

Deleon Springs Community Association, Inc.
Accomplishments for 2019

JANUARY:

Hosted our Annual Visioning Meeting, reviewing activities we supported or held to enrich our community; received feedback from our members for the projects they chose to dedicate time and talents to in 2019.

Hosted the River of Lakes Heritage Corridor Board with a breakfast during their January meeting.

Posted the DSCA, Inc. Merit Scholarship Criteria and Application to our website, and sent it out to local schools, organizations and the press.

Was voted by the Volusia County Council to receive the "State of the Arts" License Plate Program Mini Grant in the amount of \$500 in support of the April Art Among the Trees Festival.

Festivals Board met to begin planning the Seventh Annual Art Among The Trees Juried Art, Craft and Music Festival.

FEBRUARY:

Hosted the annual "Dessert with a Deputy" community event in conjunction with the Volusia County Sheriff's Office. This event was open to the public, with nearly 30 community members who came to ask questions, receive answers and enjoy delicious desserts, all free of charge.

Hosted At-Large County Councilman Ben Johnson at our February meeting for a question and answer time regarding the proposed Half Cent Sales Tax vote.

MARCH:

DSCA, Inc. Merit Scholarship Board met and chose a scholarship recipient from the applications that were submitted for review. DSCA, Inc. members voted to fund the scholarship at \$1,000.00.

Published the Spring Edition of the DeLeon Dispatch Newsletter.

APRIL:

Hosted the Seventh Annual Art Among The Trees Art, Craft and Music Festival including 40 McInnis Elementary School students.

Art and Craft award Judges were Courtney and Kelly Canova. Best of Show winner with a \$250 cash award and ribbon was Leland Williams, Crescent City, Painting, Sculpture First Place Art winner with a \$200 cash award and ribbon was Tim Peterson, DeLand, Oil Painting. First Place Craft winner with a \$200 cash award and ribbon was Cecilia Howington, Deltona, Handcrafts. Second Place Art, \$100 cash award and ribbon winner was Paul Busch, DeLand, Woodturning. Second Place Craft, \$100 cash award and ribbon winner was Cindy Horvath, DeLeon Springs, Small batch jams and fruit butters. Third Place Art, \$25.00 cash award and ribbon: Margo Parenti, DeLand, Art glass, jewelry. Third Place Craft: \$25.00 cash award and ribbon: Doug Garvey, Daytona Beach, Woodworking

MAY:

Presented DSCA, Inc. Merit Scholarships and certificates to two students at the Taylor High Awards Night ceremony, one in the amount of \$1,000 to Taylor Middle High senior Britney Tagle and one in the amount of \$800.00 to Taylor Middle High senior Giselle Aguirre. Both are DeLeon Springs

residents. Awarded certificates and embossed ribbons to McInnis Elementary School student artists in grades K-5 who participated in the Art Among the Trees Art, Craft and Music Festival.

Awarded two \$550 Camp Winona Scholarships, to McInnis student Angelina Harris and Taylor student Jesus Lopez.

Presented two new DSCA, Inc. Ride into Reading Third Grade Challenge bicycles at McInnis Elementary School to the top scoring boy, Kaleb Benson and the top scoring girl Sofie Morado. And honorable mention gift cards to Angel Rodriguez, Justin Lagunas, Madison Michaud, Melanie Santiago and Roger Montero for each scoring above 150 points. 100% of the 3rd grade students participated. This is the sixth year DSCA, Inc. has sponsored this challenge and marks 12 bicycles and helmets that have been awarded.

JUNE:

Hosted a reception for DSCA, Inc. Merit Scholarship Award recipients Britney Tagle and Giselle Aguirre.

Published the Summer Edition of the DeLeon Dispatch Newsletter.

Attended a Volusia County workshop on Wastewater Treatment Feasibility for the DeLeon Spring Basin, working toward compliance with the FDEP's Basin Management Action Plan for the area.

JULY:

Festival Board began planning the Seventh Annual Autumn in the Oaks Art, Music and Crafts Festival.

Added lattice to, and planted flowers at, the south "Welcome to DeLeon Springs" sign.

Sponsored the Town of Pierson's July 4th Family Fun Celebration

AUGUST:

Hosted a birthday dinner to celebrate DSCA, Inc.'s Eighth Anniversary of service to the community of DeLeon Springs.

Hosted a Malloy Head Start Backpack Drive and delivered 58 school supply- filled backpacks to them prior to school's start.

SEPTEMBER:

Published the Fall Edition of the DeLeon Dispatch Newsletter.

Launched the Seventh Annual DSCA, Inc. Third Grade *Ride into Reading Challenge* at McInnis Elementary School, with a rally to introduce the program to all third grade students. On display were two new bicycles and helmets students could earn by reading books in the program for the school year. We presented six monthly gift card incentives to Media Specialist Lisa Bertolami for most improved readers to earn each month.

OCTOBER:

Hosted the Annual International Walk to School Day with the VCSO and McInnis Elementary School. Presented MES art teacher Jessica Osterhout with a \$100.00 gift card for art supplies so students could display their work in the October 19 Autumn in the Oaks Art, Music and Crafts Festival.

Participated in the McInnis Elementary School's "Falling All In" Trunk or Treat Community Event with a booth, display and hundreds of candy treats for the students.

Hosted the Seventh Annual Autumn in the Oaks Art, Music and Crafts Festival with a day of art, crafts, a native plant sale, and educational exhibits; and live Old Tyme and Bluegrass music by Sandy's Back Porch Band. Home baked goodies were provided by the Christian Church of DeLeon Springs. The KidZone, sponsored by Linaje Escogido, was packed with kids enjoying photo ops and lots of fun, free activities including take home crafts.

NOVEMBER:

Sponsored the Annual Taylor High Wildcat 5K Run on November 16th as a Silver Sponsor with a donation of \$500 to help support the Cross-Country programs at Taylor High. Participated in the run with our second annual "Team DSCA, Inc." team.

Hosted a Thanksgiving Food Basket drive for the Malloy Head Start and created 28 baskets full of traditional Thanksgiving foods, dessert, fruit, and a gift card for purchase of a turkey, in conjunction with the Christian Church of DeLeon Springs. Baskets were delivered to the Head Start in time for Thanksgiving for our local families in need.

DECEMBER:

Published the Winter Edition of the DeLeon Dispatch Newsletter.

Hosted our Annual Christmas dinner to thank our volunteers for their commitment to "Making DeLeon Springs A Better Place to Live, Work and Play". Members donated dozens of jackets and warm clothing for the children of McInnis Elementary School and Malloy Head Start.

We are grateful to everyone who has improved our community by contributing their time, money, talents, encouragement and support to the DSCA, Inc.

Not yet a member?

Please join us and be part of the revitalization of DeLeon Springs.

Visit our website's "Join Us" tab at:

www.deleonspringscommunityassociation.com to learn more.