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CITY OF DUNNELLON

DECEMBER 2012

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

You can make a difference in our community

Now that the holiday season is upon us, I hope that all of you enjoy your time with family, friends and community.

We have several festive community events upcoming like the Chamber's Christmas Parade.

Additionally many of our local merchants are offering holiday specials and I hope that you will visit them to support the local business community.

The Police Department is sponsoring the "Cops for Kids" program and the Fire Department is sponsoring the "Needy Children's Christmas Party." Both of these programs benefit our local children. Any assistance you can provide to help our children is greatly appreciated. Please contact these departments for more information.



The recent meeting of the East Pennsylvania Avenue Streetscape Committee with the city engineer to develop a concept plan was well attended and generated good ideas. The engineer is working on developing the concept

plan and we should have the date soon when he will share the first draft. We will announce that date when it becomes available.

I'd like to welcome our new

Mayor Nathan Whitt who joined City Council on Nov. 13. Also congratulations to returning Council members Penny Fleeger and Erik Collop who were unopposed in their re-election bids.

During the holidays, city offices will be closed on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day as well as New Year's Day. I wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season.



New mayor sworn in

Nathan Whitt joins the Dunnellon City Council as Mayor following his election victory against Fred Ward. He was sworn in at the City Council meeting on Nov. 13.

Whitt owns Rainbow River Canoe & Kayak in Dunnellon. He serves on the board of Rainbow River Conservation. He is a member of the Dunnellon Area Chamber of Commerce, the Dunnellon Historical Society, and the Professional Paddlesports Association/America Outdoors.

He is a 1994 graduate of The Ohio State University with a degree in Environmental Sciences/Watershed Policy and Planning.

Whitt and his wife Deidre' have been married for 12 years. They have two daughters, Sophia and Alilia.

Mayor Whitt will serve until 2016 when Seat One is up for re-election.

DUNNELLON AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HOSTS 'A WHIMZY CHRISTMAS' PARADE

It's starting to look a lot like Christmas about town just in time for the 2012 Christmas Parade on Dec. 15 sponsored by the Dunnellon Area Chamber of Commerce.

This year's parade theme is "A Whimzy Christmas."

The parade gets underway at 5 p.m. starting at Hendrix and East Pennsylvania Avenue heading west, crossing U.S. 41, then turning north on Cedar and ending at Dunnellon Middle School. There will be five candy stations along the mile-long parade route.

Ariel Bruns, coordinating the parade this year, said it's not too late to sign up to be a parade volunteer.



"We need people to help with the candy stations, help line up floats and the other units," she said.

The deadline to participate in the parade is Dec. 7. Applications can be picked up at the chamber or online at www.dunnellonchamber.com.

The judge's station will be at the corner of Cedar and West Pennsylvania Avenue at Greenlight. Floats decorated with a whimsical theme will be judged for first, second and third place.

Beverly Leisure, director of the Dunnellon Area Chamber, said the parade typically attracts a number of participants from outside the area. And Santa Claus will make a special appearance for the parade.

For more information about the 2012 Christmas Parade, call 489-2320 or email dunnellonxmasparade2012@gmail.com or visit www.dunnellonchamber.com.

City Calendar

Dec. 5 – City Council Workshop meeting, 5:30 p.m., City Hall

Dec. 6 – Relay for Life Kick-Off Party, 6 p.m., First Baptist Church of Dunnellon

Dec. 10 – City Council meeting, 5:30 p.m., City Hall

Dec. 11 – Historic Board meeting, 4:30 p.m., City Hall

Dec. 15 – Dunnellon Christmas Parade, 5:00 p.m., starting at Hendrix and West Pennsylvania Ave., heading west, crossing U.S. 41 and turning north on Cedar ending at Dunnellon Middle School

Dec. 17 – Marion County Public Schools -- Winter Break begins

Dec. 18 – Planning Commission meeting, 5:30 p.m., City Hall

Dec. 19 – City Council Workshop meeting, 5:30 p.m., City Hall

Dec. 24 – City Holiday – City Administrative Offices Closed

Dec. 25 – Christmas Day – City Administrative Offices Closed



Cops for Kids pairs local children with Dunnellon Police Officers

The Dunnellon Police Department continues to collect monetary donations and gift wrapping accessories for the "Cops for Kids" holiday program. The deadline for donations is Dec. 10.

The annual event includes a shopping trip for needy children to purchase Christmas gifts for themselves and their families. The children are paired with an officer to shop.

The child's family is also given holiday dinner items such as a turkey in the hopes

that this will help with their Christmas dinner at home.

"Cops For Kids" donations can be dropped off at the Dunnellon Police Department, 12014 S. Williams St. Checks can be made out to the City of Dunnellon and designate "Cops For Kids" in the memo section. Gift cards to area retailers are also suggested.

For more information, please call Officer Carolina Rolfes at the Dunnellon Police Department at (352) 465-8510.



Fire Rescue seeks donations for children's Christmas Party

The Dunnellon Fire Rescue is gearing up to host the annual "Needy Children's Christmas Party." In 2011 the event helped 488 local children receive gifts from Santa.

The community is encouraged to donate new, unwrapped toys for children ages one to 15 years old. Monetary contributions to the program are also accepted.

Toys or funds can be dropped off at Dunnellon Fire Rescue, 20612 W.

Pennsylvania Ave. The deadline for donations is Dec. 12.

Children will be treated to goodies and will get a chance to visit with Santa to receive their gifts. The Dunnellon Bingo Hall provides dinner for all of the children and their families.

For more information, please call Dunnellon Fire Rescue at 465-8595.

Take Note: Credit card payments are no longer accepted by telephone

Effective Nov. 8, 2012 the City of Dunnellon no longer accepts credit card payments by telephone. Customers wanting to make a payment by credit card

must either present the card in person or use the online payment system. Please visit www.dunnellon.org for more information or call 465-8500.



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