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**PARKS AND RECREATION  
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING  
City Hall Board Room, 510 N. Baker Street, Mount Dora, FL 32757  
November 17, 2025 at 5:30 PM**

**AGENDA**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Minutes
  - A. September 15, 2025 Meeting Minutes
- IV. Public Comment
- V. Presentations
- VI. Action Items
  - A. Discussion of 2024-2025 Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant application in the amount of \$1,000,000 for improvements to the Lincoln Recreation Corridor.
- VII. Resolutions
- VIII. Ordinances
- IX. Discussion Items
- X. City Staff
  - A. Evans Park - Land & Water Conversation Fund (LWCF) Grant Award
  - B. Parks and Recreation Update
  - C. Cultural and Special Events Update
- XI. Communications and Reports
  - A. Board Member Karla Rainer
  - B. Board Member Bailey Stack
  - C. Board Member Derrick Campbell

- D. Board Member Patrick Murray
- E. Chair Mark Woerner
- F. Board Member William Larkin
- G. Board Member Jack Whittaker

XII. Future Meeting Dates

- A. Thursday, January 22, 2026, 5:30 p.m. - Date change due to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday

XIII. Adjournment

**NOTICE:** Please note that, for purposes of Section 286.011, Florida Statutes, two or more members of the City Council may be present at this meeting, and this meeting may be considered a City Council meeting.

**NOTICE:** If any person decides to appeal any decisions at this meeting with respect to any matter considered, such person may need a record of these proceedings. For such purpose, a person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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If you have any comments or question regarding the contents of this agenda packet, please call Jennifer Schwarz at (352) 735-7183 ext. 1605.



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**DATE:** November 17, 2025

**TO:** Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Members

**FROM:** Troy Shonk, Director of Parks and Recreation

**SUBJECT:** September 15, 2025 Meeting Minutes

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**Introduction:**

**Discussion:**

**Budget Impact:**

**Strategic Impact:**

**Recommendation**

**Attachment(s):**

1. 9.15.25 PRAB Minutes

Prepared by: Jennifer Schwarz, Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation

Reviewed by: Troy Shonk, Parks & Recreation Director

Final Approval - 11/12/2025

**CITY OF  
MOUNT DORA, FLORIDA  
PARKS & RECREATION  
ADVISORY BOARD  
MINUTES**



**September 15, 2025  
City Hall  
510 N. Baker St.  
Mount Dora, FL 32757**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Having been duly advertised as required by law, Chairperson Mark Woerner called to order the September 15, 2025, regular meeting of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board at 5:30 P.M. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Mark Woerner, Chairperson  
Bailey Stack  
Derrick Campbell  
Patrick Murray

**Also Present:**

Troy Shonk, Parks & Recreation Director  
Jennifer Schwarz, Parks & Recreation Deputy Director  
Christopher Carson, Cultural & Special Events Manager  
Gretchen Gomez, Parks & Recreation Admin Coordinator

**Members Not Present:**

Karla Rainer, Vice-Chairperson  
William Larkin  
Jack Whittaker

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. May 27, 2025 Meeting Minutes**

***MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES BY BOARD MEMBER STACK; BOARD MEMBER CAMPBELL SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION APPROVED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE.***

*YES*      *Chairperson Woerner  
Board Member Campbell  
Board Member Murray  
Board Member Stack*

*NO*      *None*

**B. July 24, 2025 Meeting Minutes**

***MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES BY BOARD MEMBER MURRAY; BOARD MEMBER CAMPBELL SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION APPROVED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE.***

*YES*      *Chairperson Woerner  
Board Member Campbell  
Board Member Murray  
Board Member Stack*

*NO*      *None*

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

### **PRESENTATIONS**

#### **A. Tremain Street Greenway Landscape Island Maintenance Program**

- Mr. Shonk presented the renovations to the Tremain Street Greenway Landscape Island Maintenance Program. He showed photos of what it looked like before and what is to come after the Pilot Program took place. It will be cost effective for Parks staff when it comes to upkeep. River rocks, planters, and plants have been added to give a vibrant appearance.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

### **RESOLUTIONS**

### **ORDINANCES**

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **A. Parks & Recreation Master Plan – 5 Year Plan Update**

- Mr. Shonk discussed updating the master plan and grant funding applications for different projects. He asked the board to take a look at the master plan and for them to present any ideas.

### **CITY STAFF**

#### **A. FY 25-26 Budget Update**

- Mr. Shonk informed the board that the final vote of the budget will take place at council the following day. Mr. Shonk also informed the board that the Parks & Recreation budget is similar to last year's budget.

#### **B. Project Update**

- Mr. Shonk informed the board that recreational programs are still taking place and due to all of the number of participants, another park is needed. He also stated that the Annex Building is still undergoing renovations.

#### **C. Parks and Recreation Update**

- Recreation programs are in place with the different divisions.

#### **D. Cultural and Special Events Update**

- Pitmasters & Pourers event happened and it was a great turnout.
- Fall Festival to happen in October now that Corn Festival is no longer in place.
- Bicycle Festival is also coming up in October.

### **COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS**

#### **A. Chairperson Mark Woerner**

#### **B. Vice-Chairperson Karla Rainer**

#### **C. Board Member Bailey Stack**

Mr. Stack brought up the Highland St. American Flags that need to be replaced. Mr. Shonk informed him that the work order was sent to the Electrical Department as the flags are on their poles. Mr. Stack also mentioned talking to business owners regarding cleanup on Highland St.

**D. Board Member Derrick Campbell**

Mr. Campbell agreed with Mr. Stack's sentiments regarding Highland St. cleanup.

**E. Board Member Patrick Murray**

**F. Board Member William Larkin**

**G. Board Member Jack Whittaker**

**FUTURE MEETING DATES**

**A. Monday, November 17, 2025, 5:30 p.m.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

***MOTION BY BOARD MEMBER STACK TO ADJOURN; BOARD MEMBER MURRAY SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION APPROVED BY A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.***

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:04 P.M.

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**MARK WOERNER, CHAIRPERSON**  
**City of Mount Dora**

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**GRETCHEN GOMEZ, ADMIN COORDINATOR**  
**City of Mount Dora**



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**DATE:** November 17, 2025

**TO:** Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Members

**FROM:** Troy Shonk, Director of Parks and Recreation

**SUBJECT:** Discussion of 2024-2025 Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant application in the amount of \$1,000,000 for improvements to the Lincoln Recreation Corridor.

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## **Introduction:**

### **Discussion:**

The Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant (LWCF) is a 100% matching grant. Organizations may apply for up to \$1,500,000.00 in funds and can have two projects awarded simultaneously. The U.S. Department of the Interior provides funds, administered by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), for the acquisition of land for open space, park sites, conservation areas, and trails.

### **Budget Impact:**

The Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant (LWCF) is a 100% matching grant. If the City is awarded \$1,500,000, it must commit an equal amount (\$1,500,000) from its own budget for a total project value of \$3,000,000.

### **Strategic Impact:**

**Recommendation** The Parks & Recreation Advisory Board review and approve to proceed with the LWCF Grant application.

### **Attachment(s):**

1. 2026 LWCF Cycle 1

Prepared by: Jennifer Schwarz, Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation

Reviewed by: Troy Shonk, Parks & Recreation Director

Final Approval - 11/13/2025





## Funding Opportunity

### 2026 Land and Water Conservation Fund

The U.S. Department of the Interior provides funds, administered by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), for the acquisition or development of recreational facilities.

#### **GRANT CATEGORIES:**

Acquisition: This program funds the acquisition of land for open space, park sites conservation areas and trails.

Development: Eligible facilities include but are not limited to waterfront access, picnic areas, trails, pools, ballfields, soccer fields, tennis, basketball and volleyball courts, playgrounds, outdoor theatres and boating and fishing features. Associated support facilities such as lighting, parking, restrooms, concessions, and landscaping are eligible, but may not account for more than 50% of the project cost.

**Application Deadline:** December 15, 2025

**Total Funding Available:** Approx. \$11,000,000

**Maximum Grant Amount:** \$1,500,000 Match

**Requirement:** 100%



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**DATE:** November 17, 2025

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**FROM:** Troy Shonk, Director of Parks and Recreation

**SUBJECT:** Evans Park - Land & Water Conversation Fund (LWCF) Grant Award

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**Introduction:**

**Discussion:**

The waterfront master plan and more specifically, the Evans Park project, were identified by this board as one of the top 3 projects we need to focus on. The City Council adopted City plan also specifically named this project and to apply for grant funding. Our department applied for the Land & Water Conversation Fund (LWCF) grant and has been awarded in the amount of \$1,500,000.

**Budget Impact:**

**Strategic Impact:**

STRATEGIC INITIATIVE 2: Beautify Mount Dora

Goal 5: Implement beautification improvements to parks, and open spaces.

Objective 5.5 - Pursue grants and other funding opportunities to develop the Lake Dora Waterfront Master Plan.

**Recommendation** When officially rewarded accept the Evans Park - Land & Water Conversation Fund (LWCF) Grant Award

**Attachment(s):**

1. 2024-2025 LWCF Application Priority List FINAL

Prepared by: Jennifer Schwarz, Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation

Reviewed by: Troy Shonk, Parks & Recreation Director

Final Approval - 11/12/2025





**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND  
FY 2024-2025 RECOMMENDED PRIORITY LIST**

**\$ 16,600,000.00**

	APPLICANT	PROJECT	COUNTY	TIE	SCORE	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT RECOMMENDED	AMOUNT REMAINING
		<b>ACQUISITION CATEGORY</b>						
<b>RANK</b>								
1	Polk County	Acquisition of Alcoma and UPCO Parcels	Polk	0	57	\$ 1,500,000.00	\$ 1,500,000.00	\$ 15,100,000.00
2	City of Haines City	Haines City Powerline Road Land Acquisition for Future Park	Polk	0	31	\$ 1,500,000.00	\$ 1,500,000.00	\$ 13,600,000.00
			<b>Total Funds Requested:</b>			<b>\$3,000,000.00</b>	<b>\$3,000,000.00</b>	

	APPLICANT	PROJECT	COUNTY	TIE	SCORE	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT RECOMMENDED	AMOUNT REMAINING
		<b>DEVELOPMENT CATEGORY</b>						
<b>RANK</b>								
1	City of North Lauderdale	Landing's Park Renovations Project	Broward	0	140	\$ 1,500,000.00	\$ 1,500,000.00	\$ 12,200,000.00
2	City of Hollywood	Sunset Park	Palm Beach	0	134	\$ 1,500,000.00	\$ 1,500,000.00	\$ 10,600,000.00
3	City of Mount Dora	Evans Park	Lake	0	131	\$ 1,500,000.00	\$ 1,500,000.00	\$ 9,100,000.00
4	City of Clermont	Meet Us In The Middle Park	Lake	0	129	\$ 1,500,000.00	\$ 1,500,000.00	\$ 7,600,000.00
5	City of North Miami	Claude Pepper Park Redevelopment	Miami-Dade	1	128	\$ 1,500,000.00	\$1,500,000.00	\$ 6,100,000.00
6	Village of Palm Springs	Village Athletic Complex	Palm Beach	2	128	\$ 1,500,000.00	\$ 1,500,000.00	\$ 4,600,000.00
7	City of Riviera Beach	Riviera Beach Municipal Beach Park	Palm Beach	0	119	\$ 400,000.00	\$ 400,000.00	\$ 4,200,000.00
8	City of Orlando	Poitras Park	Orange	0	115	\$ 1,500,000.00	\$ 1,500,000.00	\$ 2,700,000.00
9	City of Sebastian	Main Street Boat Ramp	Indian River	0	110	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 2,500,000.00
10	Village of Royal Palm Beach	Katz Soccer Complex	Palm Beach	0	109	\$ 1,500,000.00	\$ 1,500,000.00	\$ 1,000,000.00
11	City of Weston	Tequesta Trace Park	Palm Beach	0	106	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ -
			<b>Total Funds Requested:</b>			<b>\$ 13,600,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 13,600,000.00</b>	

**TOTAL FUNDED: \$ 16,600,000.00**

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Bryan Bradner, Deputy Secretary, Land and Recreation      Date

**Funding availability pending project approval and allocation released by the Department of the Interior, National Park Service.**



**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND  
FY 2023-2024 INELIGIBLE/WITHDRAWN PROJECTS**

	APPLICANT	PROJECT	COUNTY	AMOUNT REQUESTED	CATEGORY	REASON CODE
1	City of West Miami	Cooper Park	Miami-Dade	\$ 528,000.00	Development	4
2	City of West Park	Mary Saunder Park	Miami-Dade	\$ 15,000.00	Development	4
3	Polk County	Friedlander Preserve	Polk	\$ 1,500,000.00	Acquisition	3
4	City of Port St. Lucie	O.L. Peacock Park	St. Lucie	\$ 944,600.00	Development	4
5	City of Oveido	Boston Park	Seminole	\$ 350,000.00	Development	3
6	City of Clermont	Meet in the Middle Park	Lake	\$ 1,500,000.00	Development	2

**Total Funds Requested: \$ 4,837,600.00**

**REASON CODES:**

- 1 Applicant requested withdrawal
- 2 Applicant does not have adequate site control.
- 3 Application does not meet program intent.
- 4 Duplicate Project under LRGS program



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**DATE:** November 17, 2025

**TO:** Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Members

**FROM:** Troy Shonk, Director of Parks and Recreation

**SUBJECT:** Parks and Recreation Update

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**Introduction:**

Staff update on Parks & Recreation items.

**Discussion:**

- October and November Newsletter Attachments
- Recreation & Resource Center Job Interviews
- Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Seats
- January Meeting Agenda

**Budget Impact:**

**Strategic Impact:**

**Recommendation**

**Attachment(s):**

1. OctoberNovember Updates

Prepared by: Jennifer Schwarz, Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation

Reviewed by: Troy Shonk, Parks & Recreation Director

Final Approval - 11/13/2025





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# Parks and Recreation



## TAKE A SEAT, ENJOY THE VIEW

Our Building Maintenance crew recently repaired benches along the Palm Island Boardwalk, helping keep this lakeside gem comfortable and inviting for all who visit. Next time you're out, take a moment to slow down, walk over the water, and enjoy the peaceful beauty of Mount Dora's natural surroundings. Whether you're on a stroll through the nature trail or resting on a bench to watch the water, it's the perfect place to find your calm.

## STAIR UPGRADE AT DONNELLY PARK

The well-worn staircase at the the Donnelly Park Building was removed, rebuilt, and freshly painted. With the facility serving as Mount Dora's most rented venue and a key spot for visitors enjoying the park, pickleball courts, and public restrooms, the high-traffic stairs were due for an update.

The fresh improvements make this popular downtown destination safer, sturdier, and more welcoming for everyone.



## SAVE THE DATE: MOUNT DORA FALL FESTIVAL

Mark your calendars for the Mount Dora Fall Festival on October 18 in collaboration with Real Radio 104.1! Enjoy a day full of fall fun, live entertainment, and Parade of Scarecrows, where businesses, groups, and organizations decorate creative scarecrows that will be displayed throughout City.

**Want to create a scarecrow for a great cause?**

**Entries support the Karla Kay Cancer Screening Fund**

**SIGN UP!**





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## CYCLE MOUNT DORA



Cycle Mount Dora rolls in October 11th–12th and there's still time to register! Choose your pace (10, 34, 52, or 70 miles Saturday; 10, 30, or 43 miles Sunday), enjoy fully stocked rest stops, on-course support, and a post-ride lunch each day. Registration covers both days.



## NEW ART AT DONNELLY PARK FOUNTAIN CELEBRATION

The Public Arts Committee has approved and funded a mural for the half wall at the Donnelly Park fountain, made possible by the Lakes and Hills Garden Club. The club also maintains the beautiful butterfly garden surrounding the fountain. Celebrate the completed Art Wall!



**SAVE THE DATE**

**Water Fountain at Donnelly Park  
Friday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am**



## THEY ESCAPED ALCATRAZ!

Our incredible Mount Dora aquatics team did it! They successfully conquered the Escape from Alcatraz swim in San Francisco Bay!

After months of training, dedication, and open water swims, they took on the cold, choppy waters and made it from Alcatraz Island to the mainland. We couldn't be prouder of their determination and team spirit.



**Learn more about our Aquatics programs**



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## BEST BBQ AT PITMASTERS & POURERS

A big thank you to all the BBQ vendors who brought the flavor to this year's Pitmasters & Pourers event! Attendees cast their votes to crown the winners of Best Pitmaster 2025.

*Congratulations to the Winners!*



**IQ 225° BBQ**



**JIMMY BEAR'S BBQ**



**HURTS BBQ**

PROUDLY PRESENTED BY:  

DOWN THE HILL A  
**Soapbox Derby**  
EVENT

*Back and bigger than ever!*



**SIGN UP TO RACE!**  
**OCT 11TH 2025**

**RACE GROUPS**

- + YOUTH
- + ADULT
- + CLUB
- + SMALL BIZ

**BEGINS @ 10AM**  
**ELIZABETH EVANS PARK**  
**MOUNT DORA, FL**



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**VISIT DOWNTHEHILL.US FOR MORE INFO**



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# SCHOOL BREAK CARE

Looking for a fun and safe place to watch your students during school break? Don't worry City of Mount Dora has got you covered!!!

Join us for a fun day of care for \$25 per child ages 5-13 at our Mount Dora Community Building from 7am-6pm!

Please send your camper with a lunch and two snacks!!!

Use the QR Code to register!



**Dates of Care:**  
**February 9, 2026**  
**March 6, 2026**  
**March 13, 2026**  
**April 3, 2026**  
**April 6, 2026**



Register today at:

[moundora.gov/register](https://moundora.gov/register)



Our Location

**Mount Dora Community Building**  
**520 N. Baker St, Mount Dora, FL**

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**THE CITY OF  
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*at Mount Dora Middle School*

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**\*AFTER A ONE-TIME \$25 REGISTRATION FEE**

**REGISTER HERE:**



**Contact Megan Mathews:  
MathewsM@MountDora.gov  
352.630.9051**



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# GET READY FOR FLAG FOOTBALL

Three Divisions:  
Rookie: 5-7 yrs old  
Junior: 8-10 yrs old  
Senior: 11-14 yrs old

8 WEEK SEASON  
STARTS 10/20/25  
ENDS 12/18/25

Practices: Monday OR Tuesday an hour a week  
between 6-9PM

Games: Thursday OR Friday 6-9PM  
(Occasionally 2 games a week)

Register prior to Sep. 30th for discounted rate of \$85.  
Starting Oct. 1st the price will increase to \$95.

✗ ✗ Registration ends Oct. 6th ✗ ✗  
(or earlier, in the event league reaches capacity)

Registration includes:

Official NFL Flag team logo jersey, official  
NFL Flag belt & end of season awards.

Register online at  
[www.mountdora.gov/register](http://www.mountdora.gov/register)

Contact Michael Davis for more Info  
[davism@CityofMountDora.com](mailto:davism@CityofMountDora.com)  
352-735-7183 Ext.1610

Volunteer Coaches needed!  
If you coach a team, you get 1  
registration free!



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# FLAG

# OCTOBER

## AQUATICS & WELLNESS SCHEDULE



TIME (POOL HOURS)	MON 7AM - 7PM	TUES 7AM - 2PM	WED 7AM - 7PM	THURS 7AM - 2PM	FRI 7AM - 2PM	SAT 8AM - 4PM
7AM				★		
8AM			★			AAU
9AM	🦇					REC
10AM	Aqua Kickboxing (Mandy)	Shallow Water Fitness (Sandy)	Deep Water Fitness (Mandy)	Shallow Water Fitness (Sandy) ○	Aqua Pilates (Kristi)	Shallow Water Fitness (Mandy/Kristi)
11AM	Aqua Pilates (Mandy)		Aqua Pilates (Mandy)		*Line Dancing -Improver (Miriam)	Lessons
12PM		🦇	Homeschool PE		*Line Dancing -True Beginner (Miriam)	
1 PM	Tai Chi for Balance (Kristi)	●			*Line Dancing -Adv. Beginner (Miriam)	
2PM	MDHS	Pool Closes	MDHS	Pool Closes	Pool Closes	
3PM	MDHS		*Line Dancing (Kristi/Bill) -Improver	★		
4PM	AAU	○	AAU			Pool Closes
5PM	REC		REC			
6PM	○	*Tai Chi (Debbie)		*Zen Yoga (Debbie)		★
7PM	Pool Closes		Pool Closes		●	



\*Classes at Donnelly Park Building

No Open & Lap Swim During MDHS & AAU

No Lap Swim During REC

Registration: [MountDora.gov/Register](http://MountDora.gov/Register)

Contact: [KayK@MountDora.gov](mailto:KayK@MountDora.gov) -OR- 352-705-1132

Lincoln Avenue Community Pool: 1200 N. Unser Street, Mount Dora, FL



# MOUNT DORA SENIORS' CLUB

2nd & 4th Tuesday Every Month  
12:00 - 3:00pm  
**FREE FOR ALL**

## ACTIVITIES

- Puzzles & Card Games
- Board Games & BINGO
- Arts & Crafts
- Occasional Field Trips
- Fitness Classes
- Holiday Parties



# ALL

Seniors Welcome  
(No Registration)

**Kristi Kay**

352-705-1132



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**MLK Jr. Center**

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Avenue, Mount  
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AMERICA'S BIG BAND  
**JAZZ**  
AMBASSADORS  
THE UNITED STATES ARMY FIELD BAND 

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19 2025**  
**MOUNT DORA MUSIC HALL AT THE COMMUNITY BUILDING**  
(520 N. Baker Street, Mount Dora, FL 32757)

**DOORS OPEN: 2 P M    SHOW STARTS: 3 P M**

Reserve Tickets at [MountDoraMusicHall.com](http://MountDoraMusicHall.com)



# MOUNT DORA MUSIC HALL

*at the Community Building*

## OCTOBER SHOWS

**SAT, 4th**      **Get Ready - Old School Motown 3:00 PM**

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**SAT, 11th**      **Head East 7:00 PM**

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**SAT, 18th**      **Trixter, Enuf Z'Nuff and Pretty Boy Floyd  
7:00 PM**

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**SUN, 19th**      **America's Big Band Jazz Ambassadors -  
The United States Army Field Band  
3:00 PM**

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**Fri, 24th**      **A Flock of Seagulls 7:00 PM**

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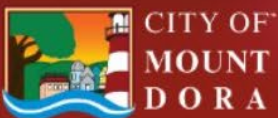
**Wed, 29th**      **Lene Lovich 7:00 PM**

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**Thu, 30th**      **Casey Skinner's: You Can't Hide! 8:00 PM**

*Shows and dates are subject to change*

*MountDoraMusicHall.com*



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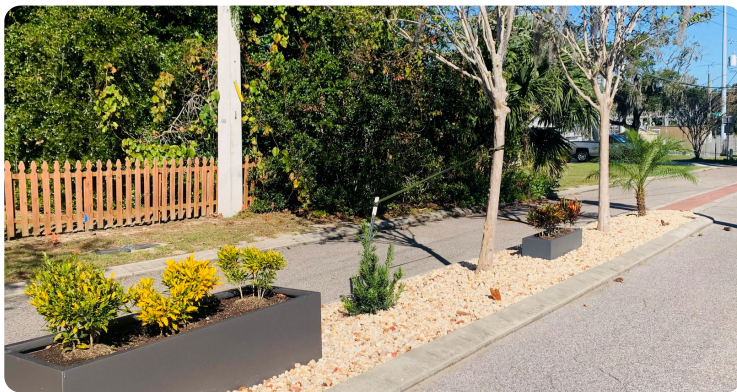
# PARKS AND RECREATION



## FRESH LOOK AT SUNSET PARK

The wooden deck near the pedestrian walkway at Sunset Park has been upgraded just in time for the holiday season. The aging wooden surface has been replaced with new pavers, creating a more open, accessible area that also features outdoor seating.

## TREMAIN TRAIL PHASE 2 COMPLETE



Phase 2 of the Tremain Trail Project is now complete, bringing new life and beauty to this popular walking path. The improvements include landscaping, decorative rocks, planters, palms, and more, creating a welcoming and scenic route for residents and visitors alike. The entire project runs the stretch of Tremain Street from 5th Avenue to Lincoln Avenue, offering a perfect way to enjoy the outdoors in Mount Dora.



## SHINING A SPOTLIGHT ON OUR PARKS TEAM

A special thank-you goes out to our incredible Parks staff, the driving force that keeps Mount Dora shining year-round. This hardworking team cleans, maintains, and beautifies more than 30 parks, playgrounds, and public spaces throughout the city.

From pressure washing and landscaping to cemetery care, irrigation, and downtown maintenance, their work touches nearly every corner of Mount Dora. During city events, they're on-site keeping things clean and safe, and once the crowds leave, they jump right back in to make sure the city looks spotless by morning.

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## A NEW SPLASH OF COLOR AT DONNELLY PARK

The butterfly garden mural at the Donnelly Park fountain is now complete adding a bright, colorful touch to this popular downtown spot. The project was approved by the Public Arts Committee and made possible through the dedication of the Lakes and Hills Garden Club. Thank you to Parks staff member Bob for preparing the space and to artist Elizabeth Ferber for bringing the mural to life. Be sure to stop by and enjoy this beautiful new addition on your next visit to the park.

## CELEBRATING OUR FALL YOUTH SOCCER CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to our Fall 2025 Youth Soccer champions. In the Junior Division, the Purple Vipers, secured a 1 to 0 win. In the Senior Division, the Black Lions battled to a 2 to 2 draw after extra time and clinched the championship in a thrilling round of penalty kicks.



PURPLE VIPERS



BLACK LIONS



BALLS TO THE WALL

## ADULT KICKBALL CHAMPIONS CROWNED

Congratulations to the Winter 2025 Adult Kickball Champions, Balls to the Wall! Their teamwork, energy, and competitive spirit made for an exciting season. Great job to all the teams who played and kept the fun going on the field!



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Starting February 2nd, 2026

## **WINTER BASKETBALL LEAGUE**

**3 Divisions: PeeWee (ages 5-7), Junior (ages 8-10)  
& Senior (ages 11-14)**

Practices will be held either Mondays, Tuesdays or Thursdays from 6-7pm or 7-8pm. Games will be held on Saturdays.

Practices & games held at Mount Dora High School. (Occasional practices at the Frank Brown Sports Complex possible due to school schedule) Junior and Senior divisions include playoffs. The League ends April 11th, 2026.

**Register at**

**[www.mountdora.gov/register](http://www.mountdora.gov/register)**

**Registration will open November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

Registration fee includes reversible jersey and end of season awards. Register prior to January 9th to receive discounted registration price of \$80. Beginning January 9th, the price will increase to \$90.

**Registration ends January 19th, 2026 (OR until full)**

**Make a difference!  
Coach a team & get (1) registration  
FREE!**

For more information email [DavisM@mountdora.gov](mailto:DavisM@mountdora.gov)  
or call (352) 735-7183 ext. 1610



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## SCHOOL BREAK CARE

Looking for a fun and safe place to watch your students during school break? Don't worry City of Mount Dora has got you covered!!!

Join us for a fun day of care for \$25 per child ages 5-13 at our Mount Dora Community Building from 7am-6pm!

Please send your camper with a lunch and two snacks!!!

Use the QR Code to register!



**Dates of Care:**  
**February 9, 2026**  
**March 6, 2026**  
**March 13, 2026**  
**April 3, 2026**  
**April 6, 2026**



Register today at:

[moundora.gov/register](https://moundora.gov/register)



Our Location

**Mount Dora Community Building**  
**520 N. Baker St, Mount Dora, FL**





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## CITY OF MOUNT DORA'S *Winter Break Care*

*It's a Fun  
Winter Time!*



**DECEMBER 22-23, 2025**  
**DECEMBER 29-30, 2025**  
**JANUARY 5, 2026**

*Come & Enjoy a week of Winter Fun  
activities, games, art & crafts!*

*Registration starts on October 1, 2025*

**AT MOUNT DORA MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
**9AM - 4PM WITH FREE BEFORE CARE**  
**STARTING AT 7AM AND FREE AFTER**  
**CARE ENDING AT 6PM**

**COST IS \$25 A DAY PER CAMPERS AGES 5-12**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

**WWW.CITYOFMOUNTDORARECREATION.COM OR**  
**MATHEWSM@MOUNTDORA.GOV**



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# thanksgiving break camp

Sports, arts and crafts, games, and many fun activities for campers ages 5-13 Years Old



NOVEMBER 24-26, 2025

MOUNT DORA MIDDLE SCHOOL

1405 LINCOLN AVE, MT DORA, FL 32757

REGISTRATION STARTS ON  
OCTOBER 1ST  
COST IS \$80 PER CAMPER



More information at  
[www.mountdora.gov/register](http://www.mountdora.gov/register)



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CITY OF MOUNT DORA  
**SPRING  
 BREAK  
 CAMP**  
 MARCH 16-20

**MAKE MEMORIES  
 WITH US THIS  
 SPRING BREAK!**

Campers will participate in activities including arts & crafts, dance & movement, sports & more! We will end the week with a field trip!

**COST:** \$135 **AGES:** 6-13 **HOURS:** 9-4\*

\*FREE Before Care (7am-9am) & FREE After Care (4pm-6pm) included!



Registration begins October 1<sup>st</sup>! Spaces are limited, so don't delay!



**CONTACT**

352-630-9051  
 MathewsM@  
 CityofMountDora.com

**REGISTER**

<https://MountDora.gov/register>

**LOCATION**

1405 Lincoln Ave, Mt Dora  
 (Mount Dora Middle School)



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CITY OF MOUNT DORA  
**SPRING  
 BREAK  
 SPORTS  
 CAMP**  
 MARCH 16-20



**MAKE  
 MEMORIES  
 WITH US THIS  
 SPRING BREAK!**



Keep your kids active during their week off from school! We will be holding a camp focusing on soccer, flag football, basketball, and kickball. Field Trip on Friday Included!

**COST:** \$135 **AGES:** 8-14 **HOURS:** 9-4\*  
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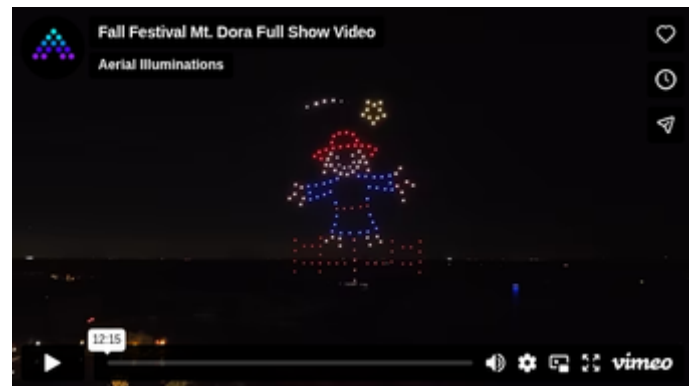
## LINCOLN AVENUE POOL STAYS ACTIVE YEAR-ROUND

The Lincoln Avenue Community Pool has been bustling with activity, serving as home to the Mount Dora Recreation Swim Team, the AAU competitive swim team, and a variety of other aquatic programs. For details on lessons, teams, fitness classes, and year-round programming, visit [MountDora.gov/Aquatics](http://MountDora.gov/Aquatics).

## FALL FESTIVAL FUN IN MOUNT DORA

The inaugural Mount Dora Fall Festival was a smashing success, bringing families downtown for seasonal fun and the festive return of more than 13 scarecrows displayed throughout the city. Businesses, clubs, and organizations created unique entries for the Parade of Scarecrows, with all fees and donations supporting the Karla Kay Screening Fund in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

A special thank-you to Real Radio 104.1 for partnering on the event, and to Russ Rollins for hosting. Congratulations to this year's scarecrow contest winners:



### MOST CREATIVE

### MOST HUMOROUS

### OVERALL WINNER



**CC INSURANCE**

**REPTILE BOARDING BUNGALOWS**



**BOLD, BEAUTIFUL AND BEYOND WEDDINGS**



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# NOVEMBER

## AQUATICS & WELLNESS SCHEDULE

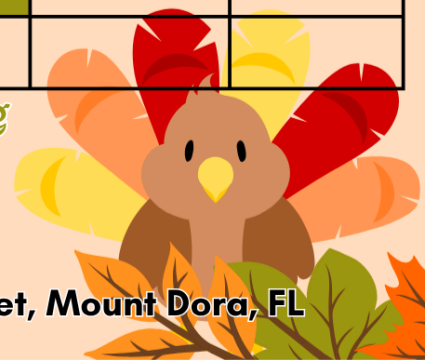
TIME (POOL HOURS)	MON 7AM - 7PM	TUES 7AM - 2PM	WED 7AM - 7PM	THURS 7AM - 2PM	FRI 7AM - 2PM	SAT 8AM - 2PM
7AM						
8AM						AAU
9AM						REC
10AM	Aqua Kickboxing (Mandy)	Shallow Water Fitness (Sandy)	Deep Water Fitness (Mandy)	Shallow Water Fitness (Sandy)	Aqua Pilates (Kristi)	Aqua Zumba (Stephanie)
11AM	Aqua Pilates (Mandy)		Aqua Pilates (Mandy)		*Line Dancing -Improver (Miriam)	Lessons
12PM			Homeschool PE		*Line Dancing -True Beginner (Miriam)	
1 PM	Tai Chi for Balance (Kristi)				*Line Dancing -Adv. Beginner (Miriam)	
2PM		Pool Closes		Pool Closes	Pool Closes	Pool Closes
3PM			*Line Dancing (Kristi/Bill) -Improver			
4PM	AAU		AAU			
5PM	REC		REC			
6PM		*Tai Chi (Debbie)		*Zen Yoga (Debbie)		
7PM	Pool Closes		Pool Closes			

\*Classes at Donnelly Park Building  
Closed During AAU & Rec

Registration: [MountDora.gov/Register](http://MountDora.gov/Register)

Contact: [KayK@MountDora.gov](mailto:KayK@MountDora.gov) -OR- 352-705-1132

Lincoln Avenue Community Pool: 1200 N. Unser Street, Mount Dora, FL





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## MOUNT DORA SENIORS' CLUB

2nd & 4th Tuesday Every Month  
12:00 - 3:00pm  
**FREE FOR ALL**



### ACTIVITIES

- Puzzles & Card Games
- Board Games & BINGO
- Arts & Crafts
- Occasional Field Trips
- Fitness Classes
- Holiday Parties

## ALL

Seniors Welcome  
(No Registration)

Kristi Kay  
352-705-1132



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MLK Jr. Center  
803 Florida  
Avenue, Mount  
Dora, FL 32756

## LUNCH

Provided



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## MOUNT DORA MUSIC HALL

*at the Community Building*

520 N. BAKER STREET | MOUNT DORA, FL

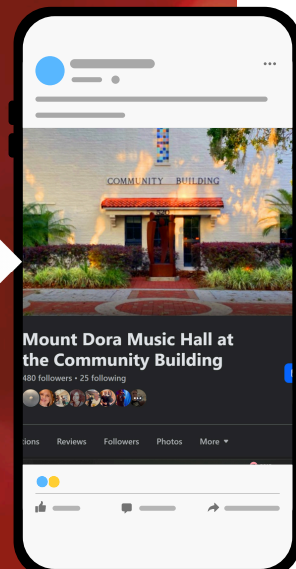
# NOVEMBER SHOWS

**SAT, 1<sup>st</sup>**    **Wonderland A Journey Through Aerial Arts**  
**3:00 PM**

**THU, 6<sup>th</sup>**    **Thomas Dolby - The Iconic 80's**  
**My Personal Recollections Tour**  
**7:30 PM**

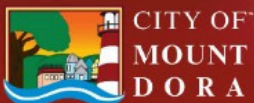
**FRI, 7<sup>th</sup>**    **Welcome Back My Friends...An Evening with**  
**Emerson, Lake and Palmer**  
**7:00 PM**

**FRI, 21<sup>st</sup>**    **Black Flag with special guest The Queers**  
**7:30 PM**



*Shows and dates are subject to change*

*MountDoraMusicHall.com*





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# Holiday Guide 2025



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DOWNTOWN | 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM
- 29**  
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DOWNTOWN | 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM  
*Presented in partnership with the Mount Dora Area Chamber of Commerce*
- 2**  
DEC **HOLIDAY MODEL TRAINS 101**  
W.T. BLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY | 3:30 PM
- 3**  
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- 5**  
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- 13**  
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NOV **BLACKWATER CREEK CONCERT**  
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- 20**  
DEC **MOUNT DORA 5K**  
DONNELLY PARK | 7:45 AM  
*Presented by Mount Dora Road Runners*
- 20**  
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MOUNT DORA MIDDLE SCHOOL | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- 21**  
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W/ MOUNT DORA JAZZ BAND**  
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- 31**  
DEC **NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION**  
SUNSET PARK | 9:00 PM - 12:30 AM



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900 N. Donnelly St.  
Mount Dora, FL 32757  
352-735-7183  
Fax: 352-735-3681  
E-mail: [parksandrec@cityofmoundora.com](mailto:parksandrec@cityofmoundora.com)**

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**DATE:** November 17, 2025

**TO:** Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Members

**FROM:** Troy Shonk, Director of Parks and Recreation

**SUBJECT:** Cultural and Special Events Update

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**Introduction:**

This is an opportunity for staff to provide an update on recent special events and what is upcoming.

**Discussion:**

Holiday Season

**Budget Impact:**

**Strategic Impact:**

**Recommendation**

**Attachment(s):**

1. 2025 Holiday Guide

Prepared by: Jennifer Schwarz, Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation

Reviewed by: Troy Shonk, Parks & Recreation Director

Final Approval - 11/13/2025



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