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Building Our Community

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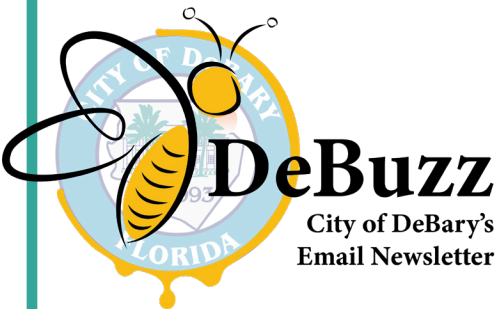
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THE DEBARY DINOSAUR HAS FOUND A NEW HOME

Have you ever noticed the green dinosaur heading into DeBary on HWY 17-92? Well, this prehistoric animal has relocated to Community Park!



Make sure to stop by the splash pad and snap a picture with our new friend!
DeBary Dino
137 S Charles
Richard Beall Blvd.
DeBary, FL 32713

CITY MANAGER'S CORNER

UPCOMING FY2022-23 BUDGET

I will like to provide you a preview of the proposed annual budget I will be presenting to the City Council in July 2022. Again, DeBary will be the leader in fiscal conservatism.

DID YOU KNOW? DeBary became a City in 1993, and I was on the first City Council. At that time, we adopted Volusia County's ad valorem millage rate of 2.83 mils. While Volusia County's millage has nearly doubled over the last 30 years, DeBary's millage rate has increased less than 1/10th mil.

DID YOU KNOW? DeBary has not only the lowest ad valorem millage rate in West Volusia, but all of Volusia County. In fact, DeBary's ad valorem rate is 57% less than DeLand and 63% less than Orange City and Deltona.

DID YOU KNOW? In last year's budget, 96% of DeBary residents paid the same or less to the City of DeBary in ad valorem taxes and stormwater fees combined. Even though we maintained our current ad valorem tax rate, we reduced our stormwater fee by 11.4%.

We have been working hard in obtaining monies from outside sources to meet our growing needs and ease our financial burden. This year the City of DeBary will receive \$2 million in state appropriations to assist us in building a second fire station (\$1.25M) and to replace/repair the failing stormwater system in Glen Abbey (\$750K). It was great work and achievement by our leadership team.

We understand to live, work, and play in DeBary is in high demand. We see robust activity in our commercial, light industrial, and housing market values. Our quality of life is attracting younger professionals with families. DeBary has the 2nd highest median income in Volusia County, only behind Ponce Inlet.

We expect our growth to continue around the SunRail station. Please remember this property was rezoned to high density, mixed use zoning in 2010. We have been very proactive in managing the growth, reducing density where negotiable, and turning traditional growth into community assets, such as our Main Street project. We have 49 infrastructure projects underway (27 in stormwater), most in engineering phase. I ask you watch our 5/4/22 Council meeting, at the 40-minute mark, to see my infrastructure presentation outlining our upcoming projects and balanced growth management strategies.

DeBary is the safest city in all of Volusia County. The Volusia Sheriff's Office does a great job in providing law enforcement services. In the upcoming budget, I will propose adding another deputy dedicated to traffic control and enforcement.

Just like personal budgets, the City's operating costs have been impacted by the cost of inflation. The increase in gas, wages, construction, and more have impacted our cost of doing business, including our contract services. We have a very lean budget, as we only have 44 employees, approximately 1/10th of DeLand and 1/3rd of Orange City.

DeBary residents expect a high level of service from City Hall. In order to continue to provide this level of service, I will be presenting the FY 2022-23 budget with a consistent financial strategy, maintaining our tax rate at 2.9247 while continuing to reduce our stormwater fee. Have a great summer! Be safe!

-CARMEN ROSAMONDA

Tax Savings for Residents West Volusia Market Analysis

- **2.9247 Mills**
 - **57% Less - Other Cities**
- **\$65,316 Median Income**
 - **Highest in West Volusia**
 - **2nd Highest in Volusia**
 - **Up 13.9% (\$57,323)**
 - **25% in Last 2 Years**
- **Stormwater**
 - **11.4% Reduction**
 - **\$22/\$11**
- **Total Ad Valorem-Stormwater Cost**
 - **41% Less - Other Cities**

West Volusia Municipal Governments - July 2021										**Avg Residential Taxable Value - \$133,133	
City	Ad Valorem Rate Volusia County Property Appraiser	Median Household Income US Census Bureau	Population Estimates US Census Bureau	Stormwater		Taxable Value (Mil)	Number of Employees	Ad Valorem Tax	Stormwater Fees	Total Ad Valorem and Stormwater Cost	
				Res. Rate	Annual Revenues						
DeBary	2.9247	\$ 65,316	21,572	\$170,885	\$1,782M	\$ 2,442	43	\$ 389	\$ 170	\$ 559	
DeLand	6.7841	\$ 47,925	36,019	\$112	\$2.22M	\$ 2,192	419	\$ 903	\$ 112	\$ 1,015	
Lake Helen	6.8500	\$ 45,057	2,826	\$33	\$319K	\$ 122	17	\$ 912	\$ 33	\$ 945	
Deltona	7.8500	\$ 52,616	94,312	\$128	\$4.20M	\$ 3,201	365	\$ 1,045	\$ 128	\$ 1,173	
Orange City	7.8330	\$ 40,450	12,660	\$61	\$755K	\$ 857	114	\$ 1,043	\$ 61	\$ 1,104	
Volusia County	5.4500	\$ 49,494	553,284	\$72	\$4.80M	\$ 41,710	3,600	\$ 726	\$ 72	\$ 798	

** DeBary's Average Household Taxable Value (ATV) as Calculated by Volusia County Property Appraiser July 2021; 8013 SF Homes. Does include 148 New Homes ATV @ \$228,618



UPCOMING SPORTS CAMPS & EVENTS

SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS

Cheer Camp

July 25- 29 6pm-8pm | Ages 6-12
| \$75/Child | Contact: City of
DeBary 386-601-0206

Dodgeball Camp

August 8-12 9am-11:30am |
Entering Grades 2-6 | \$50/Child
Contact: City of DeBary 386-601-
0206

Disc Golf Camp

July 18-22 8:30am-10:00am | Ages
12-17 | FREE to PLAY!
Contact: Brian Roberts
386-956-7546
brianroberts2526@yahoo.com

Baseball Camp

(M/W/F) July 18-22 | Ages 5-12 |
\$129/child | Contact: Coach Austin
Blake 561-301-7930
warriortrainingLM@gmail.com

Tennis Camp

July 25-28 Mornings - Time Varies
by Age | Ages 4-7: \$75/child |
Ages 8-14: \$99/child | Contact:
Coach Fred Schwan 386-837-9123
delandtennisclub@icloud.com

Golf Camp

Week of July 11th, 18th, 25th
M/W/F 9am-12pm | Ages 11-14 |
\$160/child - \$145/siblings - \$430/
All 3 sessions | Contact: Coach
Wayne Enders 386-956-1749

Soccer Camp

July 11-14 9am-11:30am | Ages
8-18 | \$150 | Contact: Coach
Skip Gardner 321-277-7966 |
davidskipgardner@gmail.com



FALL RECREATION PROGRAMS

Fall Youth Soccer League

Registration: 8/1-8/26 | Practices begin week of 9/19, games held on
Friday nights and Saturday mornings, 9/30-11/18 at Rob Sullivan Park |
Grades K-9th Grade | Space is Limited so register early!

Fall Adult Kickball League

Registration: 7/25-8/22. Friday Nights at Sullivan Park | 9/9 - 11/11 |
Preformed Coed teams of 10-14 players. Teams must have at least 4
female players | Cost per team is \$350.

Fall Youth Tumbling

Registration: 8/1-9/9 at Florence K. Little Town Hall | Mondays for 3-5
year olds and Wednesdays for 6-12 year olds | 9/19 - 11/9

Little Ballers

Registration 8/15-9/16 | Soccer and Multisport classes for ages 3-5 years
with a parent | Classes are held at Sullivan Park or Florence K. Little Town
Hall from 9/27-11/3.

Parents Night Out

Registration 8/22-9/21 | Friday, 9/23 from 6-9pm at Florence K. Little
Town Hall | Enjoy a night out and leave the fun to us. Movie, pizza, music,
and games | 1st-5th grade





4TH OF JULY FREEDOM FEST

In Partnership with the Citizen's Event Organizers of Debarry

The City of Debarry July 4th Event will take place on Monday, July 4, 2022, at Gemini Springs Park. The event will begin at 4:00 pm and conclude at 11:00 pm. Admission is free; food and beverages will be available to the public at a nominal charge. Among the activities that will be featured at this event will be live entertainment, 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 11:00 pm. Parking is limited to the lots available within the park. Coolers and pop-up tents are allowed at this event, but no glass, no grills, no pets and no personal fireworks. We can't wait to see everyone there!

COUNCIL IN THE COMMUNITY



Vice-Mayor Butlien and Councilmember Sell participating in a local fundraiser chili-tasting



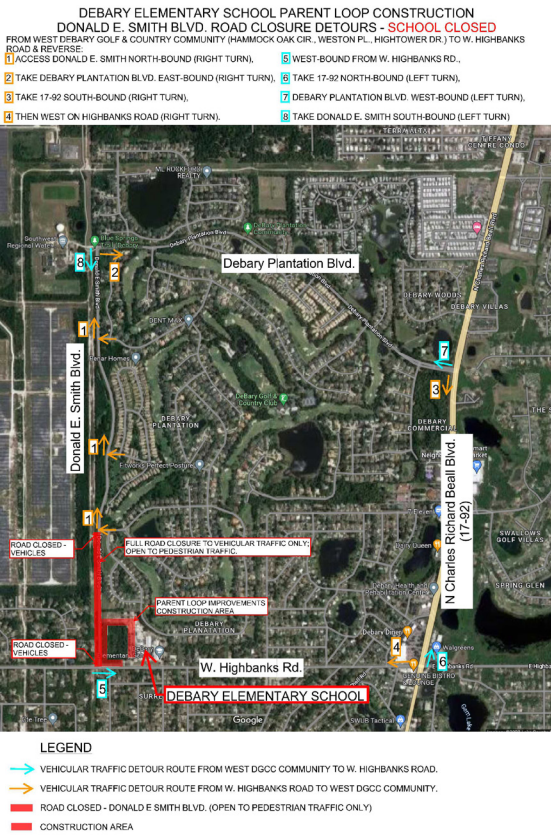
Mayor Chasez and Councilmembers Pappalardo and Stevenson at the Arbor Day Tree Giveaway



Vice-Mayor Butlien being sworn in on the Volusia League of Cities Board

PARENT PICK-UP LOOP AT DEBARY ELEMENTARY

UNDER CONSTRUCTION - DONALD E. SMITH CLOSED SOUTH OF HAMMOCK OAK CIRCLE



Donald E. Smith is closed in both directions south of Hammock Oak Circle until approximately August 14. The Volusia School Administration has determined that due to unsafe conditions, pedestrians, bicyclists, and golf carts will NOT be able to access the road during construction. The City is working to determine if a safe alternative is possible. For your safety and that of the construction workers, please do not move barriers or attempt to drive through the construction zone. FDOT has agreed to extend the timing

of the light at the intersection of DeBarry Plantation Road and 17-92 to allow for more cars to exit the community during a regular cycle. We will continue to provide any updated information we receive through our social media channels (Facebook, Nextdoor), as well as on our website at debarry.org. Please click on the orange bar at the top of the home page for the dedicated page. For more information please continue to follow us on Facebook, NextDoor, or visit debarry.org/pi/page/donald-e-smith-road-closure.

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



HALLOWEEN DECORATING CONTEST



Deck out your home in SPOOKY decorations and register for DeBarry's annual decorating contest. Registration: Sept 19-Oct 18. Open to DeBarry Residents. Judging will be held October 21-25th. Awards for winning homes in each sector. FREE To Enter.

TREE REMOVAL PERMITS

Recently the City of DeBary was Recognized as a 2021 Tree City USA because our city met the core Tree City USA standards.

Here in DeBary we are committed to protecting our trees so that we can reap the benefits of cleaner air, shadier streets, cleaner lakes and rivers, flood protection, and an aesthetic urban landscape. Protecting trees starts from our own residential properties. Despite being home to multitudes of species, some of them endangered and protected, trees also increase the economic value of developed and undeveloped properties.

As hurricane season approaches, residents are understandably concerned about removing trees that may pose a potential danger. Typically, at this time, companies offering tree removal services begin reaching out to residents. Unfortunately, we have found that they are removing trees without obtaining the required permits or the required written documentation from an arborist certified by the International Society of Arboriculture or a Florida licensed landscape architect (not a landscape company).

To ensure you do not incur any fines, please check with the Growth Management Department before any tree is removed from your property, even if a tree company is doing the task for you. Please be aware that not all tree companies follow the necessary procedures and the owner is held responsible if a violation is reported to the City. Sec 5-82(b) of the Land Development Code (LDC) of the City states that any violation of the provision of the tree preservation regulations would prompt applicable penalties which includes 150% replacement of cross sectional area of trees removed or payment of fine.

The Tree Removal Permit application forms are available at the City Hall or online at DeBary.org. A call or an email can save you lot of trouble and also help keep our city green. Let us invest in green urban spaces and help create thriving resilient cities.



TREE CITY USA®

DO I NEED A PERMIT TO REMOVE TREES?

- 1.** If you are removing reasonably healthy trees from your property, you are required to submit a Tree Removal Permit application with the City. Depending on the type, number and Diameter at Breast Height (DBH) of the trees removed and the amount of trees remaining on your property, you may or may not be required to plant replacement stock.
- 2.** If the trees to be removed are diseased or present a danger to your property or person, then in accordance with the Florida State Statute 163.045, you are not required to apply for permit with the city or replant a tree, provided the property owner obtains documentation from an arborist certified by the International Society of Arboriculture or a Florida licensed landscape architect.
- 3.** If the tree to be removed is clearly deteriorated or dead, then you are required to report it to the city planner and obtain approval without which the tree that was removed would be presumed to have been in good condition, hence triggering penalty.
- 4.** If the tree you would like to remove is one of the Nuisance trees as per the City's LDC, you are exempt from the requirement of a permit with the city (LDC Sec 5-86), provided the City staff confirms that it is indeed a nuisance tree. Once removed without verification, the tree would be considered to have been a regular healthy tree that required permit.
- 5.** Please note that Cypress tree 36" DBH, Live Oak 30" DBH and Magnolia 24" DBH are considered Historic Trees and if you have to remove one of these trees equal to or above the DBH mentioned, then you are also required to get additional City Council approval.

CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Street Resurfacing Project

The 2022 Street Resurfacing Project is scheduled to begin in July 2022. The project will include pavement improvements for sections of Donald E. Smith Boulevard, Hammock Oak Circle, Hazeltine Drive, Caddie Court, Cedarwood Court, Plantation Club Drive, Colomba Road, S Shell Road, Toms Road and DeBary Drive.

Motorists should expect temporary delays for travel through the work zones. Paving operations at each site should be completed within two to three days, and may be expected from 7 AM to 7 PM, Monday to Saturday. DeBary motorists are advised to monitor traffic advisories for the project at www.debary.org.

Stormwater Updates

As a reminder, projects are prioritized by many variables such as severity of water ponding or functional impact to other systems such as 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. Depending on complexity, project durations may take a few months or over a year from start to finish. Each project generally requires funding, permitting with the State, public input at each stage (design, construction), and more recently cost increases with material and labor shortages.

There are a number of projects not listed that are typically smaller or emergencies that are acted on without adding to the list. Other problem areas are absorbed into development projects where applicable.

Below is an update of major on-going projects status:

- Woodbound Lake Phases 1 & 2 - Permitting has been received and construction has begun for the new stormwater pump station and force main extension. Product submittals have been provided for review and approval for ordering and later assembling/installing on-site. DeBary has secured grant funding from the State of Florida to construct a permanent pump station on DeLeon Road with underground piping to convey excess stormwater from Woodbound Lake into existing drainage systems that lead to the St. Johns River.
- James Pond Pump Station data collection
- The following roadway and drainage projects are currently in the site investigation phase to begin engineering design. Final design and permitting is anticipated by end of this year 2022. Construction is expected to be completed by end of year 2023.
 - Fort Florida Road from Kalin Street south to Fort Florida Point Road, west of Lake Konomac (design is at conceptual);
 - Fort Florida Road from Barwick Road to SunRail (design is at 30% plans);
 - Benson Junction Road and a portion of Shell Road (design is at conceptual)
 - Drainage and shared use trail only, Highbanks Road from Fort Florida Road to just east of the railroad just east of Dutchmans Bend Rd. (design is at conceptual)
- South Charles Richard Beall Boulevard landscaping installation is underway and expected to be complete by early July 2022.





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GROWTH MANAGEMENT (386) 601-0204	PUBLIC RECORDS REQUESTS (386) 601-0225		PUBLIC WORKS (386) 601-0207

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