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Community Services Department Newsletter

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THE COUNTY'S MISSION:

To deliver excellent public service that enhances quality of life and addresses our community's needs now and in the future.

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Employee Service Milestones This Quarter:

Patricia Crampton- 30 years
Jean Jeffcoat - 28 years
Cathy Schubert -26 years
Becky Heckters - 14 years
Lisa Turner - 14 years
Ana Magluta- 10 years
Steve Fussell - 8 years
Cornelius Gray - 3 years
Susan Oliveras - 2 years

Front Page News

TRANSITION

Jean Jeffcoat, Prosecution Alternatives for Youth Division Manager, will retire on April 8, 2016, after twenty eight years of service. Jean is the fourth division manager for this juvenile diversion program, and she has spent her entire career in the PAY Division. Her leadership and partnership with the community helped usher in the Civil Citation program in 2012, and it is highly regarded throughout the state. Recently, a community leader stated, "Jean never said no to any ideas that were good for our juveniles." She was recognized by the Board of County Commissioners in a resolution on March 22, 2016. Jean leaves a rich legacy and a solid foundation for the P.A.Y. program and the citizens of Seminole County.

Jean looks forward to traveling and spending time with her family in retirement. She will be missed and on behalf of the Community Services Department, we say, "thank you" for your service.

VALMARIE H. TURNER
COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Greetings from the Community Services Department!!

April is a month for celebration as it is **National Fair Housing Month** – commemorating the passage of the National Fair Housing Act to eliminate housing discrimination and create equal opportunity in every community. As such the Community Services Department is hosting a ***Fair Housing Art Contest*** for Elementary, Middle and High School Students attending Seminole County Public Schools. The theme of the contest is ***"Fair Housing and Why Everyone Should be Included."*** The Department is also participating in a statewide Fair Housing Summit – ***"A Call to Advance Housing Rights and Opportunities."***

Please take a moment to visit our webpage at http://www.seminolecountyfl.gov/comsrvs/index.aspx as we administer a number of programs and services for the community.

Please welcome our newest team members: Cindy Baldus, Melody Frederick and Donna King.

"People coming together as a community can make things happen."
- Jacob Rees-Mogg

Around the Divisions

Community Assistance

STAND DOWN 2016

Seminole County Veterans Services Program held its annual Homeless Veteran Stand Down on March 12, 2016, at the Florida Department of Health in Seminole County. Mike Ertel, Seminole County Supervisor of Elections lent his voice by emceeing the opening ceremony. Other community leaders were on hand to provide comments; Seminole County Commissioner Bob Dallari, Seminole County Chief Judge John Gulluzzo; Seminole County Veterans Court Judge John Woodard III; Supervising Public Defender Jeff Dowdy, City of Sanford's Andrew Thomas, Florida Health Department's Donna Walsh; Director of the Orlando VA Medical Center, Tim Liezert, Pastor Stu Walters and Sean Gibbs.

This event would not be possible without donations provided by VITAS Hospice Services, The Fleet Reserve of Seminole County, DAV Chapter 30 and DAV Auxiliary Unit # 30.

Veterans were able to take advantage of an array of services. Free haircuts, warm showers and toiletries were provided to the Veterans. Candlelight Catering, one of the annual supporters, provided a balance meal to the sixty-two Veterans that participated. Several of the Veterans were chronically homeless and took advantage of the supportive services available. These supportive services connected the Veterans to VA Benefits, ACCESS Florida/Snaps, Dental care, and a host of other meaningful services. This was no small feat for an event of this magnitude. Partnership and collaboration made this event possible. Ed Burford, Veteran Service Officer, and his team coordinated with several key partners, including the Orlando VA, City of Sanford, Florida Health Department in Seminole County and the Winter Springs High School-JROTC.

More than seventy-two volunteers and twenty four agencies and organizations gave back to those who have made personal sacrifices for our country.

Community Assistance

On March 27, 2016, the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) was published in the Orlando Sentinel advising applications for the Community Services Agency (CSA) program FY16/17 funding cycle would be available beginning Monday, March 28, 2016. Deadline for application submission is Thursday, April 21, 2016 by 4:00 pm.

The mission of the Community Services Agency (CSA) Partnership Grant program is to further Seminole County's mission "to deliver excellent public service that enhances the quality of life and addresses our community's needs, now and in the future." Seminole County has an extensive history of partnership with local non-profit agencies to benefit and improve the quality of life for residents

The majority of available funding will be allocated for Essential Life Services, which is defined as services that meet the basic needs for daily survival that sustain the quality of life for residents. The remaining funds are available for Supportive Services, which has been defined as services that enhance the quality of life for residents.

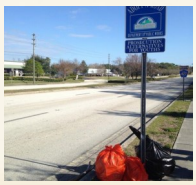
Prosecution Alternatives for Youth (P.A.Y.)

D.U. HIGH

D. U. High was developed as a P.A.Y. Program competency sanction to educate juveniles between the ages of 14 & 17 on the negative effects marijuana use has on their physical development, daily functions, as well as the dangerous impairments and consequences of driving while under the influence. D.U. High utilizes the Fatal Vision Marijuana Simulation System as its core curriculum. A special thank you to the Seminole Prevention Coalition and Executive Director, Debbie Owens, for their generosity in the purchasing and donation of the Fatal Vision Marijuana Simulation System. The D.U. High pilot course was launched on January 20th, 2016 with excellent feedback from the inaugural class. D.U. High is held on the third Thursday of every month and class size is limited to eight juveniles. The P.A.Y. Program is looking forward to continued success of the D.U. High course as it progresses into 2016.

ADOPT A ROAD

The Seminole County PAY Program is responsible for cleaning up two county roadways (Ronald Reagan Blvd. in Longwood and Fernwood Blvd. in Casselberry) through their Adopt A Road Program. On 2/20/2016, youth and staff collected over four bags of debris and picked up several needles on the roadways. Thank you P.A.Y. youths for doing such an amazing job.



Around the Divisions

Community Development

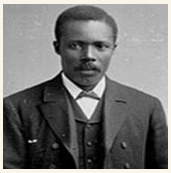
April is Fair Housing Month!!

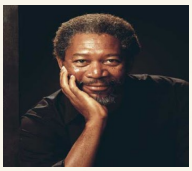
On April 11, 1968, President Lyndon Johnson signed the Civil Rights Act of 1968, which was meant as a follow-up to the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The 1968 act expanded on previous acts and prohibited discrimination concerning the sale, rental, and financing of housing based on race, religion, national origin, sex, (and as amended) handicap and family status. Title VIII of the Act is also known as the Fair Housing Act (of 1968). Community Services is continuing the tradition of Fair Housing Month by holding the 2016 Seminole County Fair Housing Summit at the BCC Chambers on April 27th. The summit will provide an opportunity for citizens, builders, realtors, local governments and all other housing stakeholders to learn about fair housing, including the recently overhauled rule on Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing. This rule clarifies and simplifies existing fair housing obligations and priorities to address the fair housing barriers.

Black History Month Celebration

"Black History is American History/"

-Morgan Freeman





February 19, 2016, the Community Services Department held its Annual Black History Celebration. Staff members were treated to a feast of southern cuisine of collard greens, potato salad, fried chicken and an array of desserts. This year's notable event focused on African American Inventers. Staff members were introduced to George Crum, who created the potato chip, and Garrett Morgan, who developed the traffic light. Can you imagine a world without a traffic signal? In the words of author, Maya Angelou, "we all should know that diversity makes for a rich tapestry, and we must understand that all threats of the tapestry are equal in value no matter what their color. The Community Service Department is in the business of serving some of our most vulnerable citizens, and we recognize the value of these differences not only with our team members but with external customers.

PAY Has a New Division Manager

Congratulations, Lisa Turner, LCSW, on her promotion to Division Manager of the Prosecution Alternatives for Youth Program.

She holds a Masters degree in Social Work from Florida State University, and is a Qualified CSW Supervisor. For the last fourteen years Lisa has served as the Juvenile Diversion Supervisor of the P.A.Y. Division. Her job duties included assisting the Division Manager, supervising Case Officers, interns, and case management. Lisa is looking forward to building on the foundation that has been laid. She believes each juvenile has the ability to succeed, learn, and grow from their mistakes. Our goal, according to Lisa, is to hold our juveniles accountable and give them tools for a better future.