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# SANFORD: POISED FOR A SPECTACULAR NEW YEAR!

No doubt that 2015 will be a banner year for Sanford. The City is steadily moving forward with economic development opportunities. Some examples:

- More than 500 new manufacturing jobs were either relocated or committed to Sanford over the past several months. The companies include: Consolidated Label, Earnest Products, American Builders Supply, Heron Manufacturing, All Pro Freight Systems, and TrueChoice Telecom.
- Over 300 new jobs were created in the hospitality sector. Many of these businesses are located near the Seminole Towne Center Mall - Cheddar's, LongHorn Steakhouse, Carrabba's Italian Grill, Red Robin Gourmet Burgers, Elan Towne Center and Solara Luxury Apartments, and WopsHops Brewing Company, our first micro-brewery on Sanford Avenue.
- An additional 300 building construction jobs have been added to payrolls in our community. Sanford is also currently assisting several companies – an international aviation manufacturing sales and service facility, a medical care facility, and a

commercial/industrial steel supply operation – in the creation of another 50 new jobs to our community.

- The City will soon be requesting Seminole County to extend the Sanford Community Redevelopment Agency for another ten-year period. The new plan calls for the streetscaping of several streets from First Street to Lake Monroe. There's a renaissance happening on Sanford Avenue. Several buildings have undergone major renovations that include an office building, and one of several micro-breweries has been planned for the downtown entertainment district.
- Sanford has hired Littlejohn Engineering Associates to prepare a downtown waterfront conceptual development plan for all the city-owned parcels and to assist in the City's redevelopment efforts and marketing of the parcels to developers. The proposed development will include: single-family homes, attached multi-family town homes, attached residential live/work spaces, office/retail space, a boutique hotel, and structured parking facilities, all to be built with a capital investment of approximately \$52 million.

The second phase of the Riverwalk is now a reality. (In the future, with the passage of the penny sales tax, the extension of the Riverwalk will begin from the Central Florida Regional Hospital to I-4). Feel like boating? There are marina day slips – open to the public and free – located at the marina in Downtown Sanford. Why not spend a day boating, then walk to downtown Sanford for lunch or dinner, browsing our unique shops? The City is also working on building an amphitheater, a portion of Phase II's Fort Mellon Park renovations.

In 2015, we continue to offer our farmers market every Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Magnolia Square. You can plan to visit Sanford this year by SunRail, as we have a free R/T (regional transit) shuttle service from the Sanford SunRail Station to the Downtown Sanford Welcome Center between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., sponsored by the Sanford Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA). And we are currently in discussions with the Seminole County Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Central Florida Zoo to offer a shuttle to the Central Florida Zoo from the Sanford SunRail station.

It's going to be a great year!