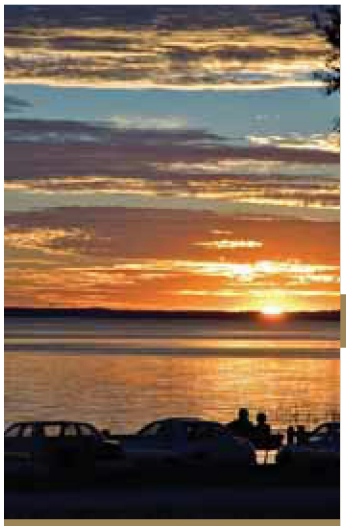

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Inclusiveness & Diversity

We are committed to actively seeking public participation, and we promote a public process whereby we can respond to the community's needs while balancing competing interests and diverse opinions.

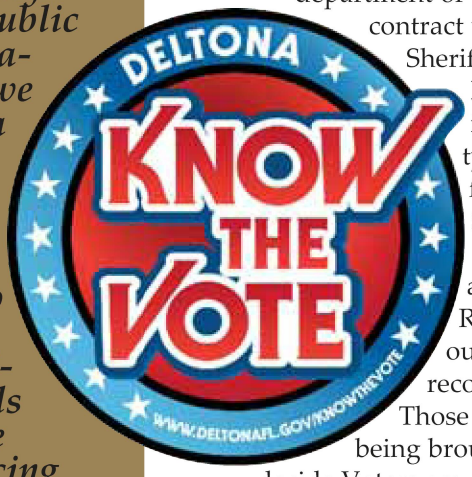
Para recibir una copia en Español, favor de llamar al (386) 878-8755.

Voters face important decisions this election

Nov. 4 is a very important day. Americans will be headed to the polls to select the next President of the United States. But the day is also important for Deltona voters because we will decide the future of Deltona's law enforcement provider as well as make key changes to Deltona's Charter.

Here's the history of law enforcement in Deltona. Since its inception, the City of Deltona has contracted with the Volusia County Sheriff's Office to provide law enforcement within our City limits. The Commission has long debated the idea of a Deltona Police Department often times after the issue was brought up by concerned citizens.

Earlier this year, a majority vote of the Commission hired a consultant to study the feasibility of a Deltona Police Department. When the study was complete and it was determined a police department was feasible, the Commission voted to present the information to Deltona voters and allow them to decide if they wanted their own police department or if they wanted to continue to contract with the Volusia County Sheriff's Office for law enforcement. Provided in this newsletter is information from that feasibility study as well as information from the Volusia County Sheriff's Office.



The Commission additionally established a Charter Review Committee to thoroughly review the Charter and recommend updates as necessary. Those suggested changes are also being brought to Deltona voters to decide.Voters are encouraged to learn as much about these issues as possible and then to make their voice count by going to the polls on Nov. 4.

Information on both the police referendum and the charter amendments can be found in this newsletter. Additional information is available at deltonafl.gov/knowthevote or by calling (386) 878-VOTE.

A message from Mayor Mulder...

After two years of being in office and working toward some huge goals one of the largest steps for Deltona is upon us.

It has not been easy to do, but I want you all to know I have fought hard to bring us to this point; this year when you go to vote for our next President, you will finally get a say in Deltona's future.

You will decide if we get a Deltona Police Department, run and controlled locally by Deltona. You will also decide important city charter issues that affect the way the government is run. I am happy to report these items will be for you all "my bosses" to decide. I personally support all of the amendments and the Police Department. I will be voting "YES" on the second page of this year's ballot.

Of course the wonderful thing about America is that we all get a choice, this is why I felt the commission should forward these important decisions to you. I trust my neighbors to make the right decisions for Deltona, as my neighbors have trusted me and given me the opportunity of a lifetime to do this job.

On a personal note, we are all feeling the pain of this economy and I encourage all people in our city to be helpful to our friends and neighbors. It is regularly discussed at City Hall. We take our work very seriously and appreciate everyone's input.

Please have a safe Halloween season and help protect our kids out there! Looking forward to your direction on Election Day!

--Mayor Dennis Mulder

October – November – December Calendar of Events

October

5 24th Annual Fire Department Open House & Safety Day, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at City Hall, 2345 Providence Blvd. The event will showcase the Deltona Fire Department, County & State personnel, equipment and tactics and will include an auto extrication, Fire Department Explorers, Honor Guard and State Fire Marshall K-9 demonstrations. The Department's robotic fire truck will be there and firefighters in their protective gear will delight youngsters as they learn about fire & life safety practices. Free hotdogs.

8 District 5 Town Hall Meeting with Commissioner Janet Deyette, 7 p.m., Commission Chambers. Bring your questions and concerns to share with the Commissioner. Topics of discussion will include flooding, the police study and Thornby property.

6 City Commission Meeting. 6:30 p.m., Commission Chambers, City Hall.

11 Music in the Courtyard, 7 p.m., featuring Celebration performing soul, R&B and Top 40, in the courtyard at City Hall.

14 Mayor's Table, 7 p.m., Commission Chambers, City Hall.

20 City Commission Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Deltona Community Center, 980 Lakeshore Drive.

24 Halloween Trail and Haunted Pirate Ship, dusk to 10 p.m., Dewey O. Boster Sports Complex, 1236 Saxon Blvd.

25 Halloween Spooktacular, Trail, Haunted Pirate Ship and tons of games for little spooks, 6-10 p.m., Dewey O. Boster Sports Complex.

November

1 Adult Evening Dance featuring the Frank Roberts Orchestra, 7-10 p.m., Wes Crile Park Gymnasium, 1537 Norbert Terrace.

• Animal-Control sponsored low-cost pet shot clinic: Cohen's Veterinarian Center, 2879 Elkcam Blvd., beginning at 2 p.m., limited to the first 150 customers. Dr. Allan Cohen will be administering the shots. Cost is $5 per pet (CASH ONLY). Canine and feline distemper 4-in-1 shots, $10. City licenses will also be available. Pets must be on a leash or in carriers. Call Enforcement Services, (386) 878-8700 for details.

3 City Commission Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Deltona Community Center.

4 Election Day. Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. For information, call the Volusia County Department of Elections, (386) 736-5930.

8 Music in the Courtyard, 7 p.m., featuring Rico Monaco (Latin Rock), in the courtyard at City Hall.

17 City Commission Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Commission Chambers, City Hall.

December

1 Commission Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Commission Chambers.

13 Cross Cultural Holiday Music in the Courtyard, 7 p.m., at City Hall.

15 Commission Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Commission Chambers.

20 Santa's Helper, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Harris M. Saxon Community Center, 2323 California Street.

Should Deltona have its own Police Department?

Your vote is Deltona's future. It's our obligation to help you understand the issues.

On Nov. 4, Deltona's residents will have the opportunity to decide one of the City's most important issues since incorporation.

They will find a referendum question asking them to choose whether they want Deltona to have its own Police Department, or to continue to contract with the Volusia County Sheriff's Office for law enforcement. The City of Deltona has a great deal of information available for our residents on the City's Web site, www.deltonafl.gov/knowthevote.

Because there are so many different thoughts on this issue, it is crucial for a large voter turnout… and the City urges all registered voters to have a voice in this decision. The best way to be prepared for the ballot booth is to read the Willdan Police Feasibility Study on the City's Web site and the Volusia County Sheriff's documents on maintaining the existing contract.

On our Web site, voters will find information regarding the annual costs for a new police department as opposed to staying with the Sheriff's Office. Additionally, they can read how many police officers residents would see patrolling the streets of Deltona, compared to the number of deputies assigned to the City. Both reports have historical data on area crime statistics, and how a Deltona Police Department would compare to the law enforcement agencies of other cities.

When voters become knowledgeable on City issues, the voting process becomes faster and easier. Remember most Deltona residents will find themselves staring at a two-page ballot when they enter that voting booth.

The biggest choice you can make is to decide to vote.

CITY OF DELTONA
REFERENDUM

CREATION OF CITY OF DELTONA'S POLICE DEPARTMENT

Should the City of Deltona establish its own Police Department and terminate its agreement with Volusia County Sheriff Office?

○ YES
○ NO

Get to know proposed Charter changes and VOTE on Nov. 4

The City Charter, which was adopted by a referendum on Sept. 9, 1995, is the foundation for Deltona's City Commission/Manager form of government. It provides the framework for self-governance within the guidelines of Florida law.

The Deltona City Commission consists of seven elected officials and an appointed City Manager. Residents elect a Mayor who represents the City at-large and six Commissioners who represent specific districts. Currently elected officials serve staggered, four-year terms with a limit of two successive four-year terms.

Deltona's elected officials serve with compensation as provided in the City Charter and may receive reimbursement of actual expenses incurred while performing official duties. The Commission is responsible for the legislative and policy functions of our City government including the appointment of two charter officers, the City Manager and City Attorney.

In accordance with the Charter, the City Commission appointed a Charter Review Committee to review the Charter, hosted two public hearings on their suggested changes and is thus bringing these suggested changes to Deltona's voters. Here are the questions that will be placed on the Nov. 4 election ballot:

1. Should the City Charter establish a six-month residency requirement for candidates for Mayor or Commissioner and provide for a qualifying fee in lieu of the signature requirement?

The Charter currently states that at the time of qualification for office that each Commission candidate must reside within the boundary of his or her district and that at the time of qualification the Mayor must live within the City limits. The Charter also requires candidates submit the signatures of at least 100 residents of the district he or she represents in order to qualify. One-hundred and fifty signatures are required for Mayoral candidates.

2. Should the Mayor and Commissioners be compensated in an amount equivalent to that of other comparable Florida cities?

The Charter currently allows the Mayor and Commissioners to receive an annual salary equivalent to the average annual salary of the Mayor and Commissioners of cities in Volusia County.

3. Should Charter Officers only be appointed or removed by a supermajority (5) of the full City Commission?

The Charter currently states that Charter Officers can be removed from office by a majority (4) vote of the full Commission.

4. Should education be a factor in choosing a City Manager and should the City Manager be given the additional duties of assisting the Commission with developing long-term goals and strategies for the City, providing staff support for regional and intergovernmental cooperation and submitting reports to the commission and promoting partnerships among the Commission, staff and citizens in developing policy and building a sense of community?

Currently the Charter states the City Manager shall be selected on the basis of experience, expertise, and management ability as it pertains to running municipal government. This question further defines the qualifications and duties of the City Manager.

5. Should an in-house City Attorney be required to establish residency within the City and have full managerial authority over employees in the City Attorney's office?

The Charter does not currently require residency for the City Attorney and only allows for him to appoint, suspend or remove assistant attorneys. The remainder of the City Attorney staff are City employees and are hired or terminated with respect to the personnel policies and procedures of the City.

6. Should the Canvassing Board be increased from two to three members who are not elected officials or running for office and who remain neutral in all political activity in the current municipal City election?

The Charter currently states that the City Clerk and a representative designated by the Commission shall be known as the Canvassing Board. At the end of any City election, the Canvassing Board ensures that absentee ballots are delivered to the Volusia County Supervisor of Elections and opens the ballots in the presence of a Supervisor of Elections representative. They also report the election results to the City Commission.

7. Should the Charter Review Committee be increased from five to seven members?

The Charter currently states that the Committee be made up of five members.

8. Should the number of signatures required for citizen initiative and referendum be reduced from 25 percent of registered voters to 10 percent of the total registered voters?

The Charter states that 25 percent of the qualified electorate of the City can petition the Commission to propose an ordinance or to require reconsideration of an adopted ordinance.

Information below each question includes paraphrased language from the City Charter and is included only for information purposes. To read the City's Official Charter, visit deltonafl.gov/go/deltona-sections/departments/city-clerk/city-charter.

Important City Numbers

Animal Control, (386) 860-7177
Automated inspection information, (386) 575-6900 or (407) 936-9999
Building & Zoning Services, (inspections and permitting), (386) 878-8650
City Clerk's Office, (386) 878-8500
City Hall, 2345 Providence Blvd., (386) 878-8100
City Manager's Office, (386) 878-8850
Code and Solid Waste Compliance, (386) 878-8700
Communication and Public Information, (386) 878-8755
Fire Department Administration, 1685 Providence Blvd., (386) 860-7177
Human Resources, (386) 878-8750
Mayor and City Commission, (386) 878-8860
Parks & Recreation, (386) 878-8900 (programs and facilities)
Planning & Development Services, (386) 878-8600
Public Works, 201 Howland Blvd., (386) 878-8950
Volusia County Sheriff's Office, 1200 Deltona Blvd., (386) 860-7030 or after 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, (386) 736-5999
Water and Sewer, 255 Enterprise Road, (386) 575-6800 (customer service)
Waste Services Inc., (Recycling bins, garbage pick-up and special pick-ups), (386) 574-0778
Zoning Division (Residential), (386) 878-8660
Zoning Division (Commercial), (386) 878-8600

Emergencies, 911

Do you know your Mayor and Commission?

Mayor Dennis Mulder,
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dmulder@deltonafl.gov
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Term Expires: Nov. 2010

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(386) 848-1932,
mcarmolingo@deltonafl.gov
Elected: Nov. 2007
Term Expires: Nov. 2012

District 1, Zenaida Denizac,
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(386) 804-8463,
zdenizac@deltonafl.gov
Elected: Nov. 2005
Term Expires: Nov. 2010

District 2, Herb Zischkau,
2760 Pinegrove Ave.,
(386) 860-7280,
hzischkau@deltonafl.gov
Elected: Nov. 2007
Term Expires: Nov. 2012

District 3, Michele McFall-Conte, 1132 Galgano Ave.,
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mmcfall@deltonafl.gov
Elected: Nov. 2001
Second term expires: Nov. 2010

District 4, Paul Treusch,
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ptreusch@deltonafl.gov
Elected: Nov. 2007
Term Expires: Nov. 2012

District 5, Janet Deyette,
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Elected: Nov. 2005
Term Expires: Nov. 2010

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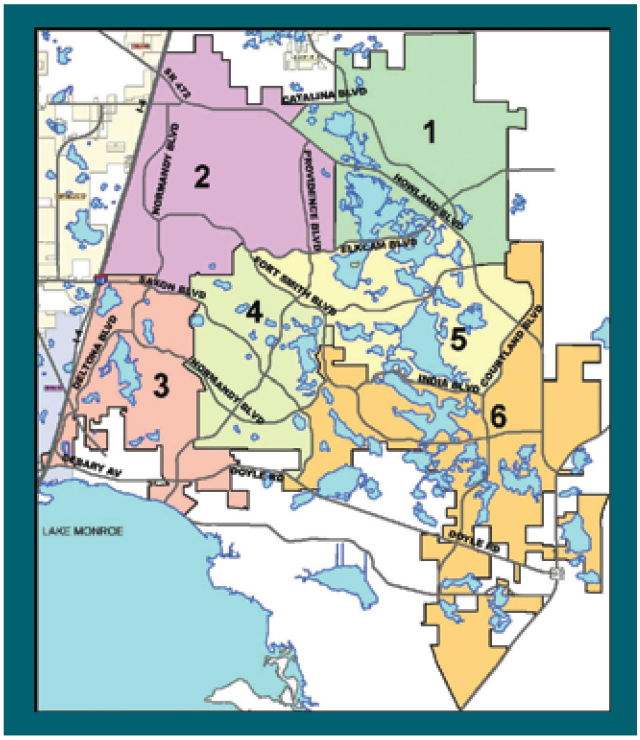

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