

AT HOME ON THE RIVER

CITY OF DUNNELLON

SEPTEMBER 2012

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Recreation and Streetscape committees make progress;
City engineer completes utility master plan

The city's Recreation Committee has been very busy identifying recreation needs in the Dunnellon area. They have met several times to list the types of recreation that our residents would participate in.

They have also looked at the participation level of the various sports and the available facilities in the area.

We are in the process of compiling the information into a report that will be presented to the City Council and available to the public.

We still welcome input on recreation needs for Dunnellon. Please e-mail me at lalgieri@dunellon.org with your comments.

The East Pennsylvania Avenue Streetscape Committee has been looking at ways to improve the aesthetics of the street and provide for pedestrians and bicycles. They have identified several

amenities that would enhance the environment along East Pennsylvania.

The city is now in the process of hiring an engineer to prepare a concept plan and eventually design plans for the corridor. The committee will advise the engineer on the overall look and types of amenities.

And finally the city engineer has completed the utility master plan and it is being reviewed by City Council.

All of the city's utility systems were evaluated. The plan identifies necessary upgrades and improvements throughout the system. A capital improvement program listing all of the recommended projects is incorporated into the plan.

The City Council will determine how the plan is implemented in coming weeks.

Contact City Manager Lisa Algieri at 465-8500 or email at lalgieri@dunnellon.org.



Erik Collop appointed to City Council

Erik Collop, appointed by the Dunnellon City Council to replace the late Fred "Starkie" Stark, was sworn in on Aug. 13 during the City Council meeting.

Collop, at right in photo above with Dunnellon Mayor Fred Ward, was born in Gainesville, was raised in Williston. He is a 2005 graduate of the University of Florida with a degree in Business Administration. He is a North Florida district manager for the Ariens Company for the Gravely and Ariens outdoor power equipment brands.

Collop's wife, Jennifer, is a graduate of Dunnellon High School where she also served as a teacher and counselor. The pair married five years ago and have a son, Cade, 2 years old; and eight-month-old twin daughters Nora and Rori.

Collop is an avid golfer and the family enjoys spending time with their friends and family along with fishing and boating along the Rainbow River. Councilman Collop will serve until November 2012 when Seat 4 is up for re-election.



Dunnellon Police Chief Joanne Black, sixth from left in uniform, accepts an award from the Centers on Aug. 13 for the department participating in Crisis Intervention Team Training earlier this year.

DUNNELLON POLICE DEPARTMENT RECOGNIZED FOR TRAINING

The Dunnellon Police Department was recognized by the Centers for completing the Crisis Intervention Team Training course earlier this year.

The nine sworn officers of DPD were trained and certified during the weeklong program for law enforcement and first responders working with mentally ill patients.

Charles Powell, CEO of the Centers, presented the department with a plaque during the Aug. 13 Dunnellon City Council meeting.

"It is rare to see entire police departments get training," Powell said.

He also presented Dunnellon Police Chief Joanne Black with a leadership award for making the training a priority for the department.

National Prescription Drug Take Back is Sept. 29

The Dunnellon Police Department will partner with the Drug Enforcement Administration for the National Prescription Drug Take Back V. This program will take place on Saturday, Sept. 29, 2012, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This is an opportunity for those who have accumulated unwanted, unused prescription drugs, to safely dispose of them. If you have any prescription narcotics that you need to dispose of this is the time to do it. All narcotics will be collected and turned over to the DEA for destruction. For more information, call the Dunnellon Police Department at 465-8510. The location will be announced.

Also follow Dunnellon Police Department on Facebook.

CITY CALENDAR

Sept. 3 – City Holiday to observe Labor Day

Sept. 4 – Fire/Police Pension Board Meeting, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m., City Hall

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

Sept. 8 – Movies In the Park, free 8:30 p.m., Ernie Mills Park on Bostick Street featuring "How To Train Your Dragon."

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

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

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

Sept. 19 – City Council workshop, 5:30 p.m., City Hall

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

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

Sept. 29 – National Prescription Drug Take Back Day, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., location to be announced.

MOVIES IN THE PARK CONTINUES IN SEPTEMBER

The "Movies In The Park" series hosted by Greenlight Dunnellon Communications continues on Sept. 8 with the animated adventure "How To Train Your Dragon" at Ernie Mills Park on Bostick Street. The park opens at 8 p.m. and show time will be at dark, approximately 8:30 p.m. Admission is free.



In August for the showing of "Dr. Seuss' The Lorax" almost

300 people came out to enjoy the movie. This is the second year Greenlight has sponsored the free movie series for the community.

Concessions will be sold with proceeds going to the "Cops for Kids" program and Dunnellon Fire Department's Children's Christmas party.

For more information, please call 533-5034, ext. 5016.



What: "How To Train Your Dragon"

When: Sept. 8, show begins at dark (approximately 8:30 p.m.)

Where: Ernie Mills Park, 11

Cost: Free

Info: 533-5034, ext. 5016

EXPLORE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Dunnellon Fire Department is in search of volunteers from the community, people just like you to help respond to fires, accidents and medical emergencies.

If not for our volunteers, Dunnellon like much of the country would be without adequate fire protection. A good candidate to fill the boots of a volunteer firefighter is someone who is courageous, dedicated, willing to learn new skills, and team-oriented.

Volunteer firefighters must meet certain requirements to be accepted. They are trained to

respond to a variety of emergency situations including childbirth, fires and hazardous spills.

There are a number of ways to serve with the Dunnellon Fire Department:

- Volunteer Fire Fighter
- Associate member
- Citizen Auxiliary
- Fire Explorers (ages 13-18)

For more information or to pick up an application, visit the Dunnellon Fire Department at 20612 W. Pennsylvania Ave., or call 465-8595.

Volunteers Needed for American Cancer Society's Relay for Life

The American Cancer Society Relay for Life of Dunnellon is looking for volunteers to assist with the event this year. If you would like to step up your fight for cancer, your help is needed on the committee. For information on positions available for the event,

please contact Diana Schwartz, Community Representative or the American Cancer Society at (352) 629-4727 ext. 5823 or email diana.swartz@cancer.org.

Under Construction: New city website to go online soon

The city is working to unveil the new website in coming weeks. It is hoped the new site will become a more useful tool to residents and visitors of the city seeking information.

A number of new features will be available like the "Notify Me" option that will allow the user to sign up for a variety of items they want to be notified about on the site. Visitors to the site will also be able to use the "Request Tracker" option to alert a department about a particular issue.

The "Resident Help Center" will be sort of a one stop shop to items on the site residents will need frequently. The new site will still be accessed at www.dunnellon.org.

City Manager Lisa Algieri said the new site is designed to provide better communication from the city. The section "City Events" is a calendar highlighting city meetings along with submitted community-wide events.

And once you have found the information you are looking for on the new website, take a few moments to enjoy the photos which capture Dunnellon's beautiful rivers and landscape. A number of local residents and regional photographers answered the call to share photos to enhance the site.

Once the new site goes live, we hope you will enjoy our new online presence.

Don't forget: Write account number on your check when paying utility bill

Customers paying water/sewer bills are asked to make sure to include the account numbers on their check especially if paying for multiple accounts. If the account numbers are not properly indicated on the check, funds are posted incorrectly.

The billing department is working to combine multiple accounts; look for an update on that process being completed in coming weeks.

Dunnellon 2012 Fall Little League Signups

Sign up is now underway for Dunnellon Little League Fall Ball for ages 4-16 to include T-ball through Boy/Girl Senior Ball. Sign up hours are Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. through Sept. 1 at Dunnellon Little League Field on St. Patrick Drive or contact Shelley Sweat at (352) 219-5310.

DUNNELLON CITY COUNCIL

Mayor – Fred Ward
Vice Mayor – Dennis Evans

Council Members

Erik Collop
Penny Fleeger
Lynne McAndrew

City Manager

Lisa Algieri

Dunnellon City Hall

Hours of Operation: 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Monday through Friday
Phone: 465-8500