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City Commission May Agenda

Ordinance 15-01 (Second Reading) - An ordinance to lease a space at 301 Central Ave to "Boyz II Men".

Ordinance 15-02 (First reading) An Ordinance Amending Chapter 9 of the Code of Ordinances to Allow Burning of Vegetative Garden and Yard Trash.

Code fine reduction for 905 Center Street

Restrooms at Community Park and Colbert Park

Selection of Engineering Firm for Gas Line Relocation Project in East Palatka.

Resolution authorizing the City Manager to use FGU's Line of Credit to Fund Gas Line Relocation.

Resolution Authorizing the Gas Manager to Serve as the Alternate for FGU Board of Directors

Advertising in Conference Issue of Quality Cities

Monthly Police Report & Monthly Code Enforcement Report



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Please accept this one time donation.*

Please add the amount indicated to my bill as a monthly contribution to the program.

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Account Number: _____

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Together we can make a difference. Crescent City CARES, "Neighbors Helping Neighbors". Thank you for your support!

Did you know...

Crescent City's utility billing staff started a program a few years ago to help some of customers struggling to pay their utility bills. They were taking up a collection of their own money to help primarily elderly customers with fixed incomes pay the balance of their utility bill when they came up short. However, the need seemed to grow and some of the more fortunate

utility customers found out about what the staff were doing, and they wanted to help too. Thus, it was decided to create a more formal mechanism for collecting and distributing funds for those in need, and the CARES program was born.

In order to make sure the funds were managed and distributed properly, the staff turned to the South Putnam Christian Service Center. As funds are collected they are sent to the Christian Service Center to be distributed to those in need of help with the utility bills.

A sample form for participating in this program is shown above. You can pick one up at City Hall or call and they will send you the form and you can turn it in by mail. You can also donate any time at your own discretion at City Hall or directly to the Christian Service Center.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

M.A.G.I. Art Exhibit — The reception for the new show at City Hall will be Friday, May 8th from 5:30-7:30pm. The theme for the show is "Art in Bloom" The artists' work will be showing at City Hall and at Lake Side Title on Central Avenue. Artists who want to participate can call Joy King at 305-799-2610.

Special City Commission Meeting—Tuesday May 12th at 5:30pm
Single Item on the agenda will be the first reading of ordinance concerning lease of space on city property.

City Commission Regular Meeting — Thursday May 14th at 7:00 pm

CRA Advisory Committee— TBD

To get your Crescent City community event posted here or to submit ideas for articles, send in the information to the following newsletter@crescentcity-fl.com

One Person Can Make A Difference... A special thanks to Fred Patterson who donated his time and tools to help City Hall with some much needed repairs to the gazebo at Lake Stella. Fred approached the City on his own and asked if he could help, and the offer was happily accepted. City Hall paid for the materials needed and Fred jumped in and took care of it. Because it is pressure treated wood, we need to give it some time to cure before painting it, but it still looks better than before. Thanks to Fred and all of our volunteers who get involved in a positive approach to making Crescent City better.



CITY HALL CLOSURES

Memorial Day, May 25th



City Considers Burn Permits...Under Certain Conditions



Under Chapter 9 of the Code of Ordinance, Crescent City has a strict prohibition against burning yard trash. When a new resident to Crescent City was working hard to clear an over-grown property and was told by the Forestry Service and the Crescent City Fire Department it would be okay to burn the yard trash as long as it was kept in manageable piles, it highlighted a conflict with our local regulations and what our own fire fighting community considers acceptable.

The property in question was a large parcel that was long overgrown and unsightly. This new comer was doing a good thing, but he could not afford to take the brush to the landfill. After consulting with the Fire Chief, Jason Highfill, City Hall decided it should consider establishing a permitting process to all for some burning of yard trash under limited conditions.. Staff will be presenting an

amendment to Chapter 9 that outlines the proposed permitting process and the conditions that should be in place before allowing anyone to burn. Some conditions include:

- Obtain a permit from of your local fire department.
- Make sure you meet the required setbacks
- Burn only vegetative garden and yard trash as defined in section 9.1
- Don't burn on windy days; even if you have a valid burn permit.
- Never leave your fire unattended.
- Keep a phone and water hose nearby in case your fire escapes or gets out of control.
- Be sure your smoke will not obstruct visibility on roadways or be a nuisance to your neighbors.
- Always completely extinguish your fire before

Crescent City Still Searching for Answers for the Re-Development of "Miller Property"

The City of Crescent City's Community Redevelopment Area Board (aka the City Commission) met in early March to restart discussion of the potential uses for the "Miller Property". Effort to solicit proposals in early 2014 from potential developers of this City-owned property did not bear much fruit. The Property is approximately 2.16 acres in size and located within the City's Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) at the southeast corner of the intersection between Central Ave and Summit Street. This was the location of the former headquarters for the Miller family's grocery and convenience business. The property was acquired and cleaned up by the City in 2010 and 2011. The only structure left is the 8,800 sq ft building at 301 Central Ave (shown below).

Two action items came out of the March 6th workshop: explore the reuse of the building at 301 Central Avenue as community center, and attempt to drill



down on some targeted redevelopment options for the remaining vacant land. There are two working groups forming in order to carry out these action items. The effort to come up with a more specific direction for the vacant property will be head up by the CRA Advisory Committee, but interested members of the community are strongly encouraged to attend and will be working participants if they do.

The second group will focus on the community center idea. This group of volunteers will begin meeting on a regular basis starting April 29th at 6pm. This group will have the task of attempting to work up a business plan that includes what needs to be done to fix the building up, how will it be used, and how the City will fund the rehabilitation and daily operating costs.

This effort is just getting started and it is not too late to be a part of either one of these working groups. **If you would like to attend and participate, please provide your contact information to the City Manager's office and you will receive direct notice of future meetings: email adminassistant@ CrescentCity-FL.com or call 386.698.2525.** Please indicate which group interests you the most.

Be a part of this important effort that could set the tone for Crescent City's future for the next 30 to 50 years!



Picture Notes:

- The top picture shows an aerial of the property with the boundaries outlined in orange. You can see the roof top 301 Central Ave in the top right corner of the picture.
- The bottom picture shows the building at 301 Central Avenue.