



# City of DeBary Newsletter

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## City Hall

137 South Highway 17/92

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Hours: 8:30 AM to 5 PM

Monday through Friday

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Gateway Park Office

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## THANKS FOR PARTICIPATING!

By Mayor George Coleman

Thanks to all our residents who participated in the random telephone poll recently conducted by Frederick Polls. The main topics of the poll were questions on taxes, the stormwater Bond ballot issue, and City service functions. Following are the approval ratings for City service functions: 90% positive for garbage pickup, 85% positive for keeping public areas clean, 81% positive for parks and recreation, 79% positive for police protection, and 78% positive for keeping streets in good condition. The Mayor and City government received an overall 62% positive job approval rating, with the only net negative rating at 2:1 being the management of floodwater from stormwater run-off. You are correct, we were unprepared for such a high volume of rainfall and must improve our stormwater management.

When asked if the level of property taxes is "about right," "somewhat high," or "much too high," the results were as follows: 50% responded that property taxes are "too high," 45% said "about right," while 5% responded with "don't know." The poll indicated that the higher the home value, the greater is the anti-tax feeling.

The poll showed 81% support for the stormwater Bond ballot to build and improve a stormwater run-off management system to be paid for by existing storm water fees and which would not require a tax increase. The four top messages that reinforced the broad support for the Bond include: (1) minimize severe storm flooding, (2) all parts of the City will benefit, (3) will protect property values and could help with insurance, and (4) will protect the water quality of the St. Johns River. Participants consistently expressed both the need and the desire for the stormwater management system to be built and do support the "no new taxes" Bond to pay for it. The vote for a Spokesperson with the greatest credibility to educate voters about the stormwater Bond plan was 58% in favor of a professional consultant. You are right again, your Mayor and Council members are not knowledgeable in ways to properly route pipes in order to remove/control our stormwater. We also rely on information from the professional consultants.

The City Council and I thank you for the information and appreciate the excellent cooperation by all who participated in the recent poll.

## *From the Captain's Corner*

**Capt. Alan Osowski, VCSO**

DeBary is a very safe community in which to live. Occasionally, however, crime does occur. Like most crimes, burglaries and thefts are crimes of opportunity. The Volusia County Sheriff's Office reminds residents to take some common sense precautions to safeguard their valuables and reduce their vulnerability to thieves.

- Secure all doors/windows in the home
- Lock car doors/windows at all times
- Place all valuables out of plain sight; secure valuables in the trunk or at home
- Put a temporary stop on mail and newspaper delivery while on vacation, or have a neighbor or friend pick them up daily
- While on vacation, have a friend or neighbor park their vehicle in your driveway
- Put 1 or 2 interior lights on a timer
- Turn down the ringer on your telephone (A ringing phone that goes unanswered is a telltale sign that no one is home)
- The Sheriff's Office Citizen Observer Program provides House Checks for residents on vacation. Pick up a House Check application at the DeBary substation
- Keep a record of the serial numbers of your valuables; in the unlikely event they are stolen, the information may help investigators track down the property.

### **REMEMBER, CRIME PREVENTION STARTS AT HOME**

### **HIGHLIGHTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS**

See [debary.org](http://debary.org) for meeting agendas and complete meeting minutes

#### *May 3, 2006 Meeting*

- ◆ Proclamation Declaring May 13th as St. Johns River Clean Up Day.
- ◆ Approved Ordinance #17-06 Second Reading – Vacating Drainage & Utility Easements, Parkview Heights.
- ◆ Approved Ordinance #09-06 Second Reading – Expansion of Saxon Woods Streetlighting District to Include Unit 3B.
- ◆ Approved Ordinance #04-06 Second Reading – Rezoning from RC, Resource Corridor to R-4, Urban Single Family - Owner, Cy Holley.
- ◆ Approved Ordinance #10-06 Second Reading – Charter Referendum Concerning Eminent Domain.
- ◆ Approved Ordinance #11-06 Second Reading – Charter Referendum Concerning Charter Officers.
- ◆ Approved Ordinance #13-06 Second Reading – Charter Referendum Concerning Debt Repayment.
- ◆ Approved Ordinance #15-06 Second Reading – Charter Referendum Concerning Debt Management Policy.
- ◆ Approved Resolution #06-03 – Establishing a FY 2006-2007 Annual Plan for Use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds.

- ◆ Consent Agenda - the following items were approved: Release of Subdivision Maintenance Agreements for DeBary Plantation Units 16C-1, 17E, 17D, 16B-2, 17A, and 16C-3 Subdivision Final Plats.

- ◆ Approved City Hall Architectural / Engineering Services Agreement with Stottler Stagg & Associates.

- ◆ Approved Code Enforcement Fine Settlement Agreement with Florence Romaine for 113 Oak Tree Drive.

- ◆ Approved Resolution #06-04 - Purchase of Property at 199 Barwick Road.

- ◆ Approved Stormwater Revenue Bond Public Education.

- ◆ Approved Development of Parks and Government Buildings Impact Fee Study.

- ◆ Approved Planning & Design Services Agreement for Skateboard Park with Glatting Jackson.

- ◆ Appointment: Dennis Munsey to Streetscape Advisory Committee as Regular Member. Re-Appointments: Jesse Beall and Gerald Lombardi to the Historic Preservation Advisory Board.

#### *June 7, 2006 Meeting*

- ◆ Presentation by the IBI Group for a 62-acre development near Gemini Springs Park.

- ◆ Approved Ordinance #07-06 – Second Reading – Major Amendment to the Glen Abbey PUD, Tim O'Neil, applicant.

- ◆ Approved Ordinance #18-06 Second Reading – Expansion of Glen Abbey Streetlighting District to include Unit 5.

- ◆ Approved Ordinance #19-06 Second Reading – Small Scale Future Land Use Map Amendment at Santiago Road.

- ◆ Denied Overall Development Application for Utt Subdivision Exemption.

- ◆ Request by Empire Cattle, Ltd. for Waiver of Six-month Waiting Period for Proposed Development at Ft. Florida and Barwick Roads – No motion by Council.

- ◆ Approved Payment to Thompson Pump for cost of pump stolen from Lake Susan.

- ◆ Approved Installation of Decorative Lighting along South US Highway 17/92.

- ◆ Approved FDOT Retention Pond Beautification Project adjacent to First Community Bank.

- ◆ Re-Appointments: Marion Lane to Public Safety Advisory Committee; Don Pulver to Code Enforcement Board; and Jay Erndl to Volusia Growth Management Commission.

### **Orlandia Heights is Tuned In!**

Beginning with the June 2006 meeting, online audio recordings of the Board of Directors' meetings will be available at the following web site:

[www.orlandiaheights.com](http://www.orlandiaheights.com)

Also on the web site, you can view important items such as the budget, agendas, minutes, and maps of the road improvements, both completed and proposed. There is no charge to listen to the recordings of the meetings.

# SAVE THE DATE.....

## Train to Protect Yourself and Your Property!

Only 1 day each week for 5 weeks  
9 AM to 1 PM on consecutive Wednesdays  
September 6, 13, 20, 27 and October 4

Florence K. Little Town Hall, 12 Colomba Road  
Behind the Fire Station

Join this informative CERT Training Course – free for DeBary residents - and attend the following 5 sessions: Search & Rescue, Keep Alert for Terrorism, First Aid, Fire Suppression, CERT organization, and other vital issues. Attendance at each of the sessions is required to complete the Course. This is a hands-on class; with some training taking place in the Town Hall parking lot. If a day is missed, it can be made up during the next CERT course. Call Safety Coordinator Alan Williamson at (386) 668-3820 to register.

## Adventures in Art by DeBary Art League

“Masterpiece Painting in Oil” taught by Sandra Wilson on Saturday mornings 9 AM to Noon. The focus of this class is Plein Air and Studio painting. Individual attention is given to raise your skills to the highest level. Call the Art Studio Center at (386) 668-5553 to register.

## Studio Art Classes for Pre-Teens and Teens 5 – 15 year olds

A variety of After-School classes and classes for Home School kids are scheduled to begin in September. Enroll early by calling the Art Studio Center at (386) 668-5553.

## Classes for Writers

Writers of fiction & creative non-fiction meet at 7 PM on 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month at the Center. The Memoir Writing class “for women only” meets at 7 PM Wednesday nights at the Center. To join a class, call (386) 668-5553 or stop by the Center at 155 S. Highway 17/92. Pick up brochures for all Art League classes at the Center. See [www.geocities.com/debaryartleague/](http://www.geocities.com/debaryartleague/)

## Congratulations to Eagle Scout Paul Russell



Mayor George Coleman presents a Certificate of Recognition to Eagle Scout Paul Russell at Paul’s Court of Honor Ceremony held June 24th at Gemini Springs Park. Congratulations to Paul on his splendid achievement in Scouting!

## Thanks a Million!

The companies listed below provided Summer Day Camp scholarships for children who would otherwise not have had the opportunity to attend DeBary’s Camp program. *Thanks A Million* to all for your generous Spirit of Giving!

- Ball Products International (BPI)
- Glatting Jackson Kercher Anglin Lopez Rinehart Rep Services, Inc./Landscape Structures
- State Farm in DeBary
- Stavro’s Pizza in DeBary

## Waste Pro Pickup Schedule

Waste Pro will pick up waste collection as scheduled throughout the year. The only day that Waste Pro does not pick up is Christmas Day. A flyer will advise residents, in December, of the alternate day for waste collection pickup.

### Telephone Numbers to Keep

- DeBary Post Office.....(386) 668-6254
- DeBary Public Library.....(386) 668-3835
- DeBary Sheriff’s Substation.....(386) 668-3830
- Fire Services - DeLand.....(386) 736-5940
- Gemini Springs Park.....(386) 668-3810
- Occupational Licenses - DeLand.....(386) 736-5938
- Permits...Fence & Building Permits.....(386) 736-5929
- Waste Pro.....1-800-640-6875

### City Council Considers New Staff Position

The City Council proposes to create a new position with the title of Neighborhood Improvement Officer. The Officer will be located at Town Hall and the duties will focus on enforcing the City’s code of ordinances. This position will be advertised in October. If you are interested in applying, watch the newspapers and check the City’s web site’s Employment Opportunity page at [www.debary.org](http://www.debary.org)

## City Council and Volunteer Board Meetings

Florence K. Little Town Hall  
12 Colomba Road

**DeBary City Council**  
1st Wednesdays 7 PM

**Code Enforcement Board**  
2nd Wednesdays 6 PM  
Every other month

**Community Emergency  
Response Team (CERT)**  
Call 668-3820 for dates

**Economic Development  
Advisory Committee**  
3rd Thursdays 7 PM

**Historic Preservation  
Advisory Board**  
Meets Quarterly

**Neighborhood Watch**  
Call 668-3820 for dates

**Orlandia Heights Board  
of Directors**  
2nd Thursdays 6:30 PM

**Public Safety Committee**  
2nd Tuesdays 9 AM

**Streetscape Committee**  
2nd Tuesdays 5:30 PM

**Volusia County  
Emergency Information**  
is released to the media  
via the following:

**Radio**  
WNDB 1150 AM  
WNDA 1490 AM  
WHOG 95.7 FM  
US 93 93.1 FM  
WVYB 103.3 FM

**TV**  
WCEU TV-15 (PBS)  
Turn TV to UHF Channel 15

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## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT IN DeBARY

**Tuesday, August 1st**  
**6 PM to 9 PM**

**Florence K. Little Town Hall**  
**12 Colomba Road behind the Fire Station**

On August 1st, neighborhoods throughout DeBary are invited to join with thousands of communities nationwide for: **23rd Annual National Night Out.**

- Bring the kids and let them climb in and climb on an M113 personnel carrier (tank), a Sheriff's patrol car, and motorcycles.
- Air One will do a fly-over.
- Meet Deputy Genao and Brit, DeBary's K-9.
- Don't miss this opportunity to get to know your local deputies and firefighters.
- COP members (Citizens On Patrol) will be present to fingerprint children.
- Fire Services will perform car seat safety checks.
- This is a free fun-filled event designed to strengthen police-community partnerships, strengthen neighborhood spirit, heighten the awareness of crime and drug prevention, and to generate support for local anti-crime efforts.

- Firemen from the DeBary Volunteer Firemen's Association will be present to answer your questions.
- Personnel from Sunshine State One-Call of Florida and Volusia County Solid Waste Department will be present.
- DeBary Volunteer Firemen will provide hot dogs and soda for those attending – donations will be appreciated.

Information will be provided for the Sheriff's Speed Measuring Trailer, Victim Advocate Programs, Water Conservation, Hurricane Disaster Preparedness, Neighborhood Watch, and the CERT Program. Bring your friends and neighbors and help celebrate **DeBary's National Night Out.** Call DeBary Safety Coordinator Alan Williamson at (386) 668-3820 for more information.



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