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Carver Center starts drumline, donations pave the way

June 2, 2017 – Parades have always been a big deal in Flagler County, and the George Washington Carver Community Center is tapping into that passion by starting a drumline to give area youth a way to participate in them.

“We’ve been working to get this going for more than a year,” said Cheryl Massaro, Flagler County Youth Center Director. “We are very excited about it.”

Several years ago, a team of people supported by the Board of County Commissioners created the George Washington Carver Foundation to bring the Carver Center up to a sustainable level – saving it from an uncertain fate. Donations and fundraising bolster the educational and recreational offerings at the center.

Flagler County Commission Chair Nate McLaughlin, who is also a musician, donated a full drum set to the Carver Center to help it in its efforts to get the Drum Corps going.

“This will be a great program,” McLaughlin said. “I didn’t make Little League as a kid, but my dad asked me what I could do. I got a drum set, and music has been my thing ever since.”

Carver Center would welcome donations of bass and snare drums. Those interested in making a donation should contact Rev. Elijah Emanuel, who is in charge of day-to-day operations there, at 386-338-8714, or by email at emanuele@flaglerschools.com

“We want to have a nice drum line,” Massaro said. “We want to have dancers along with the drums so we can make a showing at the various parades that are held throughout Flagler County every year.”

Carver Center, located at 206 E. Drain Street, is a recreational center that also offers tutoring, after school study, internet access, as well as serving the community with GED classes, employment counseling and other services and athletic tournaments.

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