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FALL 2016 NEWSLETTER



Events Calendar

EVENT REGISTRATIONS

Light Display Contest
Ends December 1, 2016

2016 Christmas Parade
Ends December 5, 2016

Chili and Chowder Cook-off
Ends December 1, 2016

Dodgeball (Ages 6-12)
Ends January 5, 2017

Adult Kickball (Co-Ed Ages 18+)
Ends January 9, 2017

NOVEMBER

November 11 City offices closed
Veterans Day

November 13 7:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Volunteer Firemen's Association Pancake Breakfast
Fire Hall

November 24&25..... City offices closed
Thanksgiving

DECEMBER

December 3 2:00 - 6:30 p.m.
Tree Lighting Ceremony Chili and Chowder Cook-Off

December 7 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Artist Reception City Hall Council Chambers

December 11 3:00 p.m.
2016 Christmas Parade

December 26 City offices closed
Christmas (Observed)

JANUARY

January 2..... City offices closed
New Year's Day (Observed)

January 16..... City offices closed
Martin Luther King Jr. Day

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Enjoying the St. Johns River. Photographed a mile south of the Swamp House/ W. Highbanks boat ramp. Courtesy of DeBary resident Jef Shelby.

City Manager's Corner - Ron McLemore

Building Community - The Road to Higher Ground

Performed in the right way, the Community Center Study Project recently approved by the City Council, affords our community with a timely and unique opportunity to come together to address an important community possibility that could be of enormous benefit to our residents.

When I was interviewed for the Interim City Manager position in DeBary, I was told that the City was deeply divided and asked what could be done to help reunite the community. Considering the unfortunate reality that government today at all levels is becoming more bombastic, demeaning, and ideological, it should not be surprising that this is a concern being expressed by many communities which desire to return to a more civil level of discourse and higher level of trust in their government.

My answer to the City Council was a formula that has had considerable success when carried out in an environment of positive leadership including:

- An understanding that unity is all but impossible without humility on the part of City leadership;
- Refocusing on practical, rather than ideological solutions; Changing the focus of policy makers and
- policy influencers from "personalities" to the work to be done to "build community";
- Neutralizing demagoguery by engaging

the community in a broad based dialog for creating and implementing a shared vision of the future;

- Encouraging respectful dialogue from all perspectives and corners of the community; and
- Admitting mistakes, after all, we are only human.

The process adopted by the City Council in Resolution 16-21 on September 7, 2016 authorizing a study to explore the feasibility and desirability of the City building and operating a new community center embodies all these strategies. The possibility of building a center in which the community can come together is an exciting opportunity for facilitating constructive interactions among our citizens, a cornerstone for "Building Community". The resolution provides for an intensive public engagement process beginning with:

- 1) The appointment of a citizen study group charged by the City Council to interact with the public in an intensive public engagement process to formulate recommendations to the City Council;
- 2) Public hearings with the City Council; and finally,
- 3) A referendum allowing the citizens to decide if they desire to go forward with the project.

This intense public engagement process can minimize the efforts of special interests who may want to dominate the study

process. Minimizing the impacts of overly aggressive special interests facilitates "civility" in the process of evaluating options and formulating recommendations.

Celebrating people's differences in a civil manner builds consensus making. Most importantly, it recognizes that a vote of the people in favor or against the community center arrived at in an open, non-threatening and civil manner always results in the right answer. In short, if the community feels good about the process, everybody wins.

In summary, the decision on the part of the public to approve or reject the construction and operations of a new community center will not be the most important outcome of the referendum. This outcome will be secondary to the public's satisfaction with their participation in a process that was committed to "building community" through a civil discourse in which people's differences of opinion were celebrated rather than impugned or denigrated; a process that places our community on a journey with each other to higher ground.

The City Council and members of the Citizen's Study Group are committed to building community through this type of process.

With your help and participation, we can do it, and create a positive image for DeBary that other cities would love to emulate.

Community Center Study Underway

On Thursday, September 29, 2016, the nine-member Community Center Study Committee had its organizational meeting appointing Chris Carson as Chair and Patricia Stevenson as Vice Chair. The committee met with ACi consultants and staff to formulate a public engagement plan through which the City intends to involve the public in the study.

The committee will be exploring the possibility of constructing and operating a new community center. The goal of this study is to provide the information that will give the City and the public the opportunity to make an informed decision regarding the desire to have a community center that would serve as a focal point for community activities.

The study will consider the needs of the community through a series of workshops, surveys and other forms of public feedback. Once the needs and desires of the community are determined by the advisory group, the City's consultant, ACi, will create a concept plan to accommodate the desired programs and activities to be housed in the new facility. After this is determined, the study will explore possible site locations and probable costs. The committee is scheduled to present its final recommendation to the City Council no later than April 2017.

The Study Committee is comprised of members Susan Banden, Chris Carson, Robert Forsyth, Terri Hoag, Howard

Gates, William Sell, Greta Smith, Patricia Stephenson and Rob Sullivan.

The Study Committee has been charged with selecting up to 100 residents within the community to attend a series of small focus group meetings. These focus group meetings will be held over two days on November 16 and 17, 2016. Additionally, an open public forum will be held at 7:00 pm on November 17 for anyone who wishes to attend and provide feedback on the Community Center discussion.

Contact the City of DeBary Planning Department at (386) 668-2040 ext. 325 to be placed on the City's mailing list for project updates.

City Dodges Most of Hurricane Matthew's Threat

Fortunately, as a result of Hurricane Matthew's slight turn to the east, the City of DeBary did not experience the concerned level of impact that was possible from the hurricane.

The City's decision to rent additional debris removal equipment made it possible for

City crews hunkered down in City Hall during the storm to quickly clear city streets of downed trees, eliminating traffic blockages and potential accidents.

The City's debris removal contractors, staged to go into action immediately following the storm, are scheduled to

complete debris removal by around the first of November. This time frame is consistent with debris removal time frames for storm events of this magnitude. Although loss of power and some minor damage to private property is a nuisance, we are very fortunate that our community got through the storm without any serious injuries or deaths.

Hurricane Matthew No Match for City's New Stormwater System

Residents can be very proud of their investment in the City's new stormwater system. The system performed exactly as designed resulting in Hurricane Matthew's 7-8 inches of rain during the event never seriously challenging the system's 100-year flood event design capacity.

Hurricanes Charlie, Frances, and Jeanne tore through the State of Florida in 2004 causing significant damage and flooding in the City of DeBary. As a result of this flooding DeBary voters approved an ordinance authorizing a stormwater utility assessment to fund a \$10 million drainage improvement project.

In 2008, Tropical Storm Fay hovered over the state dropping 27 inches of rain, and causing additional damage to DeBary. In the process of recovering from the 2004 storm, Tropical Storm Fay caused an outcry for further stormwater protection as images of the extensive damages caused by the 2004 hurricanes were fresh in the memories of DeBary

residents. After Tropical Storm Fay, an additional \$10 million drainage improvement project was undertaken.

After 11 years of construction, the completion of the West Side Emergency Flood Management System and the DeBary Emergency Flood Management System are in place. The City of DeBary is now protected by:

- A 65-acre stormwater storage site
- 118 control structures
- 5 storm water pump stations with back-up generator and telemetry monitoring
- 334,656 linear feet of pipes and culverts
- 58,754 linear feet of force main
- 158,310 linear feet of swales and ditches

With a combined \$55 million investment in the stormwater system, a maintenance and compliance program was initiated in 2015 to ensure proper functionality when future events hit the city. The current stormwater assessment budget

generates the necessary capital to:

- Fund the mandatory debt service (39% of budget or \$750,000)
- Fund mandatory compliance programs and monitoring (3% of budget or \$60,000)
- Fund maintenance and repair costs associated with existing and new systems (43% of budget or \$840,000)
- Fund minor improvements (13% of budget or \$250,000)
- Build adequate reserves in the stormwater fund (2% of budget or \$40,000)



Bill Keller Park Offers 19 Acres for Recreation Activities

Bill Keller Park was named after William Keller, a DeBary resident who served on the Volusia County Council District 5 and was active in the DeBary community prior to the City's incorporation.

The park is located at 338 ½ Colomba Road and is open from sunrise to sunset 7 days a week. The park spans 19 acres, has 162 parking places and offers the following athletic facilities:



- 3 baseball fields (1 senior and 2 major)
- 2 tennis courts
- 2 basketball courts
- 4 shuffleboard courts

The park also offers a covered playground and restrooms. An on-site concession stand is open during league play and special events.

Two picnic pavilions are available for rent through the City of DeBary Parks and Recreation Department by phone (386) 668-2040, ext. 319 or in person at City Hall.

Multiple programs are coordinated at the park throughout the year including DeBary Babe Ruth Baseball Leagues, youth dodgeball, youth/adult tennis clinics



offered by Kurt Collis Tennis Academy and a free drop-in pickleball program for ages 50 and over. Contact the Parks and Recreation Department for additional information.

The park, which is maintained by the City of DeBary Parks maintenance crew, is truly a gem. Gather the family, prepare a picnic lunch and spend a day enjoying the amenities at Bill Keller Park.

City Adopts \$25.9 Million Budget for Fiscal Year 2017

At the September 21, 2016 meeting the City Council adopted the city budget for fiscal year 2016-2017, maintaining the same millage rate as last year at 2.9247 and all other rates and charges for city services as the previous year. The budget is used as a planning tool to direct funding to be invested in the community to maintain the quality of life desired by the residents of DeBary. The operating expenditures of the city increased 2.7% compared to the previous fiscal year. Throughout the year at City Council meetings and workshops, many ideas are shared and discussed to determine the needs and wants of the citizens. The following budget strategies adopted for FY17 reflect the input of the citizens, elected officials and city staff:

- To maintain current service levels within current millage rate, fees and charges
- To maintain adequate reserves
- To maximize grant opportunities facilitate and expedite TOD development
- To enhance the city's image as an ecotourism and recreational destination
- To engage the community in a study to determine the feasibility of constructing and operating a Community Center to provide the city with a focal point of community activity

Several capital improvement projects were also adopted in this budget including:

- Nature Park pavilion and amenities (partial grant funding)
- Rob Sullivan Park improvements (partial grant funding)
- Two vehicles for Public Works and Stormwater departments
- Information technology upgrades
- Completion of the city's new fire station

Municipal Services FY17 Budget	Amount	%
Public Safety - Police/Fire/Animal Control	\$ 4,983,423	30.2%
Capital Improvements	2,523,657	15.3%
Stormwater	1,862,230	11.3%
Solid Waste	1,308,650	7.9%
Parks & Recreation	1,039,713	6.3%
Development Services and TOD	953,096	5.8%
Public Works	590,606	3.6%
City Council/Manager/Clerk	578,370	3.5%
Road Resurfacing	471,616	2.9%
Other Special Revenue Funds	458,607	2.8%
Streetlighting Districts	408,465	2.5%
Support Services	393,777	2.4%
Finance	298,610	1.8%
Legal	251,500	1.5%
General Gov't Debt Svc	251,504	1.5%
Information Technology	154,409	0.9%
*Does not include reserves or transfers	\$ 16,528,233	100.0%

City Debt Small by Comparison to Other Cities

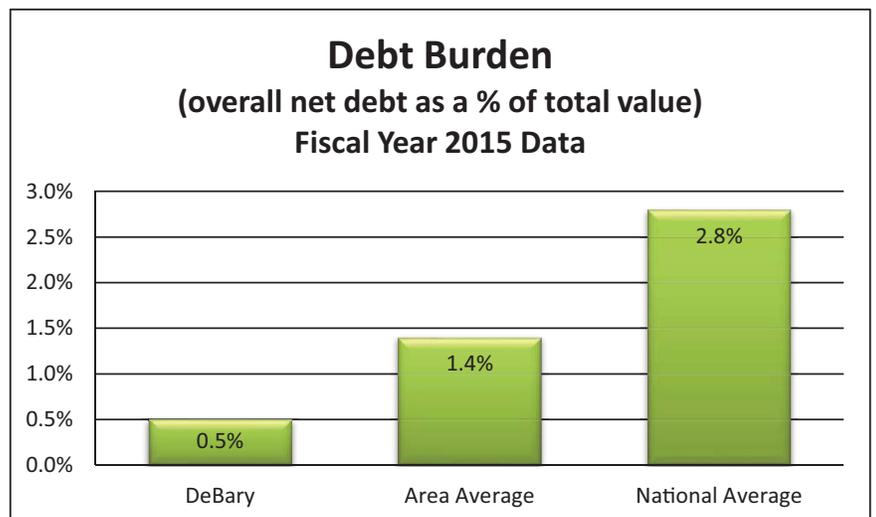
As shown below, according to Moody's rating services DeBary's overall percentage of debt to total financial value is far below that of the average of area cities and the nation's average when compared to cities with characteristics similar to DeBary.

At the City Council's October 5, 2016 meeting, the City Council approved refinancing the City's \$4 million outstanding debt issued in 2009 to build the city's stormwater system. To be consistent with the City's Charter, the structure of the stormwater system debt requires refinancing every seven years. This refinancing allows the City to reduce interest rates from 4.05% to 1.65% and reducing the length of the debt approximately 1 1/2 years ahead of the original payout schedule.

Debt is utilized by municipalities to finance the construction of infrastructure needed to deliver municipal services. Debt provides the capital to construct these facilities without the need to have wide gyrations in taxes and user charge rates.

DeBary has utilized debt to construct the city's new stormwater system, the new fire station and water line improvements.

Every city relies on a combination of needs and financial capacity to achieve the right balance between levels of cash and debt to meet their infrastructure needs. DeBary's very conservative fiscal philosophy has resulted in the City having a very low debt burden.



Fiscal Year 2016/2017 Street Resurfacing Program

Project No. 1 - **East Highbanks Road** - from Lucerne Drive to Cunningham Road

Project No. 2 - **Cunningham Road** - from East Highbanks Road to Cunningham Lane

Project No. 3 - **Pine Glen Drive** - from Bonita Road to Green Reed Road and Woodbound Lane

Project No. 4 - **Clara Vista Street** - from Dirksen Drive to Sunrise Boulevard

Project No. 5 - **Margarita Road** - from DeBary Drive to Plantation Road

Project No. 6 - **Plantation Road** - from Highway 17/92 to Agua Vista Street

Project No. 7 - **Donald E. Smith Boulevard** - from West Highbanks Road to Hammock Oak Circle

Project No. 8 - **Shell Road** - from Azalea Drive to Catalina Drive

Project No. 9 - **DeBary Drive** - from Naranja Road to Margarita Road

Project No. 10 - **Matanzas Road** - from Eldorado Drive to Plumosa Road to DeBary Drive

Project No. 11 - **Camelia Drive** - from Jasmine Drive to Wisteria Drive

Project No. 12 - **Wisteria Drive** - from Camelia Drive to West Highbanks Road

Project No. 13 - **Azalea Drive** - from Shell Road to Hibiscus Drive

Project No. 14 - **Catalina Drive** - from Shell Road to Pinedale Road

Public and City Will Benefit From New Planning Software

ZoningHub is a planning software program that provides municipalities with a new way to post zoning regulations online, featuring an interactive zoning map that is readily accessible and easily understood. It increases government transparency and communication by helping citizens, business owners and potential developers to immediately

locate the information needed. ZoningHub has tools created for city planners and streamlines many processes including development applications to keep both staff and the public up to date.

Look for ZoningHub on the City of DeBary website this fall or call the Planning and Development Staff at



(386) 668-2040, ext. 325 in the interim for more information.

Firm Hired to Establish Master Development Plan Near SunRail

The City of DeBary has contracted with ACi, an architect and urban design consulting firm, to establish a master development plan for the core area around the City's SunRail Station. This is generally described as the area immediately north of Fort Florida Road between the railroad tracks and U.S. 17-92. The study will consist of two components: 1) An economic feasibility study; and 2) A development plan. The goal of this study is to build upon the information of previous studies to transition the city from a

planning mode to an implementation mode in order to accomplish the following objectives:

- Utilizing the assets of the SunRail facility to create an economically viable pedestrian, family, and visitor friendly live, work, and entertainment venue and destination;
- Determine the highest and best use of the property acceptable to the market place and the city;
- Develop an economic partnership model that will attract developers to the site;

- Develop physical characteristics of the built environment that will result in a long-term sustainable project of exceptional quality in which the citizens of DeBary would be proud;
- Securing developers whose timing and corporate model of development will be consistent with the City's desire to expedite the project and desired quality of development; and,
- To serve as a catalyst and model for the development of the remaining sections of the TOD.

Pet Vet Cruiser Offers Services for Pets of DeBary Residents

The Pet Vet Cruiser will be in DeBary for spay/neuter visits on November 9, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Florence K. Little Town Hall Parking Lot on 12 Colomba Rd.

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 to determine qualification.

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.

Pets should be dropped off at 10:00 a.m. as surgeries are performed in the morning; pets are released in the afternoon. Call the appointment line at (386) 626-6643 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 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 and proof of income must be provided at the check-in desk on surgery day.





Spotlight on DeBary Businesses

In an effort to support and promote local businesses in DeBary, the City is highlighting participating businesses in our quarterly newsletter. Please email a brief biography to ahatch@debary.org if you are interested in having your business highlighted in our Winter 2017 newsletter. Deadline for submission is December 15, 2016.

FamilyFun Archery LLC

FamilyFun Archery LLC is a new indoor archery education center focusing on family oriented archery skills and values. The 12,000 square foot air conditioned facility has 20 target lanes. We have a program for beginners called *Try Archery*, as well as group lesson programs such as *Explore Archery*, *JOAD* and *Adult Archery*. Experienced archers can shoot at open range times throughout the week. FamilyFun Archery also offers activity sessions for groups such as corporate team building, civic group training, home schooling groups and celebrations. All programs offered at FamilyFun Archery include the use of the range bows, arrows and other shooting equipment; customers do not need to purchase equipment to experience this fun sport. We offer low cost options to further explore the sport and equip yourself with your own bow. FamilyFun Archery also has bow tech services by appointment for repair and tune-ups to existing equipment. We are

also an authorized Genesis Bow dealer. In early 2015, after traveling a million miles in the sky for various corporate jobs, owner and club Director Dave Anderson had an epiphany that family should mean spending time with the ones you love and it should be fun. He gave his employer notice and began his new life with his wife Cindy and two daughters.



Their youngest daughter told him she wanted a real bow and arrow for her ninth birthday. Since she frequently

changed her mind, he told her she needed to try it first to see if she really liked it and convince her dad she would stick with it. She tried it and it has now stuck with her quite solidly. Dave found a JOAD program that had an opening. The only issue was it was 40 miles to the closest indoor program. After doing extensive research, Dave decided to open a new business and offer what he could not find - a family oriented, fun indoor archery facility. He created FamilyFun Archery using his past business knowledge, research, along with contacting several community groups and becoming certified to teach. Should you have any questions about our programs, want to read our full story or just see what is happening next at FamilyFun Archery, visit our website at www.familyfunarchery.com, check our Facebook Page, call directly at 321-352-3333 or just head to the facility at 901 S. Charles Richard Beall Blvd. We hope to see you soon!

Robin's Nest Resale

Robin's Nest Resale opened earlier this summer at the corner of Lake Dr. and S. Charles R. Beall Blvd. (across from the current fire station). Living in DeBary ourselves, we wanted to present the community with a shop similar to one found in Winter Park or Mt. Dora. Robin's Nest Resale proudly offers a unique mix

of furniture, vintage items and home décor. We also feature several local artisans who create, restore or build one-of-a-kind custom pieces. Robin's Nest Resale offers a 24-hour hold on merchandise and can arrange for delivery of your item as well.

The owners, Robin and Sheri Barter, moved to DeBary from Pewaukee, Wisconsin about 10 years ago, and have been in this type of business for many years with booths in other shops or doing shows. They are very excited to have a place of their own right here in DeBary

where they say the community and customers have been very welcoming and encouraging!

Stop by and see Sheri, or her longtime friend and co-hort, Terry. They are available Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., or by appointment for your convenience. Robin's Nest Resale has begun planning several upcoming evening and special events to reach out to the community. For more information, they can be reached at 386-601-1583. You can also follow them on Instagram [#robinsnestdebary](https://www.instagram.com/robinsnestdebary) and Facebook [@robinsnestdebary](https://www.facebook.com/robinsnestdebary).



Orlando Family Physicians Expands Operations to DeBary!

Founded over 16 years ago, the Family Practice and Internal Medicine Primary Care Group is very proud to announce the opening of their new center located at 21 S. U.S. Hwy. 17-92 (the old TD Bank building) in DeBary. Orlando Family Physicians (OFP) will begin offering services at this location by December 2016.



OFP's priority is to provide the best quality care and patient satisfaction to the community; with 9 medical centers already in the Orlando area, they are very excited to serve the people of DeBary and Volusia County at their newest location. Call 407-477-5555 today and join the Orlando Family Physicians' Family!

Program and Event Registrations



Dodgeball: Ages 6-12

Program Dates:
January 7, 2017 - February 18, 2017
Location: Bill Keller Park
Cost: \$60/child
Registration:
November 7, 2016 - January 5, 2017



Adult Kickball: Co-Ed Ages 18+

Program Dates:
January 13, 2017 - March 24, 2017
Location: Rob Sullivan Park
Cost: \$300/team
Registration:
October 24, 2016 - January 9, 2017
Captains Meeting: January 10, 2017

Pickleball

FREE Drop-in Program for ages 50+ - No registration required.
Date: Wednesday mornings 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. October 5, 2016 to December 7, 2016 (10 Sessions)
Location: Bill Keller Park Tennis Courts

2016 Christmas Parade

Date: December 11, 2016
Time: 3:00 p.m.
Location: U.S. Hwy 17/92
Registration: Oct. 24, 2016 - Dec. 5, 2016

Tree Lighting Ceremony Chili and Chowder Cook-Off

Date: Saturday, December 3, 2016
Time: 2:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Cook Off Registration:
October 24, 2016 - December 1, 2016
Location: DeBary Community Park
Cost: FREE Admission. \$1 to sample chili

Zumba and Zumba Gold

Cost: Zumba and Zumba Gold: \$30 for an 8 class pass or \$5 per class.
Register prior to any class.
Location: Florence K. Little Town Hall

Zumba Class Schedule

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
11:00 a.m.	Zumba Gold		Zumba Gold	
6:45 p.m.	Zumba Gold	Zumba		Zumba Gold

Zumba Kids

When: Wednesday's at 6:00pm
Cost: \$50 for 8 consecutive classes. Call 386-868-8504 to register.
Location: Florence K. Little Town Hall

Light Display Contest

Registration:
October 24, 2016 - December 1, 2016
Judging: Week of December 5
Categories: Residential and HOA



Class:
Tuesday/Thursday at 11:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.
Cost: \$30 for an 8 class pass or \$7 per class. Register prior to any class.
Location: Florence K. Little Town Hall



Employee Spotlight - Wesley Grissom

Wesley Grissom holds the distinction of being the youngest full-time City of DeBary employee. He began employment with the City as an Accounting Clerk I in the Finance Department in March. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting from the University of Central Florida.

As an Accounting Clerk I, Wesley is responsible for recording and posting monetary transactions and provides daily accounting and balancing of all monies processed, accounts payable, accounts receivable and general bookkeeping operations. He also maintains grant documentation files and prepares and updates the City's financial Procedures Manual.

He was a dual enrollment student at University High School who earned his high school diploma while simultaneously

earning an associate degree from Daytona State College. He plans to continue his education in the near future to earn a Master of Business Administration or Accounting degree.

Wesley has been a resident of DeBary for 17 years. He was born in California and his family moved to Alaska then to Florida when his father was in the Air Force. His entire extended family lives in Knoxville, Tennessee, where both his parents were raised.

"I think DeBary has a quaint small-town feel," Wesley said. "I have a better understanding of how local government works now that I work for the City."

For leisure activities, Wesley enjoys playing guitar, going to concerts and likes country and rock music. He also makes frequent visits to Disney World. Wesley likes football and is a Tennessee

Vols football fan. Because he played varsity soccer in high school, he is a huge soccer fan and his favorite team is Manchester United.

Wesley also plans to travel to Italy & Switzerland someday and hopes to learn a new language, possibly Italian or Spanish.

"I strive to make sure that our vendors are paid in a timely manner to ensure the City's debts are taken care of quickly," Wesley said.

"Wesley is a great addition to our staff," said Finance Director Elizabeth Bauer. "He is doing an excellent job and is very detail oriented."





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Hurricane Matthew Recovery Assistance

The U.S. Small Business Administration is offering homeowners/renters and small businesses low interest loans for hurricane-related damages. For more information, please call 1-800-659-2955 or online at www.sba.gov.

SunRail to Test Saturday Service

Saturday SunRail Service is here! Thanks to Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer, members of the Central Florida Commuter Rail Commission and stakeholders from area businesses, SunRail Commuter Rail will be



available on Saturdays from November 2016 to January 2017 at regular rates. Several major events will be occurring in the downtown Orlando Area every Saturday during this trial period to encourage ridership. All aboard for Saturday service!

4 Candidates vie for 2 City Council Seats

Four candidates are competing for City Council this year for Seats 1 and 2 during the general election on Tuesday, November 8, 2016. Stephen Bacon and Phyllis Butlien are contending for Council Seat 1 and Erika Benfield and Nick Koval are competing for Council Seat 2. Terms for both seats are for four years and begin January 2017 and run through December 2020.

SunRail Parking Expansion

FDOT and SunRail are moving forward with the expansion of DeBary's existing SunRail parking facility. When completed in mid 2017, over 200 additional parking spaces will be available.



Rob Sullivan Park Update

The Community Development Block Grant project has gone out for bid to select a contractor to complete the emergency access road. In addition, the selected contractor will install two bleachers with shade covers between the two multi-purpose fields. This project will also complete the drainage between the fields. Estimated completion time is early December.