

AT HOME ON THE RIVER

CITY OF DUNNELLON

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CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City seeks residents for new project committees

How should a newly revitalized East Pennsylvania Avenue streetscape look?

Would you like to assist the city in developing these plans?

We are establishing a committee of property and business owners along East Pennsylvania to give input to the city on the design and implementation of this project.

East Pennsylvania is the first phase of the streetscaping project that was identified in the recently adopted Bicycle/Pedestrian Master Plan.

The plan calls for trail connections, safe sidewalks for school children and other pedestrians and streetscaping of Pennsylvania Avenue and U.S. 41/Williams. The streetscaping concept includes new sidewalks, trees, lighting and benches.

The proposed implementation is divided into five areas, which includes:

- East Pennsylvania between the railroad and Rainbow River

- West Pennsylvania between U.S. 41/Williams St. and Cedar
- The intersection of U.S 41 and Pennsylvania Avenue
- U.S. 41 south of Pennsylvania to the Withlacoochee River
- U.S. 41 north of Pennsylvania to Brooks Street.

In addition to the committee working on the East Pennsylvania Avenue corridor, the city is also forming a Recreation Advisory Committee.

Several residents have signed up to serve and the first meeting will be scheduled in the near future. This committee will identify recreation needs of the community.

The city is in negotiations with the state to lease 170 acres for recreational purposes. This committee will also identify facilities that could go on this property.

If you would like to serve, please call Dunnellon City Manager Lisa Algieri at 465-8500 or email at lalgieri@dunnellon.org.

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ENJOY BOATING WITH SAFETY TIPS

Dunnellon Police Department's Marine Unit often conducts random Safety Inspections. Follow these tips and you will have a safe and enjoyable time on the rivers of Dunnellon.

1. Remember the entire Rainbow River is Idle Speed/No Wake which means a vessel cannot proceed at a speed greater than that speed which is necessary to maintain steerageway. Be cautious as there are a lot of tubers enjoying the river this time of year.

2. Absolutely no alcohol and/or disposable containers permitted on the Rainbow River. Pack all foods and drinks in Tupperware type containers to avoid getting a ticket. It is also a good idea to remove all stickers and price tags from

your tubes, noodles etc. as these often fall off during the journey down the river.

3. Make a mental safety equipment checklist: This should include the following:
Lifejackets (children under 6 years of age must wear a life jacket while the vessel is underway)

Fire Extinguisher
Sound Producing Device – a whistle, horn or bell
Throwable Life Preserver
For more detailed information on boating regulations and safety tips, stop by the police department and pick up a boating brochure or contact the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission at 1-888-404-FWCC (3922) or FWC on your cell phone.

TORCH RUN FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS

The 1.3 mile stretch of U.S. 41 through Dunnellon recently served as the route for the third annual Special Olympics Torch Run.

The event drew 150 participants which included local law enforcement officers, administrative staff, volunteers, special VIP guests and athletes carrying the torch through town.

As the runners and walkers made their way south along the U.S. 41 corridor from Walmart to the finish line at Abigail's Café, supporters lined the roadway to cheer them on.

Once at Abigail's, the Special Olympic athletes were treated to dinner while VIP guests enjoyed ice cream at Penn Station.

"Dunnellon is having another great year showing support for Special Olympics, everyone has worked so hard to make it successful and we couldn't do it without such a giving community," said Dunnellon Police Chief Joanne Black. "I wish everyone could share in this feeling of complete joy as the athletes celebrate in their triumph."

The final stop for the Special Olympics Torch was the 2012 State Summer Games held at Disney's ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex, May 19-20, where Dunnellon Police Department officers participated in the opening ceremonies.

CITY CALENDAR

June 6 – City Council workshop, 5:30 p.m., City Hall. Last Day of School

June 7 – Graduation Dunnellon High School, 7 p.m. at Tiger Stadium

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

June 12 – Historic Preservation Board, 4:30 p.m., City Hall

June 14 – Flag Day observed

June 15 – Summer Fun Kickoff Party, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m., Ernie Mills Park

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

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

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

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



Dalton Beach (center) back row L-R: Dunnellon Police Chief Joanne Black, Lisa Ervin (Dalton's mother), Michael Beach (Dalton's brother); Dunnellon Mayor Fred Ward and Dunnellon City Manager Lisa Algieri.

DUNNELLON NOW IS WINNING NAME FOR LOCAL CHANNEL

Greenlight Dunnellon Communications recently sponsored a contest for Dunnellon students in grades 6-12 to name Channel 1 on the new fiber optic television system.

The winning entry "Dunnellon Now" was submitted by Dalton Beach,

13, a 7th grade student at Dunnellon Middle School.

His entry was one of 90 submitted by area students.

After narrowing down the list to 12 finalists, votes were cast by employees along with Dunnellon Mayor Fred Ward and City Manager Lisa Algieri.

Dalton was awarded a \$100 prize on April 21 during Boomtown Days. His school, Dunnellon Middle School, was awarded \$100 on May 7.

"Dunnellon Now" Channel 1 will be featured on the more than 180 channel fiber television system.

SUMMER FUN KICKOFF SET FOR JUNE 15 AT ERNIE MILLS PARK

To help local students celebrate the beginning of summer vacation, the City of Dunnellon along with Greenlight Dunnellon Communications, the

Dunnellon Fire Department and Dunnellon Police Department, will host a Summer Fun Kickoff event on June 15, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m, at Ernie Mills Park.

The event is free and open to area students. Refreshments will be provided and a host of fun activities will be available.

For more information about the event please call 465-8500.

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