

DeLeon Springs Community Association, Inc.
Accomplishments for 2016

JANUARY:

Exhibited the DSCA, Inc. Traveling Historic Display at DSSP's Day in Florida History. Requested and received retired Christmas decorations from City of Deland. Hosted the River of Lakes Heritage Corridor Board for breakfast. Hosted our Annual Visioning Meeting, receiving input from members for projects they wished to pursue during 2016 which included continuing the art and music festivals, adding a chili cook off, community garage sale, continuing to fund Ride into Reading, International Walk to School Day participation, Head Start support, etc.; work toward construction of the community center; continue educational partnerships and scholarship programs for local students. Applied for a Volusia County State of the Arts Mini Grant to help fund the Art Among the Trees Festival. Festivals Board met to plan the Fourth Annual Art Among The Trees Juried Fine Art and Music Festival increasing the awards to: \$300 Best of Show, \$300 Best Fine Art and \$300 Best Fine Craft.

FEBRUARY:

Hosted the DSCA, Inc. Community Garage Sale. Hosted Project Speak History on the grounds of DeLeon Springs State Park; a historical preservation endeavor dedicated to the collection of the oral history of Ponce de Leon Springs and Burt's Park, landmarks of the last century. DSSP Rangers led tours of Burt's Park. Memories were taped by Diamond Productions, including presentations by Liz Greene Dane, ski partner of Queenie the Waterskiing Elephant. Sent out DeLeon Springs Community Association, Inc. Merit Scholarship criteria and application to local organizations; placed the scholarship application on our website and with Taylor Middle High School's Guidance Department. Published the Spring Edition of the DeLeon Dispatch Newsletter.

MARCH:

Received a Volusia County State of the Arts Mini Grant in the amount of \$2,500 in support of the April Art Among the Trees Festival. Voted to reduce the initial size of the new Community Center on Bert's Park Road. Buddy Raines began redrafting the site plans for the building, including the topographical information.

APRIL:

DeLeon Springs Community Association, Inc. Merit Scholarship Board met and chose a scholarship recipient from applications submitted. Attended the US 17 Multimodal Corridor Planning Study - Phase II Stakeholders Workshop April 5th to provide feedback on transportation-related issues and opportunities along the US 17 study corridor. Hosted the Fourth Annual Art Among The Trees Fine Arts, Fine Crafts, Old Time and Bluegrass Festival with an attendance of approximately 2,000 and exhibitors including McInnis student artists who received certificates and ribbons for participating. \$300 Best of Show went to Patty Clifton of DeLeon Springs; \$300 Best Fine Art to Robin McFall of DeLeon Springs; \$300 Best Fine Craft to Paul Busch of DeLand; 2nd place Fine Art to William Taylor; 2nd place Fine Craft to Thomas Irvin; 3rd place Fine to Art Don Nedobeck; 3rd place Fine Craft to Melinda Cummings.

MAY:

Presented the DSCA, Inc. Merit Scholarship in the amount of \$600 to Taylor Middle High senior and DeLeon Springs resident Ethan Crump at the Taylor Awards Night ceremony. Created budget line item for the McInnis Elementary School Ride into Reading program support. Increased budget line item for Taylor High Wildcat 5K support. Published the Summer Edition of the DeLeon Dispatch Newsletter.

JUNE:

Presented a Certificate of Participation and embossed ribbons to McInnis Elementary School students who participated in the Art Among the Trees Juried Fine Art and Music Festival. Presented two new Ride into Reading bicycles to winners Osei Talton and Mya Moore with safety helmets donated by Hidden Valley Park.

JULY:

Entered into partnership with Malloy Head Start to create a Food, Non-Food and Clothing Donation Center for Head Start families and their children. Sponsored the Town of Pierson's July 4th Family Celebration. Festival Board began planning the Fourth Annual Autumn in the Oaks Art, Music and Craft Festival.

AUGUST:

Partnered with the Christian Church at DeLeon Springs and EDC Services Group of Longwood to create a Clothing and Food Pantry at Malloy Head Start. Hosted a covered dish dinner with cake and ice cream to celebrate DSCA, Inc.'s Fifth Anniversary of service to the community; Chief Chitwood and Mrs. Dave Brannon spoke regarding sheriff candidacy. DSCA, Inc. Board unanimously appointed Wayne Allen as a DSCA, Inc. Board Director.

SEPTEMBER:

Sponsored the Annual Taylor High Wildcat 5K Run on September 24th with a donation of \$250 and our logo on their runner t-shirts. Launched the Fourth Annual Ride into Reading Program with monthly gift card incentives. Published the Fall Edition of the DeLeon Dispatch Newsletter.

OCTOBER:

Hosted International Walk to School Day with VCSO and McInnis Elementary School on October 5th and presented McInnis Art Teacher Barbara Wells with a \$100.00 gift card for art supplies so students could display their work in the April 2017 Art Among the Trees Festival. Hosted the Annual Autumn in the Oaks Art, Music and Crafts Festival on October 15th. Attendees enjoyed a day of art and craft exhibitors, live bee and nature exhibits, live Bluegrass, Contemporary and Old Tyme bands playing through the day, great food, McInnis Elementary School PTA desserts and the free KidZone including bounce house and craft projects.

NOVEMBER:

Applied for a \$1,500 grant from the Volusia County State of the Arts Grant Program to sponsor the 2017 Art Among the Trees Juried Fine Art, Fine Craft and Music Festival. Raised funds to create and donate 30 Thanksgiving Food Baskets to the DeLeon Springs Malloy Head Start program in partnership with EDC Services Group and the Christian Church of DeLeon Springs, who contributed over 300 non-perishable food items.

DECEMBER:

Members donated dozens of stuffed animals and warm clothing to the children of the DeLeon Springs Malloy Head Start Program. Published the Winter Edition of the DeLeon Dispatch Newsletter. Hosted our Annual Covered Dish Dinner on December 13th to thank our wonderful volunteers for their outstanding efforts in Making DeLeon Springs A Better Place to Live, Work and Play.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS CONTRIBUTED YOUR TIME, SUPPORT, TALENT AND
POSITIVE ATTITUDE TO STRENGTHENING OUR COMMUNITY.

WE ARE SO FORTUNATE TO HAVE YOU!

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