



# CITY of DeBARY

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## FALL 2015 NEWSLETTER



DeBary's New Public Safety Building

### Events Calendar

#### NOVEMBER

November 1 .....Daylight Saving Time Begins  
Set Clocks back 1 hour

November 4 .....Artist Reception  
6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers

November 4 .....City Council Meeting  
7:00 p.m.

November 7 ..... Classical Music  
3:00 p.m. at the Gazebo at DeBary Community Park

November 8 ..... DeBary Volunteer  
Fireman's Pancake Breakfast  
7:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

November 9 ..... Pet Vet Cruiser  
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

November 11 ..... City offices closed  
Veterans Day

November 26 & 27 ..... City offices closed  
Thanksgiving

#### DECEMBER

December 2 .....City Council Meeting  
7:00 p.m.

December 5 .....DeBary Tree Lighting  
Ceremony and Chili Cook-Off  
2:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

December 13 ..... City of DeBary Christmas  
Parade 3:00 p.m.

December 25 ..... City offices closed  
Christmas

#### JANUARY

January 1 ..... City offices closed  
New Year's Day

January 18 ..... City offices closed  
Martin Luther King Jr. Day

### Event Registration Dates

October 26 - December 7  
2015 Christmas Parade - Free to Register

October 26 - December 3  
Chili Cook-Off at the Tree Lighting Ceremony -  
Free to Register  
Holiday Light Display Contest - Free to Register

November 16 - January 4  
Adult Kickball League

November 16 - January 7  
Youth Dodgeball League

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current events and programs.

## New Fire Station Planned

The design team at CPH Engineering is wrapping up the design of the new fire station to be located adjacent to the new public safety building. The new fire station will replace the existing station at the corner of Colomba and US17/92 which was constructed in 1975. The station is staffed 24 hours a day using three shifts. The team has been working with City staff, Orange City Fire Chief Johnson and Deputy Chief Long, as well as the DeBary Volunteers Firefighter Association.

The new station will include:

- Conference/Training Room
- Decontamination Room
- Kitchen/Dining/Living Area
- Weight Room
- 2 - Offices
- 2 - Work Station Areas
- 3 - Drive Thru Bays
- 3 - Shower/Restroom Combinations
- 6 - Individual Sleeping Quarters
- 25 - Bunker Gear Locker



## Public Safety Building Construction Completed



The District VI Volusia County Sheriff's Office in DeBary has relocated and the deputies are already putting their office space to good use. Contractors were able to finish the building ahead of schedule, which allowed the Sheriff's Office to move into their new building earlier than anticipated. Their new space includes a conference room, briefing room, interview rooms, holding cells, evidence storage as well as office space for the department. An open house for the public was held on October 17. The new address is 79 S. Charles Beall Blvd., DeBary, FL 32713; the phone number remains the same, (386) 668-3830.

## Spotlight on DeBary Businesses

In an effort to support and promote local businesses in DeBary, the City invites existing local business owners an opportunity to have their business highlighted in the next quarterly newsletter. Business owners should e-mail a brief biography of their business, the location, goods or services offered, length of time in business, along with any other pertinent information to [ahatch@debary.org](mailto:ahatch@debary.org). Deadline for submission is December 15, 2015, in order to be considered for our January 2016 newsletter.



## Business Services and Programs

If you are thinking about starting a new business in DeBary, expanding an existing business or interested in learning about a variety of great services and programs available at little or no cost, the City of DeBary can provide assistance.

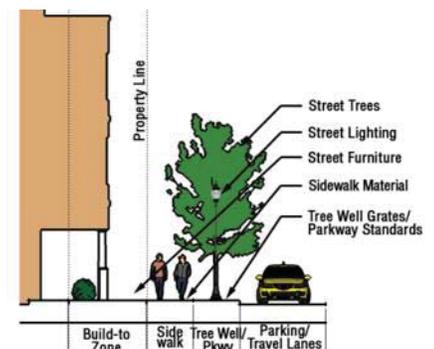


The City of DeBary's Economic Development Department is considering a workshop to introduce our business owners and managers to several programs provided by Career Source, The Small Business Development Center, Volusia County Economic Development and more. Please email [ahatch@debary.org](mailto:ahatch@debary.org) to obtain additional information.

## Moving Forward with DeBary's SunRail and Transit Oriented Development

A community workshop was held at City Hall in mid-October where the DeBary Community and local adjacent municipalities came together and provided positive input and ideas for a Master Plan to encourage and manage the future development of the area surrounding the DeBary SunRail Station.

The Volusia County Association for Responsible Development (VCARD) held an educational and informational forum in October about existing, past and future transit oriented development. The City of DeBary's TOD Area was highlighted during the presentation providing additional insight on planning and preparing more efficiently for development in DeBary's TOD Area.



## Council Adopts Fiscal Year 2015-16 Budget

On September 16, 2015, the City Council adopted a final ad valorem millage rate of 2.9247, which is the same rate as last fiscal year. The budget was developed as a result of policy decisions made in previous years and priorities developed by the Council during various workshops throughout the year. This budget continues the effort of the City Council to contain operating expenditures, maintain the lowest ad valorem rate possible, increase capital investment in the community and focus on development within the TOD Area around the Sunrail Station.

Through sound planning and marketing, the TOD Area can produce significant tax revenue that will reduce the tax burden on homeowners by creating a healthier balance of commercial property.

The budget allows for maintaining the investment the city has made in its stormwater infrastructure. The budget also plans for capital investment in a new fire station and additional information technology resources. The complete budget can be found at the City's website, [debary.org](http://debary.org). A budget summary is as follows:

ADOPTED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-16				
	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Capital/Debt Funds	Total
Revenues	\$ 11,997,379	\$ 5,144,938	\$ 874,600	\$ 18,016,917
Carry Forward	5,070,888	3,161,776	650,000	8,882,664
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 17,068,267</b>	<b>\$ 8,306,714</b>	<b>\$ 1,524,600</b>	<b>\$ 26,899,581</b>
Expenditures	\$ 11,997,773	\$ 5,538,929	\$ 1,524,600	\$ 19,061,302
Reserves	5,070,494	2,767,785	-	7,838,279
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 17,068,267</b>	<b>\$ 8,306,714</b>	<b>\$ 1,524,600</b>	<b>\$ 26,899,581</b>

## TOD Master Development Plan to be Established

In 2010 the City of DeBary was in the process of evaluating its existing Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Code criteria as it pertains to transit oriented development near the future \$1.6 billion SunRail commuter rail system. After the evaluation it was determined that the existing future land use and zoning categories as well as the development criteria for properties adjacent to the proposed DeBary train station were incompatible. Many of these existing future land use and zoning designations limited density and intensity of development, required large setbacks from property lines, had large parking requirements and generally promoted developments geared more towards the automobile and trucking modes of transportation rather than the proposed train station. Therefore, proposed changes to the plans were made to promote transit compatible land uses and development criteria. This was done by integrating land use and transit through the combination of residential and nonresidential uses that would be within a comfortable walking distance (10 minutes) and would maximize access to public transportation.

The next phase of the City's TOD economic development initiative is to establish a TOD Master Development Plan. This will help to ensure that a uniform development pattern conducive to transit oriented development. An overall master plan for the area will identify infrastructure needs such as roadways, bicycle and pedestrian trails, sidewalks, stormwater ponds, conservation areas and green spaces. Additionally, a master plan will allow the City to ensure that all of these components of the plan are seamlessly integrated. For example, conservation areas, green spaces, bicycle trails and varying types of development should all be interconnected in a practical manner. However, prior to creating a master plan, a market feasibility analysis is needed so that a viable plan representing current and projected market conditions can be realistically formed. Once the market study is complete, the next phase will be to comprise a plan that represents both the development types that are feasible as well as ensuring that it meets the needs and expectations of the citizens of DeBary.

## Grant Funding Generates Additions to Rob Sullivan Park

Dollars provided from the Volusia ECHO grant have assisted the City of DeBary with providing two new multi-purpose fields at Rob Sullivan Park complete with irrigation. These fields will be open for use in August of 2016 to allow for the proper growth of the field turf. Volusia ECHO provides grant funds to finance acquisition, restoration, construction or improvement of facilities to be used for environmental, cultural, historical and outdoor recreational purposes.

Rob Sullivan Park also added a new handicap accessible picnic pavilion with funding provided by a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). This pavilion was placed by the newly constructed basketball court to enhance the court usage and provide an amenity close for rental opportunities. The CDBG program is funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and is administered on a county level to provide communities with resources to address a wide range of unique community development needs.

## Small Scale Stormwater Improvement Project No. 2 Underway

The City of DeBary, Small Scale Stormwater Improvement Project No. 2 began construction in June 2015 and is making good progress toward completion in January 2016. The project consists of eight separate “small scale” drainage improvement projects at various locations throughout the City. Six of the eight projects that comprise the \$789,390.37 construction contract are now substantially complete.

The Lower Lake Outfall Improvement Project was a priority for early completion to prepare for the 2015 hurricane season. Deep excavation was required to install new drainage structures necessary to improve the outflow of high water levels from Lower Lake toward the pump station of the West Side Emergency Flood Management System.



Extensive dewatering of the lake was required in order to install and construct new drainage control structures. As expected, the summer rainy season has quickly restored Lower Lake to normal water levels. The Lower Lake Project, shown below, is near completion.

The 294 DeLeon Road Drainage Improvement project was completed successfully in August 2015. The drainage improvements have alleviated consistent localized flooding for residences on DeLeon Road and Colomba Road. Area residents have expressed their satisfaction and appreciation to the City for relief from consistent flooding that had frequently surrounded their home.

Other “small scale” projects that have been substantially completed are; the 250 Adelaide Street Drainage Improvement project, the Rob Sullivan Park Drainage Improvements, Barwick Road Public Works Maintenance Facility Phase 1 Improvements and the 317 Glen Club Drive Drainage Repair.



Stormwater projects scheduled to begin in the fall of 2015 are; the 44 Seminole Drive Drainage Improvements, 54 and 58 Shell Road Drainage Improvement project. These projects will affect travel along West Seminole Drive and Shell Road during daylight hours. Motorists should expect occasional delays or detours during the construction operations.

## Event Registrations

### Youth Dodgeball: Ages 6-12

Program Dates: January 9, 2016 - February 27, 2016  
Location: Bill Keller Park  
Cost: \$55/child  
Registration: November 16, 2015 - January 7, 2016

### Adult Kickball: Co-Ed Ages 18+

Program Dates: January 8, 2016 - March 11, 2016  
Location: Rob Sullivan Park  
Cost: \$300/team  
Registration: November 16, 2015 - January 4, 2016  
Captains Meeting: January 5, 2016

### 2015 Christmas Parade

Date: December 13, 2015  
Location: U.S. Hwy 17/92  
Registration: October 26, 2015 - December 7, 2015  
Free to Register

### Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony and Chili Cook-Off

Date: Saturday, December 5, 2015  
Time: 2:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  
Registration: October 26, 2015 - December 3, 2015 (Chili)  
*Chili Cook-Off is free to register*  
Location: DeBary Community Park  
Cost: FREE Admission. \$1 to sample chili.

### Holiday Light Display Contest

Registration: October 26, 2015 - December 3, 2015  
Judging: Week of December 7  
Categories: Residential, Business and HOA.  
Free to Register

*All registrations take place at DeBary City Hall Mon.-Fri. 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Online registration available with an account.*

## Register Now for Emergency Notifications

Volusia County Emergency Management offers an emergency notification system and citizens can receive important information, should an emergency occur in your area, by registering for notifications. The Code Red system is a public alerting tool to deliver critical communications including evacuations, active shooters, local and statewide declaration of emergency, shelter information, missing persons and much more. Registration can be completed online at [www.volusia.org](http://www.volusia.org) under the department of Disaster Preparedness. Click on the CodeRED Weather Warning link in the middle of the homepage for Volusia County Emergency Management to register.

Cell phones, unlisted landlines or voice-over-IP number must be registered to receive notifications. Any information furnished for the purpose of emergency notification is exempt from public records requirement.

## Street Resurfacing Project Planning Underway

Planning is underway for the 2016 Street Resurfacing Project. Several DeBary streets have been identified for resurfacing. The project is expected to be advertised for bids in the fall of 2015 and completed in early 2016.

## SunRail Parking Expansion



FDOT and SunRail are moving forward with plans to expand DeBary's existing SunRail parking facility. The plans will add over 200 additional parking spaces. It is expected that a contract for construction will be approved as early as May 2016.

## Concert at Community Park November 7

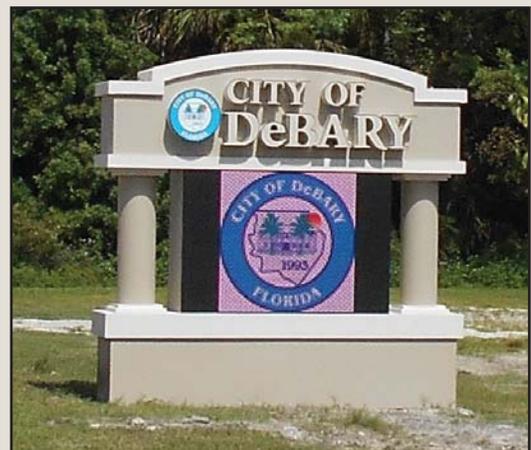
Join Council Member Rick Dwyer and four of his fellow musicians for an afternoon of *Classics on the Green*; an outdoor concert on Saturday, November 7 at 3:00 p.m. by the Gazebo at DeBary Community Park (next to the post office - 133 S. Charles Richard Beall Blvd.). Bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy our small ensemble performance of classical pieces by Vivaldi, Pachelbel, Berlioz and others. Admission is free. Contact Rick Dwyer at (386) 337-8470 for additional information.

## Stormwater Pump Station Planned for No Name Lake

The City of DeBary is planning to construct a permanent stormwater pump station at No Name Lake. In years past, excess stormwater has filled No Name Lake beyond its capacity, flooding East Highbanks Road and parts of the Glen Abbey subdivision. The permanent pump station is designed to detect high water levels in No Name Lake and automatically pump excess water via underground piping to the St. Johns River. The No Name Lake permanent pump station is expected to be completed before the 2016 hurricane season.

## New LED Sign on U.S. 17-92 to Display City Related Information

The City of DeBary is pleased to announce the installation of a new LED sign adjacent to the Public Safety Building. When completed, the sign will display various pertinent City information including the date and time and location of meetings, City sponsored events and other City related items.



## 129 Children Attend City's 10-Week Summer Camp



This past summer the City of DeBary held 10 weeks of summer camp June 6 - August 14 for kids going into second grade through going into sixth grade. Throughout the summer kids participated in several organized activities such as indoor and outdoor camp games, sports, arts and crafts, and one to two field trips per week. Campers also walked to Power Park and the Splash Pad for some fun in the sun. Some of the field trips this past summer included Disney Quest, Dave and Busters, Wet 'N Wild, Coco Key Water Park Resort and the Crayola Experience. For more information on our Summer Camp program visit the Parks and Recreation page at [www.debary.org](http://www.debary.org). Registration for next summer starts April 4, 2016.



## Pet Vet Cruiser to visit DeBary November 9

The Pet Vet Cruiser will be in DeBary for spay/neuter visits on November 9, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Florence K. Little Town Hall Parking Lot, 12 Colomba Road.

Volusia County's Pet Vet Cruiser is a state-of-the-art mobile veterinary clinic for pet owners who meet income requirements to have their pets surgically sterilized.

Pet Vet Cruiser follows the income requirements for the Florida Free Lunch program in use by public school systems in Florida and other community services to determine if an individual qualifies. Residents must show proof of income at the check-in desk on surgery day.



A rabies vaccination will be given for each animal that is not currently vaccinated. Proof of vaccination must be shown at the time of surgery if an animal is currently vaccinated.

Pet surgeries are performed in the morning. Drop off for pets is at 10:00 a.m. Pets will be released to their owners the same afternoon.

Call the appointment line at (386) 626-6643 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday to schedule an appointment and have the following information available: Name, address, phone numbers, total household income, pet(s) name, sex, breed, color, age, weight and any allergy and/or vaccination history.

This service is offered exclusively for pets of DeBary residents.

# Halloween Safety Tips

Here are some tips from the Volusia County Sheriff's Office to make sure all those little ghosts and goblins enjoy a safe Halloween:



- Be sure that at least one adult accompanies children at all times, with a definite route and timetable set before leaving for trick-or-treating. If you're going door-to-door, select a route that has adequate street lighting.
- Try to complete the route before dark. If darkness falls and a few more houses are beckoning, have a flashlight or chemical glow stick handy, but never candles or torches.
- Approach only those houses with outside lights on. Not only are youngsters safer in a well-lighted place, but they also may be more welcome. Often homeowners who don't wish to participate in the trick-or-treat ritual leave porch lights off as a signal. Respect their wishes and go on to the next home.
- Remember common sense traffic rules: Stay on sidewalks, walk facing traffic, obey all traffic signals and cross streets only at intersections or crosswalks.
- Plan costumes that are bright and reflective. Place reflective tape on both the front and back of each costume and trick-or-treat bags for greater visibility.
- Use makeup on children's faces rather than allowing them to wear masks, which are hard to see through and can make breathing difficult.
- Be certain that no treats are eaten until an adult inspects them, discarding any unwrapped or suspicious-looking items.
- Consider having a Halloween party at home or attend a civic group's well-planned haunted house or a merchant association's shopping mall or downtown district party. Each year more safety-conscious groups have Halloween events planned for youngsters to give them an alternative to trick-or-treating house-to-house.

# Tips For A Safe Holiday Season

The season of joy, family, celebration, gift exchanges and good tidings is just around the corner. However, this also can be a time for increased criminal activity. That's because thieves use this time of year to target victims who may become careless or distracted by the hustle and bustle of the holidays. Now is a great time to remind yourself of those precautions that you should work into your regular routine to ensure a safe holiday season. And being alert and aware of your surroundings is a good place to start. This will help decrease your chances of becoming a crime victim.

Here are some preventative measures to keep in mind during the holidays:

- Shop during daylight hours whenever possible. If you must shop at night, go with a friend or family member.
- If you're shopping with children, keep them close to you at all times.
- Carry a cell phone with you in case of emergency.
- Park in well-lighted spaces and as close to the store as possible.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash. Pay for your purchases with a check or credit card when possible.
- If you have your purse with you, don't leave it in the cart and walk away.
- Avoid overloading yourself with packages, as this can make you vulnerable to pickpockets and purse snatchers.
- As with all times, lock your car doors and windows.
- When returning to your vehicle, have your keys out and ready. Lock your doors as soon as you're inside your vehicle.
- If someone is lurking around the parking area or something just doesn't seem right, return to the store, alert security and have them escort you to your vehicle.
- Hide packages in the trunk or under the seat. Nothing of value should be left in plain view.
- At home, don't put large displays of holiday gifts in view of your windows or doors. This is like an invitation to a thief.



The bottom line is to trust your instincts. If you suspect something is wrong, or if a situation seems dangerous, you might be right. Protect yourself and your families at all times and call law enforcement at the first sign of something suspicious. Following these guidelines will help keep your holidays safe and joyous for you and your loved ones. The above are a few tips to keep you safe. For emergencies, always remember to call 911.



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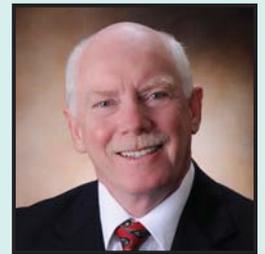
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## **Important Phone Numbers**

### **Animal Control**

775-9999 or  
dispatch 736-5999, Option 1  
aco@ourorangecity.com

### **City Manager & Mayor's Office**

668-2040, Press #2  
lkent@debary.org

### **Building Permits and Inspections**

668-2040, Press #1  
FAX (386) 668-3508  
Buildingofficial@debary.org  
or lroberts@debary.org

### **City Clerk's Office**

668-2040, Press #9  
wgraham@debary.org

### **Finance**

668-2040, Press #7  
lbauer@debary.org,  
dhutchinson@debary.org or  
mjones@debary.org

### **Fire**

#### **Emergency 911**

**Non-Emergency: M-F 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**  
(386) 775-5462

#### **DeBary Fire Station 33**

(386) 668-3805

### **Law Enforcement Services**

#### **Emergency 911**

**Routine Inquiries: M-F 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

(386) 668-3830

#### **Non-Emergency Dispatch**

(386) 736-5999, Press Zero  
or (386) 943-8276, Press Zero

### **Parks and Recreation, Programs, Pavilion Rentals**

668-2040, Press #4  
jschaitz@debary.org

### **Neighborhood Improvement Office (code issues)**

668-2040, Press #5  
labeledo@debary.org

### **Planning and Zoning, Business Tax Receipts (BTRs)**

668-2040, Press #6  
mboerger@debary.org  
ldodd@debary.org

### **Safety Coordinator/ Public Works (trees or wires down, pot holes, flooding)**

668-2040, Press #8  
awilliamson@debary.org

### **Volusia County Water and Sewer**

**Customer Service**  
(386) 736-5971

### **Repairs**

**M-F 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**  
(386) 822-6465

**Emergency Repair Service  
(after hours & weekends)**  
(800) 255-2069

### **Waste Pro Refuse, Yard Waste and Recycling**

(386) 788-8890  
Toll Free (800) 640-6875