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# TRANSITIONING TO A MULTI-MODAL COMMUNITY



During COVID, golf and golf cart industries unexpectedly grew exponentially, both on the golf course and in neighborhoods. Today, golf carts have become a reliable mode of local

transportation, whether it's going to parks, schools, golf courses or visiting neighbors. This golf cart explosion has put a strain on City infrastructure causing increase in non-compliance and safety. In speaking with residents, it became clear that many golf cart users are unaware of the rules and regulations governing golf carts and low speed vehicles.

On June 2, 2021, the City Council passed a resolution to establish a citizen advisory committee to review the golf cart problem and turn it into an opportunity. The Golf Cart Review Committee has been charged with reviewing and analyzing State regulations, best practices, and City infrastructure to make recommendations to the City Council on establishing a Golf Cart Ordinance, transitioning DeBary into a safe and efficient citywide multi-modal community.

On July 7, 2021, the City Council will be appointing, from a pool of applicants, 7 members to this Committee. This Committee will be conducting a series of public meetings to gather input, establish criteria and formulate a plan. It is important that the community be involved in this transition. The deadline for this Committee to make recommendations to the Council is December 31, 2021.

Many other communities have already made a successful transition. It is clear a multi-modal community improves the quality of life and adds value to our property. These communities made the transition by passing ordinances and improving infrastructure. Because the City of DeBary does not have an ordinance governing golf carts, we must specifically comply with the Florida Statutes, which is causing much of our misinformation and non-compliance.

<u>Know the Laws.</u> In DeBary, the only subdivision authorized to drive golf carts on the street is DeBary Golf and Country Club. When this golf community was developed in the early 1990's, golf carts were authorized through their development covenants.

<u>Golf Carts are not Allowed on Sidewalks in DeBary.</u> Chapter 316.1995(1), F.S. states, "Except as provided in 316.008 or s. 316.212(8), a person may not drive any vehicle other than human power upon a bicycle path, sidewalk or sidewalk area, except upon a permanent or duly authorized temporary driveway." Under Chapter 316.212 (8), F.S., the City can enact an ordinance authorizing operation of golf carts on sidewalks provided that certain conditions are met and findings made regarding safety and related matters. Currently, DeBary <u>does not</u> have an ordinance authorizing golf carts on sidewalks.

<u>Golf Carts versus Low Speed Vehicles.</u> There is an excellent brochure on this law on the next page from the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles. Under Chapter 320.01(22), F.S., golf carts are defined as "a motor vehicle that is designed and manufactured for operation on a golf course for sporting or recreational purposes that is not capable of exceeding speeds of 20 MPH." Golf carts may be operated on roadways that are <u>designated</u> for golf carts with a posted speed limit of 30 MPH or less. Other than DeBary Golf and Country Club, the City of DeBary <u>does not have any designated streets for golf carts</u>.

Golf carts with a top speed over 20 MPH are considered a low speed vehicle and must be registered, titled and insured. They must be equipped with the proper safety equipment. These vehicles must have license plates and must be driven by a person with a valid driver's license. Because these vehicles are tagged and titled, they are permitted to operate on streets where the posted speed limit is 35 MPH or less.

Once the City adopts an ordinance, there will be better and safer movement throughout the community. Golf cart regulations in DeBary will be clear and easy to follow. But, until then, please follow these regulations. Safety first!

Carmen Rosamonda

City Manager



The rules for yard work are a little different with Florida's sandy soils.

Fertilizer nutrients, like nitrogen and phosphorus, can end up in our surface and groundwater, where they feed algal blooms that deplete oxygen, kill fish and turn the water the color of



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	Know your watering days			
Volusia County	Homes with odd-numbered or no addresses	Homes with even-numbered or no addresses	Nonresidential properties	
Daylight Saving Time	Wednesday and Saturday	Thursday and Sunday	Tuesday and Friday	
Eastern Standard Time	Saturday	Sunday	Tuesday	

#### These guidelines apply to all areas in Volusia County, including cities:

- Water only when needed, and not between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- Water for no more than one hour per zone, and no more than 3/4 inch per zone.
- Restrictions apply to all water sources, including private wells and pumps, ground and surface water, and water from public and private utilities.



For more information, visit volusia.org/water-conservation.

# **PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT UPDATE**

#### **CITY OF DEBARY FREEDOM FEST 2021**

#### In Partnership with the Citizen's Event Organizers of DeBary

The City of DeBary 4th of July Event will take place Sunday, July 4, 2021 at Gemini Springs Park. The event will begin at 4:00 p.m. and conclude at 11:00 p.m. There is no admission fee; food and beverages will be made available to the public at a nominal charge. Among the activities featured at this event will be live entertainment, family friendly activities, a kid zone, 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 p.m. The 4th of July Fireworks and laser light show display will begin at approximately 9:15 p.m. After the fireworks show, stage entertainment will resume until 11:00 p.m. Parking at the park is limited to the lots available within the park. Coolers and pop up tents are allowed at the event but no glass, no grills, no pets and no personal fireworks.



#### STAY TUNED FOR OUR EXCITING 2021-2022 PROGRAMS!

The Parks and Recreation Department is working diligently to finalize our program and event dates for the 21/22 school year.

We have a full slate of exciting programs for youth and adults that you won't want to miss. Programs will kick off this fall with Youth Soccer, Adult Kickball, Youth Tumbling, our adult fitness classes, and much more. Our programs offer a fun way to get some exercise while making new friends.

Make sure to check our website www.debaryrecreation.org in the coming weeks for all of our program and event dates.





### **STORMWATER AND ROAD IMPROVEMENT UPDATES**

Below is an update of projects newly completed, nearing completion or underway since our last newsletter:

- South Pine Meadow Drive Pipe Replacement contractor bid proposals to begin construction opened June 1 and is expected to be awarded mid-June, with construction beginning end of July, beginning of August.
- Lantana Road Drainage Pipe Replacement recently completed, only finish ground surface work left.
- Lower Lake Court construction plans have been approved and permitted, construction will begin shortly.
- West Highbanks Road (South Drainage System) construction plans are near 100% completion, bid process expected to begin by December 2021.
- Woodbound Lake Phase 1 the force main portion is near construction completion.

- Woodbound Lake Phase
   2 in permitting with the St. Johns Water Management District.
- Gem Lake drawdown

   recently completed,
   a pump connection
   was formalized to more
   easily maintain water
   levels.



- Valencia Road Drainage Improvements – Construction completed.
- Knightsbridge Place Approximately 200' of failing corrugated metal pipe was replaced. Excavation of the failing pipe was completed in segments, and the failing pipe was replaced with high-density polyethylene pipe. Once concluded, restoration began which included concrete base for driveway repairs, sidewalk repairs, and sod for yard restoration.

# **ROAD UPDATES**

Beginning Monday, June 7, 2021, a section of Ft. Florida Road will be closed to all traffic between Teddy Rushing street and the future Kallen Street entrance. This section of Ft. Florida Road is scheduled to re-open on or before August 13, 2021, prior to Volusia County Schools' resumption. During the road closure, construction crews will install new underground stormwater systems and reconstruct the roadway to meet current transportation standards. Residents in Riveria Bella will use West Highbanks Road to access 17-92. Residents South of the future Kallen Street entrance can continue on Ft. Florida south to access 17-92. Motorists are encouraged to follow construction signs for detour routes.



# WHAT ARE THOSE FLAGS?

We receive many inquiries about marker flags that appear in easements and along public areas. Below is a guide that identifies the different flags residents may see.

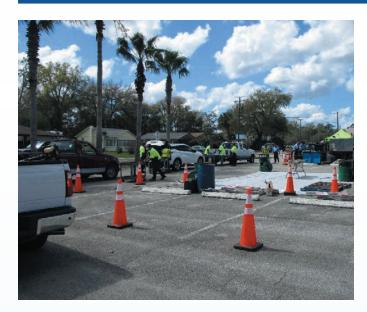




# FIRE CADETS WIN STATE AWARDS!

Congratulations to Orange City Fire Department Cadet Post 1890\* for bringing back 2 first place trophies and 1 second place trophy after competing with other posts from around the State. We know you are the best and now so does everyone else. Excited to have you protecting DeBary! \*The City of DeBary contracts with Orange City for fire protection services.





# HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

DeBary Clean-Up Day was held on February 27th and residents came out in great support. 392 customers attended the event, and items collected included:

> Paints - 761 gallons = 6088 lbs Reuse Chemicals - 2000 lbs Fluorescent Bulbs - 200 Lead Acid Batteries - 150 lb Propane Tanks - 7 Used Oil - 300 gallons Gasoline - 240 gallons Antifreeze - 30 gallons

# **COUNCIL IN THE COMMUNITY**





# DeBary, Florida Hurricane Preparedness

Hurricane season lasts from June 1st through November 30th and there are a lot of things you can do to prepare

### BEFORE



# COUNTY AND STATE RESOURCES

www.volusia.org/emergency - Disaster planning
 www.volusia.org/PIN - Weather & evacuation updates, public shelter openings
 www.visitfloodsmart.gov - Learn about flood insurance
 www.floridadisaster.org - Help creating a personalized family disaster plan
 \*Only during a disaster\* 866-345-0345 (Citizen Information Center)
 386-252-8000 24-hour (Weather Line Forecast Service)
 386-734-7190 - Directions to shelters in Volusia County
 386-248-1790 - Volusia County Animal Services



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POSTAL CUSTOMER

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CITY HALL MAIN PHONE	MAIN FAX	WEBSITE	FACEBOOK		
386-668-2040	386-668-4122	WWW.DEBARY.ORG	@CITYOFDEBARY		
BUILDING DEPARTMENT	CITY CLERK	CITY MANAGER	CODE ENFORCEMENT		
386-601-0212	386-601-0219	386-601-0238	386-601-0209		
BUSINESS TAX RECEIPTS	FINANCE	GROWTH MANAGEMENT	PARKS & RECREATION		
386-601-0204	386-0222	386-601-0210	386-601-0206		
PLANNING & ZONING	PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST		PUBLIC WORKS		
386-601-0204	386-601-0225		386-601-0207		

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