



# DEBARY DIGEST



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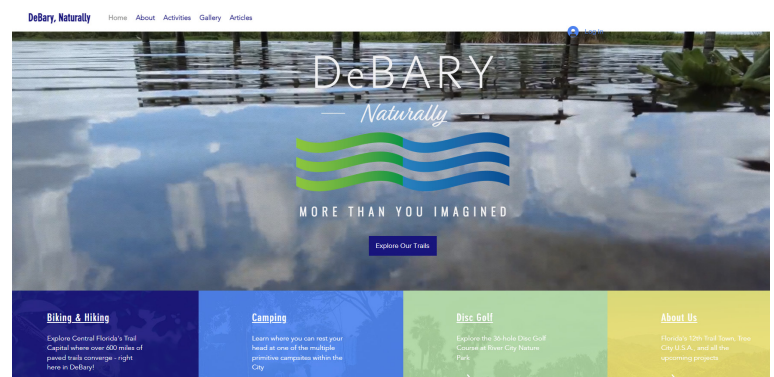
## DEBARY NIGHT AT THE TORTUGAS

August 18, 2023 at 6:35PM

\$7 per person | General Admission

Available to anyone who lives or works in the DeBary Area!

The Daytona Tortugas Baseball team is once again hosting a DeBary Night and our very own Councilmember Pappalardo will be throwing the first pitch! Come on out with your friends, family, and neighbors as we represent our beautiful City! Buy tickets online at [FEVO.ME/CITYOFOCDB](https://FEVO.ME/CITYOFOCDB)



## VISIT DEBARYNATURALLY.ORG

The City of DeBary launched a new website!

The City of DeBary now maintains a website specifically dedicated to eco-tourism and recreation in DeBary. This resource explores fishing, camping, kayaking, hiking, biking, and more in our City! We are continuously adding and updating this page, so keep checking in, you never know what else there is to explore! Check out [DeBarynaturally.org](https://DeBarynaturally.org)

# DEBARY'S GROWTH MANAGEMENT :

## PROACTIVE APPROACH TO TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE

When managing new growth, municipalities often tend to focus on site development, architectural design, inner-development transportation, and storm water infrastructure. Community-wide transportation impacts from new growth tend to lag since the time from concept to construction takes so long. DeBary is at the forefront of accelerating important transportation projects to timely meet demand and improve safety for all road users, including bicycles, golf carts, and pedestrians. This article provides information on the upcoming road projects.

## CITY MANAGER'S CORNER



DEBARY CITY MANAGER  
CARMEN ROSAMONDA

### W. Highbanks Road (Hwy 17/92 to S. Shell Road)

This project will extend the West Highbanks turn lane and build a new S. Shell Road turn lane to provide better traffic flow and pedestrian safety. Engineering and permitting are complete. Construction will start on June 5, 2023, and be completed by August 3, 2023. With this project, W. Highbanks Road will be closed from 9am-4pm, Monday through Friday. It will be open for rush hour and weekend traffic. Closing the road is much safer for drivers and construction personnel than trying to manage traffic with intermittent lane closures in such a tight area. Project cost: \$700,000. The funding for this project utilizes ARPA funds from the U.S. government.

### Ft. Florida Road Reconstruction

(Barwick Road to the Railroad tracks)

This project will reconstruct the road to accommodate an increase in traffic volume. In addition to the road reconstruction, a 10' multi-use trail will be constructed on the south side. This trail will lead pedestrians, bicyclists, and golf cart owners from the SunRail station to Alexander Island. Street lights will be added, significantly improving safety. Engineering for this project is 90% complete, and construction is expected to begin in December 2023. This segment of road will be closed for 4-6 months. Project cost: \$3,000,000. Good news! The City applied for and received a 2023 state legislative appropriation in the amount of \$1,500,000, reducing our cost by 50%. At the time of writing, the appropriation is awaiting the governor's signature.

### Fort Florida Road Bridge to Lake Konomac Spillway

This project will reconstruct the bridge located on the west side of Lake Konomac. Currently, Florida Power and Light's spillway travels under our bridge, which is undersized and suffers damage during hurricanes and other heavy storms. Project cost: \$2,000,000. Good news! The City applied for and received a 2023 state legislative appropriation in the amount of \$1,000,000. The City is in the process of signing an agreement with Florida Power and Light to pay for 25% of the cost, thereby, reducing the City's overall cost by 75%. It awaits the governor's signature, who also has line item veto power. Engineering is expected to be completed by July 2024, and construction is expected to begin in January 2025. This segment of Fort Florida Road will be closed for the duration of construction.

### Benson Junction Road

(HWY 17/92 to S. Shell Road)

This project is to reconstruct the road for commercial and industrial traffic, add new sidewalks for pedestrian and bike safety, and add critical stormwater infrastructure. The project is currently in engineering and is expected to be completed in January 2024. The cost of construction is estimated at \$4,000,000. This project is currently unfunded, and the City will seek state appropriations and other grant funding to assist in construction costs. If our funding plan is successful, construction may begin as soon as January 2025.

### Fort Florida Road (Kalin to Ft. Florida Point Road)

The City is currently engineering this segment of Fort Florida to continue urbanizing and improving storm water infrastructure. Engineering will be completed by January 2024. This project is currently unfunded, and construction timelines have not been determined.

My fellow DeBarians, we are proud of our transportation strategic planning and our proactive approach, along with our funding strategy of securing state appropriations. We are determined to implement these strategies at the same time that growth occurs around the SunRail station. The Council and I have worked hard to seek funding to reduce the burden on our residents by stretching our local tax dollars. Have a great summer!

# HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

**Hurricane season is June 1st - November 30th**

Whether this is your first hurricane season in DeBary or you are a seasoned Floridian, it is important to prepare for hurricane season BEFORE the first storm is detected. Hurricanes are not just a coastal problem. Hurricane effects such as storms, high winds, tornadoes, and flooding can also affect our City, so it is important to be prepared!



## STAY INFORMED

- Download Volusia County's Emergency Preparedness App.
- Sign up for telephone notifications with AlertVolusia



- Scan the QR code to sign up to for Emergency Email Notifications from the City of DeBary.

## MAKE A PLAN

*Do you plan on evacuating when it is time?*

- If you live in a secure and stable home and do not require any electronic medical equipment, it is usually recommended that you shelter in place.
- If you choose to evacuate, know where you are going (friends, family, hotel/motel, public shelter). Volusia County shelters will be announced prior to a storm.

## Stock up on Emergency Supplies

- Non-perishable food for 3-7 days
- 3 (or more) gallons of water per person
- Manual can opener
- Flashlights & extra bulbs
- External/portable charger with cords
- Matches or a lighter
- First aid kit
- A week's supply of prescription medications
- Radio (battery operated or hand crank)
- Books and games
- Pet's food, water, and medication

Sandbags will be provided to residents PRIOR to a major storm. Sandbags will NOT be available *during* the storm.

Learn more about hurricane preparation in the City of DeBary



## IMPORTANT RESOURCES FOR HURRICANE INFORMATION

- [debary.org/publicsafety/page/hurricane-safety](http://debary.org/publicsafety/page/hurricane-safety) - City of DeBary hurricane information and resources
- [www.volusia.org/emergency](http://www.volusia.org/emergency) - disaster planning
- [www.volusia.org/PIN](http://www.volusia.org/PIN) - Weather & evacuation updates, public shelter openings
- [www.floodsmart.gov](http://www.floodsmart.gov) - learn about flood insurance
- [www.floridadisaster.org](http://www.floridadisaster.org) - help to create a personalized family disaster plan
- **386-252-8000** - 24-hour Weather Line Forecast Service
- *\*ONLY during a disaster\** **866-345-0345** - Citizen's Information Center

During a Hurricane or disaster, City Staff are deployed to different locations to safely work throughout the storm. **PLEASE DO NOT COME TO CITY HALL DURING A HURRICANE.** Once it is safe to do so, storm recovery staff will be busy clearing blocked roads for electrical crews and emergency vehicles. Other staff members are answering phones at the Volusia County Citizen's Information Center. To report a concern to City Hall during an emergency, call the Citizen's Information Center *\*ONLY during a disaster.\**

# FALL RECREATION PROGRAMS

Fall program registration will start the first week in August with programs running from September-November. Visit [www.debaryrecreation.org](http://www.debaryrecreation.org) this summer to see updated dates and information!



## Fall Youth Soccer

(Ages K-9th)

## Little Kickers

(Ages 3-5)

## Little All Stars

(Ages 3-5)

## Youth Tumbling

(Ages 3-12)

## Adult Kickball

(18+ and 30+ Age Divisions)

## Adult Pickleball

(Ages 55+)

# SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS

We are excited to host weekly sports camps in DeBary this summer! Camps are contracted through local instructors, coaches, and groups with a variety of different sports. Please reach out to the instructors directly for more information or to register.

## Football Camp

June 5-9 6pm-8pm | Ages 5-14 | \$65/Child | Rob Sullivan Park | Contact: Coach Andre Collier - West Volusia Wolves | 386-281-8144 | [wolvesfbdirector@gmail.com](mailto:wolvesfbdirector@gmail.com)

## Soccer Camp

Session 1: June 12-16 | Session 2: July 17-21  
9-11:30am | Rob Sullivan Park | Ages 8-18 | \$150/Single Session or \$250/both | Contact: Coach Skip Gardner - DeBary Soccer Academy | 321-277-7966 | [davidskipgardner@gmail.com](mailto:davidskipgardner@gmail.com)

## Baseball & Softball Camp

Baseball: June 5-9 & July 17-21 | Softball: June 12-16 & July 10-14 | 9:30am-12pm | Rob Sullivan Park | Ages 8-14 | \$130/child | Contact: Coach Ariel Mercedes | 407-486-6140 | [ezsportsnettingllc@gmail.com](mailto:ezsportsnettingllc@gmail.com)

## Tumbling and Cheer Camps

Tumbling: June 26-29 (2-hour sessions) | Cheer: July 24-27 (2-hour sessions) | 6-8pm | FKL Town Hall | Ages 6-12 | \$60/Child | Contact: City of DeBary | 386-601-0206 | Register online or at City Hall

## Sports & More Camp

Session 1: July 31-August 3 (7th-9th grade) | Session 2: August 7-10 (3rd-6th grade) | Locations Vary: 8:30-11:30am | \$60/child | Contact: City of DeBary | 386-601-0206 | Register online with an account or at City Hall

## Golf Camp

Ages 8-10: Week of June 12th, 19th, and 26th | Ages 11-14: Week of July 10th, 17th, and 24th | M/W/F 9am-12pm | Glen Abbey Golf Course | \$180/week or \$510/all 3 sessions | Contact: Coach Wayne Enders - Glen Abbey Golf Course Pro | 386-956-1749

## Tennis Camp

Session 1: June 19-22 | Session 2: July 24-27 | Mornings (times vary by age) | Bill Keller Park | Ages 4-14 | \$75/ages 4-7 | \$99/ages 8 & up

## Disc Golf Camp

Session 1: June 19-23 | Session 2: July 17-21 | 8:30am-10am | River City Nature Park | Ages 12 & up | FREE to play! | Contact: Greg Klim - DeBary Disc Golf Club | 302-545-9303 | [greg.klim@debarydiscgolf.org](mailto:greg.klim@debarydiscgolf.org)

CITY OF DEBARY'S

# 4TH OF JULY

FREEDOM FEST

Tuesday, July 4th | 6-10:30pm

Gemini Springs Park

This year's event will feature live entertainment on two stages, food trucks, family friendly activities, a kid zone courtesy of Grace Baptist Church and a state-of-the-art fireworks and laser light show choreographed to music. All coordinated activities and vendors will shut down by 9:00 pm. The fireworks and laser light show will begin at approximately 9:15 pm. After the fireworks show, stage entertainment will continue until 10:30 pm.



Parking is limited to the lots available within the park. Coolers and pop-up tents are allowed at this event, but glass, grills, pets, and personal fireworks are not permitted.

CITY OF DEBARY



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www.debary.org

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## GATEWAY CENTER FOR THE ARTS

LOCATED AT 880 N US HIGHWAY 17-92 DEBARY, FL

[www.gatewaycenterforthearts.org](http://www.gatewaycenterforthearts.org)

### Summer Camp Performances

- Narnia - June 16th at 6pm & June 17th at 2:30pm
- Disney's Willy Wonka Jr. - July 30th at 6pm
- Disney's Moana Jr. - July 21st at 6pm and July 22nd at 2:30pm

### Comedy Chaser Improv Show

7:30pm | \$12/ticket online or at the door  
In partnership with Central 28 Beer Co.

- Friday, July 14th
- Friday, August 11th
- Friday, September 8th

Looking for a fun way to give back to the community and support local artists? Gateway is looking for volunteers and sponsors! Call 386-668-5553 for more information.

# FAIR HOUSING

The Fair Housing Act protects people from discrimination when they are renting or buying a home, getting a mortgage, or seeking housing assistance. If you feel you have experienced discrimination while engaging in housing-related activities, call 1 (800) 669-9777

## FAIR HOUSING ACT

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development



It is illegal to discriminate against any person because of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin

Anyone who feels they have been a victim of housing discrimination may file a complaint at 1 (800) 669-9777



## ● REMINDER TO DEBARY BUSINESSES: DON'T FORGET TO RENEW YOUR BUSINESS TAX RECEIPTS STARTING JULY 1



City of DeBary Business Tax Receipts are due annually by September, 30.

If you operate a business located within DeBary, you are required to pay your local business taxes to the City of DeBary. This pertains to those businesses that are commercial and home-based.

**Businesses can pay their BTR with credit/debit card through the online portal or in person with check/money order at City Hall.**

The online portal allows business owners to make payments and print their Business Tax Receipts all from their computer



Need help setting up your online portal? Contact Kayla at [Kburney@DeBary.org](mailto:Kburney@DeBary.org)

## COUNCIL IN THE COMMUNITY



Councilmember Stevenson joins other councilmembers, City Staff, and residents on the Alexander Island Tours



Mayor Chasez, Vice-Mayor Butlien, and Councilmember Pappalardo at the Arbor Day Tree Giveaway



Councilmember Sell speaking at the annual Gateway Center for the Art's Youth Celebration

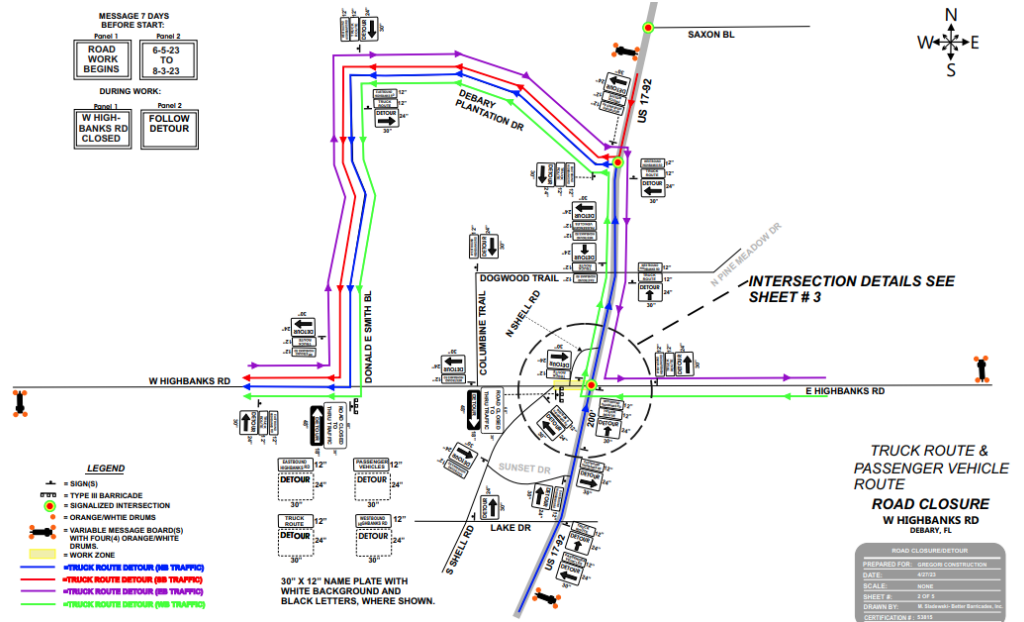
# TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE ON Highbanks Road Near Winn-Dixie

Monday June 5, 2023 through August 3, 2023

Weekdays from 9AM to 4PM

The W. Highbanks Road closure will occur each weekday, Monday through Friday, from 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. beginning June 5, 2023, and ending on or before Thursday, August 3, 2023. W. Highbanks Road will remain open on Monday, July 3, 2023, and Tuesday, July 4, 2023.

Detour routes are established and will have clearly marked signage to guide traffic around the road closure area. Golf carts, bicycles, and pedestrians will still have access to travel through the W. Highbanks Road closure area on the sidewalk.

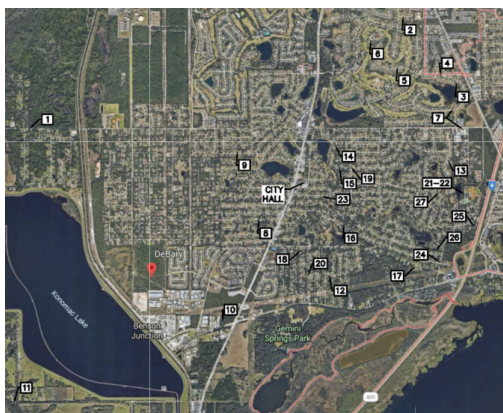


For more information on the road work, visit [debarry.org/pi/page/road-closures-detours](https://debarry.org/pi/page/road-closures-detours) or email [info@debarry.org](mailto:info@debarry.org).

## UPCOMING STORMWATER PROJECTS

As a reminder, projects are prioritized by many variable such as the severity of water ponding or functional impact on other systems like drain fields, road hazards, or actual home flooding. The normal process for completing a project follows the design-bid-build model as outlined in the Florida Statutes.

- W. Highbanks Rd. (North)
- 474 Eagle Brook Court
- 116 Glen Abbey Lane
- 221 Glen Abbey Lane
- 387 Glen Abbey Lane
- 202 Yorkville Place
- James Pond Pump Station
- 20 Catelina Drive
- 60 Azalea Drive
- Benson Junction Flooding
- 218 Lago Vista St.
- 29-31 Bass Lake Drive
- 22,24 & 34 Medera Road
- 53 Madera Road
- 144-48 DeBary Drive
- 253 Sunrise Blvd., 250 Fraser Rd. & 257 DeBary Drive
- 201-218 Grande Vista Street
- 32 Estrella Road, 142 Lakewood Drive
- Bill Keller Park
- 115 Angeles Road
- 286, 268, 271, 275 Deleon Road & 62 Alano Road



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