

To: Mayor and City Council
From: Kassandra Blissett, Interim City Manager
Date: December 4, 2009
Subject: DeBary City Manager's Weekly Report

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1. Burn Ban is in Effect

Effective December 4, 2009, an outdoor burn ban is in effect until further notice. All outdoor burning is banned, unless authorized by the Florida Division of Forestry. Banned: burning of yard trash, household paper products, bonfires, campfires, warming fires, and cooking fires.

The only exception is outdoor cooking done with a contained gas or charcoal grill (excluding a fire pit).

2. 2009 Toy Drive "Christmas for Kids"

The Toy Drive is urgently in need of toys, gifts, or donations. Please drop off at Florence K. Little Town Hall, 12 Colomba Road in the front foyer on weekdays from 9 AM to 5 PM. Town Hall is located just behind the Fire Station. For further information, please call Sharon or Kim at 688-2886.

3. Planning & Zoning Holiday Schedule

Please note the following changes from the regular Planning and Zoning office hours of Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:30 – 12:00:

Monday	December 21 st	8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	December 22 nd	CLOSED
Thursday	December 24 th	CLOSED
Friday	December 25 th	CLOSED for Christmas
Tuesday	December 29 th	8:30 a.m. to 12:00
Thursday	December 31 st	8:30 a.m. to 12:00

4. Activities in DeBary

**Wednesday, December 9
4 – 5:30 PM**

**2nd Annual Children's Christmas Workshop
Gateway Center for the Arts, 880 N. Hwy. 17-92
For early release students ages 6 – 12**

Saturday, December 12
7 PM

"The Nutcracker Ballet"
Gateway Center for the Arts, 880 N. Hwy. 17-92
For details, please call 668-5553.

▶ **The 2 PM Sunday, December 13th matinee has been cancelled.**

Sunday, December 13
3 PM

DeBary 2009 *Christmas* Parade
Starting from Spring Vista – north on South
Highway 17/92 – ending at Poinsettia Drive.

▶▶ **PLEASE NOTE: Handouts – flyers – postcards, etc., are not required to be reviewed by the City of DeBary for the Christmas Parade.**

For a complete list of activities, please see the Activities Calendar and the Parks Event Calendar on the City's web site: debary.org

5. Safety Coordinator

At the weekly HAM radio operators meeting, a discussion was held on local repeaters as well as an update on the WinLink program.

Safety Coordinator Alan Williamson participated on a couple National Weather Service conference calls in reference to potential severe weather forecasted for the area. The conference calls were conducted by a meteorologist from the Melbourne weather station.

Alan has continued to work on FEMA appeals from T.S. Fay. The appeals are for the reimbursement of funds spent on damaged infrastructure as a result of T.S. Fay.

The VIP group (Volunteers Inspiring Pride) met and discussed upcoming event. The agenda covered the Christmas Parade, Annual Toy Drive, events at the Gateway Center for the Arts, and the upcoming Citrus Share program offered through the Knights of Columbus.

6. Poison Proofing Your Home for the Holidays

A News Release from the Florida Poison Information Center lists Food, Decorations, and Alcohol as potential poisoning hazards. The Release is attached.

7. Pickup of Illegal Signs

Attached is a spreadsheet detailing pickup of illegal signs from the City's rights-of-way through November 2009.

8. 2010 Census

With one of the shortest questionnaire in history, the 2010 Census asks for name, gender, age, race, ethnicity, relationship, and whether you own or rent your home. It takes only about 10 minutes for the average household to complete. Questions about how we live as a nation – our diversity, education, housing, jobs, and more – are now covered in the American Community Survey, which is conducted every year throughout the decade and replaces the Census 2000 long-form questionnaire. Responses to

the 2010 Census questionnaire are required by law. All responses are used for statistical purposes only, and all are strictly confidential.

9. Parks and Recreation Department

Judging for the **2009 Christmas Lighting Display Contest** began on Tuesday, December 1, 2009 and will conclude on December 10, 2009. Winners will be announced at the next appropriate City Council meeting.

The **2009 Christmas Parade** will be held on December 13, 2009. This year's theme is "Christmas Memories." Over 50 entries have been received for this year's event. Winners will be announced at the next appropriate City Council meeting.

Recreation Coordinator Michelle Leach met with Mike Johnson from Florida Party Productions on Wednesday December 2, 2009. Mr. Johnson has volunteered his time to serve as our emcee for the 2009 Christmas Parade. Items of discussion included procedure and equipment needs for the event.

The **Soccer League** continued play at Rob Sullivan Community Park this past week. There are over 200 participants combined for both DeBary soccer programs this year. A big THANK YOU goes out to the nearly 30 volunteer coaches and instructors for both programs!

The **50+ Crowd** was held at the Florence K. Little Town Hall located at 12 Colomba Road on November 30, 2009. This program meets from 12-3pm every Monday. Adults over the age of 50 are welcome. Attendees have the opportunity to play free games while enjoying free food and meeting new friends. For further information, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 386-668-2040.

Final preparations were made for the **2009 Ice Cream Social**. Door prizes donated by various local businesses including DeBary Golf & Country Club, Publix, Half Off Books and KFC will be raffled off throughout the event. This special event is run in conjunction with the 50+ Crowd on December 14, 2009 from 12-3pm. The 2009 Ice Cream Social will be co-sponsored by *Preferred Care at Home*, Senior In Home Care, operated in DeBary. If you are interested in attending or giving a gift certificate to this annual event, please contact Recreation Coordinator Michelle Leach at 386-668-2040 ext. 322.

The City of DeBary is partnering with Premier Martial Arts to bring **Youth Karate Classes for Beginners** and **Adult Self Defense Classes** to the citizens of DeBary. Both classes will be held on Thursday evenings at the Florence K. Little Town Hall from January 7, 2010-February 11, 2010 (6 weeks). Youth Karate is geared toward boys & girls ages 7-12 from 6:00-6:30pm. Adult Self Defense will be held from 6:45pm-7:15pm. Registration will begin December 14, 2009 at City Hall. Cost is \$60 per person per program. For further information, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 386-668-2040.

Registration for the **2010 Youth Outdoor Basketball League** will start December 7, 2009 and end December 18, 2009 at City Hall. This program is geared toward boys & girls ages 10-14. All games and practices are held at Bill Keller Park. Cost of the program is \$40 per person. For further information, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 386-668-2040.

The City of DeBary Parks and Recreation Department will be offering a new program for adults over the age of 30. **Movies in the Morning** will be starting on December 30, 2009 at the Florence K. Little

Town Hall from 9am-12pm. One movie from the 1950s-1980s will be played each month. Refreshments and bagels will be made available to those attending the program. No registration is needed! This program is free to attend! For further information or movie titles, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 386-668-2040.

Pilates classes began on Tuesday, December 1st and Friday, December 4th at the Florence K. Little Town Hall. The City of DeBary is co-sponsoring Pilates classes which are instructed by Lauren Sylvester. Cost is \$8 per class. Registration is on-going on site Tuesday evenings or Friday mornings or at City Hall. For further information, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 386-668-2040.

Parks and Recreation Director John Fletcher submitted an ECHO Grant Application for improvements at Rob Sullivan Park. There was a submittal deadline of December 3, 2009 by noon to remain eligible for the grant.

10. Drainage Improvement Projects

Design Projects:

Community Drive

Thirty (30) sets of the construction plans and geotech report have been provided to the City for Bid No. 07-09.

Hollow Pine

Prior to formulating a response to the District for the RAI received for the March 10th application submittal, GAI is waiting for the permit modification to the West Side Emergency Flood Management System (WSEFMS) submitted by PEC to be approved by the St Johns District. Once the approval to the permit modification to the WSEFMS is obtained, GAI will then re-submit to the district for the Hollow Pine permit.

Pine Valley Court

An RAI was issued by the District, primarily over concerns with connection to the WSEFMS, September 8, 2009. Prior to formulating a response to the District for the RAI received, GAI is waiting for the permit modification to the West Side Emergency Flood Management System (WSEFMS) submitted by PEC to be approved by the St Johns District.

Regarding the required mitigation for satisfying the St Johns District, the City Council approved the invoice associated with the Pine Valley Court mitigation credits on November 18th.

Crystal Pine Drive (Unnamed Lake #4)

Design of this project cannot move forward until a suitable property can be obtained by the City for stormwater treatment. GAI will be happy to work with the City to aid in selection of a suitable site for stormwater treatment.

End of Report



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NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

November 30, 2009

Contact: Phyllis Bell-Davis
Media Relations and Education Associate
904-244-4465

Don't let holiday hazards ruin your celebration

Poison proofing your home for the holidays

The holiday season always couples excited children, rushing parents, holiday decorations, and holiday parties; all of which have been shown to create potential for increases in accidental poisonings.

The staff of the Florida/USVI Poison Information Center - Jacksonville would like to remind everyone of the potential poisoning hazards that could threaten your holiday cheer. Bacterial food poisoning from mishandled food at parties can result in diarrhea, stomach pain and vomiting. These symptoms usually go away in 12 to 24 hours; however, severe and persistent symptoms, especially when accompanied by fever, can signal that medical attention is needed.

Holiday decorations at this time of year often find their way into a young child's or pet's mouth. Likewise, alcoholic beverages left unattended at family parties have been known to change holiday cheer into a significant cause for concern. The Poison Center can be reached at **1-800-222-1222**, 24 hours a day, to immediately help with any of these concerns or to answer questions about these holiday hazards.

The following tips can help you to ensure a safer holiday season. Don't forget to remind your sleepover holiday guests to also keep their medications up, out of reach and out of sight of young children!

FOOD

- Do not thaw food at room temperature; this allows for bacterial growth. Thaw frozen food unwrapped in the refrigerator.
- Wash work areas, utensils and hands after contact with uncooked meat.
- Do not partially cook turkey one day and continue cooking the next day.
- Refrigerate leftovers separately after the meal; room temperature is not sufficient. Use leftover turkey, stuffing and gravy within three days of cooking.
- Be cognizant of how long food, especially those requiring refrigeration, is left out.

DECORATIONS

- Antique tree ornaments and toys/decorations may contain lead and should not be handled by children.
- Bubble lights may contain methylene chloride which is toxic if the liquid is swallowed.
- The use of artificial snow can cause respiratory problems if not used in a well-ventilated area.
- Angel hair, made of spun glass, is irritating to the eyes and skin.
- Lamp oils can be toxic if contents are swallowed and coughed/vomited into the lungs.
- Artificial tree scents often contain alcohol and other irritants, and can be dangerous if swallowed or sprayed into the eyes. Tree preservatives may have dangerous levels of electrolytes and chemicals and should be kept away from children and pets.
- Many small decorations, toy parts, and batteries can block a child's airway if swallowed. If the decoration or toy fits into the inside of an empty toilet paper roll it may be too small for very young children to handle. Button batteries are particularly dangerous if swallowed and require immediate medical attention.

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Poison Center

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

- Clean up immediately following all holiday parties so that alcohol, cigarette butts, and other potentially harmful items are not within reach of children who may imitate adult behavior.
- A small amount of alcohol can cause a child's blood sugar to drop to a dangerously low level. Sleepiness, seizures and breathing difficulties can occur when a child swallows alcohol.
- Store all alcoholic beverages in a locked cabinet or up and out of reach and sight of children.
- Don't drink and drive.

If you suspect a poisoning has occurred, or if you have questions concerning poisonings, immediately call the Poison Center at **1-800-222-1222**. When the problem is poison, the answer is poison control.

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The Florida/USVI Poison Information Center - Jacksonville is available 365 days a year, 24 hours a day. Call the Center at 1-800-222-1222 (Voice/TTY) for poisoning emergencies or to ask for information. The Center is staffed with skilled healthcare professionals who provide rapid life-saving information, promote cost-effective treatment and prevention, and personal service, often going the next step to ensure peace of mind during a poisoning emergency.

The Florida/USVI Poison Information Center - Jacksonville is a cooperative effort between the University of Florida College of Medicine, Shands Jacksonville, the University of Florida Health Science Center - Jacksonville, and the State of Florida, Department of Health, Children's Medical Services. The Florida Poison Information Center - Jacksonville is designated as an accredited regional poison control center by the American Association of Poison Control Centers.

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United States Virgin Islands

Gene Leighton
Signs

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
	# of Signs	# of Signs	# of Signs	# of Signs	# of Signs	# of Signs
January		585	350	410	321	197
February		417	354	289	230	240
March		405	412	335	412	311
April		520	442	277	332	285
May		498	375	238	262	325
June		345	486	395	369	257
July		280	370	273	281	253
August		328	262	264	295	340
September		303	328	320	334	247
October	560	287	380	276	291	388
November	423	247	372	279	292	277
December	520	241	234	190	291	
	1,503	4,456	4,365	3,546	3,710	3,120

City of DeBary, Florida

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Dec 4 Friday** **Effective December 4, 2009, Burn ban is in effect until further notice.**
- Dec 8 Tuesday**
9:30 to 11:30 AM **Historic Preservation Advisory Board Workshop**
16 Colomba Road
- Dec 8 Tuesday**
5:30 to 7:30 PM **Streetscape Advisory Committee Meeting**
16 Colomba Road
- Dec 9 Wednesday**
3 – 5 PM **Special City Council Meeting**
16 Colomba Road
- Dec 9 Wednesday**
4 – 5:30 PM **Children’s Christmas Workshop Students ages 6 - 12**
Gateway Center for the Arts, 880 N. Highway 17/92 668-5553
- Dec 9 Wednesday**
6 – 8 PM **Code Enforcement Board Meeting**
16 Colomba Road
- Dec 10 Thursday**
7 – 8 PM **Economic Development Advisory Committee Meeting**
16 Colomba Road
- Dec 12 Saturday**
7 PM ***“The Nutcracker Ballet”***
Gateway Center for the Arts, 880 N. Highway 17/92 668-5553
- Dec 13 Sunday**
3 PM **DeBary Christmas Parade**
Begins at Spring Vista - north along South 17/92 – to Poinsettia Drive
- Dec 14 Monday**
Noon to 3 PM **Seniors Ice Cream Social – free event by DeBary Parks & Rec. Dept.**
Florence K. Little Town Hall, 12 Colomba Road
- Dec 15 Tuesday**
9 – 10 AM **Development Review Committee Meeting**
16 Colomba Road
- Dec 16 Wednesday**
7 – 11 PM **City Council Meeting**
16 Colomba Road
- Dec 17 Thursday**
7 PM **Orlandia Heights Board of Directors Meeting**
16 Colomba Road
- Dec 18 Friday**
8 PM **“The Wonderful Sounds of Christmas” Gateway Orchestra**
Gateway Center for the Arts
- Dec 19 Saturday**
Details TBA **Holiday for the Arts in DeBary**
DeBary Golf and Country Club
- Dec 25/26 Thursday/Friday** **City Offices closed in observance of Christmas Eve and Day**