

City of Bunnell Monthly Newsletter

April 2016



Announcements

Please join us in congratulating City of Bunnell Commission Incumbents:

Elbert Tucker



Bill Baxley



Retired Asset Auction

Look for a link on the city website for our upcoming Retired Asset Auction.

Go Green, Save Postage, Save time, Pay Online!

More and more utility customers are utilizing the Online Bill Pay service offered by the City of Bunnell. Since rolling out the service in October there has been a steady increase in online transactions. Users can go to our home page, www.bunnellcity.us and click on the Online Bill Pay icon or visit

billpay.bunnellcity.us to access the site directly.

Users can make a onetime payment on their account without creating a profile or password. You will need your account number and last payment amount; this information is printed on your bill. You can then use the Quick Pay feature to make a payment. If you are a new customer and this is your first payment you will need to pay in the office or through the US mail to establish a payment history before being able to pay online.

If you are interested in monitoring the consumption on your account, viewing account balances, and transaction history click on the Login button and set up your profile. Make sure you have your bill handy. As with Quick Pay, you will need your account number and last payment amount to set up the profile and link it to your account. You can even monitor and make payments on multiple accounts from a single login.

Meetings Calendar:

City Commission:

April 11th, 25th 7:00pm

Code Enforcement Board:

April 13th 7:00pm

Planning, Zoning & Appeals Board:

April 19th 7:00pm

City Commission:

Mayor:

Catherine D. Robinson

Vice Mayor:

John R. Rogers

Commissioners:

Elbert Tucker

Bill Baxley

Bonita Robinson

City Manager:

Dan Davis

Mark your calendar:

No City office closures in the month of April.

No Solid Waste service interruptions in the month of April.

Another Green Initiative: E-Billing

Another green service that is available to our customers, E-Billing directs your utility bill to your email. This saves paper, printing, postage, staff time, and bills are received quicker. The e-bills are a very similar format as the printed documents so you will not be confused by a new format. When combined with Online Bill Pay, this creates an easy way for our users to manage their accounts.

Fire Department Wildfires

Plan your evacuation well before the threat of a wildfire arises. Emergency officials will make every attempt to alert residents as far in advance as possible, but there may be little or no notice of the impending danger of a wildfire. You may only have minutes to evacuate. If there is sufficient time, use a hose to wet down your house, the roof and the surrounding area.

All residents are encouraged to create an evacuation plan including routes, a meeting place and emergency contacts (preferably someone well outside the area).

When planning an evacuation route, have more than one route planned in case an area is blocked. Use main arteries and avoid “short cuts” on less traveled routes. Emergency service personnel will monitor safety on the main arteries and surveillance of lesser-known streets is a lower priority.

Prevent Wildfires

The City of Bunnell is in a wildfire hazard area. Various ignition factors start fires, including lightning, burning without a permit, catalytic converters on cars coming in con-

tact with dry grass, improperly discarded cigarettes and arson. You can help prevent wildfires by adhering to Flagler County burn bans. One way the County helps prevent wildfires is the use of prescribed fire. Prescribed fire is used to reduce hazardous fuel buildups, thus providing increased protection to people, their homes and the forest.

Fire Safety

In an emergency, call 911 for assistance. Do not call the Fire Department directly. All emergency vehicles, and services are dispatched through the 911 system. Responses to critical situations are handled by priority.

BE FIREWISE

- Store firewood, propane tanks and gasoline away from the house.
- Clean gutters and roofs of leaves and pine needles.
- Install spark arresters on chimney flutes.
- Consider using fire resistant building materials on the exterior of your home.
- Remove leaves from shrubbery beds and dead branches from trees. Mow and trim grass and shrubs.
- Remove vines that allow fire access to the tree canopy.
- Elevate or trim tree branches so they do not touch the roof of the house.
- When planting, keep a clear space at plant maturity of at least 2 or 3 feet from the house.
- Consider using fire-resistant landscaping materials and/or high moisture content annuals.

Solid Waste

The Solid Waste department is asking for your help to stop recycle cart contamination. The fee for a

contaminated cart is \$6-\$8 per instance. To avoid this additional expense, please follow the guidelines listed below:

DO place in cart:

Plastic Bottles
Soap and Milk Jugs
Newspapers
Flattened Cardboard Boxes
Glass Bottles

DO NOT place in cart:

Wood/Leaves
Debris
Garbage

Utilities

**Fire Hydrant Makeovers—
Coming soon to a neighborhood
near you!**



The City of Bunnell owns and maintains 370 fire hydrants. The present cost of a new hydrant, with isolation valves, is close to \$10,000. In order to protect and prolong the life of these significant investments the Public Works department has undertaken an aggressive and proactive program of fire hydrant care.

This program involves periodic inspection, flow testing, valve and port lubrication, industrial coating and cap color coding. The color coding system is representative of the flow characteristics of each hydrant.