## AT HOME ON THE RIVER

CITY OF DUNNELLON

JANUARY 2013

#### CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Looking ahead to a host of projects in the New Year

he New Year will be a very busy year for Dunnellon.
As we continue to implement Dunnellon's Strategic Vision we are always looking for ways to improve our service to you in a cost effective manner.

The projects this year include rerouting the old water line on U.S. 41 and extending the water line on East McKinney, decommissioning the waste water treatment plant at Rio Vista, preparing streetscaping plans for East Pennsylvania Avenue, continue building the customer base for Greenlight Dunnellon Communications and negotiate with the state for 170 acres to develop a future sports complex.

Also, we plan to resume the Movies in the Park series and host the Summer Kick-Off for area children. We are looking into offering a Sunday Concert on the River program and would welcome your thoughts.

On Jan. 21 we pause to recognize Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The Dunnellon MLK

Commemorative Committee has a host of community-wide activities planned for the day including the MLK March along U.S. 41/Williams Street. Please refer to the article in this issue for more on local MLK events.

The Dunnellon City Council plans to issue a proclamation for the local MLK celebration during the Jan. 14 council meeting. Dr. King would have turned 84 on Jan. 15. The birthday of the Civil Rights leader and Nobel Peace Prize recipient is observed as a national holiday each year on the third Monday of January.

Also we have received requests to itemize the water and sewer bills. Currently our billing software program is not designed for this function.

However we are in the process of upgrading the system that will allow itemized bills. I appreciate your patience through this process.

As you can see we have a busy year ahead of us. I want to wish everyone a happy, healthy and safe New Year.

### City Calendar January 2013

**Jan. 1** – New Year's Day, All City Administrative Offices Closed

**Jan. 8** – Historic Board meeting, 4:30 p.m., City Hall

Jan. 9 – City Council workshop meeting, 5:30 p.m., City Hall

Jan. 12 – Dunnellon Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards Dinner, 6-9 p.m., Rainbow Rivers Club Clubhouse

**Jan. 12** – MLK

Commemorative Service, 6 p.m., First Bethel Missionary Baptist Church

Jan. 14 – City Council meeting, 5:30 p.m., City Hall

**Jan. 15** – Planning Commission meeting, 5:30 p.m., City Hall

Jan. 21 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day, All City Administrative Offices Closed (See page 3 for full schedule of local MLK events)

**Jan. 23** – City Council workshop meeting, 5:30 p.m., City Hall

**Jan. 24** – Tree Board meeting, 5 p.m., City Hall

Jan. 28 – City Council meeting, 5:30 p.m., City Hall

## Vacancies on Planning Commission and Historic Preservation Board

The City of Dunnellon is accepting applications for the Planning Commission and the Historic Preservation boards. Read more about these two boards and the service they provide to the city. This could be the opportunity you've been looking for to get involved in your community.

#### **Planning Commission:**

- Members serve three-year terms, must be residents of the City of Dunnellon, or business owners for more than three years.
- The Planning Commission hears planning and zoning applications, forwards a recommendation for action to the City Council.
- The Planning Commission meets on the third Tuesday of each month in Council Chambers at City Hall. The length of the meetings depends on the length of the agenda. Occasionally it may be necessary to hold special meetings; these will be scheduled as needed.

#### **Historic Preservation Board:**

- The Board hears building and zoning permit applications that affect the Historic District for the City of Dunnellon.
- Members of the Historic Preservation Board serve three-year terms.
- The Historic Preservation Board meets on the second Tuesday of each month in Council Chambers at City Hall. The length of the meetings depends on the length of the agenda. Occasionally it may be necessary to hold special meetings; these will be scheduled as needed.

Interested parties may download an application at www.dunnellon.org, or by contacting the Community Development Department at jrehberg@dunnellon.org, calling (352) 465-8500, option 3, or in person at 20750 River Drive, Dunnellon, FL and return to: City of Dunnellon, 20750 River Drive, Dunnellon, FL 34431, Attn: Community Development

# Water conservation tips are just a click away

Looking for ways to conserve water can start by visiting the Public Services page on the city's website at www.dunnellon.org.

Links to water
conservation tip
sheets for both the
Southwest Florida
Water Management
District and St. Johns
River Water
Management District
are posted on the site.

The city's Public Services department also has various pamphlets available detailing water conservation tips.

So visit Public
Services online at
www.dunnellon.org or
stop by the office at
11924 Bostick St. for
water conservation
resources.



## DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY FESTIVITIES 2013 Dunnellon Area Schedule of Events

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## COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE Jan. 12, 2013, 6 p.m.

First Bethel Missionary Baptist Church 11840 North Williams Street, Dunnellon Rev. Nathaniel E. Rawls, Jr., pastor.

## CHOIR FEDERATION (TRIBUTE TO DR. KING) Jan. 20, 2013, 3 p.m.

Mt. Olive African Methodist Episcopal

Church

11799 Summit Avenue, Dunnellon

Rev. Roger Armstead, pastor.

#### MARCH/PARADE

Jan. 21, 9 a.m.

Begins at McDonald's on

U.S. 41/North Williams Street and ends at Ernie Mills Park on Bostick Street.

#### Line-up begins at 8 a.m. at McDonald's.

The community is encouraged to come out and participate in the annual Unity March/Parade. Each church or organization is encouraged to display a banner or a wreath.

## FAMILY UNITY DAY FESTIVAL (PICNIC) AT ERNIE MILLS PARK

Jan. 21, 2013

## (begins immediately after the Unity March/Parade)

The event is free and open to the public. Following the opening ceremony there will be entertainment, sports activities, and food. Free food and drinks will be served

from 11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

The day's activities will continue with a softball tournament at the Eugene Martin Park in South Dunnellon. Teams will include players from the various Dunnellon churches.

For more information, contact Dr. Abraham Robinson, pastor of New Second Bethel Missionary Baptist Church (386)590-6846, Frances Taylor (352)489-3618, Anita Williams (352)489-3465, Mary Terrell (352)489-3435, Vanessa Watts (352)390-5592, or Maxine Thomas at (352)489-1363.

#### **Dunnellon Police Gear Up To Take Polar Plunge for Special Olympics**

In early February members of the Dunnellon Police Department will participate in the Polar Plunge to benefit Special Olympics Florida athletes at Aquatica in Orlando.

The group, known as "Polar Pigs" needs help raising funds through their team page. Donors can go to www.firstgiving.com, then in the search area type in Dunnellon Polar Pigs; then select the link for Dunnellon Polar Pigs.

The team roster will appear and a donation can be made to one of the individuals listed or to the entire team.

Aquatica, a Sea World water theme park, is usually a tropical environment but the wave pool will be chilled for the Polar Plunge on Feb. 2.

Plungers must raise a minimum of \$100 to take the plunge, but the more money raised, the more athletes can experience the life-changing benefits of participating in Special Olympics — all at no cost to them or their caregivers. For more information about the Dunnellon Polar Pigs team, contact the Dunnellon Police Department at 465-8510.

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**Vice Mayor** 

**Dennis Evans** 

#### **Council Members**

Erik Collop, Penny Fleeger, Lynne McAndrew

#### **City Manager**

Lisa Algiere

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