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FY2014 BUDGET PREPARATIONS UNDERWAY

Did you ever wonder where the City's revenue comes from? If so, I hope the table to the right of this column is enlightening. This table shows the projected revenue for Fiscal Year 2014 from some of the major revenue sources that support the general government operations (water, sewer, natural gas funds are not included in this discussion). The table does not show all of the revenue that makes up the \$1.42 Million budget for the next budget year, but these are the primary sources of revenue.

The first line is the projected revenue from property taxes. This is what everyone thinks of when they consider local government tax revenue. We expect to collect \$445,833 or 31% of the total general fund revenue from property taxes. To put this in perspective, the proposed Police

"property taxes alone are not enough to support our police department budget"

Department budget is \$512,346. Thus, property taxes alone are not enough to support our law enforcement budget; a service that many expect for the taxes they pay.

Staff will present a draft budget at the July 11th meeting, and a special workshop will be scheduled in late July or August. There will be two hearings in September to adopt the budget: September 12th, and the second date that has not been set.

Come to these meetings to learn and provide input. A full copy of the draft budget will be on the website:
<http://www.crescentcity-fl.com/finance.html>

How Much Will It Cost?

The current draft budget put forward by the City Manager for FY2014 has the expenses for the general government operations by Department are as follows:

City Commission	\$55,550
Administration	\$247,190
Legal	\$45,750
Utility Billing	\$165,064
Planning and Permitting	\$13,700
General Operations	\$89,200
Police	\$512,386
Fire	\$78,455
Streets	\$172,200

ESTIMATED REVENUE GEN-	FY 2013-2014
Current Ad Valorem Tax (aka Property Tax)	\$ 445,833.00
Delinquent Ad Valorem	\$ 2,000.00
Local Opt 6 Cent Gas Tax	\$ 42,800.00
New Local Option 1-5 Cent Gas Tax	\$ 30,000.00
Electricity Franchise	\$ 100,653.00
Garbage Franchise	\$ 16,000.00
Electricity Utility Tax	\$ 103,000.00
Communications Service Tax/Telephone	\$ 68,000.00
Water Utility Tax	\$ 27,500.00
Gas Utility Tax	\$ 17,500.00
Propane Utility Tax	\$ 2,000.00
Business Tax	\$ 8,500.00
State Revenue Sharing	\$ 66,000.00
Mobile Home License	\$ 3,000.00
Alcoholic Beverage License	\$ 2,500.00
Half-Cent Sales Tax	\$ 52,000.00
Gasoline Tax Rebate-St of FL	\$ 2,000.00
Lakeshore In Lieu Of Tax	\$ 5,000.00
Gas Dept. Administration Fee	\$ 88,000.00
Water Administration Fee	\$ 95,200.00
Wastewater Administration Fee	\$ 94,000.00
Garbage Administration Fee	\$13,100.00
CRA Administration Fee	\$ 4,070.00
Court Fines	\$ 5,000.00
Rent/Putnam County	\$ 26,000.00
Other Miscellaneous Revenues	\$ 6,000.00
FDOT Greenscape Agreement	\$ 17,400.00
FDOT Traffic Signal Agreement	\$1,909.00
FDOT Street Light Maintenance	\$ 19,032.00
Utility IFT of Surplus to Unrestricted	\$ 17,425.00

*Some smaller revenue sources and some pass through revenue that the City does not use are not shown.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

City Hall Closed—July 4th

Movies in the Park

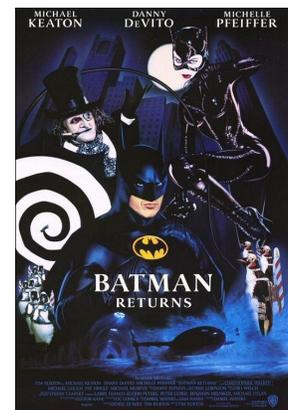
Batman: July 6th 8:15 pm*

Location: Eva Lyon Park



Batman Returns: July 27th 8:15 pm*

Location: Eva Lyon Park



(*Start times are approximate and may be adjusted based on when the sun is low enough in the sky)

Commission, Committee and Board Meetings for July:

City Commission Regular Meeting - July 11th @ 7pm

To get your Crescent City community event posted here or to submit ideas for articles, send in the information by the 28th of the month to make the following month's issue:
newsletter@crescentcity-fl.com



July 11th City Commission Meeting

The City Commission agenda for the July 11th Meeting is as follows:

Recommendation of Award for Fire Hydrant Replacement Project (Third Lowest Bidder is the lowest responsive bid. First and Second low bids could not meet valve specifications)

Ordinance Approving Additional Homestead Exemption for Seniors (Over 65 and living in same home for more than 25 years)

Presentation of Draft Budget for FY2014 (For general discussion of budget and Millage Rate)

Amendment to Lease Agreement with Putnam County (clarification of maintenance responsibilities for County Annex Offices at 115 N Summit St)

Amendment to Interlocal Agreement for Coordinated Land Use and Public School Facility Planning

(Deleting requirement for concurrency and impact fees)

Moratorium on Impact Fees (Crescent City has water, sewer, police fire, and parks impact fees. City Manager is recommending a moratorium for all such fees)

Meeting Agendas are subject to change until 1 week prior to the meeting. Check the website or contact City Hall if you want to verify the agenda prior to attending. Please contact City Hall 24 hours in advance if any special accommodations are required for you to attend.



Cleaning Out Your Closet Can Help Fix Someone Else's

Are you a little late with your spring cleaning and still have a pile of clothes you do not need any more?

With the permission of the City Commission, Habitat for Humanity has placed drop boxes at two locations in Crescent City. One is located next to the old Miller Annex Office Building and the other in the parking lot next to the Police Station. Habitat for Humanity uses the proceeds from the sale of the clothes and shoes to fund housing rehabilitation projects in our area.

If you or someone you know needs help with repairs to their home and cannot af-

ford to do the work, check with Habitat for Humanity to see if you or they can qualify for assistance:

Putnam Habitat for Humanity, Inc.

PO Box 2433 Palatka, FL 32178

Tel 386-325-5862

As the boxes indicate, all the proceeds are used for Putnam County residents; so you can be certain your donations are helping people in our community.



Thank you for a Great Independence Day Celebration!

Normally this newsletter is used to let you know what will be happening, but City Hall is compelled to use this opportunity to give a much deserved thank you for the all volunteer effort that made the Independence Day celebration something to be very proud of. While we are in danger of leaving some individual or group out, I want to give special thanks to Charlotte Santa, and the entire Crescent City Celebration Committee, for the effort with the flags, the Kids Corner and the Veteran's Ceremony, as well as Pam Calder and the Crescent City Yacht Club for arranging an managing such a spectacular fireworks display over Crescent Lake.

It cannot be overlooked that the entire

event, including all 62 of the flags decorating Summit Street, the fireworks and event promotion was the result of private donations and volunteer sweat equity. The City's CRA did donate \$1,000 toward the cost of the fireworks, but that was less than 15% of the cost for the fireworks. This event was all about the what makes this place a City, its people!

This was truly a community event and we look forward to making this an annual event.

(This picture was taken from the Editor's phone during the fireworks display—please excuse the picture quality)