



## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEWSLETTER** **October, 2016**

### ***Hurricane Matthew Recovery Assistance For Businesses***

Owners of small businesses with two to 100 employees located in 67 counties affected by Hurricane Matthew can apply for short-term loans for up to \$25,000. Loans are granted in terms of 90 or 180 days and are interest-free for that time period. To be eligible, a business must have been established prior to October 3, 2016, and demonstrate economic or physical damage as a result of Hurricane Matthew.

To complete an application by the Nov. 11 deadline, or for more information on the program, visit [www.floridadisasterloan.org](http://www.floridadisasterloan.org). For questions regarding the Emergency Bridge Loan Program, contact the Florida Small Business Development Center Network state office at 850-898-3489.

As the City becomes aware of other assistance being available it will be posted on the City's Facebook site – Google "cityofnsb facebook".

### ***Bids Received for SR 44 Sewer Project***

Bids have been received at the Utilities Commission for the SR 44 Sewer Project. The bids are tentatively scheduled to be reviewed at the October 17 meeting of the Utilities Commission Board. The SR 44 Sewer Project will provide City sewer service to the south side of SR 44, from Hidden Pines Blvd to Glencoe Road. This is an assessment project - benefitting property owners will be charged with their share of the cost.

### ***New Parking Lot to be constructed in the Canal Street area***

In July, with the help of County ECHO funds, the City finalized the purchase of the property owned by the Baptist church on the North side of City Hall. The City's demolition contractor is now in the process of removing the two buildings on the east side of the property, and that area will be the site of a new municipal parking lot. The building on the west side of the property – the historic "weeping mortar building" – is scheduled for renovation using future ECHO funds. The building will house the City Commission

Chambers, meeting space, and historical exhibits upon completion – anticipated in 2018.

## ***Important Dates for October***

- Thursday, October 13 Southeast Volusia Chamber Business After Hours: Cancelled, to be rescheduled.
- Thursday, October 20: Economic Development Advisory Board Meeting: City Commission Chambers, City Hall, 210 Sams Ave, 6 pm
- Thursday, October 27: Second Southeast Volusia Entrepreneur Event, location to be announced, 5:30 pm – 7 pm. Speaker: Donna Loader, Royal Support Services, Inc. Topic: Social Media: is it making you crazy? Social Media doesn't have to make you crazy – it can make you profitable!

## ***✓ Many Prominent Projects Are Underway!***

There continues to be progress for a number of prominent projects, including:

### **Private Property Projects**

- Verizon Store on SR 44 west of ABC store, now under construction.
- Brilliance Assisted Living Center (former Daytona State Community College Building) on US 1 at Wayne Ave: construction is well underway.
- Riverwalk Condos, NW area of North Causeway: construction continues on several buildings, including the six story condo building with 36 units.
- Concordis Assisted Living Facility: construction is well underway for this two story assisted living and memory treatment facility with 115 beds at the NE corner of SR 44 and Myrtle.
- Spring Hill Suites by Marriott hotel on the beach (near Breakers): Construction is well underway – 114 rooms. Anticipated completion: April, 2017.
- WaWa: construction is well-underway adjacent to Burger King on SR 44. The store opening is scheduled for November 10.
- Tabby House: the first three houses in the 17 lot Tabby House development adjacent to City Hall are under construction.

### **City Projects**

- City Hall renovation: project now complete.
- SR 44 Sewer line (assessment project): Please see article above
- Marianne Clancy Park: 70 off-beach parking spaces, rest rooms, and picnic pavilions on S Atlantic South of Flagler Ave. Project now complete.
- FDOT project on Third Ave: Construction underway to lengthen the left turn lane onto Peninsula Ave. Project now complete
- Brannon Center: this “signature” New Smyrna Beach facility is now available for rent! For rental information call Heather Paternoster at 410-2885 or go to: <http://www.cityofnsb.com/126/Rental-Facilities>

## ***✓ Business Resources***

- Business Planning Information available at no charge:

- The “City Ready” service provides a meeting at no charge with City and Utilities Commission staff members to discuss how to maximize the use of a commercial building and/or property. Such meetings normally take less than 20 minutes and provide a wealth of useful information for business site planning. The meetings are scheduled on the first and third Wednesday morning of each month beginning at 8:30 am. Please call Tony Otte CRA/Economic Development Director, (386) 566-3941.
- For information concerning commercial and industrial properties: demographic data identifying potential customers, traffic counts, and city-related questions, call Tony Otte at (386) 566-3941.
- Detailed commercial property information: this information is now available on the City website, [cityofnsb.com](http://cityofnsb.com).
- Assistance with hiring employees: Career Source Flagler Volusia, 329 Bill France Blvd, Daytona Beach. (386) 323-7001
- Training offered at Daytona State College: Check out the DSC training website: <https://www.daytonastate.edu/cbi/> or contact [Joanne.Parker@Daytonastate.edu](mailto:Joanne.Parker@Daytonastate.edu) or (386) 506-4224.
- Training offered by SCORE: Score offers many NO CHARGE business training classes on a variety of subjects. For more information go to [www.Score87.org](http://www.Score87.org)
- NO CHARGE Business Assistance – Expansion for Existing Business
  - Volusia County Department of Economic Development: (386) 248-8048 – services include exporting assistance; [www.floridabusiness.org](http://www.floridabusiness.org)
  - Small Business Development Center at Daytona State College: (386) 506-4723 – services include preparation of business plans, assistance in seeking loans, business consulting; [www.sbdcdaytona.com](http://www.sbdcdaytona.com)
- NO CHARGE Business Assistance – Entrepreneurs
  - SCORE: (386) 255-6889 – including preparation of business plans.
  - Florida Virtual Entrepreneur Center: [www.flvec.com/Volusia](http://www.flvec.com/Volusia); 386-310-8781.
  - SE Volusia Entrepreneur Networking Group: the first event on August 30 was a grand success! Next event: October 27!
- City Property Tax Exemption for expanding businesses: In November 2014 voters approved a Tax Exemption program that provides expanding businesses that meet program criteria with abatements of City property taxes. If your business is in the expansion mode please call Tony Otte at (386) 566-3941.
- For prominent Commercial/Industrial properties for sale or lease, please go to [Volusiasites.com](http://Volusiasites.com) and click on New Smyrna Beach.

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