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City of Ormond Beach

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City Salutes Mike Fisher - "A Citizen Aged to Perfection"

Few 90 year olds remain active in their community, pick up trash on the beach almost daily, play a game of poker regularly at one of two favorite places, make mission trips with a church, gather sea-beans to polish and share with friends, attend many of the City's special events and for more than five years volunteer and appear as the stand-in for Ormond's famous resident, John D. Rockefeller, Sr.

to, "Always leave it better than you found it."



This way of life, enduring humility and his recent 90th birthday gave the City of Ormond Beach reason to honor his more than 50 years of outstanding contributions. On July 20th, Mayor Fred

Costello presented an official Proclamation declaring "MIKE FISHER DAY" in Ormond Beach.

Nearly a dozen family members gathered at City Hall for the ceremony. As Mayor Costello



read the Proclamation, Fisher's family, commissioners, staff and other citizens watched as pictures taken of Mike (as Mr. Rockefeller) graced the screens of the Commission Chambers.



Mike Fisher translates his love of life into action and his actions have become models to live by according to his sons. Per Jack Fisher, his beachcombing dad not only picks up and places trash in bags when he treks through the sands from Amsden to Granada, he reminds others, including his family



Welcome to the Jungle!

The summer mural project is really beginning to take shape at the South Ormond Neighborhood Center. The teens from the Youth Directors Council (YDC) have been assisting Summer Connection campers in the painting of this colorful jungle scene. The children are quite excited to have their individual marks put into this unique expression of artwork.

This project is made possible thanks to a partnership with the Leisure Services Department and the Police Athletic League. The City of Ormond Beach Police Athletic League is constantly providing opportunities, outlets and programs to help our kids lead more enlightened, enjoyable and productive lives.



Let the Good Times Roll!!

The kids at the South Ormond Neighborhood Center's Summer Connection Day Camp always look forward to Thursday afternoon when they take a trip to Ormond Lanes for some fun. It's a time where they can relax, stay cool and cheer their friends on as they show off their best bowling techniques.





Community Events

Community Events assisted with two hospitality functions this past week. On Monday, July 19th, the public was invited to the Senior Center for a budget workshop. The Budget Workshop was attended by the City Commission, City Manager, City staff and Ormond Beach residents.

The reception and swearing in for our new Police Chief, Henry "Andy" Osterkamp was held on Tuesday, July 20th, at City Hall. Light refreshments were served during the reception held prior to the City Commission Meeting.

The Community Events Coordinator assisted The Casements staff with The Casements Live! concert series again on Friday, July 16th, in Rockefeller Gardens. The concert featured Pavlina, Daytona Contra Band and the Burlington Breeze Project. Last week's concert drew more than 250 concert goers for a fun night of great music.



Exploring Worlds of Fun

Camp T. Rec, the special needs summer day camp, enjoyed all the activities associated with Endangered Species Week. Along with the manatee arts and crafts, they were treated to a guest speaker from Blue Springs who told them about manatees. They also went on a safari and had a fishing contest in the "pool" at South Ormond Neighborhood Center. In addition, they went on a field trip to the YMCA pool, played in the splash pad and on the "water slide." The campers continue to have a world of fun at Camp T. Rec.





Perfect Balance of Summer Fun

Ten gymnasts attended the second clinic of the summer at the Ormond Beach Gymnastics Center on Wednesday morning. The students focused on perfecting their skills on the balance beam and the vault. Best of all, they had a lot of fun in the process!



Super Nova Explodes with Excitement!

The campers have plenty of energy as Nova Community Center's Summer Connection Day Camp continues with a wide variety of activities. In addition to the games, sports, arts and crafts and movies, the campers enjoy jumping rope, Twister and the coloring contest each week. Parents consistently inform us that the campers look forward to each day of camp.





Ames Park Clean Up

Campus Outreach volunteers did a terrific job cleaning algae and other plant life from the water at Ames Park. The team worked extremely hard with passion and gusto to make the park look absolutely beautiful.



Fire Department Responds

The Ormond Beach Fire Department provided automatic aid for a structure fire located at 1444 Atlanta Drive in Holly Hill. Upon arrival, the structure was already a fully involved fire. Our firefighters established the water supply and provided attack lines on two sides of the structure. One home was a total loss with two neighboring homes receiving minor damage. One victim was treated and transported to the hospital.





Calling All Butterflies!

This week, the Enviro Camp at The Casements focused on recycling and gardening. Among the projects, the group of 30 children cleaned out the butterfly garden. The group began weeding and clearing the area for new plants to attract butterflies.

The children also worked on a friendly garden visitor, "Mr. Rockefeller" to welcome the butterflies into the garden. It was much fun but hard work!

Our friends at Winter's Nursery helped the children plan the garden, plant the plants and mulch the area.

Everyone enjoyed the newly planted garden and waited anxiously for the first flying visitors. The garden is located on the east side of the building near the parking area. When you visit The Casements be sure to check out our butterflies!



Arroyo Fountain

The fountain in the Arroyo Parkway Park received a new coat of sealer paint and is up and running, thanks to the work of our Building Maintenance Department staff.





D.A.R.E Car

The D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program teaches students about the effects of crime, drugs and substance abuse, gangs and violence. The program helps students to recognize and be aware of various influences that can have negative consequences; to resist peer pressure and to develop a positive and productive attitude.

The car was confiscated from a drug dealer sometime mid to late 2009. Around Thanksgiving, Officers Lloyd Cornelius and Gregory Stokes came upon the car in the impound lot and had a dream of a D.A.R.E. car. This project started in March and after much hard work raising funds and getting approvals, the officers saw their dream come true this past week.

All funds used for this project were donated. The City thanks all who supported this effort: Funds used to wrap the car were donated by Doug Thomas, owner of Weatherguard; Tires and rims donated by Discount Tire and Konig Rims Co.; and the wrap was donated by Hawkeye Signs Graphics & Designs.

This DARE vehicle is used as a crime prevention tool and proof of the consequences of crime when conducting presentations to the community and our youth.



Weekly Police Stats

Calls for Service - 1,129 Arrests – 30
 Citations Issued - 147
 Reports Written - 133 Traffic Stops - 179



Weekly Fire Operations Stats

97 INCIDENTS
 66 - EMS 7 - Motor Vehicle Accidents
 2 - Fires 4 - Fire Alarms
 13 - Public Assists 5 - Hazardous

Public Works in ACTION



Tree removal on Kimberly Dr.



Quail Run tree removal



Public Works in ACTION

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Asphalt repair Casements Drive and Riverside Drive



Alanwood and N. Beach St. repair



Sidewalk repair in Forest Hills



MOVIES ON THE HALIFAX



On Friday, August 6, at 8:00 p.m., the City's Leisure Services Department and The Casements Guild will present "E.T." in Rockefeller Gardens. Refreshments will be available for purchase. Come out and enjoy the movies with your friends and family!



The Casements Live!

This Friday, July 23rd, from 6 to 9 pm, The Casements Live! concert will feature LeAnna Rhodes and Chris Via for a mix of country and contemporary music. Look for more free concerts in Rockefeller Gardens at The Casements on Friday nights through August, with the exception of August 6th, when "Movies on the Halifax" will be showcased.





City Salutes Mike Fisher

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Whenever he is asked about his courageous role as a B17 pilot in the European Theatre of War, it is Fisher's habit to say that he had flown over France and then add modestly, "and I had to take a hike."

Following the proclamation, an individual who covers events in the City, relayed the details of Fisher's World War II service as an Army Air Corp pilot.

That "hike" followed being shot down in 1943, rescued by the French underground and a daily, death defying, five month trip across the Pyrenee Mountains before he finally made it home. Fisher's many medals, including the purple heart, are a silent testimony to his bravery.

Good things lay ahead for Mike Fisher. The Ohio native was destined to find the love of his life, Katie Smith, in Panama City, Florida. They met, married in 1944 and in 1957 made Ormond Beach their home.

In 1994, one of Fisher's most memorable days came about as he and Katie renewed their wedding vows on their 50th anniversary at The Casements. When Katie died in 2002, Fisher often thought of that special anniversary. Several years ago, improvements were being considered for The Casements. From that time came the need for a "Mr. Rockefeller" in memory of the famous resident and the museum's exciting history.

Mike Fisher volunteered and delighted in becoming "Mr. Rockefeller"...with one stipulation. The dimes he would give away as Rockefeller did on special occasions were not supplied by taxpayers. They were, and still are, from his own pocket.

Fisher also finds room in his pockets for a small item he treasures...sea-beans. Sea-beans grow on vines and often overhang the banks of rivers and streams in Central and South America. Ultimately, they drop into the water and as much as two years later have found their way to beaches in other parts of the world. While he looks for them in Ormond's sands, the greatest quantity was gathered five years ago during a mission trip with members of his church in Central America. Sea-beans are considered a means of well wishing to the recipient.

It was Coral, Fisher's daughter-in-law, who helped with the arduous task of polishing each and every one of this cache to its shiniest stage. When his family, including a second cousin from Taiwan, gathered for Fisher's birthday party at a local restaurant recently, he provided the 'keepsakes' for every table...a sea-bean in a small canvas bag with a paper depicting what they are.

As the appreciative Mike Fisher walked away from the dais at City Hall, he placed one of his special mementos in the hands of each member of the Commission.

Speaking of his dad, Cal Fisher referred to him and then summarized his own quest in life, "I want to learn and live life like he does."



POLICE • COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Tuesday, August 3rd

5:30 to 9 pm

Nova Community Center

440 N. Nova Rd.

Live DJ

FUN



Face Painting
GAMES

Cookout...

Hamburger or Hot Dog w/chips & soda \$3.00

Extra sides (chips, hot dog, soda) \$1.00

Cotton Candy \$1.00

Raffles for Great Prizes

McGruff the Crime Dog

