

Daytona Beach Kennel Club & Poker Room Pursues Option to Open Card Room and Sports Bar in Orange City

Second Location in Volusia County to Add More Jobs and Capital Investment to the Region

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (November 23, 2015) – The Daytona Beach Kennel Club & Poker Room today announced it is exercising its option of opening a second card room in Volusia County, selecting a site in Orange City.

The selected location is a former theater in the Orange City Marketplace. Orange City was selected for its exceptional commitment to economic development and other factors, including its' proximity to I-4.

“We will design a state-of-the-art card room and sports bar, creating another modern gaming and entertainment facility in the region. We have enjoyed our relationship with the Volusia County community and certainly hope that we can build on it well into the future with an additional location,” said Dan Francati, general manager of the Daytona Beach Kennel Club & Poker Room.

Leaders from the facility and parent company Delaware North are aiming to begin construction on significant renovations to the former theater in the first quarter of 2016 with a tentative opening scheduled in the fall.

Daytona Beach Kennel Club & Poker Room opened in 1948 at the International Speedway location, and began operating the card room in 1998.

Delaware North, the global hospitality company that owns and operates the Daytona Beach Kennel Club & Poker Room, made a significant investment in Volusia County when it opened the new \$30 million facility in 2008. The project achieved Gold LEED (Leadership in Engineering and Environmental Design) certification in the sustainable building program administered by the U.S. Green Building Council. It was the first gold-LEED project in Volusia County.

Currently, Daytona Beach Kennel Club & Poker Room employs more than 400 people at its existing location on S. Williamson Boulevard in Daytona Beach. The addition of a second location would create 150 new jobs at an average salary of \$40,000 per year. Daytona Beach Kennel Club & Poker Room also intends to invest well over \$5 million in capital expenditures to renovate the theater to create the new card room and sports bar.

With an outstanding reputation in the community for its charity work, commitment to the community and its commitment to the environment, Daytona Beach Kennel Club & Poker Room plans to continue its reputation for giving back to the communities in which it operates – both through corporate giving and economic development.

Daytona Beach Kennel Club & Poker Room has been recognized for its significant positive economic impact on Volusia County and the local community, receiving the **2012 Enterprise Award from the Daytona Regional Chamber of Commerce**. The award recognized the kennel club's positive impact in employing 430 local residents and purchasing goods and services from local and regional companies for its operations.

Among the many community and charitable organizations benefitting the citizens of Volusia County that the Daytona Beach Kennel Club & Poker Room has supported are The United Way of Volusia-Flagler

Counties, Orange City Manatee Festival and the Boys and Girls Clubs of Volusia County. In addition, the facility hosts and sponsors a number of major charity poker tournaments that raise significant funds for important local organizations.

Francati also serves on the boards of a number of local organizations, including the Halifax Hospital board of commissioners and Team Volusia board of directors. He is a member of the Daytona Beach Rotary, the Civic League of the Halifax Area and the Central Florida Partnership. Francati is also a past chairman of the Halifax Tourism Board.

In addition to the Daytona Beach Kennel Club & Poker Room, Delaware North has many other operations in Florida that contribute to the state's economy, including operating the Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex for NASA, operating restaurants at Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport and operating food and retail services at several sports venues, including Amalie Arena in Tampa and Roger Dean Stadium in Jupiter. Delaware North earlier this year also won a contract to develop and open a number of new restaurants at Tampa International Airport.

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