

Community Connection

An e-mail update from Volusia County's Community Assistance Division

Feb. 6, 2009

JAG funds available for nonprofits and cities – Volusia County's Community Assistance Division anticipates receiving funds from the Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program to fund qualified programs run by nonprofit organizations and local cities. The program allows states and local governments to support activities to prevent and control crime and improve the criminal justice system. Eligible programs include law enforcement programs; prosecution and court programs; prevention and education programs; corrections and community corrections programs; drug treatment programs; and planning, evaluation and technology improvement programs. Applications are available online at www.volusia.org/jag or by calling Myra Gaziano at (386) 736-5955 in DeLand, (386) 254-4648 in Daytona Beach, or (386) 423-3375 in New Smyrna Beach. Ask for extension 2324. Applications must be requested by Feb. 6 and submitted by March 13.

Agencies needed for summer food program – Volusia County's Human Services Office is seeking agencies to participate in the Summer Food Service Program, which will run from June 15 through Aug. 14. The federally funded program provides meals and snacks to children ages 18 and younger in geographical areas where at least 50 percent of the children are eligible for free or reduced-price school meals. It was created to ensure that children in low-income areas can continue to receive nutritious meals during summer vacation. Schools, public agencies and private nonprofit organizations may apply to sponsor the program and will receive meals and snacks to serve to participating children. Sponsors receive training to learn how to plan, operate and monitor the food service program. Agencies that want to participate may call (386) 254-4648, ext. 2984, in Daytona Beach; (386) 423-3375, ext. 2984; in New Smyrna Beach, or (386) 736-5956, ext. 2984, in DeLand.

Board honors Alexander, welcomes Wagner – Members of the Substance Abuse Policy Advisory Board recently honored Volusia County Council Vice Chair Joie Alexander for her service on the advisory board. Alexander attended her first SAPAB meeting in January 2006 and served as an advocate on matters related to preventing and treating substance abuse in the county. As a member of the board, she annually reviewed Justice Assistance Grant applications from nonprofits and municipal police departments. The board also welcomes incoming member Joshua Wagner, who recently was elected to the County Council and is assuming Alexander's position on the advisory board.

Children and Families Advisory Board to meet with County Council – The Children and Families Advisory Board will present a workshop to the Volusia County Council at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11, in the first-floor training rooms of the Thomas C. Kelly Administration Center, 123 W. Indiana Ave., DeLand. Board members will make recommendations to the County Council regarding funding for fiscal year 2008-2009 and ask for direction on matters including the application process and defining service priorities. Agency representatives and other members of the public are invited to listen to the board's proposals and the County Council's comments. For more information, please call Diana Phillips, Housing and Grants Administration manager, at (386) 736-5955, ext. 2958.

Affordable Housing Advisory Committee to meet – The Affordable Housing Advisory Committee will meet at 3 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26, at the Center for Business Excellence, 329 Bill France Blvd., Daytona Beach. The board will discuss strategies to promote inter-local coordination with cities concerning affordable housing. For more information, please contact Paula Szabo at (386) 736-5955, ext. 2308.

