



Michael Dunn, IT Manager, left, and Bill Swartz, Chief of Athletic Programs, were "locked up" for MDA this year.

Firefighters collect donations for Muscular Dystrophy Association

n June 2 Winter Park firefighters Ron Ryan, Jim Walsh and Joe Powell were on the streets collecting money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) by "Locking-Up" residents and business leaders in Winter Park.

The "Lock-Up" is coordinated each year by our firefighters and the MDA in conjunction with the Annual Boot Drive, and this year, the "Lock-Up" collected approximately \$14,000 for MDA.

Ron, MDA Coordinator for Winter Park, has been involved in raising money for MDA since he began working for Winter Park 12 years ago.

"As long as I can remember, firefighters have had a history of doing this for MDA," said Ron. "After I began with the department, one of the MD families came to the station and it brought home what we were doing this for."

The Lock-Up is an additional funding source for donations that began four years ago. Approximately 50 individuals are arrested and asked to post their bail by collecting donations for MDA.

Since beginning this program, Winter Park firefighters have won the per-capita trophy on donations to MDA for the past three years.

This year's annual boot drive will determine their chances of making it four years in a row. Look for Winter Park firefighters to be out at Fairbanks Avenue and HWY 17-92 and at Aloma and Lakemont avenues during the Labor Day weekend collecting monies for MDA.

Muscular Dystrophy is a term describing a group of 40 diseases characterized by the progressive degeneration of voluntary muscles.

City's Summer Camp is big success

The City of Winter Park's Summer Camp, which runs from June 7 through July 30 and is in its 30th year, attracted 100 summer campers from June 7 through July 30 at the Winter Park Community Center.

The camp, which has grown in popularity over the years, offers games, arts and crafts, athletics, field trips, art classes, story telling and other fun activities.

Johnny Miller, Special Events Coordinator, his experienced counselors, church volunteers and volunteers from different organizations and families, did an excellent job not only as counselors and staff members, but as role models.

A special thanks also goes out to Lisa and Steve Walker, Ms. Macaluso, Ms. Spears and 13 teenagers (grades 8-12) from the Catholic Heart Work Camp based in Orlando, who volunteered at the camp.

The teenagers who volunteered come from such diverse areas as Houston, Texas, Chicago, Ill., Mobile, Ala., Pittsburgh, Pa. and Wisconsin.

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Capt. Bracewell appointed to V.C.C.'s EMS Advisory Committee

ongratulations goes out to Captain Charlie Bracewell who recently was appointed to Valencia Community College's Emergency Medical Services Technology Advisory Committee from July 1, 1999 to June 30, 2000.

The committee helps the school's Science Associate in degree programs to be based on input from the business. industrial professional community. committee's functions are to review the goals and objectives of the program; serve as a communication link between the college and the community; identify community resources that will help support or contribute to the success of the program, inform the college staff of changes and trends in the economy and labor market; assist in student recruitment; internship opportunities and in placing program graduates in jobs with prospective employers and review and recommend revisions in program curriculum and facility and or equipment improvements.



City Commission approves policy to purchase cemetery plots through payroll deduction

ased upon a suggestion made by Lt. Jeff Spyckaboer of the Fire Department, the City Commission approved a policy allowing City employees to purchase cemetery plots from the city through payroll deductions.

Under the policy, city employees may choose to pre-pay for a cemetery plot/slip at either of the City-owned cemeteries (Palm or Pineywood). This arrangement is only available for current employees and their immediate family, in accordance with the policies of the cemetery.

Arrangements for pre-payments are made through the Human Resources Department after completing the required paperwork with the cemetery division. The total cost of the plot/slip may be divided into 39 payments over an 18-month period interest free and paid through payroll deductions.

Should the employee need to use the space before final payment an arrangement to pay the remaining balance shall be made with the cemetery division prior to interment.

If an employee leaves the City before the final payment, he/she may choose to continue the payment plan or pay the balance in full.

All other policies of the cemetery shall apply to the purchase and sale of all property.

City employees also will receive a 25 percent discount on opening and closing services. A special thank you goes to Lt. Spyckaboer for the great idea and to the City Commission for extending this valuable benefit to the employees.



During the week of May 24, the Fire Department participated in Water Rescue Training. Paramedic/Firefighter Jim Santoro conducted the training. Throughout the week, each shift was trained in various water rescue techniques at Rollins College. Then the shifts went to Dinky Dock and practiced deep and shallow water rescues in Lake Virginia with the aid of the department's rescue boat. The skills learned can be used in a pool, lake or other water related rescues.