

Delaney Park News

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Commuter Rail Coming Soon

Governor Bush, Mayor Dyer, and other local officials recently announced a commuter rail deal for Central Florida. The new rail system will impact all of Orlando, but is especially important to the downtown residents and neighborhoods. It is hoped that the \$491 million agreement between various governments and CSX Transportation (the private company that own the tracks along the proposed route) will get commuter rail on the tracks in Central Florida by the year 2009.

The initial phase, scheduled for total completion by 2010, will connect Debary in Volusia County with Orlando. Four stops are planned for the Downtown Orlando area – at Florida Hospital, the Lynx Station near the Bob Carr theater, Church Street Station, & the Orlando Amtrak Station by Orlando Regional. The second phase would continue the line south to Osceola County.

It is expected the rail system will carry as many passengers during peak hours as a single lane of I-4. The City of Orlando plans to provide additional transit



Orlando citizens inspect one of the double-decker rail cars.

opportunities that link to the commuter rail stations. One idea the City is exploring is expanding the free Lymmo service to connect the rail stations with other residential and business areas.

One nice side benefit for our neighborhood is the fact that the agreement between government and CSX means less freight trains running at peak hours. This should reduce some traffic delays downtown.

Neighborhood Matching Grant Money Available!

The Mayor's Neighborhood Matching Grants Program (MNMG) provides opportunities for associations to make enhancements in the neighborhood. This program was established in 1994 and for 12 years has been providing grants up to \$5000 to implement projects that address neighborhood needs and improve the quality of life in the neighborhood. As all of our neighbors in Delaney Park are aware, plans for the installation of the fountain in Delaney Park are moving forward now that our first goal of \$20,000 has been reached. The Fountain Committee has had a preliminary meeting with the contractor and electrician and things are moving on schedule. At this month's board meeting we will be discussing how to take advantage of the MNMG to either enhance the fountain or help cover the ongoing costs of maintenance. Please attend if you have an interest in helping to write and submit this grant application.

Brick Sales Continue

Although we have reached our \$20,000 goal to start construction; we are continuing to sell the Legacy Bricks for the fountain. The fountain will have room to add many bricks in the future. We hope to sell bricks to offset future costs to run and maintain the fountain. For info on the bricks, please e-mail one of the board members (listed on the back page) or come to a neighborhood meeting or social.

Upcoming Board Meeting:

August 15, 7 pm

3rd Floor, Beardall Center

Friday Socials

- No social in September .
- The October's Friday Social will be at the home of Jen & Mark Omara, details in next month's newsletter.

City and Community News and Events

- **The Sunday Eola Market** continues to grow and has become a huge success. As a result, there is a waiting list of vendors wanting to join the market. The Sunday Eola Market, which was scheduled to close after Memorial Day, will remain open through the summer for everyone to enjoy.
- **Celebration of Running**, on **August 20**, from 7:30 – 10:00 a.m. 5K foot race will be held around Loch Haven Park, 900 Princeton. If you would like more information on this event, contact Emmi at 407.896.1110.
- **Storytelling at Leu Gardens**, **August 21** - Storybook fun for your little one is held on the third Monday of every month. Sponsored by the Orange County Library System. The approximate times are 10:00 - 10:15 am (18 months and younger), 10:20 – 10:35 am (Toddlers), and 10:40 – 11:00 (3 & 4 year olds). Please arrive on time, if the weather is nice the stories will be told on the lawn. Free.
- **Downtown Concert Series** Join 98.9 WMMO on **August 26**, as they continue this popular summer series, featuring **Kansas**. The gates will open at 4:00 p.m. and the party kicks off with an opening band, food and drink vendors outside, and the concert pre-party at Antigua, where you can win free listener seating passes. For more information please visit, www.wmmo.com.
- **Central Florida Folk Concert**, **August 27**, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. The last Sunday of the month, there is a folk concert at Leu Gardens in Orlando. Bob Rafkin will be the featured artist. Suggested donation is \$7.00. Contact Sheila at 407-679-6426 or email LeuGardens@aol.com.

We have more neighborhood meeting signs. If you live on a main street and would like to help advertise the monthly meetings, please let us know. Displaying these signs helps get out the word about an upcoming meeting. Contact one of the board members whose E-mail addresses are listed on the back of this newsletter.

DON'T FORGET...

If you have any item that you would like published in the DPNA newsletter, email Lisa Curtis at curtiswolf@hotmail.com.

You can advertise about upcoming garage/yard sales, announce birthdays/engagements/anniversaries/etc., put together special interest groups, etc... **all for no charge!**

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Hurricane Preparedness

We're entering the heart of 2006 hurricane season so make sure you have the essentials. Everyone is probably very aware of the basics: water, food, First Aid supplies, clothing/ bedding, tools/emergency supplies, and personal item (like medication, documents, etc.), but here are some specific tips and items:

- A rule of thumb, is one gallon of water per person per day (for drinking, cooking, & sanitation); for the elderly, you will want 1 1/2 to 2 gallons a day. Try to keep at least a three-day supply of water and food per person.
- Select foods that require no refrigeration, preparation or cooking, and little or no water or keep foods that can be prepared with a small Sterno or a camping stove. Some examples of good emergency rations include: food bars (especially those designed to provide

nutrients and calories), military MRE rations (no cooking required), dehydrated camp meals (may require cooking/rehydration), canned or bagged tuna, chicken, ham, dried fruit, individually wrapped snacks/puddings, peanut butter and jelly. Of course, don't forget to keep a manual can opener around. When stocking up before a storm, remember to purchase items you would normally eat, so that you can use any extras after the storm.

- Keep copies of important documents (like insurance policies, bank account numbers, contracts, etc.) should be keep these a waterproof, portable container. Other documents to consider storing; an inventory of valuable household goods, important telephone numbers, and family records (birth, marriage, death certificates)

Don't Forget

- Keep items in airtight plastic bags.
- Change your stored water supply every six months so it stays fresh.
- Replace your stored food every six months.
- Re-think your kit and family needs at least once a year.
- Replace batteries, update clothes, etc.



August "Shuffleboard Social"

The Delaney Park First Friday Social was held on August 4 at the Beardall Center at the shuffleboard court. We were hoping some shuffleboard pros would show up, so everyone could learn the finer points of the game, but with the help of the Beardall staff and the internet, everyone managed to play some form of the game.

First Fridays are fun and easy to host. If you are interested in hosting one, please email Lisa Curtis at curtiswolf@hotmail.com.

