# City of Bunnell Monthly Newsletter

**DECEMBER 2014** 

## Mark your calendars:

**December 19th:** Christmas in Bunnell Celebration, 6-8pm.

**December 25th-26th:** City Offices will be closed in observation of Christmas.

**January 1st:** City Offices will be closed in observation of New Year's.

# Employee United Way Campaign Fundraiser Update:

The City concluded it's employee United Way Campaign fundraiser raising \$1,275.00 for United Way of Volusia-Flagler Counties.

Morgan and Nate the Turkey met the winners of the "Kiss the Turkey" contest. Although City Clerk Sandi Bolser and Mayor Catherine Robinson garnered the most votes in the "Kiss the Turkey" fundraiser contest, all commissioners and city department heads present at the campaign closing event ended up kissing the turkey!



### **Christmas in Bunnell:**

When:

Friday, December 19th

Where:

Coquina City Hall and Lake Lucille

Hours:

6:00pm-8:00pm

- Santa will be arriving by fire truck to meet with children and hand out coloring books, crayons and candy canes.
- \* Hayrides.
- Music and caroling by the Flagler County Youth Orchestra and Calvary Christian Church
- Christmas Tree lighting at center of Lake Lucille at 6:00 pm.
- Hot chocolate, punch, cookies and donut holes will be served.

# **Solid Waste Holiday Pickup:**

Residential Hand Carts:

Friday, December 26 Friday, January 2

Commercial Hand Carts:

Friday, December 26 Friday, January 2

<u>Commercial Dumpsters:</u>

Wednesday, December 24 Friday, December 26 Wednesday, December 31 Friday, January 2



#### **MEETINGS CALENDAR**

City Commission:

December 8th ......7:00pm (second meeting to be determined)

Code Enforcement Board:

No December meeting scheduled

Planning, Zoning & Appeals Board:

December 16th ......7:00pm

City meetings will now be held at 201 West Moody Boulevard on the corner of South Forsyth in the new Commission meeting facility.

### **City Commission**

Mayor:

Catherine D. Robinson

Vice Mayor:

John R. Rogers

**Commissioners:** 

Elbert Tucker

Bill Baxley

Bonita Robinson

**City Manager:** 

Larry Williams

Oversized cardboard boxes should
only be put out with recycling and
placed next to the recycling cart.
The boxes will not otherwise be
picked up.

## **Community Development:**

All Business Tax Receipts (BTRs) should have been renewed by September 30, 2014. The Flagler County Tax Collector's Office sent either an e-mail or a postcard to businesses at the end of July. BTR payments may be made in person at the Flagler County Tax Collector's Office or **online** at:

www.FlagerTax.com. If you need further assistance, contact the

Community Development Department at 386-437-7516.

## **Reminders:**

**Solid Waste:** Please place your carts out the night before garbage pickup to ensure the carts are emptied the morning of pickup.

*Utility Billing:* For your safety please do not submit cash payments for your water bill when leaving it in the drop box.

# **Community Happenings:**

The St. Johns Housing Partnership (SJHP) is hosting a Free Foreclosure Prevention Workshop Wednesday, December 3rd at 5:30pm. For more information visit

our website at www.bunnellcity.us.

#### **New Businesses:**

Schiavoni Motors LLC 4601 E. Moody Blvd., Unit E06

Trades of Hope, LLC 4601 E. Moody Blvd., Unit K06

New Location: Flagler Bar & Package 111 N. State St.



## From the desk of the Fire Chief:

As you deck the halls this holiday season, be fire smart. A small fire that spreads to a Christmas tree can grow large very quickly.

#### PICKING THE TREE

\*Choose a tree with fresh, green needles that do not fall off Get rid of the tree after Christmas or when it is dry. Dried when touched.

Out trees are a fire danger and should not be left on the

#### PLACING THE TREE

- \*Before placing the tree in the stand, cut 2" from the base of the trunk.
- \*Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit.
- \*Add water to the tree stand. Be sure to add water daily.

# LIGHTING THE TREE

- \*Use lights that have the label of a recognized testing laboratory. Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use.
- \*Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Connect no more than three strands of mini string sets and a maximum of 50 bulbs for screw-in bulbs. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of LED strands to connect.
- \*Never use lit candles to decorate a tree.
- \*Always turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.

#### **AFTER CHRISTMAS**

Get rid of the tree after Christmas or when it is dry. Dried out trees are a fire danger and should not be left on the home or garage, or placed outside against the home. Check with your local community to find a recycling program. Bring outdoor electrical lights inside after the holidays to prevent hazards and make them last longer.

#### **FACTS:**

- ! **One** of every three home Christmas tree fires are caused by electrical failures.
- ! Although Christmas tree fires are not common, when they do occur, they are more likely to be serious.
- A heat source too close to the tree causes roughly **one** in every six of the fires.

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