



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEWSLETTER **November, 2016**

Hurricane Matthew Recovery Assistance For Businesses

The Small Business Administration has announced the opening of a Business Recovery Center at:

Florida Department of Health – Volusia County
1845 Holsonback Dr
Daytona Beach, FL 32117
Hours: Monday – Friday from 9 am – 6 pm.

(Holsonback is off of Bill France Blvd, which is off of International Speedway Blvd just west of the Volusia Mall.)

FEMA-4283-DR-FL Advisory

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Last night, Individual Assistance was approved for four counties in Florida: Flagler, Putnam, St. Johns and Volusia.

This means that homeowners, renters and business owners in these counties may apply for federal disaster assistance for their uninsured or underinsured damages that were a result of the effects of Hurricane Matthew.

· There are three ways to apply:

o Online at disasterassistance.gov

o On the FEMA Mobile App

o Calling **800-621-3362 (621-FEMA)** between 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. Applicants who use 711 or Video Relay Service may also call **800-621-3362**. People who are deaf, hard of hearing or have a speech disability and a TTY may call **800-462-7585**. Multilingual operators are available (press 2 for Spanish, 3 for other languages).

FEMA assistance will not make you whole again – it won't cover all of your losses – but it can give you a helping hand to recover.

If you have insurance and sustained damages, call your insurance company to file an insurance claim. FEMA cannot duplicate assistance for losses that are covered by insurance. However, you may still be eligible for assistance from FEMA for losses not covered by insurance.

□ Separation of debris left at curbside is highly recommended. Examples include: vegetative, electronic goods, hazardous household waste and white goods (refrigerators, washing machines, etc.).

Clean Up Tips

- Please keep in mind the following tips to ensure safe and efficient clean-up:
 - Take photos of any floodwater and damaged items in your home, and keep repair receipts.
 - Call your insurance agent and file a claim.
 - Wear protective gear when using mold-cleaning chemicals or cleaning up.
 - Make sure contractors hired to make repairs are licensed and carry general liability insurance, workers' compensation and are bonded. Be sure they get a city building permit!
 - FEMA does not recommend or endorse any contractors.
 - Anyone who suspects fraud should call FEMA's Disaster Fraud Hotline at **866-720-5721**, or the Florida Attorney General's fraud and price gouging hotline at **866-966-7226**.
 - The National Association of Insurance Commissioners has developed a free smartphone app for taking inventory and documenting damage in homes after a disaster. "myHome Scr.APP.book" for iPhone or Android is available at www.insureuonline.org/insureu_special_disaster.htm.

Business

- The established social media hashtag for Florida **businesses** after Matthew is: #FLOpen4Biz - @FLSERT.

Owners of small businesses with two to 100 employees located in 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. 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 assistance being available the information will be posted on the City's Facebook site – Google "cityofnsb facebook".

City staff is preparing the agenda for the November 15 and November 29 City Commission meetings (the City Commission meetings have been moved to the third and fifth Tuesdays this month due to Thanksgiving). It is anticipated that staff will present a resolution for building permits to be issued for storm-related damage – both business and residential – at no charge until March of next year.

Important Dates for November

- Southeast Volusia Chamber Business After Hours: Thursday, November 3, 5 pm, Florida Hospital New Smyrna
- Southeast Volusia Chamber Economic Development Committee: Thursday, November 10, Chamber Office

- City of New Smyrna Beach Economic Development Advisory Board Meeting: Wednesday, November 17, 6 pm, City Hall

✓ ***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.
- Auto Zone, SR 44 and Walker Dr, now under construction.

City Projects

- New Parking Lot N of City Hall: demolition of existing buildings on-going.
- SR 44 Sewer line (assessment project): October meeting of the Utilities Commission moved from 10/17 to 10/31: recommendation for award of construction bid
- 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.

If you would like to receive this newsletter every month, or for further information, contact:

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