

AT HOME ON THE RIVER

CITY OF DUNNELLON

MARCH 2013

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Giving back to worthy community organizations enhances the quality of life for our residents

Work continues on the streetscaping plan along East Pennsylvania Avenue. Last month the city engineer presented a draft of the concept design to get feedback from the committee.

The group overall liked many aspects of the plan but made comments regarding parking improvements along the corridor.

The engineer will continue to work on the concept design before presenting it to the Dunnellon City Council in the near future.

The city is working with the Dunnellon Branch of the Boys & Club to help accommodate the increasing numbers of students at the club after school each day.

And as the week of Spring Break approaches, we hope to be able to provide a large tent

covered area at Ernie Mills Park for the period.

This is just one of the ways we want to offer help to a worthy community agency as they continue working to build their permanent location on the north end of town.

And as Greenlight Dunnellon Communications continues to grow we are able to give back to the local community in a variety of ways like being the School Business Partner for Dunnellon Middle and Dunnellon High schools.

Greenlight is also a supporter of the Dunnellon Little League, the Boys & Girls Club and helps provide the "Movies In The Park" series.

We are proud to give back to the community in ways that truly enhance the overall quality of life. Also, I believe helping the city's youngest citizens is the foundation of our future.

City Calendar

March 2013

March 2 – Dunnellon Little League Spring Season Parade, 8 a.m., W. Pennsylvania to field

March 2 – First Saturday Village Market, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., Dunnellon Historic District

March 6 – City Council workshop, 5:30 p.m., City Hall

March 9 – Uncle Homer's Memorial Bass Tournament for Boys & Girls Club, daylight – 3 p.m., Dunnellon Boat Ramp

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

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

March 16 – Green Thumb Plant/Garden Show & Sale, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Historic District.

March 16 – Ride For The Green Scavenger Hunt for Special Olympics; 10 a.m. DPD/Dunnellon Plaza

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

March 20 – City Council workshop, 5:30 p.m., City Hall

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

March 25 - 29 – Spring Break for Marion County Public Schools

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

Greenlight Communications Congratulates Local Educators

The Marion County Public School System and the Public Education Foundation of Marion County recently celebrated the work of teachers with the Golden Apple Teacher of the Year and Rookie Teacher of the Year programs.



PENNY FLEEGER AND ROBERT
AYTON

Greenlight Dunnellon Communications, an enterprise of the City of Dunnellon, is the School Business Partner for Dunnellon Middle and Dunnellon High schools. Dunnellon City Councilwoman Penny Fleeger attended the Golden Apple

Awards program on Feb. 8 to cheer on all the local educators which included Golden Apple Finalist Robert Ayton, a veteran teacher at Dunnellon High School.

Nominees from area schools include:

- Dunnellon Elementary – Jennifer Way, rookie; Kendrin Athaide, veteran
- Romeo Elementary – Katherine Kidney, rookie; Carla Mullins, veteran
- Dunnellon Middle – Constance Anderson, rookie; Cynthia Wise, veteran
- Dunnellon High – Kelly Crew, rookie; Robert Ayton, veteran

Community Development office is moving

The City of Dunnellon's Community Development department will relocate in coming weeks from City Hall to 12008 Delaware St. Permits and other documents will be processed during the transition on a modified schedule. The new building will allow for additional public parking in the Historic District from Datesman Park and the Greenlight Dunnellon Communications building.

For more information, call 465-8500, ext. 1010 or email hhorne@dunnellon.org.

Fishing tournament to benefit Dunnellon Boys & Girls Club

Uncle Homer's Memorial Bass Tournament on March 9 at the Dunnellon Boat Ramp behind City Hall, 20750 River Drive, will benefit the Dunnellon Branch of the Boys & Girls Club.

The event celebrates the life and contributions of Homer Circle, one of the most influential bass fishing writers in the history of the sport. Circle, known as "Uncle Homer, died in June 2012 at the age of 97. He shared his knowledge of bass fishing in several books, on national television shows and in columns for national publications like Bassmaster Magazine and locally in the Star-Banner.

Kevin Fagan is the tournament director. Entry fee is \$100 per boat (two people per boat). For more details and tournament rules, call 690-7519 or download the application at bgcofmarion.com.

The deadline to mail in registrations for the tournament is March 1. However, participants can also register on the morning of the event at the Dunnellon Boat Ramp from 4-6 a.m.



Dunnellon's Boomtown Days: Sponsors, volunteers, vendors needed

Mark your calendars for April 20 – 21 to celebrate Dunnellon's mining town roots during Boomtown Days along West Pennsylvania Avenue in the Historic District.

The weekend event, sponsored by the Dunnellon Area Chamber of Commerce, features a host of arts & crafts vendors, food, music and antique cars marking Dunnellon's "boom" as a phosphate and economic hub.

Approximately 125 craft displays will line Dunnellon's beautiful tree-lined Historic District on West Pennsylvania Avenue and Cedar Street.

The event also features the Little Miss & Mr. Dunnellon pageant on Saturday, April 20 followed by the Queen of the Rainbow pageant on Sunday, April 21.

Applications for the 2013 Queen of the Rainbow pageant are now available at the chamber office.

The pageant is open to young ladies ages 15-20. Prizes include trophies, tiaras, cash prizes, flowers, and more.

Little Miss & Mr. Dunnellon pageant applications can also be picked up from the chamber. Little Miss & Mr. Dunnellon contestants must be 5 to 7 years old.

The volunteer force is also seeking assistance from individuals or organizations. If you'd like to volunteer, call the Dunnellon Chamber at 489-230 or email dunnellonchambercommerce@gmail.com

And not to worry if you don't have time to volunteer, you can still become a Boomtown sponsor. Just call the chamber.

Historic buildings identified in Dunnellon's Boomtown District



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The City of Dunnellon and the Dunnellon Historical Society provided plaques to identify historic buildings in the Dunnellon Historic Boomtown District in late February.

The initial phase installed 11 plaques. Harold Horne, Community Development Director for the City of Dunnellon, said the project will be an ongoing effort to identify the city's historic buildings.

"We hope this will encourage walking tours throughout the district in the future," Horne said.

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