



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEWSLETTER

February, 2017

✓ *Calling all Employers!* ***Daytona State NSB/Edgewater to Hold Job Fair!***

Daytona State NSB/Edgewater is accepting applications from companies with current job openings (for either full-time or part-time jobs) to participate in a Job Fair. Space is limited. Details:

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| Job Fair Date: | Tuesday, April 4, 2017 |
| Time: | 9 am – Noon |
| Cost: | <u>Free for companies</u> and free for job candidates |
| Location: | The job fair will be held on the Daytona State NSB/Edgewater campus, 940 Tenth St., NSB |
| Participation: | Any company with current job openings (full-time or part-time) and any job candidate, including students |

Interested companies must send the name of the company representative and contact information (company name, address, name of contact person, phone number and email address) to the DSC job fair contact person, Vania Lopez, at vania.lopez@daytonastate.edu.

✓ Policy changes coming from the Utilities Commission

Following a study conducted by an independent engineering firm, and public notices and public hearings, the New Smyrna Beach Utilities Commission has approved policy changes that will go into effect on May 1, 2017. The change is in the existing capacity fee policy, from category-based to a meter-based policy.

The policy change includes an increase in Capacity Fees, which are one-time fees paid before a building permit is issued. The Utilities Commission has maintained lower capacity fees in Potable Water, Wastewater, and Reclaimed water. These rate increases represent a:

- 7.2% increase for Potable Water Capacity fee
- 3.2% increase for Wastewater Capacity Fee

- 9.3% increase for Reclaimed Water Fee
- The introduction of the Irrigation Water Capacity Fee

The proposed fee increase will only be applied to all new and upsized meter requests and does not apply to meter replacement. This fee does not impact the monthly usage charges.

A capacity fee study was conducted and presented to the Utilities Commission in September 2016. The study recommended the increase in capacity fees and a change in policy in determining equivalent residential units (ERU). The change in policy removes the current category based system and institutes a meter (“size” and “number of”) based system.

Information on the policy change can be found on the Utilities Commission website (ucnsb.org) in the “Customer Communications” section:

<http://www.ucnsb.org/docs/default-source/default-document-library/november-2016-proposed-capacity-fee-increases.pdf?sfvrsn=0>.

Additional information can be found on the UC website in the January 23, 2017 meeting section, and the associated approved resolution, No. 1 – 17.

✓ *Grand Openings this month include two Grand ALFs!*

The grand opening for Brilliance Assisted Living, 699 North Dixie Freeway (US 1, at Wayne Ave), is Saturday, February 4, at noon. Brilliance has 40 rooms.

The grand opening for the Lexington Place Senior Living Community, 301 South Myrtle Ave (at SR 44) is Wednesday, February 15, at 10 am. Lexington Place has 89 rooms.

The two facilities taken together are adding 88 jobs and making a \$22 million investment. Although both facilities are in the City’s new CRA, neither received CRA funds.

✓ *Many Prominent Projects Are Underway!*

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

Private Property Projects

- Chrysler Jeep Dodge Dealership on SR 44 at Glencoe (NW corner) – site work has begun.
- Riverwalk Condos, NW area of North Causeway: construction continues on several buildings, including the six story condo building with 36 units.
- Spring Hill Suites by Marriott hotel on the beach (near Breakers): Construction is well underway – 114 rooms. Anticipated completion: May, 2017.
- Tabby House: the first four houses in the 17 lot Tabby House development adjacent to City Hall are under construction.
- Auto Zone, SR 44 and Walker Dr, now under construction.

City Projects

- New Parking Lot N of City Hall: demolition of existing buildings is complete. The “weeping mortar building” will be scheduled for renovation.

- SR 44 Sewer line (assessment project): the Utilities Commission has approved a construction contract.
- Paving of Railroad Ave: A contractor has been selected.
- 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.
- Assistance with hiring employees: Career Source Flagler Volusia, 329 Bill France Blvd, Daytona Beach. (386) 323-7001
- Training offered at Daytona State College:
 - DSC training website: www.daytonastate.edu/cbi/ or contact Joanne.Parker@Daytonastate.edu or (386) 506-4224 or
 - Small Business Development Center website: www.sbdccdaytona.com or contact Tracy Martin at (386) 506-4723.
- 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
- NO CHARGE Business Assistance – Expansion for Existing Business
 - Volusia County Department of Economic Development: (386) 248-8048 – services include exporting assistance; 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.sbdccdaytona.com
- NO CHARGE Business Assistance – Entrepreneurs
 - SCORE: (386) 255-6889 – including preparation of business plans.

- Florida Virtual Entrepreneur Center: 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 and click on New Smyrna Beach.

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