



City of DeBary Newsletter

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DeBARY 2011 AUTUMN HARVEST FESTIVAL

Saturday, November 5th Begins at 4 PM Fireworks at 9 PM Gemini Springs Park, 37 Dirksen Drive

Bring your family and friends, get out your boots and jeans, and get ready for the Inaugural **Autumn Harvest Festival** to be held Saturday, November 5th. The Main Stage will feature performances by *Rog Lee*, *The Revolution* and *Christopher Cummings*. Activities for all ages are planned. The children's area will have games, bouncy houses and a rock-climbing wall. Take a ride on the Interactive Hayride; loads of fun for adults and for children. There will be a wide variety of food vendors, such as pumpkin pies, and general vendors. Country karaoke will be on hand for everyone to enjoy.

The judging for the **Scarecrow Decorating Contest** starts at 6 PM. Create and decorate your own scarecrow and bring it to the Festival. Scarecrows can be set up at the designated area by the Main Stage. At 9 PM, Creative Pyrotechnics will present a Fall Fireworks Presentation with an array of the season's colors as well as a variety of special effects that will light up the sky, all choreographed to a musical score.

This event will be produced and coordinated by the Community Partnership Program in cooperation with the City of DeBary, County of Volusia and Progress Energy. To become a Sponsor of this event, please contact Robert Rinaldo at rinaldo@comcast.net. There is no fee for entry to the Park or for vehicle parking; donations are gratefully accepted.

DeBARY 2011 CHRISTMAS PARADE

Parade Date: Sunday, December 11th at 3 PM

Parade Route: Spring Vista north along South US Highway 17/92 to Poinsettia Drive

The Theme of the 2011 Christmas Parade is "**CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD.**" If you would like to participate in the Parade, Entry Forms will be available beginning Tuesday, **November 1st** through **November 30th** at DeBary City Hall, 16 Colomba Road during weekdays 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

There is NO fee to enter the Parade. We invite individuals, schools, local businesses, non-profit and professional groups to participate. ♦All floats, vehicles, etc., must be decorated. Entries will be judged on originality, theme and overall appearance. ♦Trophies will be presented to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in each of the following categories: Adult Civic - Youth Civic - School - Adult/Youth - Commercial. Please submit your Entry Form to Recreation Coordinator Michelle Leach at DeBary City Hall, 16 Colomba Road. If you have any questions, please call (386) 668-2040 Option 4.

ARE YOUR CAR DOORS LOCKED? WHY NOT?

♦The economy is causing a spike in home and car burglaries. Residents need to take steps to protect their property. Never leave your car unlocked or running when unattended. Never leave windows rolled down. Never leave keys in the ignition.

♦Keep valuables out of sight. Lock them in the trunk or store them in the glove compartment or under the seat. If possible, have your windows tinted. ♦If you have a garage, use it and lock it. Don't leave spare keys in the car. Don't use an outside hiding spot. ♦If you park in your driveway, turn on your exterior home lights and keep landscaping trimmed low.

♦Consider investing in an anti-theft device; a steering wheel lock or motion-detecting alarm system. ♦Do park in well-lit areas. Try not to park on an isolated out-of-the-way street. Avoid parking in an unattended parking lot for a long period.

WATCH CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS "LIVE"

See debary.org for meeting agendas/minutes. To view City Council meetings LIVE and to view the City Council meeting archives, see the website's Home Page Web Site Directory and select *City Council Meeting - Live Webcast*. Council meetings are held 1st Wednesdays of each month at 7 PM in the Council Chambers at DeBary City Hall located at 16 Colomba Road.

ESSAY CONTEST "DeBARY HISTORY IN YOUR OWN BACKYARD"

The City's Historic Preservation Advisory Board is sponsoring an essay contest for kids. Students in elementary, middle and high school are invited to participate, and winners will be chosen in each of the three age groups. Prizes will be awarded. The three (3) first place students will be riding in the Christmas Parade with the City Council. For more information, go to the City's website at www.debary.org or call (386) 668-2040 ext. 309. Essays must be received at City Hall by November 15, 2011. They may also be emailed to debaryhistory@debary.org.

STAY AWAY FROM THE BLACK BEAR!

REMEMBER, IT IS ILLEGAL TO FEED BEARS IN FLORIDA.

Currently, Black Bears are protected in Florida and may not be harmed or killed.

Feeding Bears, either by direct handouts or by leaving attractants such as garbage and pet food unsecured, **is against the law and causes Bear conflicts**. It's bad for Bears and bad for people. **There are NO "Tame" wild Bears.**

• The mere presence of a Black Bear most likely means the Bear is passing through and, if it does not find food, it will move on. If a Bear is in a tree, leave it alone. Remove people and dogs from the area. The Bear will usually come down and leave after dark when it feels safe. Encourage the Bear to leave by banging pots and pans, or blow an air horn or whistle.

► **DO NOT RUN FROM A BEAR – YOU CAN'T OUTFRAN A BEAR** - Bears can sprint at speeds of up to 30 mph. **DO NOT CLIMB A TREE** to get away from a Bear - Adult Black Bears can climb a 100-foot tree in less than 30 seconds.

► **DON'T 'PLAY DEAD' and don't turn your back on the Bear. Avoid direct eye contact.** Back away from the Bear.

If the Bear paws the ground, huffs and puffs, clacks and snorts, or runs directly at you, he's doing what is called a "bluff charge" to try to scare you off. If you stand your ground, the Bear will probably stop a few feet from you and turn the other direction and run away. **DON'T RUN.....**If the Bear is clacking teeth, popping noises, moaning, woofing or barking sounds, these are all vocal cues that mean the Bear is as uncomfortable with the situation as you are. They are not indications of aggressive intent or an imminent attack. Truly aggressive Black Bears are eerily silent.

IF A BLACK BEAR ATTACKS YOU... Fight back. Even if you don't have Bear repellent spray, people have successfully fended off Black Bear attacks using their bare hands, rocks, backpacks and even water bottles!

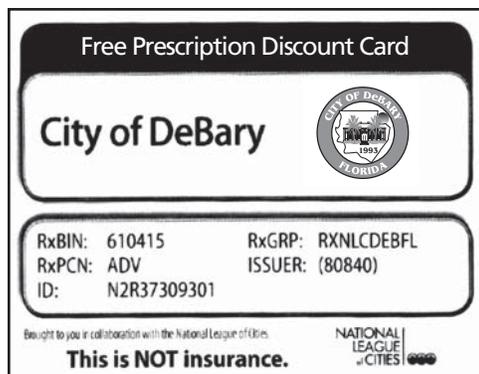
► If you have problems with Bears, call the FWC Regional Office at 1-352-732-1225. If you would like more information about the Black Bear, please go to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission www.MyFWC.com.

PRESCRIPTION DISCOUNT CARD!

The City of DeBary has a new program to offer savings on prescription drugs to residents who are without health insurance, a traditional benefits plan, or have prescriptions that are not covered by insurance.

The Prescription Discount Card is made available to residents by the City of DeBary in collaboration with the National League of Cities (NLC) and is made possible through the City's membership in NLC.

The card is FREE to all DeBary residents, regardless of age, income or existing health insurance. By using this card you may save an average of 20% off the regular retail price of prescription drugs at participating pharmacies.



To discover the savings and learn more about the program, go to <http://www.caremark.com/nlc/> to access the program online and print a card, check drug prices and locate participating pharmacies. Residents may also pick up a card at the following locations in the City of DeBary: City Hall, 16 Colomba Road; Winn-Dixie Pharmacy, 2 North US 17/92; Walgreens, 15 North US 17/92 or, for more information, call toll free 1-888-620-1749. This is not insurance. Discounts are only available at participating pharmacies. By using this card, participants agree to pay the entire prescription cost less any applicable discount. Savings may vary by drug and pharmacy.

DeBARY PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

For information on the City's recreational activities, please contact Parks & Recreation
Coordinator Michelle Leach (386) 668-2040 ext. 322 or email mleach@debary.org.

DANCE TO HEALTH

Classes for women 50 years & older will begin Thursday, October 6 at Florence K. Little Town Hall, 12 Colomba Road. Pre-Register October 3, 4 or 5 at City Hall. You may also register on-site 30 minutes before class (if space is available). Cost is \$10 per session; each session consists of 10 classes. Session I: 11 AM - 12 PM on Thursdays and Session II: 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM on Thursdays. This class is instructed by volunteer instructor Loie Polinsky. For more information, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (386) 668-2040 Option 4.

SOCCER CLINIC

For Boys and Girls ages 3 – 5. Register October 11 through 21 at City Hall, 16 Colomba Road. Clinics will be held Wednesday, October 26 thru November 30: Age 3: 4:30 pm - 5:15 pm, Age 4: 5:20 pm - 6:20 pm, Age 5: 6:25 pm - 7:25 pm. Cost is \$25 per child. Clinic will be held at Rob Sullivan Community Park, 200 W. Highbanks Road. For more information, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (386) 668-2040 Option 4.

“PARENTS NIGHT OUT”

“Parents Night Out” will be held the last Saturday of every month from October 2011 - September 2012 (excluding summer months) from 5:30 PM – 9 PM at Florence K. Little Town Hall, 12 Colomba Road. Parents can drop off their children, in 1st-5th grade, for a night of supervised games, a movie and popcorn. Parents can take this time to enjoy a night to themselves! Cost is \$15 per child per month! Registration will be ongoing starting October 3, 2011 at DeBary City Hall. For more information, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (386) 668-2040 Option 4.

COMMUNITY YARD SALE

Spaces to rent available beginning October 3. Sale will be held Saturday, November 5 from 8 AM to 1 PM. DeBary residents have an opportunity to sell their unwanted items at the Sale. ► 2 proofs of residency are required. Cost is \$10 per space. SPACES TO RENT will be at City Hall in the front and side parking lots at 16 Colomba Road. PARKING will be available for participants and attendees at Florence K. Little Town Hall, 12 Colomba Rd., DeBary. For more information, contact the Parks & Recreation Dept. at (386) 668-2040 Option 4.

BOOK SALE

The Book Sale will be held Saturday, November 12 from 9:30 AM to 3 PM at the DeBary Public Library, 200 N. Hwy. 17/92 in the auditorium. Sponsored by DeBary Public Library Association, Inc. Books for all ages – nothing over \$3.00. Funds raised will be used for expansion of the Children's Summer Programs and the Public Library. Call Jerry Lombardi at (386) 668-7817 for more information.



The **ReStore** is a fundraising entity of the local Habitat Affiliate. By accepting donations of new and gently-used items and selling them to the public, the ReStore raises funding that goes towards Habitat's mission of eliminating poverty housing. To donate to the ReStore, drop off items at the Donation Center located in the back of the ReStore parking lot - Southwest Volusia Habitat for Humanity ReStore, 196 W. Blue Springs Ave., Orange City, FL 32763 Monday thru Saturday 10:00am to 4:00pm. All donations are tax deductible. To schedule a pickup for larger items, call the Donation Hotline at (386) 774-0083.

Please see www.swvhabitat.org for guidelines for donations such as Clothing-Appliances-Lumber-Shoes-Cabinets-Plumbing-Jewelry-Countertops-Tools-Linens-Doors-Windows-Housewares-Flooring-Cars-Home-Décor-Hardware-Trucks-Furniture-Lighting-RV's-Cash-Land/Houses-Estates. If you would like to be a Volunteer, please call (386) 774-0083.

YOU CAN REGISTER YOUR PHONE NUMBER TO BE NOTIFIED OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY.

To be alerted by phone of an emergency situation, please call DeBary Safety Coordinator Alan Williamson at (386) 668-2040 ext. 323 to have your telephone number added to the call list. Reverse 911® calls are automatically forwarded to residents for notification of emergencies and news of general interest. Reverse 911® Interactive Community Notification.

RUNOFF ELECTION Tuesday, November 8, 2011

All Polling Places Open at 7 AM and Close at 7 PM.

#304 #305 #306 #311 St. Ann's Catholic Church, 26 Dogwood Trail

#307 #310 Florence K. Little Town Hall, 12 Colomba Road

► DeBary Council Seat 4 will be on the ballot.

Term for Seat 4 will begin 01-01-12 and end 12-31-14.

► AMENDMENT CHANGING DEBARY CITY COUNCIL TERMS OF OFFICE FROM 3 YEARS TO 4 YEARS.

A vote of "yes" would approve an amendment to DeBary's City Charter changing the terms of office for City Council Members from 3 years to 4 years commencing in 2015 for City Council Seats 3, 4 and 5, and in 2017 for City Council Seats 1 and 2, thereby causing the City's general elections to coincide with countywide elections held in even-numbered years with the expectation of increasing voter turnout and reducing election expenses.

EARLY VOTING DATES/LOCATION

October 31 through November 5
Monday through Saturday
8 AM to 4 PM

DeLand area, Department of Elections
Historic Courthouse, 125 W. New York Avenue

For questions about early voting, absentee ballots,
ID cards, or your voter registration, please contact:

Supervisor, 125 W. New York Avenue
DeLand, FL 32720

Phone: (386) 736-5930 Fax: (386) 822-5715

To request an Absentee Ballot online, click on

<http://www.volusia.org/elections/ElectionInformation/absenteeerequest.htm>

IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR VOTERS

Voters will be asked to present a form of acceptable, current and valid photo and signature identification, listed below:

Florida Driver's License	United States Passport
Debit or Credit Card	Military Identification
Student Identification	Retirement Center ID
Neighborhood Assoc. ID	Public Assistance ID
Florida ID Card from Dept. of Hwy. Safety & Motor Vehicles	

If the picture identification does not contain a signature, you will be asked to provide an additional identification with your signature. If you do not have the proper identification, you will be allowed to vote a provisional ballot. The local canvassing board will compare your signature on the provisional ballot certificate with the signature on your voter registration record. If the signatures match, your provisional ballot will be counted.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS.....You must be a registered voter in Volusia County to vote by Absentee Ballot. Call (386) 736-5930 to request an Absentee Ballot. By Fax: (386) 626-6635 By Letter to: Supervisor of Elections, Historic Courthouse, 125 W. New York Avenue, DeLand, FL 32720-5415.

●An Absentee Ballot Request must be received by the Department of Elections no later than 5 PM on the sixth (6th) day prior to the election. ●A voter must provide name, permanent Volusia County residence address, date of birth or voter registration number, address where the Ballot is to be mailed, and signature (if written request). ●If a voter decides to vote at their precinct or at an Early Voting Site, the Absentee Ballot should be taken with them to be turned in and cancelled. A replacement Ballot will be issued.



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