly HAM radio operators meeting, a presentation was given on aircraft carrier night operations and communications. A video as well as a presentation was given by a retired Navy HAM radio operator.

Lt Williams of the Volusia County Sheriff's Office gave a very informative presentation on how to recession-proof your valuables. The presentation included a common sense approach on actions and activities to safeguard all your valuables. The presentation focused on everyday occurrences and activities to target hardening homes and vehicles.

The topic for this month's CERT training was C-Spine immobilization. Training included a PowerPoint presentation on types of injuries, mechanism of injury, scene safety, and signs and symptoms of C-Spine injuries. A back boarding and C-Spine immobilization hands-on exercise was included in the training.

Safety Coordinator Alan Williamson attended the monthly PIO meeting. Agenda topics included a presentation by the Division of Forestry as well as the Volusia County Multicultural Task Force.

A huge THANK YOU to the members of the Public Safety Advisory Committee for assisting in the distribution of NOAA weather radios. Just over 100 radios were distributed to residents of DeBary, and 220 were distributed to DeBary Elementary School families that met specific school criteria.

7. Pickup of Illegal Signs

Attached is a spreadsheet detailing pickup of illegal signs on the City's rights-of-way through March 2009.

8. Parks and Recreation Department

Planning has begun for the 2009 Mother/Son Dance. This event is geared toward elementary -ged boys and their mothers living in DeBary. The dance will be held on May 8, 2009 from 6-9 pm at the Florence K. Little Town Hall. Tickets will be made available next week. **TICKETS ARE LIMITED!** For further information, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 386-668-2040!

The Parks and Recreation Department is receiving RSVP's for the 2009 Volunteer Appreciation Day. If you have received an invitation, please return bottom portion to Parks and Recreation no later than May 1, 2009. 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 11 am-2 m 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.

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 Parks and Recreation at 386-668-2040.

Final preparations are being made for this popular summer camp program. The 2009 Summer Camp is designed for boys & girls entering 1st grade-entering 5th grade. Campers 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 starting on May 4th. The times for registration are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:30 am-12 pm and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1-5 pm. All registrations will take place at the Florence K. Little Town Hall located at 12 Colomba Road. The cost of the program is \$60 per week! For further information, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 386-668-2040.

“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 2-5 pm. 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 10:30 am-11:30 am. 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.

Parks Superintendent Tom VanDeHey and the parks maintenance staff made final preparations for the DeBary Little League Tournament being held at Rob Sullivan Park on April 3rd, 4th and 5th and co-sponsored by the City of DeBary.

9. 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. The City has asked GAI to expedite the bid process.

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: The St. Johns River Water Management District ERP response package was submitted to the District and the City on March 26, 2009. **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 difficult and costly task. We understand that the City attorney is investigating.

Construction Updates:

Stormwater Capital Improvement Program - Weekly Project Report – 03-30-09 to 04-03-09

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

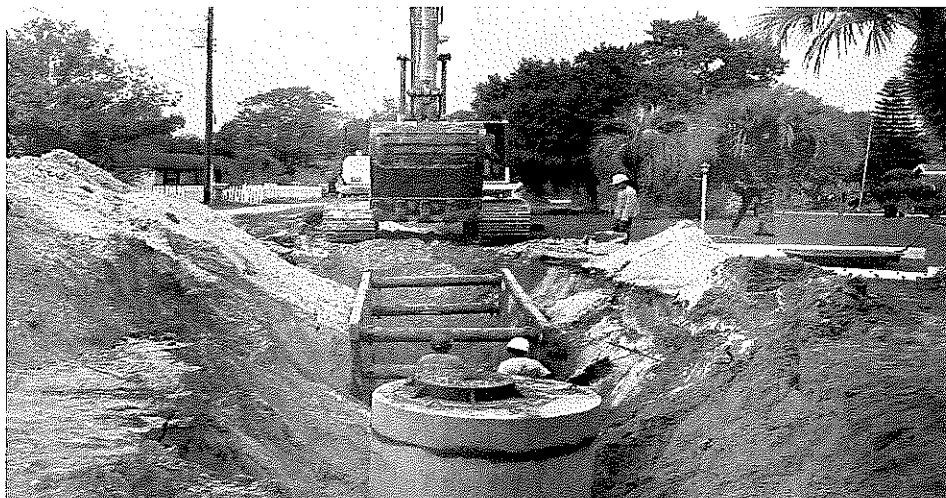
Barracuda Building Corp. continued construction of the Bougainvillea Drive stormwater project. Restoration was in progress as several driveways. Road crossings were restored this week along Bougainvillea Drive and Dogwood Trail. Fine grading was completed and sod placement was in progress along sections of Dogwood Trail.

Progress Energy removed two power poles that are in conflict with proposed stormwater structures. Barracuda submitted satisfactory test results for bacteriological testing of the new water mains. Hydrostatic testing has been completed and results of the tests were forwarded to Volusia County Public Utilities for approval. The new water mains must be placed in service before the stormwater work can be completed for sections of the project.

The Contractor was notified Friday morning that their erosion control was not sufficient for the outfall to Lake Susan on Dogwood Trail. The existing storm system near the lowest point of Dogwood Trail received some sediment from erosion caused by a heavy shower. Barracuda Building Corp. was directed to take immediate action of placing hay bales near the outfall structure and placing a turbidity barrier as required in Lake Susan to contain the sediment. The contractor is responsible to remove the sediment from the lake. GAI will continue to monitor erosion, sediment control measures and clean up as well as maintenance of traffic for the project.

Matanzas Road Capital Improvement Drainage Project #8

Wal-Rose, Inc. continues to make good progress on the project. Deep excavation was required to install a section of the stormwater overflow piping and manholes along Eldorado Drive. Day time road closure was necessary for Eldorado Drive from Amigos Road to Duval Lane due to the size of the operation. The picture below shows work in progress.



Valencia/Plumosa Capital Improvement Drainage Project #17

CWB Contractors, Inc. and their supplier Mack Concrete have begun production of the precast concrete drainage structures. Minor modifications were required for some of the structures. The date for Notice to Proceed has not been set at this time although the contractor is expected to mobilize and begin work on site within the next two weeks.

Magnolia/Aster/Dahlia Capital Improvement Drainage Project #12

Masci Construction continued to make good progress on underground construction along Aster Drive and Dahlia Drive. On Thursday afternoon the contractor accidentally cut a telephone cable. Utilities were notified according to the Sunshine One Call requirements but this cable was apparently unmarked. AT&T was notified by Masci Construction and repairs were expected by Friday morning. Restoration of the project was again in progress this week. Fine grading and general clean-up of the disturbed areas was continuing. Sod is expected next week.

Monroe Avenue, Catalina Drive, and Pond OS Capital Improvement Drainage Project #14 and #18

GAI began a final constructability review of the plans for the project which has been assigned Bid No. 05-09. Maintenance of traffic for Shell Road was the primary focus of the review this week. The overflow piping along Shell Road is currently designed for open cut excavation however the depth of excavation for sections of the pipe would require a complete road closure and access for residents would be limited. Alternative methods for installing the deep sections of the piping are under consideration to minimize the impact to residents.

Gene Leighton
Signs

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
	# of Signs	# of Signs	# of Signs	# of Signs	# of Signs	# of Signs
January		585	350	410	321	197
February		417	354	289	230	240
March		405	412	335	412	311
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	
	1,503	4,456	4,365	3,546	3,710	748

City of DeBary, Florida

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 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 4 Saturday**
10 AM
1 PM
Easter Egg Hunt “Eggstravaganza” - Free
Gemini Springs Park – then to DeBary Hall Historic Site
Easter Bunny Tea – tickets are \$15 per person (special rates apply)
(games, crafts, complimentary photo) Hosted by Volusia County
- Apl 4 Saturday**
7 PM
New River Bluegrass Band Concert
Gateway Center for the Arts 880 N Hwy. 17/92
- Apl 5 Sunday**
7:30 to 11:30 AM
Pancake Breakfast - DeBary Volunteer Firemen
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
The Northeast quadrant of the City of DeBary is invited to attend.
- Apl 7 Tuesday**
9 – 10 AM
Development Review Committee Meeting
16 Colomba Road
- Apl 8 Wednesday**
1 to 3 PM
T e e n C a r e e r F a i r
DeLand Public Library Auditorium, 30 E. Howry Ave.
Practical tips for teens who are planning ahead for their careers.
- Apl 8 Wednesday**
3 PM
MPO Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting
2570 W. International Speedway Blvd. Suite 120 DAB
- Apl 8 Wednesday**
6 – 8 PM
Code Enforcement Board Meeting
16 Colomba Road
- Apl 13 Monday**
7 – 9 PM
Mayor’s Roundtable for residents in the SE quadrant
Veterans of Foreign Wars, 351 South Highway 17/92
The Southeast quadrant of the City of DeBary is invited to attend.
- Apl 15 Wednesday**
10 AM
Master Gardener Class “Turf”
DeBary Hall Historic Site, 210 Sunrise Blvd.
Class will held on the outside Patio behind the Gift Shop.
- Apl 14 Tuesday**
5:30 – 7:30 PM
Streetscape Advisory Committee Meeting
16 Colomba Road
- Apl 15 Wednesday**
7 – 11 PM
City Council Meeting
16 Colomba Road