



# CITY of DeBARY

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# Happy Holidays

*from DeBary City Council and City Staff*

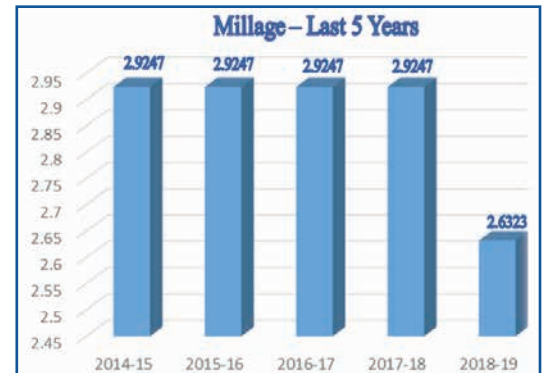


# CITY MANAGER'S CORNER



The DeBary City Council has completed the budget process for fiscal year October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020. Since coming onboard in April 2019, I have conducted financial and performance assessments of our organization, evaluated the condition of our community infrastructure, tested our emergency plans and preparedness, and benchmarked with other governments. We have conducted a rigorous strategic planning process, which included many workshops to establish and prioritize our strategic initiatives. Based upon all of the data and information obtained during this process, our new fiscal year budget focuses on three fundamentals, 1) improving organization financial stability, 2) improving community infrastructure and 3) improving organization performance.

**Improving Organization Financial Stability.** Previous Councils have used reserve funds to balance our operating budget. As a result, our reserve balances are at critical levels. For example, last year the Council decided to roll back the millage rate to 2.6323. In order to balance the budget, \$548,000 was taken out of general fund reserves to cover operating expenses. This is not a sustainable practice. On July 12, 2019, I recommended a budget to the Council returning our baseline millage rate to 2.9247, which reverses the negative cash flow trend and sets the foundation to rebuild our reserves to properly protect our residents and community. Based upon our current level of service, our operating budget is very lean. This is evidenced by running a full service city government with just 42 fulltime employees, which is one-tenth the size of other comparable cities. Our city government has always operated conservatively, keeping overhead costs to a minimum.



**Improving Community Infrastructure.** The City Council made a business decision to accelerate much needed, long awaited stormwater projects, Woodbound Lakes and Valencia Road. The City Council also began addressing the metal stormwater pipe erosion situation in Glen Abbey, Summerhaven and Woodbound Lakes subdivisions. In this newsletter, there is a great article providing information on our current stormwater infrastructure and how it works. Hopefully, it provides a perspective on the great work our City leaders have done over the years to resolve our inherited stormwater issues.

To cover these costs, the City Council voted to set this year's millage rate at 3.5. Even though it is an increase, this rate is still less than half of all other West Volusia municipalities. The portion of the tax increase between 2.9247 and 3.5 is project specific, dedicated this fiscal year to Woodbound Lakes, Valencia Road, and stormwater pipe erosion. As your City Manager, I made a commitment to the City Council and DeBary residents that each year I will present future budgets to the City Council at the baseline rate of 2.9247. Depending on the project specific infrastructure needs each year, the millage rate will adjust from the baseline rate. Because we are not adding overhead and other long term fixed costs, this gives the City Council the ability to be more consistent, predictable and reliable in getting things done.

In addition, the City Council decided to begin resolving the much needed, long awaited DeBary Elementary traffic safety issue. In this budget, the City Council approved the engineering costs to redesign the school entrance. We will be partnering with Volusia County Schools to get this project designed and construction done within the next couple of years.

**Improve Organization Performance.** Since coming aboard in April 2019 as your City Manager, I have been assessing our organization's overall performance. The City Council has approved in this budget internal strategic initiatives to 1) improve communications and customer service and 2) improve our Growth Management processes.

As a fellow DeBary resident, I can tell you this City Council did a fantastic job. During the entire budget process, they were focused on scrutinizing every financial detail, making fact-based decisions and getting things done. It is now my job to execute this budget as the City Council intended. It is an exciting time for our community and organization. I am honored to be a part of it.

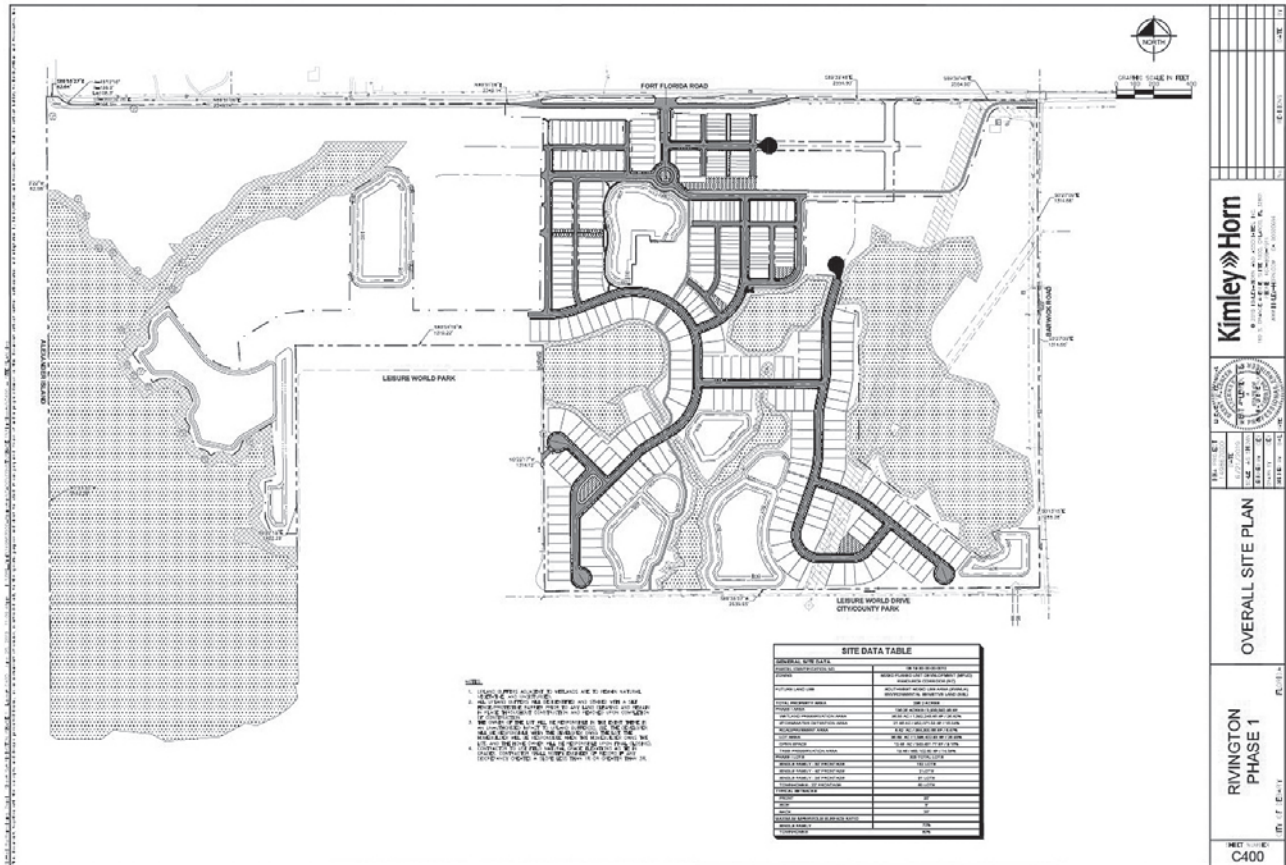


Carmen Rosamonda  
City Manager

# PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT COULD ADD UP TO 700 NEW HOMES

The City of DeBary is finalizing the approval of a Preliminary Plat and Construction Plan (Final Engineering Plans) for a proposed residential development to be located south of Fort Florida Road and west of Barwick Road. This is the first phase of the project which consists of 305 single family homes. The total project buildout is anticipated to be up to 700 homes. The project will include a clubhouse, several parks, and two 10-foot wide bicycle trails. The first trail

will run along Fort Florida Road. The second trail will be built through the neighborhood from Fort Florida Road to River City Nature Park. The trails will ultimately be connected to the SunRail Station and to River City Nature Park. The project is expected to break ground sometime this fall, but no official start date has been announced to City Staff. Please see the draft plans below and contact the Growth Management Department at 386-601-0238 with any questions.



## DEBARY SCHOOLS RECEIVE TOP HONORS

DeBary Elementary received recognition for its designation as a School of Excellence for 2019 from the Florida Department of Education. The Reading Edge Academy received an “A” rating this year, improving its previous rating of “C.” Congratulations on these outstanding achievements.



## • City of DeBary Emergency Flood Management Systems •

Known as the “River City”, DeBary is bordered on the south and west by about 13 miles of the St. John's River. There are 33 named lakes located east of the railroad (the majority are located east of U.S. Highway 17/92), some of which have experienced significant flooding during and after hurricanes, tropical storms and other extreme rain events. Historically, most of the City's lakes were land-locked and did not have a natural or man-made system to convey floodwaters to the St. Johns River. Although implementing an emergency flood management system retroactively (after development has occurred) is both difficult and costly, the City has made great strides in mitigating the potential for future flooding.

### East Side Emergency Flood Management System (see map)

Volusia County designed and constructed the original east side system in the late 1990s, which included an underground force main along U.S. Highway 17/92, East Highbanks Road and Cunningham Road, with connections for temporary portable pumps at King's Lake, Lake Susan, No Name Lake, Gem Lake, James Pond (DBCC Pond), and Lake Charles. The terminal segment of force main is 16-inches in diameter and discharges to a ditch along Interstate 4 near Bill Keller Park. Alterations and modifications since the original construction have reduced the number of lakes and water bodies that are connected to the east side system, which are now limited to James Pond, the Enterprise Road Pond and Lake Charles. Lake Charles is served by a permanent pump station, whereas, temporary portable pumps are required at James Pond and the Enterprise Road Pond.



The east side system was expanded in 2010 to include emergency overflow systems that connect Lake Louise to Angeles Lake and Angeles Lake to Tropic Lagoon, where an existing pipe crossing under Palm Drive discharges to a ditch along the off-ramp from westbound Interstate 4.

### Central Emergency Flood Management System (see map)

The central system was implemented after the 2004 hurricanes (Charley, Frances and Jeanne) in an effort to bifurcate the east side system and provide a secondary outfall path to DeBary Bayou and eventually the St. Johns River. An 18-inch diameter force main begins on the north side of East Highbanks Road where a permanent pump station was constructed behind Walgreens in 2016 to serve No Name Lake, which receives inflow from Lake Marie, Lake Hibiscus, U.S. Highway 17/92 and a large part of Glen Abbey. From No Name Lake, the force main continues south along Naranja Road, Alicante Road, Valencia Circle, DeBary Drive, and Margarita Road a distance of approximately 1.5 miles, terminating with a connection to an existing drainage system located at the intersection of Margarita Road and Sunrise Boulevard that discharges to DeBary Bayou. In addition to the No Name Lake pump station, temporary portable pump connections are also provided at Gem Lake, Half Moon Lake, and Lake of the Woods. Although the standard operating protocol is to discharge directly to DeBary Bayou, valves are located at Gem Lake, Half Moon Lake and Lake of the Woods which can allow upstream flows to enter the downstream lake.

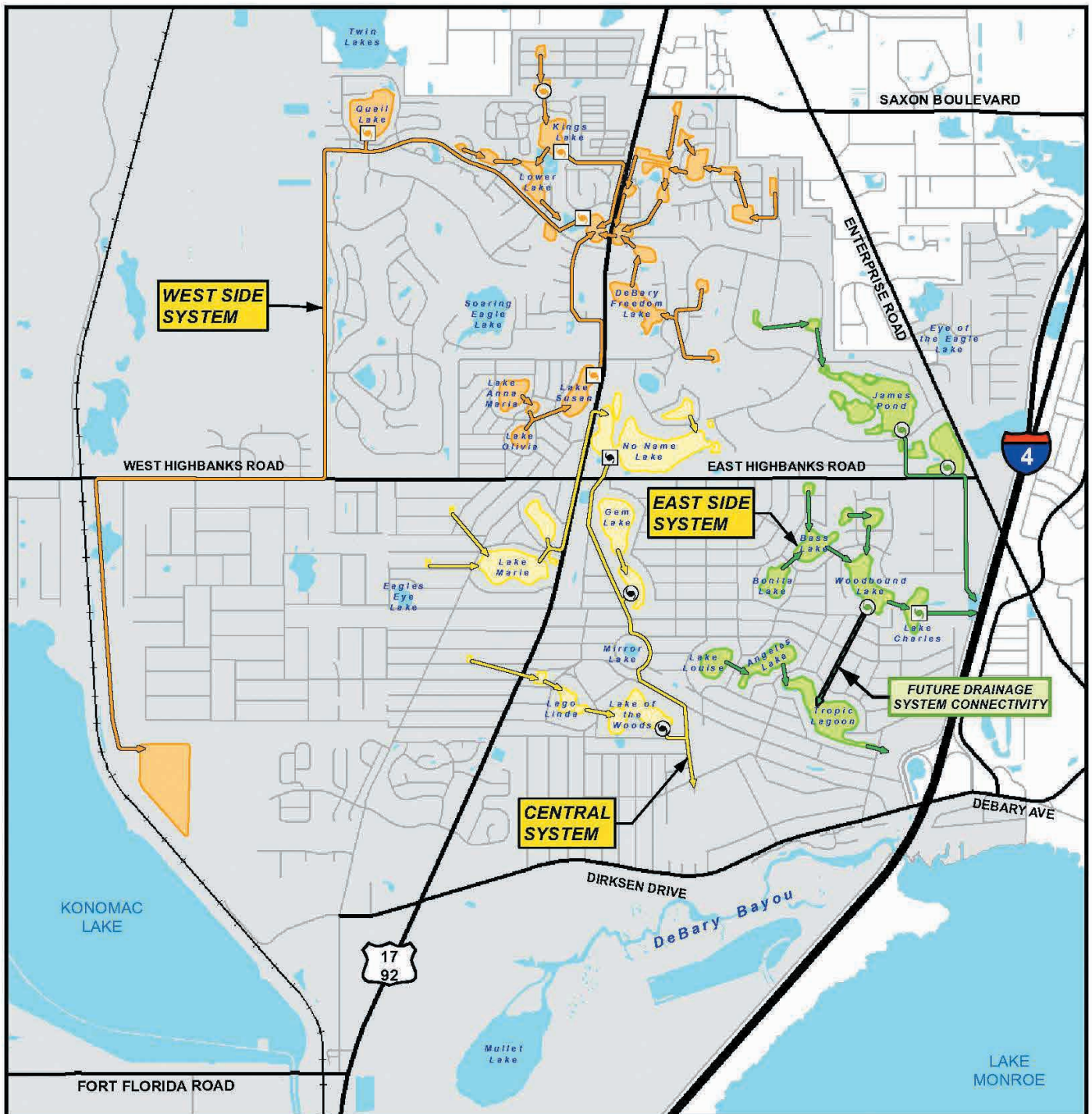


The central system was also expanded in 2010 to include an emergency overflow system that connects Lake Lago Linda to Lake of the Woods.

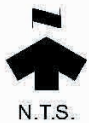
### West Side Emergency Flood Management System (see map)

The west side system was also implemented after the 2004 hurricanes (Charley, Frances and Jeanne) in an effort to further reduce the hydraulic “load” on the central and east side systems. With grants and other funding provided by FEMA, FDOT and the City of DeBary, constructing the first 6 phases of the west side system was completed in 2010, including permanent pump stations installed at Lake Susan, the DeBary Golf and Country Club (DGCC) entrance pond and Quail Lake, with approximately 0.6 miles of 18-inch diameter force main installed between Lake Susan and the DGCC entrance pond and approximately 4.6 miles of 36-inch diameter force main installed between the DGCC entrance pond and the City's Regional Stormwater Storage Facility (RSSF). A former borrow pit located immediately east of Konomac Lake and the railroad was acquired to serve as the City's RSSF and accept the discharge from the west side system service area that encompasses approximately 1,151 acres.













**"COLOR CODED" DEBARY PRIMARY SYSTEM EXHIBIT  
CITY OF DEBARY**







**WEST SIDE SYSTEM**

-  PERMANENT PUMP STATION
-  EMERGENCY PUMP LOCATION
-  PRIMARY DRAINAGE SYSTEM CONNECTIVITY
-  CONNECTED LAKES AND STORMWATER PONDS

**CENTRAL SYSTEM**

-  PERMANENT PUMP STATION
-  EMERGENCY PUMP LOCATION
-  PRIMARY DRAINAGE SYSTEM CONNECTIVITY
-  CONNECTED LAKES AND STORMWATER PONDS

**EAST SIDE SYSTEM**

-  PERMANENT PUMP STATION
-  EMERGENCY PUMP LOCATION
-  PRIMARY DRAINAGE SYSTEM CONNECTIVITY
-  CONNECTED LAKES AND STORMWATER PONDS



# PROTECT FUN

## FERTILIZE LIKE A FLORIDIAN

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 pea soup.

[Volusia.org/BeFloridianNow](http://Volusia.org/BeFloridianNow)  
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Did you know

- 1 Skip the fertil
- 2 If you apply f  
"Twice is Nice
- 3 Do not apply
- 4 Keep fertiliz

Together, we can protect  
saving our springs, rivers  
and ocean — one yard at a time.  
Be Floridian Now



# How Volusia County and the City of DeBary have a fertilizer ordinance?

fertilizer in the summer, June through September.

fertilizer October through May, it must be at least 50% slow-release.

"— If you must fertilize, do so once in the spring, and once in the fall.

phosphorus (P) to your lawn without a soil test.

at least 15 feet away from any body of water.

*Now*

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## KNOW YOU'RE GOING SLOW:

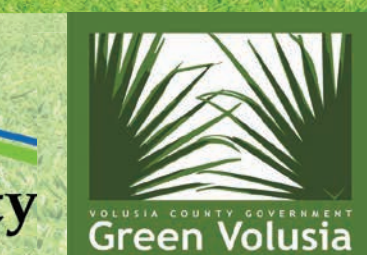
### FERTILIZER

Guaranteed Analysis	
TOTAL NITROGEN (N) .....	16.00%
14.45% Urea Nitrogen (N)*	
SOLUBLE POTASH (K <sub>2</sub> O) .....	28.00%
SULFUR (S) Total .....	19.70%
10.50% Free sulfur (S)	
9.20% Combined sulfur (S)	
IRON (Fe) Total .....	0.96%
0.19% Water Soluble (Fe)	
MANGANESE (Mn) Total .....	0.48%
0.1% Water Soluble Manganese (Mn)	
DERIVED FROM: Polymer Coated Sulfur Coated Urea, Sulfate of Potash, Iron Oxide, Manganese Oxide.	
CHLORINE (C) Max .....	2.00%
*8.00% Slowly Available Urea Nitrogen from Polymer Coated Sulfur Coated Urea.	

$$\frac{8}{16} \times 100 = 50\%$$

Contains  
Slow-release

This bag contains 50% slow-release Nitrogen, and meets the requirements for October — May.



[DeBary.org/CityManager/Page/Fertilizer-Information](http://DeBary.org/CityManager/Page/Fertilizer-Information)

## • MEMORIAL PARK •

Memorial Park was dedicated and opened on Memorial Day 1999 at 76 Dirksen Drive. The effort to open this park was spearheaded by Mayor Don Smith, City Councilman Rob Sullivan and City Manager Robert Mauney. This group began their journey when they were informed of the Kohbar Towers bombing on June 25, 1996. One of the victims of this bombing was a DeBary resident, Brian McVeigh. Brian was serving the United States Air Force at the time of the bombing.

The thought behind the effort was to establish a park to honor Brian McVeigh, veterans and other departed service members from DeBary. The first effort was to find land to put this park. Charles and Sandra Gray, local land owners were approached about acquiring 2.5 acres of land off of Dirksen Drive. A mutual deal was brokered and the land was acquired.

Once the land was acquired, the group approached the Air Force History Division in Ohio to try and secure a F-15 Eagle aircraft for a park display. This was the type of aircraft that Brian was assigned to as a mechanic. One issue was raised, \$50,000 was needed to transport this display to Florida. The solution, the Saudi Arabia government donated the needed \$50,000 to transport the jet.

An anchor from the USS Langley was also added as a display at the park. The jet and hillside garden can be seen from Dirksen Drive and are illuminated at night to highlight this feature.

The final result is a peaceful park with five small sun shelters to enjoy the park to read a book or eat lunch.



AIC BRIAN W. MCVEIGH  
DEBARY, FL  
58TH FIGHTER SQUADRON  
ASSISTANT DEDICATED  
CREW CHIEF  
27 MARCH 1975 - 25 JUNE 1996

WITH THE HEART OF A BOY AND  
THE STRENGTH OF TWO MEN.  
YOU EMBRACED A LIFE BRAND NEW.  
YOU WERE A LOVED ONE.  
A PEER. AND A GOOD FRIEND.  
AND WE SHALL NOT FORGET YOU.





# EVENTS AND PROGRAMS REGISTRATIONS

## ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY AND CHILI COOK-OFF

Chili Registration: October 28 – December 5, 2019  
Location: Gateway Park  
Date: Saturday, December 7, 2019  
Time: 2:00 pm – 6:30 pm

## HOLIDAY LIGHT DISPLAY CONTEST

Registration: October 28 - December 5, 2019  
Judging: Week of December 9  
FREE TO ENTER! PRIZES TO THE WINNERS IN EACH SECTOR!

## 2019 CHRISTMAS PARADE

Registration: October 28 – December 2, 2019  
Date: December 8, 2019  
Time: 3:00 pm

## PROGRAM REGISTRATIONS

Register for programs at City Hall or Online with an Account. Space is limited in all programs!

## DODGEBALL (AGES 6-14)

Registration: November 4 – January 2, 2020  
Location: Bill Keller Park  
Cost: \$60.00/per child  
Program Dates: January 4 – February 22, 2020

## YOUTH KICKBALL (AGES 6-14)

Registration: November 4 – January 2, 2020  
Location: Rob Sullivan Park  
Cost: \$60.00/per child  
Program Dates: January 7 – February 18, 2020

## ADULT KICKBALL

(2 Divisions Co-Ed 18+ and 30+)  
Registration: November 18 – January 10, 2020  
Location: Rob Sullivan Softball Fields  
Cost: \$300 per team  
Spring Season: January 24 – April 3, 2020

## VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The DeBary Volunteer Firefighter's Association is holding a Pancake Breakfast Sunday, November 10th from 7:30am - 11:00am at the Florence K. Little Town Hall (12 Colomba Rd).

Cost: Your Donation! All proceeds benefit the Volunteer Firefighters Association education, training, and supplies.

Menu: Pancakes, eggs, sausage, juice, and coffee.

## SENIOR POTLUCK DINNER (50 AND OVER)

Tickets Available: November 12 – 22, 2019  
Cost: FREE  
Location: Florence K. Little Town Hall  
Date: Friday, November 22, 2019  
Time: 6:00 – 8:00 pm

## CONTRACTED PROGRAMS

The programs below are in partnership with the City of DeBary. For more information on the programs or to register please contact the instructor directly.

## DREADHEAD TRACK AND FIELD

### BOYS & GIRLS • PRE K - 5TH GRADE

Registration: Early Deadline is November 25th  
Practice Location: Rob Sullivan Park • 5:30pm-6:30pm  
Meet Location: Deltona High School • Morning  
Cost: \$110 before 11/25. \$150 after the deadline.  
Program Dates: December 3 – January 28  
Program Includes: 6 Meets • 6 Practices • 5 events each meet  
Registration & More information: [www.dreadhead.com](http://www.dreadhead.com)

## DEBARY BABE RUTH BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL

Spring leagues available for boys and girls ages 4-18. For more information or to register visit [www.westvolusiaathleticclub.com](http://www.westvolusiaathleticclub.com) or visit them on Facebook!

## CHILDREN'S YOGA

Thursdays beginning September 5, 2019  
Time: 5:45 – 6:30 pm (Ages 3-6)  
Time: 6:45 – 7:45 pm (Ages 7-10)  
Location: Florence K. Little Town Hall  
Instructor Melanie Woodward  
Phone: 321-288-4032

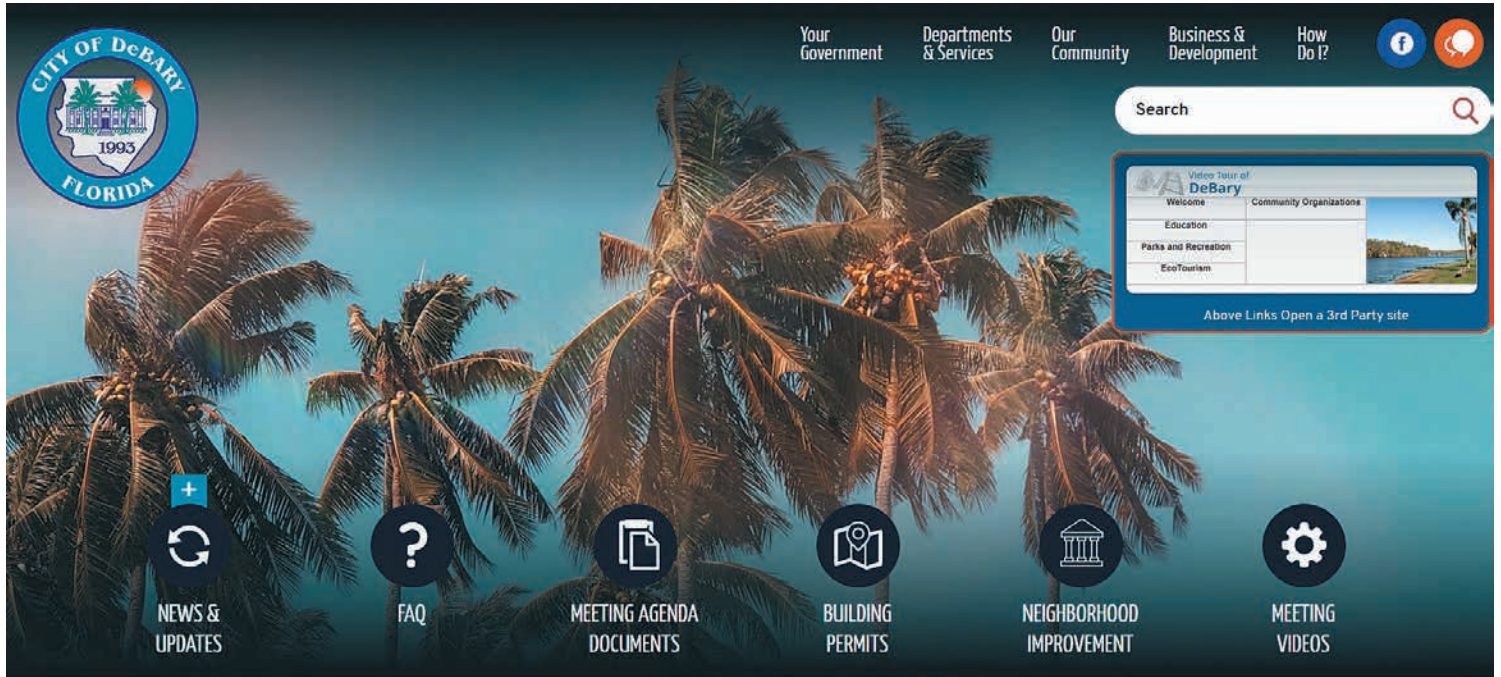
## JAZZERCISE (ADULTS)

Monday, Tuesday and Thursdays  
Time: 11:00 am – 12:00 noon  
Location: Florence K Little Town Hall  
Instructor: Adrienne Austin  
Phone: 386-451-8753

## LEARN LINE DANCE WITH LYNN (ADULTS)

Tuesdays beginning 8/13/19 – 5/19/20  
Time: 6:30 pm  
Location: Florence K Little Town Hall  
Instructor: Lynn Luccisano  
Phone: 407-719-8744

# CITY'S NEW WEBSITE WILL BE USER FRIENDLY AND EASIER TO NAVIGATE



The City has a new website that is being designed to be more engaging for all citizens. A team of City staff brainstormed with website professionals to develop a new user-friendly layout geared for ease of use for all. The City partnered with Municode to design and host the new website. Municode has collaborated with many other cities to redesign their websites and staff is pleased with the new contemporary look and improved functionality compared to the former website.

One of the biggest changes is it is mobile friendly and resizes on just about any mobile device used to access the

City's website. Searching the site for information, online forms, calendar of events and other aspects are going through a redesign to make them more useful and easier to find. Users will find the new agenda system offers many features that will make staying on top of meetings easier than ever.

Residents who would like to submit photos of DeBary for use on the City's website are encouraged to visit the "Photo Submission" link on the City Clerk's page.

<https://debary.org/cityclerk/page/photograph-submissions>

## • KNOW THE CODE •

### TREE REMOVAL PERMIT REQUIREMENTS:

Did you know that the City of DeBary may require a permit to remove a tree? The City Council has determined that it is in the interest of the public health, safety and welfare to protect and preserve trees and enhance tree cover in the City. Therefore, in most cases, residents are required to obtain a permit prior to tree removal. Residents may submit an application to the City with a survey showing the size, location, and species of all trees on the property measuring six inches in diameter or greater that are proposed for removal or retention.

Property owners are permitted to trim or prune trees without first obtaining a permit. Additionally, in cases of damaged, diseased, or deteriorated trees, new legislation may allow residents to remove the tree without a City permit. However, residents must first obtain documentation from an arborist certified by the

International Society of Arboriculture or a Florida licensed landscape architect stating that the tree presents a danger to persons or property. For additional information on tree removal permitting requirements, please contact the City's Growth Management Department at (386) 601-0238.





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## • DeBARY FOOTPRINTS •

### BEALL CABINS AND GROCERY SERVED THE DEBARY AREA IN THE 1940S

Though not largely known for tourism, the nearby St. John's River drew its fair share of visitors during the 1940s. The Beall Cabins and Grocery, located near the intersection of 17-92 and Ft. Florida Road, housed tourists and was the local resource for workers employed at the Ox Fiber Broom Company at Benson Junction.

Image donated to the City by Jesse Beall.



## Mayor & City Council



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