

DELEON SPRINGS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND GOALS

FOR 2012

JANUARY:

- Created, distributed and compiled a DSCA, Inc. Member Survey. Based on the results we created standing committees, updated committee job descriptions, created 'member benefits' for those that join DSCA, Inc., and expanded our e-mail communications
- Updated our website to a more professional look with tabs to provide items of interest, community events and on-line access to DSCA, Inc. minutes
- Updated our by-laws to sync verbiage with State and Federal standards
- Held our first Brownfield District Community Informational Meeting with city and county officials in attendance, members of Cobb Cole presenting information on the benefits of the program

FEBRUARY:

- DSCA, Inc.'s Laura Strawn and Dan Manley of AECOM met with Volusia County TPO's Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee to present the River of Lakes Visioning Study
- Conducted second public Brownfield District informational meeting at DSUMC

MARCH:

- Conducted third public Brownfield District meeting with Mark Watts of Cobb Cole presenting information, unanimous vote was passed to request Volusia County designate DeLeon Springs a Brownfield District for access to economic development funding
- Presented a Power Point presentation to BPAC on the issues of: lack of safe parking; lack of safe sidewalks along Reynolds Road; lack of safe bicycle and pedestrian travel area on Highway 17, unsafe alignment of Baxter/Ponce DeLeon/ Hwy 17
- Held a community Dinner at the Porter House to thank everyone for their volunteer efforts

APRIL:

- Kevin Phelps and local bicycle organizations met with Volusia County officials on behalf of the Chuck Lennon Park bicycle trails, requesting Volusia county protect and support them as trails of distinction valued by enthusiasts throughout the State
- DS Utilities Task Force interacted with Florida Department of Environmental Protection to get Phase II clean-up of underground fuel plume started and completed in July, 2012. Wrote letter of support to AMEC/Orlando for summer 2013 Phase III and IV round the clock clean-up under north/southbound lanes of Highway 17

MAY:

- Received our first-ever grant from Wells Fargo of \$1,000 at a breakfast hosted by Wells Fargo, to go toward an EPI Engineering study for the feasibility of water and sewer utilities for the business corridor
- Presented DeLeon Springs' issues of concern to the Volusia County Council: the need for a special assessment and utilities district for commercial corridor water and sewer utilities; the need for zoning along commercial parcel boundaries to eliminate split zoning that is crippling economic development; request a District Overlay that provides standards to create a cohesive downtown district; request to be designated a Brownfield District so DeLeon Springs has access to Federal and State funding for commercial and residential clean up and development funds

JUNE:

- Volusia County Sheriff's Dept. met with DSCA, Inc. and concerned citizens to discuss crime, drug activities in DeLeon Springs, and provide a task force to protect citizens, property, and reduce and prosecute crimes

JULY:

- Began creating a new "DeLeon Dispatch" newsletter for quarterly publication starting in September

AUGUST:

- Held our first-ever Candidate Forum, attended by approximately 150 people, for District 1 Candidates and County Chairman Candidates
- Held a public split zoning forum with Volusia County Senior Planner Becky Mendez presenting information about the possible B-4 rezoning, to parcel boundary lines, of parcels in the 'downtown' area of DeLeon Springs

SEPTEMBER

- Launched the first issue of *The DeLeon Dispatch* Newsletter (contact Editor Debbie Gallant at dispatch@deleonspringscommunityassociation.com)
- Met with Volusia County's Mary Connors and Scott Mays to discuss zoning, overlay, utilities and Brownfield issues
- Met with CobbCole attorneys Mike Woods and Mike Sznajstajler regarding EPA's Environmental Justice and Brownfield grant information

OCTOBER

- Participated with VSCO and McInnis Elementary School in International Walk to School Day with \$50.00 donation to the McInnis Art Department.
- Met with Mary Anne Connors, Ginger Adair, Scott Mays, Rob Walsh of Volusia County to discuss Brownfield Designation and water/sewer utilities for the commercial corridor
- October 13th Fall Festival and Parade (contact Jan Nunn at jannunn@peoplepc.com)
- Sent a representative to the 15th annual Florida Brownfields Conference in St. Petersburg

NOVEMBER

- Hosted Lenny Siegel from
- Raised funds to create and donate ten \$50.00 Thanksgiving Food Baskets to Head Start

DECEMBER

- Raise funds for an Angel Tree family in DeLeon Springs
- Host community dinner to thank everyone for their generous volunteer efforts *To Make DeLeon Springs A Better Place to Work, Live and Play*

GOALS, UPCOMING ISSUES and EVENTS

Focus at government level to:

- Eliminate split zoning in DeLeon Springs' commercial corridor
- Create a District Overlay to define a commercial district and commercial standards
- Obtain Brownfield District designation for economic tools to advance our community
- Continuing working with City of DeLand, Volusia County, FDEP, USDA, etc. to get water and sewer utility lines extended to the DeLeon Springs commercial corridor
- Press FDEP to continue underground fuel plume contamination clean up
- Keep the community informed about FDOT 4-laning of Hwy 17 from DeLeon Springs to Barberville
- Keep community informed about FDOT construction of multiuse trail along CR 3

Continue supporting Head Start, McInnis Elementary, local churches, non-profits, and other community organizations with volunteers, donations of funds, food, clothing, etc. to help those in need in our community

**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE HELPED STRENGTHEN OUR
COMMUNITY BY CONTRIBUTING YOUR TIME, MONEY, TALENT,
ENCOURAGEMENT, SUPPORT AND ATTENDANCE.**

Not a member? Join us and be part of the revitalization of DeLeon Springs!!

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