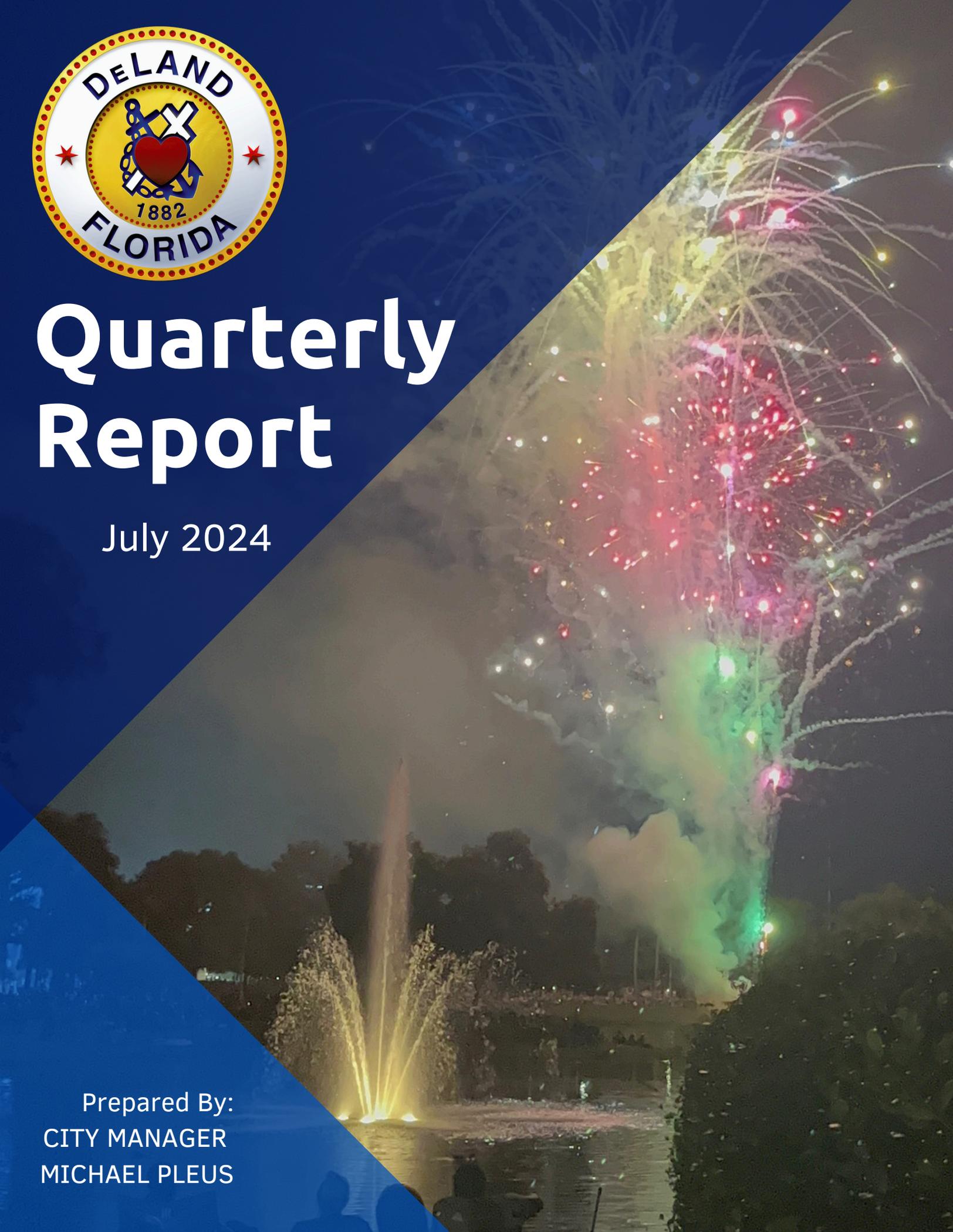




Quarterly Report

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Administrative Services

DeLand Citizens Academy

The City held its inaugural Citizens Academy in May with 13 participants taking part in the program. The residents participated in a 4-session course that gave them a behind-the-scenes look at government operations. Largely based on our existing School of Government program, it was well-received by all of our participants.



Florida Municipal Achievement Award

The City of DeLand was named a recipient of the Florida Achievement Award for Public Engagement. The project that was recognized was the City's Digital Historic Tour that was launched in May 2023. The tour, which can be accessed via Google Maps, gives people an in-depth look at more than 20 historic sites in DeLand.

Golden Image Awards

The Community Information team was notified in June that the orientation video that we produced will be a recipient of an award in the Florida Public Relations Association's Golden Image Awards in August.

Hometown Heroes Military Banner Program

Advent Health DeLand has agreed to an additional three-year sponsorship of our Hometown Heroes Military Banner program. This year, we have 39 honorees including a 101-year-old World War II veteran.



Administrative Services (cont)

DeLand Youth Council

The Youth Council has met monthly since November. The students have selected executive officers and have provided comments on city business, most recently with the no camping ordinance. They are working toward the goal of coming up with a service project.

USA TODAY 10Best Contest

In April, USA TODAY named downtown DeLand as one of the top 10 best Main Streets in the USA. The results were decided by a nationwide vote and DeLand made it to 4th and was the only Florida Main Street on the list.

West Voorhis Avenue Streetscape

CPH is in the process of creating the final design documents for the West Voorhis Avenue Streetscape. The documents are expected to be completed by the end of the year. Staff is working with our grant coordinator to try and locate funding sources to fill in the \$1.6 million gap for construction. DeLand partnered with Volusia County and the River to Sea Loop Alliance to submit for a design grant for the SunRail to downtown trail which ultimately would help fund the West Voorhis Avenue Streetscape as the proposed trail alignment would run along the streetscape.

SunRail

City staff has reached out to Volusia County and their third-party transportation vendor to get a quote for a direct shuttle service that would bring SunRail riders to downtown and back that is separate from the VoRide on-demand service. Once that information is obtained staff will look to present to the CRA options to consider. The grand opening for SunRail to DeLand is scheduled for August 9, 2024.



Administrative Services (cont)

Downtown Code Walk and Talks

In May and June city code staff and MainStreet DeLand staff walked the downtown to say hello to merchants and do some friendly education on items. Some of the items that were addressed were sidewalk space, window clarity space, signage and side walk café licenses.

Spring Hill CRA Update

Spring Hill staff planned and held the 14th Annual Mayor's Backpack Giveaway, where nearly 1,000 backpacks were given away to families.



IT Update

Fiber between sites has been replaced and old fiber removed. The City is now running on all new fiber.

Customer Service Update

Staff is continuing to work with the consultant on preparing the next stormwater rate study. Staff anticipates to hold a workshop with the Commission around December. Currently we have a few beta testers of the cellular meter technology customer portal. Once fully tested and launched to the public, the portal will allow for near real time access to water usage data and will allow for user notification and alerts to be set to help customers manage their consumption.



Administrative Services (cont)

Race to Zero

The City of DeLand is committed to addressing its contribution to global climate change and creating a more sustainable community. To that end, the City of DeLand has developed a comprehensive inventory of sources of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions resulting from activities within the DeLand municipal boundaries. The inventory measures energy used for buildings, vehicles, transit systems, waste disposal, and other activities carried out by DeLand residents and businesses. The RTZ is a friendly competition between municipalities to showcase how they are leading the way to carbon neutrality. The Florida Race to Zero is part of a global Race to Zero campaign to rally leadership and support from businesses, governments, and investors for a healthy, resilient and decarbonized economy. We have submitted our inventory to the Florida League of Cities and are currently working on goals to reduce our emissions primary in the areas of Transportation and Energy generation. Staff included funds in the FY 24/25 budget to purchase equipment that would reduce our greenhouse emissions.

Beresford Avenue Extension

Beresford Phase 1A (Development Entrances to Kepler/MLK)

Construction is starting in March 2024 and anticipated to be complete in August 2024.

Beresford 1B (just west of Blue Lake to Phase 1A limits)

Following public bidding and contract award, construction is anticipated to start in August/September 2024 and be completed in late spring 2025.

Trinity Gardens will be constructing a 12' wide trail from Blue Lake Ave. to Kepler/MLK on the north side of Beresford Ave consistent with the City's Trail master plan. The trail will be outside of the Beresford Ave ROW.

Beresford 2A (Kepler/MLK to first development entrance)

Construction is anticipated to start February 2024 and be completed in July 2024.

Since the plans were approved prior to the City's trail master plan showing a trail along Beresford Ave, this phase does not include a trail.

Beresford 2B (Phase 2A limits to SR-44)

Construction currently anticipated to start Spring 2025 and be completed in Spring 2026.

The City has previously requested that a trail is added to this phase through an agreement between the County and the City. This will need to be evaluated and discussed during preliminary design.



Administrative Services (cont)

Beresford 2C (Intersection Improvements at Beresford and Kepler/MLK)

Since the previous work at Kepler/MLK was based only on the immediate traffic needs of the directly adjacent developments, additional improvements may be needed at this intersection once Beresford Ave is connected from Blue Lake to SR-44 and as additional developments occur in the area.

Volusia County Traffic Engineering will study the intersection and potential traffic based on Beresford Ave being fully completed and connected. If/When warranted, a signal and potentially other intersection improvements will be added at this intersection.

Lake Moore Property Acquisition

Acquisition of the 128-acre piece of land located immediately north of Victoria Gardens completed. The property has closed and signage was erected in late August 2023. DRMP completed the land management plan and the City Commission approved it in May 2024. The plan is scheduled to be approved by the County Council at its August 2024 meeting. Once completed, staff will begin working on designing the improvements outlined in the plan.

Homeless

The City of DeLand has been collaboratively working with the Community for years on addressing homelessness, ever since we started meeting in 2016 to develop the concept for the Bridge. In addition to the Bridge, we have developed the idea for a diversion from incarceration program (funding was not approved by the State), prohibited panhandling at nine intersections, and most recently created a program to direct public efforts toward helping the homeless with our “Spare Change for Real Change” program.

At the February 19, 2024 meeting the City Commission approved 3 ordinances on second reading. No camping, no storage, and no lying on public streets sidewalks alleyways and benches. These three Ordinances are intended help those experiencing homelessness by focusing their attention toward residing in spaces that provide proper shelter and have the resources necessary to help them navigate their reentry challenges to include mental health and substance use disorders.



Community Development

2050 Vision Plan & Comprehensive Plan Update

The updated 2050 Vision Plan was adopted on July 1, 2024 and the Comprehensive Plan was approved on First Reading at that same meeting. The Comprehensive Plan has been forwarded on to the VGMC and the State Department of Commerce for review and comment. It is anticipated that the Plan will be brought back before the City Commission on October 7, 2024 for Second Reading and adoption.

LDR Comprehensive Update

At the City Commission's 2024 Strategic Planning workshop, it was determined that conducting a comprehensive update and modernization of the Land Development Regulation was one of the Commission's top priorities. Due to current staffing issues and the state-mandated November 1, 2024 deadline for adoption the Comprehensive Plan update, staff's focused attention on the comprehensive LDR update will be delayed until January 2025. \$300,000 has been requested as part of the 2024 – 2025 budget to hire a planning consulting team to facilitate the update in a timely manner.

Annexation of Enclaves

At the City Commission's 2024 Strategic Planning workshop, it was determined that addressing enclaves and annexation was another one of the Commission's top priorities. Due the state-mandated November 1, 2024 deadline for adoption our Comprehensive Plan update and the January 2025 initiation of the LDR comprehensive update, staff's focused attention on annexations will be initiated in the first half of calendar year 2025 starting with a workshop and planning session before the City Commission.

Short-term LDR Initiatives

Planning staff are currently working on a number of LDR revisions related to affordable housing including reduced house size and tiny homes, infill lot and smaller lot standards, and strategically focused reduction in off-street parking requirements. These initiatives will be brought before the City Commission for consideration as staffing availability allows.

Live Local Act

The Live Local Act which was adopted in 2023 currently requires that affordable housing projects be allowed in all commercial and industrial areas and removes regulatory barriers related to height, and density and requires projects be reviewed and approved at a staff level. The Live Local Act also establishes new taxing standards benefiting affordable housing development.



Community Development (cont)

In the 2024 legislative session, the state adopted a number of amendments to this legislation that impact how this affordable housing law is implemented with respect to: enhanced ad valorem tax exemptions, enhanced vested rights, increased ownership opportunities, and increased airport protection, among others.

Project Review Process

The Planning Department is continuing to update its internal processes for managing the review of projects which will help streamline the process and result in improved projects being submitted to the Planning Board and City Commission. In 2023, staff implemented a formal pre-application process. An average of 2.5 pre-application meetings per week were conducted during 2023 and halfway through 2024. These meetings have been well-received by the development community and property owners wishing to develop within the city.

Historic Preservation Board

Planning staff have been informed that our application for a \$40,000 Florida Division of Historical Resources grant to conduct a Historic Resources Survey adjacent to the downtown area was funded within this year's state budget. This survey will build upon a historic resource survey of the CRA District that is nearing completion. Staff is applying for a third grant for next fiscal year to build upon the work of the two resource surveys.

Orange Camp Pointe (former AutoMall)

The current owner of the property continues to pursue alternative (residential/commercial) plans for the development of the Lake Helen portion of the project. A change from commercial to residential use for the Lake Helen portion of the project is a substantive change and will require Lake Helen to amend its Comprehensive Plan. A portion of the site within DeLand is under a purchase contract and planning staff are reviewing a Planned Development amendment related to a proposed highway-centric project that may include a convenience store/fueling station, bank and drive-through fast food establishments. The existing Settlement Agreement and the Interlocal Agreement will need to be amended to reflect the updated project.



Community Development (cont)

Former Hotel Putnam Site

The site of the former Hotel Putnam is currently owned by Axia Putnam LLC and is under contract with Blue Sky Communities who is proposing an 84-unit affordable housing project on the site. The proposed affordable housing project received approval for state affordable housing funds. Staff continues to work with the current/future owner to redevelop the site in a manner that pays homage to the once prestigious hotel, while also addressing required parking, stormwater management, ground floor commercial, and historical architectural detailing.

Downtown Housing Initiatives

The DeLand Commons project that will add 214 housing units and ground floor commercial space on South Woodland Avenue is well under construction with Building #1, which fronts along Woodland Blvd, completed and occupied and Building #2 nearing completion. Staff is continuing to work with Framework for the redevelopment of the Bank of America block which may result in the creation of approximately 300 market-rate and luxury apartment units along with structured parking.

Greenway Route to SunRail

Planning staff is actively working with FDOT, Volusia County and the TPO to determine the best way to connect the SunRail Station with our downtown.

Building Division

- The Accela Civic Platform continues to be updated and enhanced to meet our customer service expectations. Two new applications were recently made available to the public – GWIZ, which is a customer facing application to help simplify the application process for building permits, business tax receipts and code enforcement complaints; and Agency Counter, which provides users easy access to information on permits, code complaints and businesses in an easy to search and read map format.
- Numerous standards in Chapter 7 – Building and Housing Codes of the city's Code of Ordinances are obsolete. Staff is completing updates to the ordinances to address changes in state statues and the Florida Building Code to ensure local compliance. It is anticipated that these will be presented to the City Commission in the fourth quarter of 2024 for consideration.

Community Development (cont)

- Department staff are continuously working on a succession plan to ensure that the department remains fully staffed with licensed inspectors/plans examiners who are trained in-house by fully licensed, seasoned inspectors and plans examiners. A Building Division staff member has entered into the Plans Examiner intern program and is completing training and college-level courses towards becoming a state-licensed Plans Examiner.

Economic Development

- Staff continues working with TVEDC and Volusia County to identify potential investors with the goal of marketing vacant airport property for construction of speculative industrial buildings, which is currently in high demand.
- The City of DeLand has an annual contract with the DeLand and Greater West Volusia Chamber of Commerce to perform a business retention and expansion program with all DeLand-based business sectors. In-person surveys are conducted with our local businesses to uncover needs and concerns and to provide resources to encourage business growth. The committee meets monthly with our Economic Development Manager to review survey results and plan any needed follow up business meetings. Additionally, the DeLand Chamber will begin providing a quarterly update of the survey results and ratings to city leadership.
- The City was awarded a \$20,000 Duke Energy Foundation Economic Development grant to assist with the creation of marketing materials for Duke's site selector clients in Florida and nationally for the Northwest Industrial Business Park area, the Municipal Airport and adjacent privately-held commercial property.
- Kingspan LLC has begun redevelopment at their DeLand Headquarters to create an Energy Center. They plan to use the energy center to showcase their line of products to interested buyers and new partners, domestically and internationally. The ability to interact with out-of-area companies visiting Kingspan will provide the City with an opportunity to sell itself as a great place to relocate, grow and thrive. Kingspan also is striving to become a zero-waste company, where all materials either are used or recycled. To achieve this goal, a pilot project was initiated at the DeLand headquarters separating the waste streams from all materials into nine categories, then collecting, tracking and documenting the waste and breaking it up through the process.

Community Development (cont)

- Cookies LLC, one of the world's leading medical and recreational cannabis providers, has continued its expansion at its Florida headquarters at DeLand's airport industrial area. A recent 37,000 SF expansion was completed in the Fall of 2023 to support its retail operations. In January 2024, the Commission approved the allowance of medical marijuana dispensaries within the city and Cookies has opened the City's first dispensary on S Woodland Boulevard.
- Aerodyne Research LLC, a South African owned and DeLand-based parachute manufacturing company, has signed a right of first refusal agreement with the City for property located at the DeLand Municipal Airport. The company is planning to build a 10,000 square foot warehouse as part of their expansion plans.
- The City's Economic Development department continues to work with a number of local manufacturers including MT-Propeller, Advent Health, SMA Medical, and outside investors with expansion planning.

Parks & Recreation

Melching Field

Stetson baseball in partnership with City staff hosted the ASUN Conference tournament which Stetson won and advanced to the NCAA Regional. Due to the extraordinary effort of staff, the tournament was a success. Additionally, the DeLand Suns are utilizing the Stadium again for their season. We recently have been contacted by the FHSAA requesting the option of hosting the 2025 Florida HS State Baseball All Star game in the end of May next year. They would like to relocate the All-Star Game, from Lakeland, the Detroit Tigers Spring training site, to Melching.

Capital Items

The renovation of the DeLand House was completed and the Historical Society held a re-opening ceremony. Thanks go out to the Facilities and Parks and Recreation staff for their incredible work on the renovation.



Parks & Recreation

- Foundation repairs Spec Martin Stadium: Staff is meeting again next week to review final details of the project. The anticipated time line should result in the completion in April or May of 2025.
- Sanborn Center Carpet Replacement has been completed.
- The Marquee for the Chisholm Center project has been awarded. Anticipated completion of the installation is by the end of September.
- Staff is nearing completion of the in-house portion of Tra Thomas Park. Anticipated to be complete by the end of next week. The bid proposal should be advertised for the CDBG part of the scope of work in the next couple of weeks.
- Elevators for Melching and P&R Administration Building have been awarded and completion is expected in January 2025.

Spec Martin Stadium

The City of DeLand Parks and Recreation Department again hosted the Florida HS State Soccer Semi Finals and Finals. Additionally, the first annual Mud Dog Music festival was held in Spec Martin Stadium followed by the Stetson University Graduation Ceremonies.

Sanborn Center

Sanborn Center continues to meet goals and expectations. Rentals, co-sponsored activities, and sponsored programs continue to thrive.

Special Events

The City of DeLand Parks and Recreation Department hosted a delightful Egg Hunt, featuring food trucks, vendors, candy-filled eggs, photo with the bunny, and even a movie in the park. Hosted the annual Firecracker Festival of which had a record-breaking attendance.



Parks & Recreation

Chisholm Center

The Chisholm Center has made significant strides enhancing its operating procedures and is meeting its goals and expectations. Our rentals, co-sponsored activities, and sponsored programs have all been highly successful, underscoring the center's valuable role within our community.

Sperling Sports Complex

Sperling Sports Complex served as the home for some of DeLand Little League's spring season games and practice, DeLand City Sports, DeLand High School girls flag football and junior varsity baseball. It also hosted the Elite 7v7 Flag Football Championships.

Recreation Activities

The Recreation and Parks staff successfully completed the spring season for DeLand City Sports leagues, including youth soccer, youth flag football, adult rec. softball, co-ed softball, and adult kickball. Additionally, our registration for the Summer Youth Basketball league reached full capacity before the deadline date in most divisions, resulting in another waiting list with dozens of kids.

Mud Dog Music Festival

The City of DeLand hosted the first MUD DOGS MUSIC FESTIVAL at Spec Martin Stadium, transforming back in time in celebration of DeLand's own place in pop culture history. The City of DeLand welcomed ticket buyers from eight states (Illinois, Connecticut, Tennessee, North Carolina, Alabama, South Carolina, and twenty-two different counties in Florida). Festival goers and citizens who missed the first event have provided enthusiastic feedback, expressing a strong desire for the MUD DOGS MUSIC FESTIVAL to become an annual event. Staff gained valuable experience and insights into hosting large-scale musical events and are confident that future events can be conducted at a significantly lower operating cost.



Parks & Recreation

Other Goals:

- Complete final design for the pickleball and tennis facility. Pending FY 24/25 budget approval, the Goal is to begin construction during the FY 24-25.
- Final implementation of the CIVIC Rec on line registration program.
- Continue exploring options for additional events in Spec Martin, Melching Field and Earl Brown Park.
- Complete Design for Lake Moore property improvements by Spring of 2025.
- Complete design for the 13-acre property on MLK by the end of the 2024 calendar year.
- We should receive notification in the next two weeks if we have been chosen to host the Under Armour National HS Football showcase. This is a national televised event on ESPN. This has recently been held at the Camping World Stadium in Orlando.
- Complete phase II of the foundation and drainage issues at Spec Martin Stadium as well as field surface replacement by June 1 of 2025.

Public Services

Airport Capital Projects

T-Hangars

The T-hangars have been completed early this month and will be rented out as of August 1st.

West Apron Construction

We have a pre-construction meeting scheduled for July 23rd with Halifax paving. We should have a projected start date for the construction after the meeting. We will then coordinate with tenants who will be affected by the construction.

Taxiway A

Taxiway A will be constructed at the same time as the West Apron. Halifax Paving was also the lowest bidder. Closing Taxiway A might affect the FBO, but we have coordinated with the FBO to stage larger aircraft on the AMC ramp during the closure of Taxiway A.

Airfield Markings

The FDOT state contract for airfield markings was denied by the FAA. The project is now required to go out for bid, which has caused a delay. We hope to have the project out for bid within the next few months.



Public Services

Phase 1b Design

Phase 1b design will consist of turning Old NDB Rd into a taxi lane, create a new road North of the dry pond, and rehabilitate the apron by the East hangar complex. We have received the FDOT grant.

Runway 5/23 Design

We have received our FDOT grant for the design of Runway 5/23. We are currently in the very beginning stages of the design.

T-hangar Electrical Design

The current electrical system in T-hangars A, B, & C, is from the 1960s. AVCON is currently redesign a new electrical plan and we plan to start construction in 2025.

South Central Apron Design

We have received our FDOT grant for the design of the south-central apron. This is the area directly in front of the FBO and is in very poor condition.

Engineering Projects

Old Fire Station Demolition and new Parking Lot & City Hall/Georgia Avenue Drainage Improvements

Construction Notice to Proceed is on March 3, 2024. Fire Station Demolition is anticipated to start on March 11, 2024. Asbestos abatement will be performed prior to demolition. Construction is anticipated to be completed by the end of August.

Utility Administration Building(UAB)

Construction is on track and is anticipated to be substantially completed by 10/2024. We were informed by the contractor that delivery of the electrical wiring harness components for the elevator had been delayed for a few weeks which is anticipated to be shipped by the end of July. It could potentially delay construction completion if not delivered by the end of this month.

Public Services (cont)

Garfield (Greenway) Trail

Phase 1 construction (Minnesota to Plymouth) has been completed. The staff and Engineer-of-Record performed a walk-through and provided punch list items to be addressed by the contractor. The Contractor, GPS Civil, is currently working on Phase 2 (Plymouth to Kentucky) which needs to be completed prior to school opening on August 12. Phase 3 (Kentucky to 92) exfiltration system and part of trail construction were completed last month. Construction is anticipated to be completed by the end of September 2024.

FDEP Resilient Florida Grant

The vulnerability assessment grant (“Planning”) was approved by Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) for funding on December 18, 2023 in the amount of \$185,000.00. The Consultant, Halff, will conduct the City of DeLand Vulnerability Assessment and Adaptation Plan pursuant to Section 380.093, Florida Statutes which will be utilized as a planning tool and resource to set standards in order to define and prioritize future resilience projects and adaptation priorities. The Vulnerability Assessment will evaluate the vulnerabilities of critical and regionally significant assets to a broad range of flood hazards and will subsequently prioritize flood and climate adaptation action items which can be pursued through grant funding, local policies, and the identification of implementation activities. Since the City of DeLand is an inland community with limited vulnerabilities caused by tidal influences, the objective of the assessment will be to evaluate flood hazard vulnerabilities caused by current and future rainfall, stormwater runoff, hurricanes, and compound flooding. So far, the consultant has successfully identified data standards for the vulnerability assessment, acquired the necessary background data including flood-scenario data, topo data, and data applicable to critical and regionally significant assets. Public Outreach Meeting # 1 is scheduled on July 18, 2024 at the City Hall.

Increase Stormwater Standards

Staff is working on drafting stricter stormwater standards as part of rewrite to the LDRs. As discussed during Budget Meeting, all new developments would be required to retain 100 Year 24 Hour storm event which is equal to 11” to 11.50” (depending on the location within the city) of rainfall. State of Florida is also changing their stormwater rules, Senate Bill # 712 (Clean Waterways Act), which is geared toward water quality standards and Low Impact Development (LID).



Public Services (cont)

Right-of-Way Permitting Process

The City of DeLand does not currently have a formal Right-of-Way permitting process and application through Accela for work within the City right-of-way which includes but not limited to driveways and utilities (electric, cable, gas). Engineering Department currently reviews construction plans from utility companies and issues approval letters. All driveway permit submittals are handled through building permits which require engineering review, approval and final inspection. The City Engineering Staff have done a lot of research in regards to right-of-way permitting process by visiting Volusia County, City of Ormond Beach and City of Casselberry. CPH will coordinate with City Staff and assist with implementation of right-of-way permit into Accela.

Spec Martin Stadium Drainage Improvements

CPH completed the topographic survey and Bechtol Engineering provided soil boring analysis. CPH has submitted preliminary architectural and engineering drainage improvement plans for review by the Staff.

Sperling Sports Complex Parking and Circulations Improvements

As discussed in budget workshop, due to high cost of engineering consultant, Engineering Department is working on this project. The city staff received topographic survey from Blackwell and working on final design at the moment.

MLK 13-Acre Park Conceptual Plan

Boundary and topographic survey, geotechnical report, and environmental investigation of the project have been completed. Our consultant, Freese & Nichols, has prepared conceptual plans for review and comments. It will be presented to the City Commission on August 19.

Fire Station 83 Building Addition

As discussed in budget workshop, due to high cost of engineering consultant, Engineering Department is working on the Civil Engineering section of this project. The city staff received topographic and boundary survey from Blackwell and submitted final engineering plans to the City of DeLand Planning Department. It will be part of August 15 TRC agenda item.



Public Services (cont)

Public Works Projects

Stormwater

- N Boston and E Rich Ave improvements – Scheduling conflicts has delayed the installation of this project; estimated completion is August 2024.
- FY 24/25 budget will include another small project improving the system located at the 100 block of W Wisconsin Ave.
- FY24/25 budget will include the design for critical improvements to the Earl Brown Park stormwater treatment area. This will include numerous upgrades and a trash collection system.
- Projects are continually pulled from our last stormwater master plan that was completed in 2019. Since it has been 5 years since our last one was completed, staff will work with our consultants to complete an updated version (FY 25/26). This will allow us to continue recommended upgrades based on that information.
- Unfunded future projects – Replacing the bridge on Old Daytona Rd leading into the Airport. The design phase will be included in the FY 25/26 budget.

Sidewalks

Public Works continually identifies ADA improvements areas and new connection points throughout the City. Listed are areas that have been completed along with several that are upcoming:

- North Garfield and East Wisconsin ADA upgrades through CDBG (In-Progress)
- South Stone from West Euclid to West Hubbard connection point through CDBG (In-Progress)
- ADA improvements and new connection points around Stark Elementary through CDBG (Upcoming).
- S Amelia Ave and E Hubbard ADA improvements (Designed).
- W Volusia Ave between S Clara Ave and S Florida Ave (future CDBG)
- Tra-Thomas Park – Sidewalk and Parking improvements (Upcoming)
- Sidewalk relocation on Woodland Blvd from Michigan to Pennsylvania

Early conversations with FDOT and Stetson to improve the sidewalks along this area. The goal to relocate and widen the sidewalk in the future. FDOT is slowly moving forward with a few ADA projects along this area.



Public Services (cont)

Road Resurfacing

Fiscal year 23-24 paving areas have been identified using our Pavement Management software.

Micro resurfacing of several area along with our standard milling and resurfacing is 95% completed this year. A detailed list of all areas is available upon request.

Parking Lots

- Lot 6 (behind The Elusive Grape) - Completed
- Lot 7 (alongside Tom's Pizza) – Completed
- Parking lot 1 and 2 will be scheduled FY 24/25

Pavement rejuvenation will be scheduled for select streets by August/September. This process is completed every year and helps extend the life of recently paved roadways.

Public Works Accreditation

We are currently in Phase 1 of the Self-Assessment. We have assigned certain chapters to key staff for review. Once completed and reviewed Public Works can submit our application to APWA.

Gateway Signage Improvements/Medians

Gateway Signs will be installed in 4 locations within the next few weeks. Scheduling conflicts caused a slight delay in the concrete footer installation. CPH has been tasked with developing concept designs and landscaping for the Orange Camp and SR 44 roundabouts which was brought before the City Commission at the February 19, 2024 meeting. FDOT requested that 60% plans be submitted to them as soon as possible so they can potentially include as a change order to the round-a-bout project. The Orange Camp sign will have to be constructed later with a separate agreement with Volusia County.

Utility Capital Projects

SE Reclaim Pump Station and Piping

Station completed and on line.

Wiley M. Nash WRF Expansion Construction

Wharton Smith NTP 11/1/2023. Received a total of 41 million in grants. Project 23% completed. All tanks under construction by CROM. Master Pump station, headworks, electrical building under construction by Wharton.



Public Services (cont)

Utility Capital Projects

WTP #10 Test Well

Proposed well sites and pipe routing plans 90% completed. Negotiation with Fair Association for well sites is still being negotiated.

2022 Water Main Improvements

General Underground NTP 10/1/2023. All piping has been installed for other segments. Pressure and Bacteriological testing for clearance in process for final connections. Finals taps and connections underway in some areas. Project 85% completed.

Public Services Compound

Final step is to provide a complete boundary survey of all property with a legal description. Then submit for a single zoning, land use, and lot combination of entire complex.

Reclaim Phase 5A Extension

Project is completed and close out documents finalizing. Homeowners advised they can apply to connect.

Reclaim Phase 5B Booster Pump Station

AOB approval pending the August 5th City Commission Meeting. Still awaiting Edgewood Subdivision construction approval from Volusia County. Repump station scheduled for late July delivery. Still have about 50% grant funds remaining.

East Regional Force Main

Award of Bid approval pending July 15th City Commission Meeting for A-1 section. Section A-2 delaying award due to lack of funding at this time.

NE Well Field Expansion (Tomoka WTP #12)

A negotiated price has been reached. Deal points sent to City Attorney to draw up contract. New appraisal and survey being ordered for closing. Preliminary well field sites laid out and survey will need to occur once boundary and pricing confirmed.



Public Services (cont)

WVWS Master Plan

City administrating project. NTP 6/6/2022 Mead & Hunt. Draft report and modeling completed based on WVWS model. SJRWMD new Central Springs Model was released in October for review and was not favorable to the group. Group objected and SRWMD is now working on a new version for our group. CO#1 for additional modeling to compare draft report to new model approved by all. A third version of final report occurring due to SRWMD push back.

Downtown Fair Share Study

Completed and adopted.

2024 Water Main Construction

ATKINS Engineering- AOB to General Underground. Precon held and NTP Set on July 10th for project to start.

SR44 and Kepler Roundabout (FDOT)

Kepler roundabout piping completed and old pipe abandoned. FDOT project awarded to P&S Paving. Signs and land clearing have started.

DeLeon Springs Water and Sewer Improvements

Have received approximately five requests of interest to connect along the route. FDOT project awarded to P&S Paving. FDOT road swell conflict with new water main for 300 ft was addressed by city staff to lower 3 additional feet by school.

Amelia Ave. Utility Relocation (VC)

Volusia County awarded to P&S Paving. Utility crews have been deflecting water line conflicts and hydrants around sidewalks and storm lines. Sewer main conflict pending storm water structure and new manholes lids pending prior to paving. This project 40% Complete.



Public Services (cont)

Lead and Copper Service Line Inventory (EPA)

Staff working with McKim & Creed to comply with October 2024 submittal. A grant was applied for lead and copper line replacement design and has preliminary received an SRF loan forgiveness of \$672,200 of the \$1,380,000 asked for at this time. An additional \$8.5 million for construction is pending approval after the above is completed. GIS map of water services underway and appears about 1/3 (7,500) meet standards and 2/3 (14,500) need confirmation for final status.

PFOS Testing of Water Plants (EPA)

Staff has started the required testing over the next three years to help EPA set a Maximum Contamination Level for compliance. Based on that level each water plant may need additional treatment systems installed.

BMAP for Volusia Blue (FDEP)

Wastewater treatment plant project will give us reduction credits for the nutrients. However, the City was required to submit how we plan to either provide sanitary system to all residents or help modify private septic systems to advance onsite treatment disposal systems. (OSTDS) Mead & Hunt compiled report was accepted by FDEP the first of June prior to deadline.

Downtown Water Main Replacement Design

This project was assigned to McKim & Creed in May and a kick off meeting was held first of June. Surveyors have been released for design work.

2025 Water Main Improvements Design

This project was assigned to McKim & Creed in May and a kick off meeting was held first of June. Surveyors have been released for design work.

Reclaim Water Expansion Phase 6 Design

This project was assigned to Mead & Hunt in April and a kick off meeting was held first of May. Surveyors have been released for design work.



Public Services (cont)

Downtown Lift Station & Force Main Design

This project will be assigned to an Engineering firm once the new contracts have been signed and approved by the City Commission. Looking for assignment in September possibly. Final siting will need to be confirmed as well.

Master Lift Station #79 Rehabilitation Design

AOB to US Water in July. A preconstruction and notice to proceed will be set by end of July for work to start.

Biosolids Dewatering Design

Mead & Hunt assigned. Preliminary Design Report completed. Design toward 60% plan set underway for late August review. Funded by additional grant recently received from the State.

Local Limits WWTP Evaluation

McKim & Creed assigned. Draft study report received and reviewed. Final adjustments underway for completion of final report to FDEP.



Public Safety

Police

Community Engagement Division

The DeLand Police Department Community Engagement Unit completed the following tasks for this quarter:

- Stetson United Against Hate
- Show and Shine
- Active Shooter Refresher-Advent Health (Part-1)
- Active Shooter Refresher-Advent Health (Part-2)
- Active Shooter Refresher-Advent Health (Part-3)
- Mud Dogs Music Festival
- Active Shooter Refresher-Advent Health (Part-4)
- Drug Take Back Day
- Active Shooter Refresher-Advent Health (Part-5)
- Dare Graduation (Stetson Baptist School)
- Dare Graduation (St. Peters School-Family Life Center)
- Active Shooter Training (Bridge)
- Central Florida Law Enforcement Explorer Academy Graduation (Seminole State College)
- Farm Workers Association Community Meeting
- Juneteenth Event (Earl Brown Park)
- Active Shooter Training (Neighborhood Center)
- Daytona Aquarium
- Sport Time Campers Visit/Tour
- National Night Out prep



Public Safety (cont)

DeLand Police Athletic League (DPAL):

- Fishing Program
- Art Class
- Garage Sale
- Firecracker Festival
- Hair Braiding Class
- Sneaker Drive



Staffing Update:

- Swearing-in of Ten new Police Officers
- Promotional Assessment and Testing began for Sergeant
- Promotional Assessment and Testing began for Lieutenant
- Nine trainees currently in the Field Training program
- Sixty-four sworn police officers, seven academy sponsorships, Twelve vacancies

Criminal Investigation Division

During this reporting quarter, two of our major cases resulted in successful convictions. The suspect in the Walgreens murder was sentenced to 45 years in prison. A suspect in an additional major case who is also responsible for several criminal acts resulting in violent crime in our community was convicted and sentenced to 15 years in prison.

Investigation continues for an incident where shots were fired into a vehicle in the 500 block of Beresford Avenue. Two people suffered non-life-threatening injuries as a result of the shooting. We believe this is an isolated incident and there is no additional threat to public safety.



Public Safety (cont)

Patrol Operations Division

Officers and K-9 Midnight conducted a massive search to locate a missing three-year-old. Using the child's blanket, K-9 Midnight and his handler searched through the woods. K-9 Midnight picked up the child's scene on a trail leading them to the toddler.



A 59-year-old man was arrested and charged with criminal mischief after the Holiday Inn Express and Suites was evacuated due to a chemical exposure. After a thorough investigation, officers determined an individual sprayed pepper spray on the walls of the second-floor hallway.

Officers arrested a Jacksonville man and charged him with felony cruelty to animals after a dog was found badly beaten. Officers found the dog, Stella, a 5-year-old female Tan Chow Mix, with a strap tied in a knot around her neck excessively tight. The dog's owner arrived at the scene and took Stella to the vet for an evaluation and treatment of its injuries.



Public Safety (cont)

Fire

Fire Prevention Division:

Two full-time staff members have been certified as Fire Investigators. The division administrative assistant has been certified as a life safety educator. One full-time staff member is working towards becoming a Certified Fire Protection Specialist. Every permanent member of the Fire Prevention Division is now certified as a Fire Inspector II. The division is maintaining a full business and permitting inspection program along with conducting preplans and construction plan reviews. The division is continuing to work towards creating updated public education programs that meet the needs of our community.

Fire Prevention Activity:

- Initial Inspections: 475
- Reinspection's: 347
- Construction Inspections: 67
- Other Inspections: 9
- Plan Review: 504
- Consultations: 12
- Preplans: 87

Paramedic Progress:

- Total of 10 cleared Paramedics in department to date with 3 more pending clearance in April.
- 7 department personnel completing school in Summer 2024 and 2 additional starting in August 2024.

ALS Monitor approved by County Council through the EMS Fund

- This monitor will assist with the ALS upgrade for Fire Station 82
- Fire Station 82 should be running intermittent ALS by April 2024
- We have purchased an additional cardiac monitor in this budget year to help us provide ALS to special events, place additional units in-service when manpower allows and as a backup to our other cardiac monitors.



Public Safety (cont)

Fire

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- Fire Station 82 began responding as intermittent ALS in June 2024.
- We have purchased an additional cardiac monitor in this budget year to help us provide ALS to special events, place additional units in-service when manpower allows and as a backup to our other cardiac monitors. This particular monitor is currently being used at Fire Station 82, as needed, until the EMS Fund monitor is approved and arrives.

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Fire Prevention Activity:

- Initial Inspections: 537
 - Reinspection's: 430
 - Construction Inspections: 74
 - Other Inspections: 27
 - Plan Review: 747
 - Consultations: 23
 - Preplans: 4
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- **Paramedic Progress:**
 - Total of 11 cleared Paramedics in department to date with 3 more pending clearance in Summer/early Fall 2024.
 - 2 department personnel completing school in Summer 2024, 4 personnel completing paramedic school in Winter 2024/2025 and 1 additional starting in August 2024.



Public Safety (cont)

EMS/Special Event Golf Cart

The department was able to place their EMS golf cart into service for special events. The unit allows responders to make access to congested areas during special events while carrying the necessary equipment for Advanced Life Support patient care. The cart has an area for a patient should we need transport them to a nearby ambulance.

Fire Department Accreditation:

During the past three months our department has completed and updated our Community Risk Assessment and Standard of Cover (CRASOC) document and department Strategic Plan, as required for our accreditation. These documents outline our community risks and document what resource availability our community utilizes to address those risks. The Strategic Plan outlines the departments current status and goals and objectives for the next three-year time frame.

We have begun completing our department's Self-Assessment Manual and writing out how we either meet, or do not meet, the 250 performance indicators. We hope to have these aspects completed by Summer. Once this is complete we will apply for our "candidate status" which then means a group of a 4-5-person peer assessment team will get assigned a site visit here in DeLand. This peer assessment team will spend 3-4 days with our department to verify and validate our findings and suggest recommendations for improvements from their observations.

We hope to then sit before the Commission on Fire Accreditation International (12-15-person panel) next February in a hearing to defend our documents and relay our plan to address any of the recommendations for improvement. We hope to have the City Manager and Mayor to sit with us during this hearing, if possible, and would appreciate any audience attendance by our City Commissioners if they are available.



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Public Safety (cont)

Training Events:

FEMA Strike Team/Task force Leader Class- DeLand Fire Department hosted the 3-day class in mid-June at the Sanborn Center. This class certifies our personnel to act as team leaders during natural disaster and technical rescue deployments. The class was attended by 25 participants from multiple departments in the Central Florida area.

Training at Stetson- Fire departments from Deltona, Orange City, Volusia County, Ormond Beach and DeLand participated in a simulated structure fire drill at a sorority house slated for demolition. Over the course of four days, 16 drills were completed in the structure. This type of training ensures that units operate in a cohesive manner when providing mutual aid to neighboring jurisdictions.

ISO Training- County wide training focused on hose line deployments and structure fires in high rise buildings. This training was provided over the course April and June at the Volusia County Fire Rescue Training Center. ISO training such as this allows our crews to train with other departments while meeting the 18 hour per year requirement that ISO mandates.



Public Safety (cont)

TRT Training - Members of the departments technical rescue team continue to train with Orange City and Deltona on a monthly basis.

April- Vehicle and Machinery Rescue hosted by Sanford FD

May- Structural Collapse Rescue hosted by DeLand at Stetson University

June- Trench Rescue hosted by DeLand at the DeLand Airport

Active Shooter Training - Lieutenant Letourneau trained all members of the department on newly purchased active shooter equipment utilized to treat patients in the event of this type of incident.

Darkhorse Analytics Software Implementation

We worked with Deltona and Volusia County Fire Departments to purchase predictive analytics program. The program is currently being evaluated and updated as needed for each department. When completely updated and running, the program will give us a real time department performance evaluation as well as predictive analytics for future department growth planning based on area expansion and population growth.

Fire Dept. Facilities:

Station 82 Renovation

Phase 1 complete

Phase 2 - The Lieutenants dorm and Bathroom have been completed. The Kitchen remodel is underway with an open concept design chosen. Currently, we are reviewing estimates.

Phase 3 - Outdoor painting touchups, window repairs and exterior items that need maintenance.

Station 83 Expansion

The plans are being reviewed by various city departments before TRC review. The TRC meeting is scheduled for July 18.

Operative IQ Asset Management Software:

This is a total asset management software that will assist with asset and work order tracking and the ordering of supplies. We are at the beginning stages of the implementation and have begun uploading some vendor account information.

Step 1- training for uploading asset spreadsheets

Step 2- begin uploading asset inventories

Step 3- Processes and work flow for work orders, suggestions, and system management.