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Inclusiveness & Diversity

We recognize and appreciate the uniqueness of each individual. We value the contribution made and the synergy created by different experiences and perspectives. We celebrate the diversity of our community by providing a wide array of specialized services. We are committed to actively seeking public participation, and we promote a public process whereby we can respond to the community's needs while balancing competing interests and diverse opinions.

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Real Estate signs of recovery

Good news for Deltona! What was a market in the doldrums is on the cusp of becoming a thriving Real Estate Market once again.

Existing Home Sales

Current information from the West Volusia Realtors Association shows that in April, 2011 the Median Sales Price for Deltona homes was $65,000 while in April, 2012 the Median Sales Price was $71,500, which is a 10 percent increase in home values.

In January 2011, there were 1,107 homes on the market, versus only 620 homes on the market in January 2012. January to January, this is a decrease of 487, or 44 percent.

In April, 2012, the listed inventory of homes was 523, a further decrease of 97 listed homes. April's figures for the time that a house is on the market before being sold has dropped from 111 days (April, 2011) to 88 days (April, 2012). So, fewer available homes means homes sell faster and a continued increase in home values.

New Listings are up 5.3 percent this April but down 6.8 percent for the year. Closed Sales are down 19.1 percent for April and down 8.5 percent for the year. Again, the result is fewer available houses, rising home prices, and a backlog of homes sold that are awaiting closing. This is indicative of a positive residential trend within the City of Deltona.

Residential Revitalization

The Planning & Development Department, who has responsibility for the City of Deltona's Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) has positive news as well. The City's Neighborhood Stabilization Program includes two programs – NSP 1 and NSP 3. The first is a $6.6 million grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that allowed the City to acquire 53 properties, rehabilitate 51 of those properties and sell 42 homes as of this date.

That is a 79 percent completion ratio for the program, over one year ahead of schedule. With two homes remaining to complete construction and 11 homes to sell, staff anticipates completion of NSP 1's original 53 properties by the end of 2012.

The NSP 3 program is approximately one-third the amount of NSP 1 with $1.96 million dollars being made available to the City of Deltona to be applied in a much smaller geographic area. Staff has been able to acquire four homes to-date and rehabilitate three of them. The City is also putting contract offers on an additional three homes to ultimately reach the goal of purchasing up to fifteen properties within NSP 3.

New Home Development

Looking at new homes as further evidence of Deltona's real estate market stabilization, Meritage Homes continues to develop in Arbor Ridge (near the Epic Theatre). Homes there are priced up to $150,000. Live Oak Estates prices top out at $170,000 and Lake Baton Estates at $190,000. Additionally, D.R. Horton is a major developer in the region, and has two developments underway in Deltona, representing 20 percent of that firm's regional business.

July - August - September Calendar of Events

July
2 Regular City Commission Meeting, 6:30 p.m., in the Commission Chambers at City Hall, 2345 Providence Blvd.
4 City Administrative Offices closed for Independence Day.
• Celebrate our Nation's Independence! The City of Deltona is proud to present its 8th Annual Fireworks Extravaganza at the Dewey O. Boster Sports Complex, 1200 Saxon Blvd. 6-9 p.m., Children's Activities and live band, 9:15 p.m., fireworks! So pack up your family, bring a chair or blanket to relax on as you enjoy the park, and be dazzled by a sky full of color. Vendors from non-profit organizations will be on-site to sell food and/or souvenirs. Because parking is limited at the Sports Complex, beginning at 5:30 p.m. shuttle service will be available from the City Municipal Complex, 2345 Providence Blvd. The last bus to leave for the fireworks will depart at 8:45 p.m. Parking is always free.
16 Regular City Commission Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Second public hearing on the solid waste, stormwater and street-lighting assessment)
21 Senior Breakfast

August
6 Regular City Commission Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
7 National Night Out 5:30-8:30 p.m., City Hall. Allows the entire community to get together and send a message that crime will not be tolerated. This nationwide event also gives residents a chance to meet some of their neighbors and local law enforcement heroes.

The Volusia County Sheriff's Office's will have an array of crime prevention information and demonstrations from their K-9 and Traffic Units. Mini-seminars on various crime prevention topics will be offered in City Hall. Several vendors will also be present. If you are interested in participating in this year's event or need additional Crime Prevention information, call Sergeant Pat Leahy, (386) 860-7030.
11 Simulcast in the Concert in the Amphitheater Series, 7-9 p.m., Deltona Ampitheater, 2150 Eustace Ave.
20 Regular Commission Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

September
3 City Administrative Offices closed for Labor Day.
4 Regular City Commission Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
8 Then2Now in the Concert in the Amphitheater Series, 7-9 p.m., Deltona Amphitheater.
18 Regular City Commission Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Then2Now

The City Farmer's Market is from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturdays, 1649 Providence Blvd.

For updates on these events and information on future City Events "Follow" CityofDeltona on Twitter and "Like" the City of Deltona on Facebook. The City's government access channel, DeltonaTV is available on BrightHouse Channel 199. Be sure to watch for all the latest events.

New garbage roll outs add clean look on pickup day

The Deltona City Commission made the decision to include 96-gallon rollable garbage containers in the new solid waste contract. These containers are extremely durable and need very little maintenance. Their large wheels make them highly maneuverable and convenient to roll to the curb for collection. The lid is attached preventing offensive odors and scavenging animals.

Deltona neighborhoods will soon have a uniform appearance that improves the aesthetics throughout the City. In other locations where these carts are used the collection experience has been enhanced. Waste Pro will begin delivering the roll outs in late September.

Interested in learning more about a Police Athletic League (P.A.L.) here in Deltona? Would you like to join a citizen committee to help the Volusia County Sheriff's Office and City Manager study bringing a P.A.L. Chapter to Deltona? Contact Sergeant Pat Leahy, (386) 860-7030 or e-mail pleahy@vcso.us to learn how to get involved.

Here are some of the new businesses open in Deltona

- Save a Lot, 1482 Howland Blvd.;
- J and M Jewelry Sales and Repair, 1800 Elkcam Blvd.;
- La Vina Nails, 605 Courtland Blvd.;
- Dollar Tree, 2135 Howland Blvd., and
- Joyful Hearts Academy, 1859 Providence Blvd.

The City also had a ribbon cutting for the Deltona Vanpool Park & Ride that eventually will link commuters to Sun Rail.

City employees excited for Extravaganza!

Celebrate our Nation's Independence with your Deltona Community! The City of Deltona is proud to present the 8th Annual Fireworks Extravaganza at the Dewey O. Boster Sports Complex, 1200 Saxon Blvd., July 4. Fireworks begin at approximately 9:15 p.m.

Although the fireworks are spectacular, Extravaganza is packed with more activities. Children's Activities including games and a bounce house will be from 6-9 p.m.

Caribbean Crew will also play from 6-9 p.m. Caribbean Crew is an award-winning Florida Steel Drum Band—three time national winners of the Gigmasters Rising Star Award for the Top Steel Drum Band in North America. *Orlando Weekly Magazine* has named them the "Best Reggae Act" in Central Florida. The Crew play steel drum music, calypso, reggae and music from just about all of the Islands. The Crew plays annually in Deltona and always has the crowd dancing and grooving.

So pack up your family, bring a chair or blanket to relax on as you enjoy the park, and be dazzled by a sky full of color. Vendors from non-profit organizations will be on-site to sell food and/or souvenirs.

Parking is limited at the Sports Complex. Extra parking and a free shuttle bus service will be available at City Hall, 2345 Providence Blvd. The Shuttle will run from 5:30 to 8:45 p.m. and then from 9:45 to 10:15 p.m. with the last bus leaving the Sports Complex at 10:15 p.m. Parking is always free.

The City is fortunate to have some great community partners. We'd like to express our appreciation to Waste Pro, the Public Risk Insurance Agency, Dave's Fence Inc., Larry Volenec/FPL, Tetra Tech and Quentin L. Hampton.

Exercise your greatest right as an American-vote!

The City Clerk's Office hopes residents are fully informed about the voting process as we head into the election season.

This year, three City Commission seats will be decided this Fall. The Primary Election will be Aug. 14 and the General Election, Nov. 6.

Each Commission seat has a 4-year term of office. The Primary Election will include Commission Districts 2, 4 and 6 which seats are currently held by Commissioner Zischkau (2), Vice Mayor Treusch (4) and Commissioner Carmolingo (6).

Deltona is the largest City in Volusia County with a population of 85,182. Our population includes a total of 53,158 registered voters! Let's show the other 15 cities in Volusia County our community spirit and support by going to the polls on Election Day and voting for the candidates of our choice.

The Volusia County Supervisor of Elections will have Early Voting for this election. For the Primary Election, Early Voting is from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Aug. 4 through Aug. 11. For the General Election, Early Voting is from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Oct. 27 through Nov. 3. Early Voting is available at the Volusia County Department of Elections in the Historic Volusia County Courthouse, 125 W. New York Ave., DeLand; at the Deltona Regional Library, 2150 Eustace Ave., Deltona; at the Volusia County Library Center at City Island, 105 E. Magnolia Ave., Daytona Beach; at the Ormond Beach Regional Library, 30 S. Beach St., Ormond Beach and at the New Smyrna Beach Regional Library, 1001 S. Dixie Freeway, New Smyrna Beach.

Voters may also choose to vote via absentee ballot. Request for an absentee ballot must be mailed to a voter, must be received by the Department of Elections no later than 5 p.m. on the sixth day prior to an election. For election related questions or general candidate information, call the City Clerk's Office, (386) 878-8500, or e-mail jkent@deltonafl.gov, or visit the City's official Web site at www.deltonafl.gov. Election questions and information on how to register to vote is found at the Volusia County Supervisor of Elections Office. Visit volusia.org/elections/ or call (386) 736-5930.

New sign ordinance means new rules for yard sale signage

The City's new sign ordinance now allows residents to put out directional signage when they have a yard sale in addition to the signs on their own property. Here's information from the new ordinance that relates to yard sales:

- Each yard/garage sale is limited to five signs of four square feet in area or less.
- No more than four of the allowed five signs can be directional signs located off site within City rights-of-ways.
- To maintain clear sight lines, any off site or on site yard/garage sale sign cannot be located within 25 feet of any intersection.
- Yard/garage sale signs are allowed only on the days for which the yard sale is conducted consistent with applicable City regulations.
- All yard/garage sale signs are to be removed on the last day of the sale and any signs remaining may result in a $50 fine (first offense); $100 fine (second offense) or a $250 fine (third and subsequent offense). Violators may also be subject to appropriate civil action and potential fines of $25 per sign if signs must be removed by Enforcement Services.

Residents should remember that the City's Code of Ordinances permits a household to have a yard/garage sale for up to three days, twice within a calendar year. To view the City's new sign ordinance visit deltonafl.gov. For more information on residential yard/garage sales, call the Enforcement Services Office, (386) 878-8700.

Important City Numbers

Animal Control, (386) 878-8701
Automated inspection information, (386) 575-6900 or (407) 936-9999
Inspections, Permitting and Zoning, (386) 878-8650
City Clerk's Office, (386) 878-8500
City Hall, 2345 Providence Blvd., (386) 878-8100
City Manager's Office, (386) 878-8850
Code Compliance, (386) 878-8700
Communication and Public Information, (386) 878-8755
Fire Department Administration, 1685 Providence Blvd., (386) 575-6901
Human Resources, (386) 878-8750
Mayor and City Commission, (386) 878-8860
Parks & Recreation, (386) 878-8900
Planning & Development Services, (386) 878-8600
Public Works, 201 Howland Blvd., (386) 878-8950
Solid Waste Services, (386) 878-8723
Volusia County Sheriff's Office, 1691 Providence Blvd., (386) 860-7030
Water and Sewer, 255 Enterprise Road, (386) 575-6800 (customer service)
Waste Pro, (Recycling bins, garbage pick-up and special pick-ups), (386) 574-0778 or (386) 574-0723
Emergencies, 911

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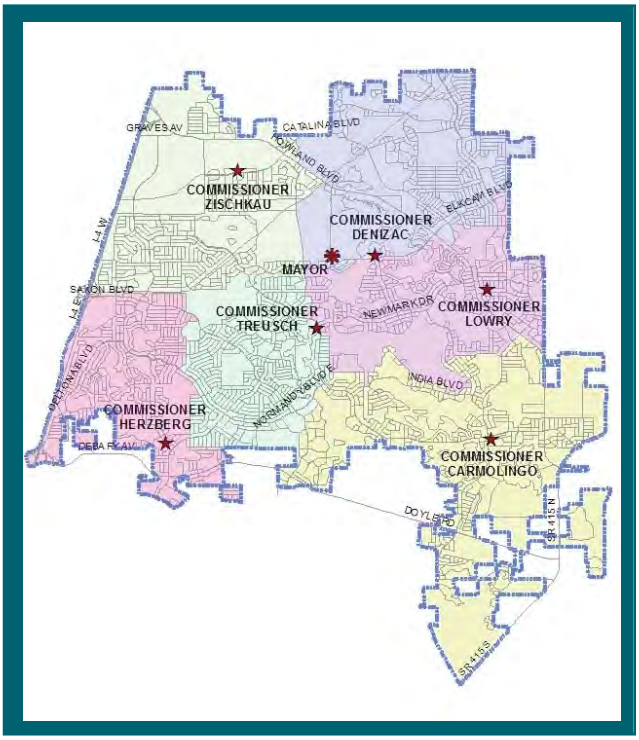

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