

DeLeon Springs Community Association, Inc.
Accomplishments for 2020

JANUARY:

Hosted our Annual Visioning Meeting to review what we previously hosted and supported to enrich our community; received input from members for what they would dedicate resources to in 2020.

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

Coordinated with Volusia County Utilities to facilitate a date and location for a public meeting to discuss wastewater options for pollution reduction in the DeLeon Springs Springshed Basin.

FEBRUARY:

Hosted a Water Quality Informational meeting in conjunction with Volusia County, JonesEdmunds Consulting, DeLand Utilities and others to inform our community about Basin Management Action Plans and other legislation designed to help protect our drinking water quality and beloved DeLeon Spring from further pollution. Attendees were able to observe educational displays, hear the options before us, and have a lively question, answer and discussion time.

MARCH:

Published the Spring Edition of the DeLeon Dispatch Newsletter.

Designed, donated and completed the "McInnis Elementary School Media Center Landscape Project" in conjunction with Cutting Edge Grounds and Lawn Maintenance who donated their services. Volunteers removed overgrown, invasive vegetation and a dead tree, then replanted flowers, waterwise sod and plants; installed gravel and patio stones, reinstalling picnic tables and benches, to create a new outdoor gathering space for staff, children and families.

Agreed to sponsor the Chuck Lennon Park Hiking Trail, designed and created by Volusia County Parks and Recreation and Kevin Phelps.

APRIL:

DSCA, Inc. Merit Scholarship Board met virtually and chose Taylor High School senior Jenny Rodriguez as the 2020 scholarship recipient. DSCA, Inc. members voted to fund the scholarship at \$1,000.00, with contributions from donations in memory of Archibald Clifford "Cliff" McInnis.

MAY:

Attended the Volusia County Council meeting and spoke in support of the acceptance of a \$2.5 million dollar FDEP grant for water and wastewater lines to be constructed along US Highway 17 through the downtown area of DeLeon Springs to connect to McInnis Elementary School, in conjunction with the FDEP's Basin Management Action Plan to protect water quality and reduce nitrogen loads on the Spring from septic systems.

Participated in the McInnis Elementary School Adopt a Family program, along with the Christian Church at DeLeon Springs, purchasing well over \$1,500 worth of food that MES staff delivered to local families in need. Ministry Linaje Escogido conducted additional food deliveries and the DeLand MOMs Club also contributed funds.

Purchased goodie bag and party items for all fifth grade students, then participated in the McInnis Elementary School Fifth Grade Car Line Celebration to honor each graduating fifth grader.

Awarded the 2020 DeLeon Springs Merit Scholarship, in the amount of \$1,000, to Taylor High Senior Jenny Rodriguez, via their Virtual Awards Ceremony. Jenny is a DeLeon Springs resident and will attend UNF to study Nursing and Health Sciences.

Interacted with Volusia County Parks and Recreation, and Volusia County Environmental Management regarding rerouting the completed Chuck Lennon Park Hiking Trail away from an osprey/eagle nest and to look at options to get the trail accomplished for the use of the public.

JUNE:

Presented THREE new DSCA, Inc. Ride into Reading Third Grade Challenge bicycles at the homes of McInnis Elementary School top scoring girls Laurel Ashley with 706 points and Abigail Kavanah with 609 and top scoring boy Alejandro Santiago with 302 points. Students were awarded new bicycles, certificates, and each received a helmet donated by JC's Bikes & Boards. 100% of the 3rd grade students participated. This is the seventh year DSCA, Inc. has sponsored this challenge and marks 15 bicycles and helmets that have been awarded.

Sponsored another Adopt-A-Family Food Drive for McInnis Elementary School families in need.

Began building the new stage at "Spring Garden Park" in anticipation of future events to host there.

JULY:

Sponsored the Town of Pierson's July 4th Family Fun Celebration
Published the Summer Edition of the DeLeon Dispatch Newsletter.

AUGUST:

Hosted a reception for DSCA, Inc. Merit Scholarship Award recipient Jenny Rodriguez and her family, where Jenny was presented her Certificate and spoke to our members about her college plans. Held a birthday dinner to celebrate DSCA, Inc.'s ninth anniversary of service to the community of DeLeon Springs.

Hosted a McInnis Elementary School Backpack Drive in partnership with the Christian Church at DeLeon Springs and delivered 80 school supply-filled backpacks to MES prior to school's start. Partnered with Volusia County Emergency Management to distribute hundreds of Community Hygiene Packets.

SEPTEMBER:

Donated non-perishable foods to restock the McInnis Elementary School Food Pantry.
Launched the Eighth Annual DSCA, Inc. Third Grade *Ride into Reading Challenge* at McInnis Elementary School, with a videoed, "Virtual Rally" to introduce the program to third grade students. In the video two new bicycles and new helmets were shown and students learned how they could win them at the end of the school year by reading books in the program.

OCTOBER:

Published the Fall Edition of the DeLeon Dispatch Newsletter.

Interacted with the VCISO to reduce speeding activities along Grand Ave. and Audubon Ave. Interacted with Volusia County Code Compliance to work toward cleaning up two nuisance properties that have had numerous complaints and code violations.

Participated in McInnis Elementary School's "Red Ribbon Week" by giving a virtual talk on good citizenship, kindness and making good choices.

NOVEMBER:

Spoke at the DeLeon Springs Garden Club about activities the DSCA, Inc. is involved in and programs we have created to improve the quality of life in DeLeon Springs.

Hosted a Thanksgiving Food Basket drive for needy families of Malloy Head Start and created 25 baskets full of traditional Thanksgiving foods, bread, dessert, fruit, and a gift card for purchase of a ham or turkey, in conjunction with the Christian Church of DeLeon Springs. Baskets were delivered to the Head Start by volunteers in time for our local families to enjoy a bountiful Thanksgiving meal.

DECEMBER:

Published the Winter Edition of the DeLeon Dispatch Newsletter.

Hosted a dessert gathering to thank our volunteers for their commitment to "Making DeLeon Springs A Better Place to Live, Work and Play". Members and friends donated over 100 pullovers, jackets and warm clothing items for the children of McInnis Elementary School and an abundance of toys for the children of Malloy Head Start. Robin Knight was honored as the "2020 DSCA, Inc. Volunteer of the Year" for all her hours of help and service to the community throughout the year.

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

If you are 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.