



PUBLIC WORKS

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SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER

PUBLIC WORK PROJECTS:

- Earl Brown Entry Feature/Parking Lot
- Stormwater Neighborhood Projects
- Stormdrain Marking Event - October 24th
- Public Works Accreditation (Begin Process)
- Florida Green Cities Renewal - Gold Award
- Special Events: Stetson Football, Downtown Festivals & Parades, Holiday Lighting

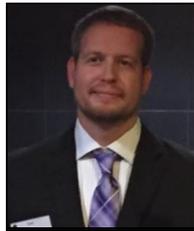
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A Message From The Director



C. Heath Frederick
Public Work Director

As we close another fiscal year, I am glad that the Public Works Department has had a safe and productive summer. I would like to express my gratitude to all who assisted with our milling, resurfacing, and rejuvenation projects for 2014-15. The work has been

completed and looks wonderful! Staff has worked diligently to improve productivity and liability concerns throughout the City's right-of-way Infrastructure.

I know the summer months are very challenging, dealing with humid weather, sporadic rain showers, hurricane season, etc.

We are working to ensure the proper equipment is available as well as good maintenance practices are in place during this time of year. The Fall season is one of our busiest

times of year with Stetson Football, Downtown Events, employee's evaluations, and much more. Thank you to the entire Public Works staff for your hard work and efforts to make our department better.

Also, I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge the hard work of Urban Beautification, our featured division, who keep our downtown area very well manicured. Enjoy the fall season.



From Left to Right: Laceta Goosby, Tony Collier, Eddie Torres, Errol Percy, Aaron Lovett, Bobby Ward and Darryl Harris

Meet Urban Beautification by Jennifer Molina

The Urban Beautification (UB) Department was created to preserve, heighten, and embellish the natural beauty of the City of DeLand. Comprised of seven employees, the department is responsible for maintaining and enhancing the City's Downtown parks, public grounds, and road rights-of-way. Its primary tasks include, but are not limited to:

- mulching, trimming, maintaining, and planting shrubs, and flowers;
- mowing, fertilizing, and edging grassed areas;
- picking up litter and debris; and providing an overall well maintained and appealing appearance to the

City's Downtown area. This department also maintains the four parks and public places within the City: Painter's Pond, Sunflower Park, Pioneer Park, and Chess Park. Public spaces within the City limits including the City Hall, Fire Station 81, the Historic Downtown Businesses, and Police Department, and the City owned



parking lots are also included in the departments regular maintenance schedule. The CRA (Community Redevelopment Agency) is also involved in ensuring the welcome area is inviting to all. The CRA is a public entity created by the city to implement community redevelopment activities. DeLand's downtown CRA Board consists of the five members of the DeLand City commission and two citizen appointments who must be a resident of, or be engaged in business within the Downtown Redevelopment District.

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Urban Beautification Continued...

2014 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Last year, the Urban Beautification department added new landscape plans for City Hall, Sunflower Park, and Fire Stations and maintained additional irrigation. UB employees have successfully continued to support downtown events by installing street barricades and cones to ensure safe conditions for the public. Have you ever been to a Stetson Football Home Pre-Game? Well most likely our crew members are working out there to maintain/monitor the parking lot traffic. Be sure to say Hello and Thank You!

LANDSCAPING AND UPGRADES FOR 2015

This year our goals are to

- Replace all dead plant material(s) at all city complexes with drought resistant, low maintenance species.
- Identify problem areas in the downtown hard-scape on Woodland Blvd, between Church and Howry to clean and seal as an alternative to pressure washing.
- Perform two major plantings of annuals for the downtown streetscape.
- Improve landscape irrigation to reduce water consumption and comply with SJRWMD standards by installing automatic timers.

We are currently developing a 5-year general maintenance plan for downtown DeLand and all other areas of maintenance responsibility, while realizing reduced resources and staff.



Safety by Maria Becker

Situational Awareness: Train Your Brain to Pay Attention -It Could Save A Life

Situational Awareness is “paying attention to what is going on around you” and then making the proper adjustments. The life saved could be yours, a family member or a co-worker. It sounds easy, but it takes discipline and is a sign of a good leader. When you become complacent you stop paying attention, and that is when accidents happen. All of the tools: PPE, policies, training and safety devices can’t overcome someone that’s not

paying attention. The mind controls the body. Employees need to take ownership and control of their personal safety by always paying attention.

Stop-Think-Act. **Training your brain is as important as the training you get to operate your equipment.** Complacency, ignorance or denial of a hazard or threat make a person’s chances of quickly recognizing a potential hazard and avoiding it in time highly unlikely. Situational Awareness translates to Safety Awareness.

Safety is the responsibility of every employee. Thank you for what you do every day! Maria



FYI.....(For your information)

CITY OF DELAND EVENTS:

- 10/17 Stetson Football Game
- 10/24 Bacon Bourbon and Blues 12pm
- 10/31 Monsters on MainStreet 6pm
- 11/7 Veteran’s Day Parade
- 11/14 Stetson Football Game
- 11/14 Original Music Festival 1pm
- 11/21 –11/22 Fall Festival of Arts



Warm Coats from Warm Hearts

COAT DRIVE

Public Works will start collecting November 9th-December 24th.



**For Garbage Services
 Please Call WCA
 (386)774-6162**