



# CITY of DeBARY

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## SPRING 2015 NEWSLETTER



### Events Calendar

#### MAY

May 6.....City Council Meeting  
7:00 p.m.

May 12 .....Pet Vet Cruiser  
10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Visit [www.debary.org](http://www.debary.org)  
for more information/requirements

May 17 .....DeBary Volunteer Firemen's  
Pancake Breakfast 7:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

May 25 .....City Offices Closed  
In Observance of Memorial Day

May 30 .....DeBary 5K  
Visit [www.debary5k.com](http://www.debary5k.com) for more information

#### JUNE

June 3 .....City Council Meeting  
7:00 p.m.

June 7 .....ECHO Half Marathon  
Kick off 7:30 a.m. at Gemini Springs Park  
[www.echohalf.com](http://www.echohalf.com) for more information

#### JULY

July 3 .....City Offices Closed  
In Observance of Independence Day

July 4 .....Freedom and Fireworks  
4:00 p.m. - 9:45 p.m. at Gemini Springs Park

### Event Registration Dates

Summer Camp registration takes place in person at DeBary City Hall from 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Online registration is available for past participants with an account. Space is limited to 60 campers per week.

DeBary Residents begins April 6

General Registration begins April 20

For more information call (386) 668-2040, Press #4

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## New Fire Engine Placed in Service

A new fire engine was placed in service at the DeBary Fire Station, 93 Charles R. Beall Boulevard last month. Engine 33, manufactured by Pierce Manufacturing in Appleton, Wisconsin, replaced an older Pierce fire apparatus that has been experiencing numerous mechanical problems. The cost of this custom fire apparatus is \$378,017. The old fire engine was traded in to help defray the costs of the new engine.

Features on the new engine include a pump capable of delivering 1,250 gallons of water per minute, a 750-gallon water tank, a front mount intake for drafting out of the many lakes and ponds in DeBary and a light tower for illuminating emergency scenes in areas where streetlights are nonexistent. This new fire engine will provide excellent service to the citizens of DeBary for the next 15-20 years.

The DeBary Volunteer Fireman's Association contributed an additional \$4,500 to fund two supplemental options to the engine - a master stream and vehicle stabilization struts. The master stream capable of spraying up to 1,000 gallons of water a minute and vehicle stabilization struts to stabilize vehicles that are on their sides or in other precarious positions after an accident.



## Benefit Pancake Breakfast for Local Firefighter to be held May 17

The DeBary Volunteer Firemen's Association will host a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, May 17, 2015 from 7:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon at the Florence K. Little Town Hall, 12 Colomba Road in DeBary. Donations are appreciated. Proceeds from the event will be given to the family of firefighter Steve Vansravensway, who was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.

## Construction of DeBary Public Safety Building Underway

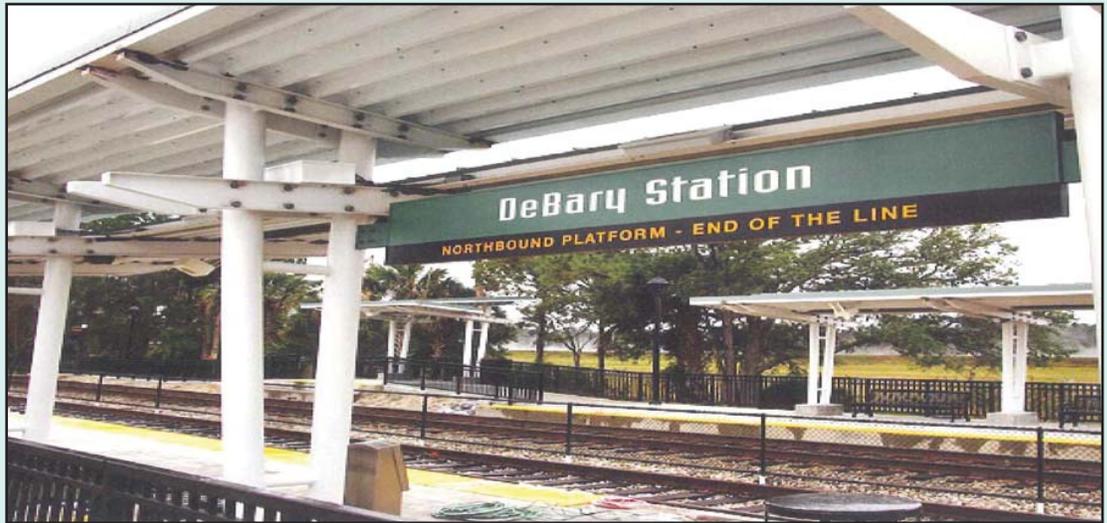
The construction on the Public Safety Complex is in full swing. The project began with a groundbreaking ceremony on January 29, 2015 and construction commencing shortly thereafter. Crews have been working continuously on the site work and building. To date they have begun construction of a new stormwater retention pond and placed fill for the building and parking lot. The building is beginning to take shape. Underground infrastructure is being installed to convey water to the stormwater ponds. Crews will shortly begin repairing the City Hall pond as well as starting to bring the building vertical.

Construction of the 5,770 sq. ft. facility located on the east side of Highway US 17/92 near DeBary City Hall is expected to be completed by October.



# Development By SunRail Station To Incorporate Multiple Benefits

SunRail, Central Florida's commuter rail transit service, began operating in May of 2014. The 61-mile SunRail corridor runs along the CSX rail line linking communities across Volusia, Seminole, Orange and Osceola Counties. An important part of the SunRail project is the activation of its twelve commuter rail stations. The City of DeBary is currently the only Volusia County municipality with access to the SunRail commuter rail system. The station is located near the intersection of Fort Florida Road and US Highway 17-92. SunRail represents a historic opportunity to transform DeBary and Central Florida by utilizing commuter rail service as a catalyst for economic development and sustainable growth. Additionally, the commuter rail system provides more transportation choices for existing and future DeBary residents and businesses. Currently the station is served by a park-and-ride lot. However, as part of the City's planning efforts, a regulating plan is being implemented to support and promote what is known as transit oriented development or TOD.



development criteria. This was done by integrating land use and transit through the combination of residential and nonresidential overlay district.

The City then adopted a Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Overlay District. This regulating plan promotes compact land

use patterns that support energy efficiency and multi-modal transportation options as well as require street design that creates public space which is safe and welcoming for pedestrians.

TOD development should be located within a one-half mile radius of the train station so riders can comfortably reach supporting uses and services by foot within 10 minutes or less by bicycle. By guiding development so it's bicycle and pedestrian friendly coming to and from the train station, future growth within the City of DeBary can be concentrated around the commuter rail station. TOD development requires less infrastructure investment due to its compact form and is therefore more sustainable to maintain. The general purpose of the regulating plan is to promote economic development, encourage transit use, increase housing opportunities, provide standards to ensure a high quality appearance, provide a functional mix of land uses, promote walking and bicycling and promote sustainable, energy efficient land use patterns.

## Fiscal Year 2014 Audit Results

The results of the fiscal year 2014 audit reported a net increase of \$439,883 in the General Fund unassigned fund balance, going from \$5,943,310 at the end of fiscal year 2013 to \$6,383,193 at the end of fiscal year 2014. This amount would cover approximately eight months of General Fund expenditures. The combined results of all the governmental funds reported a net decrease of \$180,242 of revenues under expenditures resulting in a total fund balance of \$12,567,362 at the end of fiscal year 2014. Aside from the General Fund unassigned fund balance, other portions of fund balance are non-spendable, restricted, committed, and assigned for various purposes. Complete audit results can be found on the city's website, [www.debary.org](http://www.debary.org).



## CITY OF DEBARY AUDIT RESULTS

Fund Balance 10/1/13		\$ 12,747,604
Revenues	\$ 12,890,256	
Expenditures	\$ 13,070,498	
Net Change		<u>(180,242)</u>
Fund Balance 9/30/14		\$ 12,567,362

# Crime Prevention Safety Tips from the VCSO

Like many crimes, breaking into a vehicle often is a crime of opportunity. With the common recurrence of vehicle burglaries in DeBary, the Volusia County Sheriff's Office is reminding residents to lock their vehicles and make their property less inviting to thieves. Crime prevention begins at home by taking some simple precautions to reduce chances of being victimized. Many crimes can be prevented by applying good judgement and safety measures to discourage thieves, who will then seek easier targets.



The Sheriff's Office recommends that residents follow the safety precautions listed below:

- Never leave your vehicle unlocked, windows rolled down or keys in the ignition.
- Consider investing in an anti-theft device, such as a steering wheel lock or motion-detecting alarm system.
- If you have a garage, use it and lock it.
- If you park in your driveway, make sure your exterior home lights are operative.
- Make sure all the landscaping on your property is trimmed as low as possible. This will prevent concealment for any suspect trying to get into your vehicle.
- Keep valuables out of sight. Lock them in the trunk or store them in the glove compartment or under the seat. Leaving valuables in plain view is an invitation to a thief to break in.
- Don't leave spare keys in your vehicle or in hiding spots. An experienced thief knows all the hiding places.
- Park in well-lit areas; try not to park on an isolated, out-of-the-way street.
- No matter how quick the errand, never leave your vehicle running unattended.
- Avoid parking in an unattended parking lot for a long period.

One of the most important safety tips is to report suspicious activity to law enforcement. This should be done immediately, particularly with in-progress incidents, in order to get a timely response that maximizes the chances that offenders will be apprehended.

Residents also are urged to join a Neighborhood Watch organization. It's vital for residents not only to watch out for their own property, but for their neighbors' property as well. The extra eyes and ears help to keep neighborhoods safe and crime-free.

## USCG Auxiliary Offers Boating Courses, Safety Checks

A three-part boating safety course will be offered May 19-21 by the US Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 45. Completion of an approved boater safety course is mandatory for boat operators who were born on or after January 1, 1988 to lawfully operate a motorboat of 10 or more horsepower in Florida. Participants who successfully pass the boating safety course will receive a Boaters Operation Card issued by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission to operate any motorboat of 10 or more horsepower. Operators of a personal watercraft (jet ski) must be a minimum of 14 years old.



The courses will be held from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. at the Florence K. Little Town Hall, 12 Colomba Road in DeBary. The cost is \$35.00. Photo identification (school ID, driver license or passport) is required to attend. Contact the Public

Education Officer, Alex Carmichel, via e-mail at [acarmichel@aol.com](mailto:acarmichel@aol.com) or phone (386)837-8779 or Dan Reaume via e-mail [dreaume@cfl.rr.com](mailto:dreaume@cfl.rr.com) (386)668-0873 or phone to register for the course.

Flotilla 45 is also offering free vessel safety checks. Call Leighton at (352) 406-2386 to schedule a no cost inspection of your boat and important tips to keep your family and friends safe on the water.

## Traffic Enforcement Saves Lives

Law enforcement occasionally receives comments from irate drivers who have been stopped and ticketed for a traffic infraction such as, "Why are you picking on me?", "Don't you have anything better to do?" or "Why don't you go after real criminals?"

Comments like these fail to recognize the importance of traffic enforcement to the overall public safety of a community. First, traffic enforcement saves lives and makes the roadways safer for drivers, passengers and pedestrians alike. But more than that, aggressive and consistent traffic enforcement can help reduce crime. Aggressive traffic enforcement creates a high-visibility law enforcement presence that tends to deter, disrupt and displace crime. More importantly, traffic stops often uncover criminal activity that result in arrests for reasons other than the original violation that caused the officer to pull over the vehicle in the first place.

Traffic enforcement does save lives. As a reminder, please be sure to obey speed limit signs, refrain from texting and driving and always wear your seat belt appropriately.

The above are a few tips to keep you safe. For emergencies, always remember to call 911.

## Yard Waste Disposal Guidelines

It is yard waste season again and the City of DeBary and Waste Pro remind residents the following guidelines must be followed for proper disposal of yard waste.

- Tree limbs up to a maximum of 4' in length and 6" in diameter (palm fronds may be any length) will be accepted.
- Maximum weight may not exceed 60 pounds.
- Items must be placed in containers, bagged, or bundled with twine or rope.
- Maximum four 32-gallon containers or 8 bags per unit.



Please note that debris resulting from tree removal, land clearing, land development, building demolition or home improvements and remodeling are not considered yard waste. Contact Waste Pro at (386) 788-8890 or (800) 640-6875 for additional information.

## Volunteer Spotlight-Loie Polinsky

Loie Polinsky is having the time of her life. Through good nutrition, exercise and attitude, she remains an embodiment of fitness that contradicts her age. At age 70 she is an inspiration to women of all ages, vivacious, gregarious, and most of all, passionate about dancing. As a lifelong dancer, Loie has taught hundreds of students the benefits and gratification to be gained through dance.

Every Thursday morning and evening for 25 weeks a year, Loie cheerfully teaches her class of enthusiastic dancers steps set to various of genres of music.

Women over the age of 50 in DeBary and surrounding cities plan their schedules to accommodate dancing on Thursdays. They know they can count on Loie to lead them on an hour-long journey of not only exercise but also camaraderie, laughter, and learning; athletic ability is optional.

"I'm getting all these women up and moving. It's affordable and healthy and socially beyond my expectations," she said.

She spends hours choreographing her dance routines and ensuring all the steps accommodate her students whose ages span four decades, from fifties to eighties.

Loie is a lifelong dancer who danced professionally in her youth. As a young single mother for nine years, she wanted to attend professional choreographer classes when a "big-time" choreographer came to her hometown of St. Louis, Missouri, but unfortunately she could not afford the fees. It was then she told her sister, "Someday I'm going to teach for free."

Loie did not know anyone when she moved to DeBary six years ago and wanted to teach again. She received permission from the City of DeBary to use town hall to teach dance classes to women over 50. In its fifth year, the number of women attending Dance to Health classes has grown to more than 120 participants per session and has exceeded Loie's expectations.

Loie's dedication to the women extends beyond class time as the morning group goes to lunch after the conclusion of each class and the evening class goes to dinner. The group also holds a potluck each April as well as an annual Christmas party.

Loie is thankful for the support the City has shown to her and her students. When she first started teaching at town hall, a portion of



Loie (center front) leads her Thursday morning class through dance steps.

the town hall floor that was carpeted was not an ideal surface for dancers. She said she expressed her concern to City staff and when she came back to teach after summer the carpet had been replaced with a hard surface.

She turned to the City again expressing concern that some of the dancers could not hear her instructions and credits City staff for purchasing a sound system.

"The City is part of what makes this program successful," she said. "(Recreation Coordinator) Jason (Schaitz) is terrific and (Parks & Recreation Director) John (Fletcher) is incredibly supportive."

"Loie has been great to work with and an integral part in growing the Dance to Health class, which is our only program for seniors," said Recreation Coordinator Jason Schaitz. "We greatly appreciate her dedication to the program as a volunteer. Since I have been here, the class has grown each session and this past year we had over 250 women register for the class."

Loie said that although she vowed to keep the promise she made to her sister long ago to teach without charging her students, she said the first class is free and the City sets the fee at \$1.00 per class to defray the cost of the facility fee, maintenance, and administration. The City also provides participants with items such as T-shirts, water bottles and raffle prizes.

"This certainly is an easy program to root for," explains Parks & Recreation Director John Fletcher. "When you have an incredibly talented and enthusiastic instructor like Loie, everything seems to fall in to place", he said. "She certainly has a genuine interest in meeting each and every participants' needs which is why she is so respected by all and goes a long way as to why her program is so successful."

The current Spring Session will be the last time Loie teaches Dance to Health in DeBary as she and her husband plan to move to St. Petersburg, FL.



## Dunkin' Donuts Coming to DeBary

The City processed a final site plan application for a Dunkin' Donuts that is now under construction at the corner of US 17-92 and N. Shell Road. The building will be approximately 2,021 square feet in size with a drive-through service. Opening is slated for later this year.

# Summer Camp 2015



**Registration:** Registration takes place in person at DeBary City Hall from 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Online registration is available for past participants with an account. Space is limited to 60 campers per week.

DeBary Residents begins April 6  
General Registration begins April 20

Registrations are taken on a first come first serve basis. *Space is limited!*

**Ages:** Boys & Girls entering grades 2 - 6.

**Camp Dates:** June 8, 2015 - August 14, 2015 from 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. (Monday - Friday)

**Location:** Florence K. Little Town Hall

**Cost:** \$85 per week. All weeks must be pre-paid to reserve a child's place. If availability exists, payments must be made by 4:00 p.m. on the Friday prior to the week a child is to attend camp. Cost includes camp T-shirt and field trips. Lunch is not provided.

\*Children may be required to bring additional money for lunch on field trips (estimated range of \$8-\$15/trip.)

## Themes and Field Trips

### Week 1: Fun and Games Week

June 8 - June 12  
Family Fun Town and Power Play Zone

### Week 2: Pirates Week

June 15 - June 19  
Coco Key Water Park and Kelly Park/Rock Springs

### Week 3: Rad Reptiles Week

June 22 - June 26  
Gatorland and Reptile Discovery Center



### Week 4: Fun in the Sun Week (NO CAMP 7/3)

June 29 - July 2  
Daytona Lagoon

### Week 5: Entertainment Week

July 6 - July 10  
Dave and Busters and the Movies

### Week 6: Wet and Wild Week

July 13 - July 17  
Wet N Wild and Sanford Pool

### Week 7: Crazy Crafts Week

July 20 - July 24  
Crayola Experience and Wonderworks

### Week 8: Adventure Week

July 27 - July 31  
Disney Quest and DeLand Pool

### Week 9: Sports Week

August 3 - August 7  
Roller Skating and Bowling

### Week 10: Mad Science Week

August 10 - August 14  
Orlando Science Center



## Youth and Adult Tennis Clinics

KC Tennis Academy, in partnership with the City of DeBary, runs Youth and Adult Tennis Clinics all year round at Bill Keller Park tennis courts on Friday afternoons. Private lessons also available. For more information contact KC Tennis Academy at 386-801-7725 or [info@kctennisacademy.com](mailto:info@kctennisacademy.com) or visit [www.kctennisacademy.com](http://www.kctennisacademy.com)



## Freedom and Fireworks Event

The City of DeBary **Freedom and Fireworks 4<sup>th</sup> of July Event** will take place on Friday, July 4 at Gemini Springs Park from 4:00 p.m. -9:45 p.m. There will be live entertainment throughout the day, along with free activities for kids and adults. Many vendors will be on site serving food and drinks for purchase. Admission to the event and parking is free! The event will end with firework show starting at 9:15 p.m.

## Special Events Taking Place within the City

**DeBary 5K** on May 30th at 7:30am at DBK, Inc. Visit [www.debary5k.com](http://www.debary5k.com) for more information.

**ECHO Half Marathon** on June 7 at 7:30 a.m. at Gemini Springs Park. [www.echohalf.com](http://www.echohalf.com) for more information.

Both races are coordinated by West Volusia Runners.

## Recreation Online Registration Available

The Parks and Recreation Department implemented an online registration system this past year and can now take credit or debit cards! Currently, the Parks and Recreation Department is the only department in the City able to do this. All recreation accounts need to be made in person. Once your account is created you will be able to register for most of our programs online. If you have participated in a program or rented a facility since April 2014, you already have an account. To register online or view any of our available programs visit [www.debary.org](http://www.debary.org) and go to the Parks and Recreation Home Page.

## Splash Pad Now Open

The Splash Pad is now open from Tuesday through Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. It is **closed on Mondays** for maintenance. Please note the following regulations for use:

- Groups of more than 30: Tuesday and Thursday only (1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.)
- The Splash Pad is unsupervised. **Play at your own risk.**
- Please shower before entering. Do not use splash pad if sick with diarrhea or runny nose.
- ALL children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by an adult and have adult supervision at all times.
- ALL participants must conduct themselves in a courteous, safe and family oriented manner.
- Swimsuits and/or appropriate attire must be worn at all times. Water shoes only.
- Food and glass containers are not permitted on Splash Pad.
- Climbing on Splash Pad features and fences is strictly prohibited.
- No pets allowed on the Splash Pad.
- Swim diapers are required for all children under 4 years old.
- Roughhousing, violent play, alcohol and tobacco are prohibited.
- Be mindful of inclement weather. Pad shall be vacated at first sign of inclement weather.
- Athletic equipment, balls, bats, beach balls, noodles, skateboards, bikes, etc. are not allowed on the Splash Pad.
- Splash Pad may be closed at any time due to weather, maintenance or other operational concerns.
- Maximum capacity for the Splash Pad is 70.

- Admission is free.
- Please report any concerns to the City of DeBary Parks & Recreation Department at (386) 668-2040 or if after normal business hours call (386) 804-1782.

The City of DeBary reserves the right to remove a participant/spectator from the park for violating any of the above rules or engaging in illegal, disruptive, destructive, or inappropriate behavior.

There are no rentals at this park. The Splash Pad, Gazebo and all tables are for use on a first come first serve basis. For more information call (386) 668-2040 Option 4.



## Pet Vet Cruiser Visits DeBary

The Pet Vet Cruiser will be in DeBary for spay/neuter visits on Tuesday, May 12, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Florence K. Little Town Hall Parking Lot (12 Colomba Road). This service is offered exclusively for pets of DeBary residents. Call the appointment line at (386) 626-6643 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. to qualify and schedule an appointment. Please have the following information available



when calling: name, address, phone numbers, total household income, pet(s) name, sex, breed, color, age, weight and any allergy and/or vaccination history.

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 9:30 a.m. Pets will be released to their owners the same afternoon.

## License Your Domestic Pets

Residents who live within the city limits of DeBary are required to license their dogs, cats and ferrets annually. The cost for the license is \$12.00 for unaltered pets and \$4.00 for pets that have been spayed or neutered. Veterinary records with the pet's current rabies information, vaccination number and date and serial number are required at the time of licensing. Licensing application may be completed at City Hall during regular business hours. Please review Section 10-41 of the City's Code of Ordinances for a detailed description of licensing requirements and exemptions. Questions and concerns can be addressed by contacting Extension 300 at City Hall.

## Property Owners Responsible for Maintaining Right-of-ways

In August 2012, the DeBary City Council passed Ordinance 03-12, Section 30-53, regarding public right-of-way maintenance. The right-of-way is the area between the property line (or sidewalk)



and the edge of the pavement of a roadway, including any grassy or unpaved areas. Owners of an improved property are responsible for the maintenance of the right-of-way abutting their property. These maintenance responsibilities include removing litter and debris, cutting

the grass and weeds, and trimming and maintaining trees. Trees over and abutting sidewalks should have a clearance of at least 8 feet above the sidewalks. Grass should be no higher than 10 inches.



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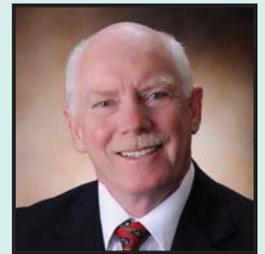
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## **Important Phone Numbers**

### **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 jcaines@debary.org

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

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

### **Finance**

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

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

668-2040, Press #6  
mboerger@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