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City to Hold Hearing to Consider CDBG Grant for Stormwater Improvements

The City of Crescent City is applying to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) for a grant under the Neighborhood Revitalization category in the amount of \$650,000.00 under the FFY 2013 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. For each activity that is proposed, at least 70% of the funds must benefit low and moderate income persons. The project will undertake drainage improvements in certain areas of the City of Crescent City; specifically, areas draining into certain outfalls along Lake Stella and on Randolph St. A map of the proposed locations is available at City Hall.

The public hearing to provide citizens an opportunity to comment on the application will be held during the regular City Commission meeting on Thursday, February 13, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as possible. To obtain additional information concerning the application and the public hearing, contact Mr. Patrick Kennedy, City Manager, City of Crescent City, 3 North Summit Street Crescent City, Florida 32112. Telephone (386) 698-2525.

City Commission Agenda

Pomona Park and Welaka Franchise Agreements – General Discussion of Terms Currently Under Review By Staff.

Budget Amendment -- Proposed Changes to Parks Department Budget to Reflect Contracted Services and Softball Field Improvements.

Hearing for CDBG Grant Application — to review proposed application and approve for submittal is found acceptable.

Resolution Authorizing Implementation of Long-term and/or Short-term Objectives of Crescent City



This picture shows an area with perpetual flooding issues at Clemmons Lane and Randolph St. It is one of the areas the City hopes to fix with the CDBG grant.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Fair Housing Workshop —
Thursday, February 13th at 4:00 pm

Joint Workshop with the CRA Advisory Committee and the CRA Board —
Thursday, February 13th at 5:30 pm

City Commission Regular Meeting —
Thursday February 13th at 7:00 pm

Pickle Ball Lessons —
Saturday February 15th at 10 am
Location: Eva Lyon Park Tennis Courts

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
Phone: (386) 698-2525



What the heck is Pickleball?! Its only the latest sports and fitness craze that is sweeping the nation...at you now have a chance to get it in on it.

Pickleball is a fun game that is kind of a cross between tennis and badminton. It is played with a perforated plastic baseball (similar to a whiffle ball) and wood or composite paddles. It is easy for beginners to learn, but can develop into a quick, fast-paced, competitive game for experienced players.

The best part is that it is fun and available for all ages. Do not think that you are too old or too young to play.

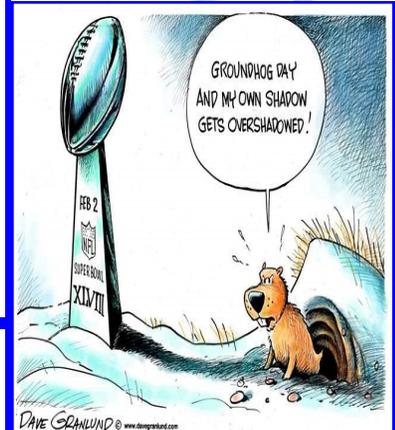
Your City Commission has sponsored the start up of this unique and fun opportunity by purchasing 2 nets, 8 rackets and 2 dozen balls to get things going. City staff will be lining the courts as soon as the weather allows.

Warren Kelly, a Crescent City resident and an experienced Pickelball player, will be giving lessons at the Eva Lyon Park tennis courts on February 15th starting at 10 am.

Check out the USA Pickleball Association (USAPA) website which explains the sport and can help you see how much fun and popular sport this has become.

Pickleball Lessons
Saturday February 15th
10 am at Eva Lyon Park

CITY HALL CLOSED
Monday February 20th
for Presidents Day





A Call To Action from the Editor...

You may recall that your City Commission directed Staff to submit a Florida Recreational Development Assistance Program (FRDAP) grant application for improvements to Eva Lyon Park. Well, City Staff just received word that our application was ranked 27th out of over 160 applications. While this is a pretty good ranking, it will mean the Florida legislature and our governor will need to bring FRDAP funding back to its pre-2008 funding levels to improve the chance of money being available to fund our grant.

While we all believe there are some wasteful programs at the State level, the FRDAP program is not one of them. Please contact our legislative representatives and the governor to make certain they understand that the FRDAP program is one of the few programs from Tallahassee that is money well spent. It helps to build community and the local economy by making our small city attractive to residents, visitors and potential new residents.

The contact information for our representation in Tallahassee is as follows:

STATE REPRESENTATIVE CHARLES VANZANT

District Office: 3841 Reid Street, Suite 5 Palatka, FL 32177
 Phone: (386) 312-2272
Tallahassee Office: 405 House Office Building, 402 South Monroe Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399-1300
 Phone: (850) 717-5019
Email: charles@charlesvanzant.com

STATE SENATOR JOHN THRASHER

District Office: 113 Nature Walk Parkway, Suite 106, St. Augustine, FL 32092
 Phone: (904) 287-4222
Tallahassee Office: 400 Senate Office Building, 404 South Monroe Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100
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GOVERNOR RICK SCOTT

Executive Office of the Governor:
 400 S Monroe St, Tallahassee, FL 32399
 Phone: (850) 488-7146
To Email the Governor:
<http://www.flgov.com/contact-gov-scott/email-the-governor>

Spend 5 minutes to phone, mail or email these elected representatives of our community and the end result could be \$200,000 in improvements for Eva Lyon Park. Not a bad investment of your time.

Remember, they represent us but they cannot know what our needs are unless they are effectively communicated. **Even if you decide that the FRDAP funding issue is not important enough to contact your representatives in Tallahassee, you should hold on to this information in order to communicate any issues you deem important.**

Do you think this building could use some help?



You may recall an article in the June edition of the Chronicle about City Hall getting a face-lift. Well, after some consideration, the original concept for the improvement was scrapped. There were questions about the durability of the proposed façade improvements and the ability of the existing façade to support the improvements as proposed.

So, its back to the drawing board. The CRA Advisory Committee has some revamped concepts to propose, but they have asked the City Commission to hold a joint public workshop to discuss the options and develop a concept together.

Do you want some input on the process? If so, please come be a part of this public workshop. It will take place from 5:30 to 7:00 pm on February 13th at the Commission meeting chambers in City Hall.

Your Utility Bill Will Be Changing!

To reiterate the notice from last month, the City's utility bill will now be sent out on 8.5"x11" paper in a standard size envelope.

This is happening partly by necessity to accommodate new rules with the US Postal Service, but it is also a format that will make the bills easier to read and understand. It will also allow us to place important notices and other information in the envelope with the bill (maybe even the occasional Crescent City Chronicle!).

Although the cost to mail the bill will increase, the City will absorb the increase and is not increasing rates. **The January bill will be the first bill under the new format, so look for the envelop in late January or early February.**