

# AT HOME ON THE RIVER

CITY OF DUNNELLON

JUNE 2013

## REVERSE 411/911 NOTIFICATION

Water/sewer customers must sign up for new service

**T**he City of Dunnellon is now able to notify all customers of water/sewer issues through the Reverse 411/911 telephone system.

However in order to receive notifications, water/sewer customers (inside and outside city limits) must make sure the utility billing department has an updated telephone number for each account in the system.

A letter detailing the new notification system was mailed to water/sewer customers with the June billing statements. The letter includes a short form at the bottom for customers to detach, update contact information and return to the utility billing office. Only one phone number per account can be used.

“It is important for customers to make sure we have the best phone number to reach them for their water/sewer account,”

said Eddie Esch, Interim City Manager/Public Services Director. “We can’t be responsible if we are unable to reach a customer if their number is out of service, disconnected, or changed.”

The system will also be used to inform customers of major planned outages along with water/sewer emergencies. City residents can also be notified of other local emergencies.

Customers are also encouraged to sign up for the “Notify Me” program on the city’s website at [www.dunnellon.org](http://www.dunnellon.org). The feature allows the subscriber to select any of the available topics they wish to receive notifications regarding.

Please call the city’s Utility Billing department at 533-5034, Option 2 for more information about the new notification system.

### City of Dunnellon

20750 River Dr.

(352) 465-8500

[www.dunnellon.org](http://www.dunnellon.org)

Hours: M-F 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

## City Calendar

**June 1** – First Saturday Village Market, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., Historic District

**June 4** – Planning Commission meeting, 5:30 p.m.; City Hall

**June 5** – City Council Workshop meeting, 5:30 p.m.; City Hall

**June 6** – Last Day of School -- Marion County

**June 7** – Dunnellon High School Graduation, 7 p.m.; DHS Stadium

**June 10** – City Council meeting, 5:30 p.m.; City Hall

**June 11** – Historic Board meeting, 4:30 p.m.; City Hall

**June 13** – Dunnellon Chamber Monthly Breakfast meeting, 7:30 a.m., Bently’s Restaurant

**June 19** – Dunnellon Chamber Board of Directors meeting, 7:30 a.m.

**June 19** – City Council Workshop meeting, 5:30 p.m.; City Hall

**June 19** – R.A.D. Basic Self Defense course, 6-10 p.m. Holy Faith Church. Call 465-8510 to register

**June 24** – City Council meeting, 5:30 p.m. City Hall

**June 27** – Tree Board meeting, 5 p.m., City Hall

## Police Department to host a basic Rape Aggression Defense Course

Area women are invited to register for the Dunnellon Police Department's Rape Aggression Defense (R.A.D.) course starting June 19, which will focus on basic self-defense skills.

The basic course, like all R.A.D. courses, offers hands-on-simulations to allow participants a chance to put their skills into action. The 12-hour course, split into four hour segments over three days, is set for June 19, 25-26, from 6-10 p.m., at Holy Faith Church in Blue Cove.

Classes fill up quickly so make sure to reserve a spot early. And if you miss the June course, another basic course is scheduled for July 30-31.

DPD recently added the advanced R.A.D. Keychain course to the series of classes taught by Lt. Sue Webb, Cpl. Bruce Arnold and Shane Yox. The team is also working to schedule a R.A.D. Kids course in the near future.

In the keychain course women combine what they learn in the basic course with advanced defense techniques to enhance their skills. The program focuses on the use of a Kubaton, better known as a "keychain," in conjunction with the participant's physical skills.

However, before a participant can register for an advanced course the first step is to complete the Basic R.A.D. course like the upcoming sessions in June and July. To register for the Basic R.A.D. course please call the Dunnellon Police Department at 465-8510.



MAYOR NATHAN WHITT PRESENTS THE NATIONAL POLICE WEEK PROCLAMATION TO DUNNELLON POLICE CHIEF JOANNE BLACK AND OFFICERS.



## City Beach Pass will have you set for summer swimming

Don't forget to stop by Dunnellon City Hall to pick up a City Beach Pass for the summer swimming season at Chaplin A. Dinkins, III Memorial Park, commonly known as City Beach.

A \$10 pass covers swimming for up to three people for the season. A \$20 pass is also available for up to 10 people.

For more information about a Beach Pass, contact City Hall at 465-8500 or Public Services at 465-8590.



## Prepare for Hurricane season by taking necessary precautions

Weather issues are important year-round. However, June marks the start of hurricane season, prompting extra attention as to what steps to take before, during and after a storm if the area is forecast to be in the path.

### Family Disaster Plan

Discuss the type of hazards that could affect your family. Know your home's vulnerability to storm surge, flooding and wind.

Locate a safe room or the safest areas in your home for each hurricane hazard. In certain circumstances the safest areas may not be your home but within your community.

Determine escape routes from your home and places to meet (Rally Points); including a child's school, a neighbor or a public place.

The Atlantic hurricane season lasts from June to November, with the peak from mid-August to late October.

The Emergency Management section under "Public Safety," on the City of Dunnellon's website at [www.dunnellon.org](http://www.dunnellon.org), features links to information for the public to help prepare for hurricanes and other situations.

Dunnellon Fire Chief Joe Campfield serves as the city's emergency management coordinator and works closely with the Marion County Emergency Management Team to make sure Dunnellon area residents are prepared for emergency situations.

In addition, the city's Public Services department will on occasion coordinate distribution of sandbags for residents, should a weather event produce

area flooding. A set amount of sandbags will be available for residents on a first-come first-serve basis.

Prior to a storm, it's also a good idea to review your plans for auxiliary lighting, auxiliary power, and tree trimming/removal.

It's advised that trees with damaged branches be trimmed and/or removed to reduce damage to property. Be sure to check with the city for permit needs when removing a tree. Helpful storm preparation tips are also available under "Emergency Information" on the "Public Services" and "Community Development" sections of the city's website.

And residents needing to evacuate to the nearest shelter should go to the Marion County Sheriff's website at: [www.marionso.com/sheriff-staff-em-php](http://www.marionso.com/sheriff-staff-em-php) or call (352) 732-8181 to learn if a shelter is activated.

### Check List:

Basic supplies to assemble prior to a storm:

- A minimum of 3-gallons of drinking water per person or 1-gallon per person, per day. This does not include water for food preparation or personal hygiene. To store drinking water you may use food grade containers such as: Empty milk jugs or soda bottles. Do not store them for more than one (1) month. Fill bathtubs for non-drinking water
- First aid supplies and two (2) weeks of prescription medication
- Protective clothing, rain boots, bedding or sleeping bags.
- Sunscreen
- Mosquito repellent
- Battery operated radio, flashlight(s), clock, etc.
- Special Needs items for individuals, infants or physically challenged persons
- Bleach, soap, detergent, and hand sanitizer
- Pet Supplies
- Charcoal and gas for outdoor cooking
- A full tank of gas
- A charged cell phone and car cell phone charger
- A corded telephone (these do not require electricity)
- A protected, water-proof storage area for important documents (deed, insurance, etc.)
- A designated out-of-town contact for family and friends
- A list of important phone numbers
- Learn how to turn-off electricity, water, and gas

## Dunnellon Fire Rescue helps Kiwanis Aktion Club with safety tips



Members of Dunnellon Fire Rescue were the special guests at the Kiwanis Aktion Club meeting on May 14, 2013 to educate the group about fire prevention and summer safety tips.

The Aktion Club, a service club for adults with disabilities, is a service leadership program of Kiwanis International.

"We take this opportunity to talk with them about hurricane

safety tips like using generators and how to prepare their homes in the event of a hurricane," said Lt. Troy Slattery with DFR. "We also talk about water safety. It's now summer and they go to the river in large groups so we go over safety tips with them."

Local community or civic groups are encouraged to contact DFR to provide fire prevention and other safety education presentations to the organization. The information can be

catered to serve a specific demographic.

The fire department can also offer fire extinguisher classes, CPR training, and demonstrate proper installation and maintenance of smoke detectors.

Contact Dunnellon Fire Rescue at 465-8595 to find out how to schedule a community education event or to learn about home safety tips. Also visit the city's website at [www.dunnellon.org](http://www.dunnellon.org), and go to the "Public Safety" tab.



**DUNNELLON COUNCILWOMAN PENNY FLEEGER (STANDING) HELPS PLANT A TREE ON ARBOR DAY (APRIL 26, 2013) WITH THIRD GRADE STUDENTS AT DUNNELLON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. THE ARBOR DAY EVENT, COORDINATED BY THE CITY'S TREE BOARD, INCLUDED PLANTING A TREE AT CITY HALL.**



**THE DUNNELLON POLICE DEPARTMENT'S LITTLE LEAGUE TEAM CELEBRATES THE END OF THE SPRING SEASON.**