

# AT HOME ON THE RIVER

CITY OF DUNNELLON

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## CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Moving ahead with streetscaping project and the decommissioning of Rio Vista sewer plant

The streetscaping plans for East Pennsylvania Avenue continue to move forward. The city engineer will present the first draft of the concept plan to the East Pennsylvania Avenue Streetscaping Committee on Feb. 4.

Ideas presented by the committee and the public are included in the concept plan. After receiving comments from the committee the engineer will finalize the concept plan.

I'd like to thank everyone who recently submitted applications to serve on either the city's Historic Preservation Board or the Planning Commission. It is refreshing to see so many people willing to serve.

I commend you for your civic involvement. While the City Council makes the final appointments, those not selected this time should know that their applications will

remain on file if a vacancy occurs in the future.

The city has submitted a \$632,437 grant to the state to decommission the Rio Vista sewer plant. The grant will provide 79.4 percent of the funding. The plant was deemed non-compliant by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and posed a threat to the environment.

The city took over the system in 2011 and the city engineer has been working on plans to decommission the plant. The Rio Vista system will now tie into the city's larger sewer system.

As spring approaches, there will be many events in our community. I would like to remind event planners that now is the time to inform the city of your plans to ensure proper permitting and assistance. We look forward to those upcoming events.

*"It is refreshing to see so many people willing to serve," said Lisa Algieri, Dunnellon City*

## City Calendar

**Feb. 6** – City Council Workshop meeting, 5:30 p.m., City Hall

**Feb. 11** – City Council meeting, 5:30 p.m., City Hall

**Feb. 12** – Police Officer & Firefighter Pension Board meeting; 8:30 a.m., City Hall

**Feb. 12** – Historic Board meeting, 4:30 p.m., City Hall

**Feb. 19** – Planning Commission meeting, 5:30 p.m., City Hall

**Feb. 20** – City Council Workshop meeting, 5:30 p.m., City Hall

**Feb. 25** – City Council meeting, 5:30 p.m., City Hall

**Feb. 28** – Tree Board meeting, 5 p.m., City Hall



## Dunnellon Police Department offers Rape Aggression Defense Course

The Dunnellon Police Department will offer another Rape Aggression Defense course, known as RAD, to area women in February 2013.

The three session course is scheduled for Feb. 19, 21, and 26 at Dunnellon City Hall, 20750 River Dr. However, anyone interested in participating must register by Feb. 15.

Course instructors Lt. Sue Webb and Corporal Bruce Arnold with DPD will educate women about realistic self-defensive strategies using simple and effective tactics.

The course will progress from awareness, prevention, risk reduction and avoidance to basic self-defense participation. Each student is provided with an illustrated, easy to read manual outlining the RAD program which can be a useful reference in the future.

All students receive a lifetime free return and practice policy which means you can take the class anywhere or any time classes are offered. Different course levels are also offered, but to take one of the advance courses you must first complete the basic self-defense class.

Classes fill up fast, so reserve a seat now. The registration fee of \$10 will be charged and refunded at the conclusion of the third class. For more information call 465-8510 or email Lt. Webb at [swebb@dunnellonpd.org](mailto:swebb@dunnellonpd.org) or Cpl. Arnold at [barnold@dunnellonpd.org](mailto:barnold@dunnellonpd.org).

## Community Development office to move

The Community Development department for the City of Dunnellon will relocate to 12008 Delaware St. in coming weeks. Harold Horne, Community Development Director, said permits and other documents will be processed during the transition, although on a modified schedule to accommodate the re-location. For questions, call 465-8500, ext. 1010 or email [hhorne@dunnellon.org](mailto:hhorne@dunnellon.org).

## Utility bills itemized for water, sewer

Water/Sewer customers with the City of Dunnellon will now see the base rates for both services itemized on their billing statements starting Feb. 1, 2013.

Many customers requested the change and the city's billing department worked to accommodate the new format.

Customers will notice the water base rate listed first, followed by the water usage rate, then the sewer base rate followed by the sewer usage rate. The base rates vary depending on location.

For questions, please contact the Utility Billing Department at **533-5034**.

## Utility emergency calls

In the case of an emergency with the city's water/sewer system, customers are asked to call **465-8590**. The number is to Public Services and is answered by staff or the answering service 24-hours a day, seven days a week. The appropriate personnel will be notified to address the problem promptly.

The emergency number for water/sewer problems is also printed on billing statements and is listed on the city's website under Public Services at [www.dunnellon.org](http://www.dunnellon.org).

**Remember for water/sewer emergencies: call 465-8590**

## County offers Florida-Friendly Landscape Workshops: Register by Feb. 1

The UF/IFAS Marion County Extension Service is hosting a series of Florida-Friendly Landscape Workshops at the Rainbow Springs Golf & Country Club each Wednesday during the month of February.

The workshops are from 2-4 p.m. Feb. 6, 13, 20, and 27 at the Rainbow Springs Golf & Country Club, 19330 SW 83<sup>rd</sup> Place Rd, Dunnellon. Those who attend all four sessions and complete a homework assignment will receive a free landscape evaluation. Some restrictions apply.



Workshop sponsors include: Southwest Florida Water Management District, Rainbow Springs Garden Club, Rainbow River Conservation, Friends of Rainbow Springs State Park, Rainbow Springs Property Owners Association, and Rainbow Springs Golf & Country Club.

Registration deadline is Feb. 1. Register by calling Donna at the Marion County Extension Service, 671-8400 or email [kathleen.patterson@marioncountyfl.org](mailto:kathleen.patterson@marioncountyfl.org).

## New members appointed to City's Historic Preservation Board

The Dunnellon City Council approved the appointment of three new members to the city's Historic Preservation Board. The council received eight applications for consideration.

Council appointed Linda Fernandez, Dane Meyers and Doris Magursky to the board. The trio, each with prior experience serving on the Historic Preservation Board, joins Don Dewitt and Jane Keele.

Fernandez is the immediate vice chair while Meyers and Magursky served as alternates.

Fernandez and Meyers will each serve a three-year term. Magursky will complete the term vacated by Jeani Cowan which expires in 2015. Norm Lambert and Viola Soffe, who both own business in Dunnellon's Historic District, were appointed as alternates. The board meets at 4:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month.

## Planning Commission alternates appointed to serve regular terms

Wilbur Vanwyck and Paul Cowan have been tapped by the Dunnellon City Council to serve as regular members on the Planning Commission.

Both have served as alternates on the commission. They join Brenda D'Arville, Al Lewison and Lisa Sheffield on the commission. Vanwyck will serve a three-year term. Cowan will serve until 2015 to complete the term vacated by David Lewis. The council received 10 applications to fill the openings. The commission meets at 5:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month.

The council also selected business owner Tracy Fero and resident Cathy Vitone to serve as Planning Commission alternates to replace Vanwyck and Cowan.

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