

# DELEON SPRINGS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 2013

### JANUARY:

- Created, distributed and compiled a DSCA, Inc. Member Survey. Based on the results we changed the meeting time to 6:00 p.m. and purchased new signage panels, lettering and headboard for the front sign
- Celebrated the one year anniversary of the DeLeon Dispatch Newsletter
- Updated our website with an “Events” tabs to provide a place for all community events to be promoted
- Created our first “Arts Board” and planned a spring festival focused on local fine arts, crafts, music and student art
- Passed the PLDRC second review of the Split zoning and district overlay changes
- Created our first Traveling Historic Display and presented it at DSSP’s Day in History, Blue Springs Manatee Festival, DSSP Visitor’s Center, etc.

### FEBRUARY:

- Began removing brush from the Porter House property for the art festival and future events
- Presented a \$400 scholarship to DeLeon Springs resident Jordan Johnson to attend the Washington D.C. Youth Summit on the Environment
- Passed the first reading of the Split Zoning and District Overlay issues before County Council

### MARCH:

- Passed the second and final reading of the Split Zoning and District Overlay issue before County Council with a unanimous vote, which eliminates split zoning, provides for B-4 zoning and a district overlay that relaxes setback standards for commercial parcels fronting Highway 17 from Citra Street to Ponce DeLeon Blvd.
- Held a community work day to clear and prepared the Porter House Property for upcoming festival and future events
- Launched the Spring Edition of the DeLeon Dispatch Newsletter with sponsors for the first time

### APRIL

- Hosted the First Annual Art Among The Trees Fine Arts, Fine Crafts, Old Time and Bluegrass Festival with 25 exhibitors including McInnis student artists, with an attendance of nearly 1,000.
- The Brownfield Area Designation Resolution was drafted by Mike Sznajstajler of CobbCole for DeLeon Springs Brownfield Area Designation and given to Volusia County for implementation

### MAY

- Held a community cook out at Don Malmberg’s home to thank everyone for their volunteer efforts to prepare the Porter House property and create and host the Art Among The Trees Festival.
- Received the Wells Fargo Community Partner Grant of \$1,000 at a May 28<sup>th</sup> breakfast hosted by Wells Fargo

### JUNE

- The license agreement between Volusia County and Chuck Lennon Mountain Bike Trail passed unanimously at county council June 6<sup>th</sup> allowing Flagler Area Biking to improve and maintain the excellent quality of the trails and continue to promote them as a top seven trail in Florida
- Hosted another Commercial Utilities Meeting to present costs and facilitate discussion for the possible extension of commercial water and sewer utilities to the downtown commercial corridor, alleviating stress on the aquifer and damage to the environment due to failed, antiquated septic systems
- Published the Summer Edition of the DeLeon Dispatch Newsletter with increased circulation

## JULY

- Partnered for the first time with Town of Pierson for their July 4<sup>th</sup> Family Celebration
- Created a Festival Board to replace the Arts Board and oversee the creation of the First Annual Autumn in the Oaks Arts, Music and Crafts Festival, featuring the First Annual Ponce DeLeon Look Alike Contest

## AUGUST

- Hosted our fourth public Brownfield Area Designation meeting in conjunction with Volusia County on the 29<sup>th</sup> to define the Brownfield Area Designation boundaries and to create a name for it. Based on public input from that meeting two areas were formed, LEAD 1 and LEAD 2 (Local Economic Advancement District)
- Donated funds to support the First Annual Taylor High Wildcat 5K and 4-H events

## SEPTEMBER

- Launched the Fall Edition of the DeLeon Dispatch Newsletter with an unprecedented 700 copies, distributed to the Taylor 5K, DSSP, River of Lakes Heritage Corridor, etc.
- LEAD 1 and LEAD 2 came before county council on the 26<sup>th</sup> for the first reading
- Interacted with FDEP to push for funding and permitting to continue for the excavation of the underground fuel plume under Highway 17, with excavation to begin January, 2014

## OCTOBER

- Participated with VCSO and McInnis Elementary School in the International Walk to School Day on the 9<sup>th</sup> with a \$100.00 donation to the McInnis Art Department
- LEAD 1 and LEAD 2 came before county council on the 26<sup>th</sup> for the second reading and passed unanimously, designating DeLeon Springs as the first unincorporated community to seek and accomplish this important economic development designation. The County subsequently sent a letter to the FDEP notifying them of the LEAD 1 and LEAD 2 Brownfield Areas that County Council designated in DeLeon Springs, giving our community one more tool in the economic development toolbox.
- Held the First Annual Autumn in the Oaks Arts, Music and Crafts Festival, featuring the First Annual Ponce DeLeon Look Alike Contest on October 26<sup>th</sup>. An estimated 2,000 attendees enjoyed a day of fun with 50 exhibitors, pony rides from Riding Star Ranch, live bluegrass and old tyme bands playing and picking throughout the day and with DSSP Assistant Park Manager Dave Garcia as winner of the Look Alike contest

## NOVEMBER

- Raised funds to create and donate five \$60.00 Thanksgiving Food Baskets to the DeLeon Springs Head Start program
- Hosted a Volunteer Appreciation Cook Out at the Malmborg home on the 16<sup>th</sup> to thank everyone for making the Autumn Festival such an outstanding success

## DECEMBER

- Members donated items and contributed funds to the Annual Great Kids Angel Tree program to give Christmas gifts to children in need in DeLeon Springs
- DSCA, Inc. Members donated dozens of toys to the DeLeon Springs Head Start Toy Drive during our Annual Covered Dish Dinner to thank everyone for their generous volunteer efforts *To Make DeLeon Springs A Better Place to Work, Live and Play*
- DSCA, Inc. Monday Men built a Viva 500 Spanish Galleon replica and entered it in the DeLand Christmas parade, placing 3<sup>rd</sup> in their division
- Hosted a public meeting to discuss the upcoming excavation of the under-Highway 17 fuel plume

**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE HELPED STRENGTHEN OUR COMMUNITY BY  
CONTRIBUTING YOUR TIME, MONEY, TALENT, ENCOURAGEMENT, SUPPORT AND  
ATTENDANCE.**

Not a member? Join us and be part of the revitalization of DeLeon Springs!!

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