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# City of Ormond Beach

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## National Night Out

The Ormond Beach Police Department Outreach Unit, in partnership with the Ormond Beach Leisure Services Department, provided an opportunity for families to enjoy National Night Out on August 3rd at the Nova Community Center.

National Night Out (NNO) is a nationwide program offered through the National Town Watch Association. The Ormond



Beach NNO featured face painting, creative balloons, inflatable rides, a cook out and displays by area safety organizations including the Volusia County Sheriffs Office, the Volusia County Beach Patrol, the Department of Transportation, the Ormond

Beach Fire Department, the Ormond Beach Heart Walk Team and many other organizations supportive of our safe family community evening.

Recreation Manager Stefan Sibley was the emcee for the evening encouraging participation for the adult and youth Hot Shot contest and announcing raffle prize winners.

In the child safety room, approximately 250 children were finger printed. Florida Hospital hosted a bike rodeo and gave out over 300 helmets to youths attending NNO. Neighborhood Improvement Officers grilled over 300 burgers and hotdogs at the cookout station.

The event raised over \$1,200 to support youth programs offered through the Ormond Beach D.A.R.E. and PAL programs.

Many community sponsors assisted in making this a wonderfully success community partnership.



We wish to thank the following sponsors for their generosity which helped make this event a tremendous success: A Floral Boutique, Allied Tires, Bermuda Estates, Bikini Co., Bill Grigat, Bruce Rossmeyer's Harley-Davidson, Calvary Christian Church, Coca Cola Co., Cracker Barrel, Dairy Queen, Daytona Lagoon, Discount Auto, Einstein Bagels, Embassy of Hope, Food Lion, Fred Costello, Hampton Inn, Hilton Resort, Homewood Suites, Houligan's, Hull's Seafood, Jameson Inn, Keiser College, LuLu's, Mario's Restaurant, Moe's, Orlando Science Center, Outback Steakhouse, Paul Cunningham, Perry's Ocean-Edge, Pirate's Cove, Plantation Island, Prosperity Bank, Sparkle-N-Shine, SR Perrott, Stonewood, StyleMark, US Foods, Villari's V, Wal-Mart, and Winn Dixie.





## *The Islands Come to Ormond Beach*

Colorful sights and the unique rhythms of the islands will reverberate in Rockefeller Gardens when locals and visitors gather on Saturday, August 14, for the fourth annual Caribbean Night and Island Marketplace in Ormond Beach. A gateway to the islands theme beckons all who enjoy a fun filled event. This one offers continuous calypso and reggae music, Caribbean and other cuisine and a host of special activities. It all begins at 4 pm.

City staff members have expanded the number of games and challenges for children. Pirates in a dunking booth will attract kids who wish to send them splashing into the water. Agile youngsters can compete for a prize in one of several limbo contests. Some will play on the inflatables and ride down the large slide. Others may choose to have their face painted or relax while their hair is braided island style.

Joining them in the southern area of the gardens will be the popular and talented Pavlina. The twelve year old began playing steel drums nearly two years ago. Her first appearance at Caribbean Night was last year. She holds firmly to her dream of reaching Broadway. Meanwhile, Pavlina keeps a busy schedule. She plays for special functions, has hosted a radio program and knows the importance of completing her education.

With the array of musical talent playing for five hours at the edge of the Halifax River, guests won't need a cruise ship to make them feel they are in the islands. Dub Kulcha and the Caribbean Band out of Melbourne will be headliners helping create the island atmosphere. Dan Allen will provide Island Music. Lionheart will contribute reggae music and Junkanoo will add to the program with his Bahamian Drums.

Calypso began in Trinidad and Tobago in the 1700s when African-Trinidadians were not allowed to talk while working the cane fields but were permitted to sing. They created sound with drums and communicated the news, frustrations and their witty exchanges with songs sung to the beat of their drums. The first drums were made of skins.

Steel drums were developed in the 1930s in the Bahamas. Originally fashioned from metal shipping containers and bottoms of garbage cans, they evolved into the finer instruments used today. One report cited these drums as the only acoustic (non electric) instrument invented in the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Reggae was developed and flourished as a favorite style in Jamaica in the 1960s. The Caribbean became a musical melting pot as people living among more than 5,000 islands, cays and reefs contributed to the many sounds that have gained worldwide popularity since the 1940s.

In the Island Marketplace at the festival, crafters and exhibitors will offer a variety of island inspired goods to shoppers. Food vendors will include: Ocean Deck offering Caribbean inspired menu items, Greg's Barbecue, Captain Ron's Ice Cream, Kettle Corn Treats and Arts Lemonade.

Music, games, family fun, food and a special marketplace...all in a picturesque location. Some attendees bring lawn chairs or blankets for their personal comfort during the festival.

Caribbean Night is sponsored by the City of Ormond Beach Leisure Services and Ocean Deck Restaurant and Beach Club. City staff from The Casements and Community Events helped coordinate the program.

Rockefeller Gardens is located across the street from The Casements at 25 Riverside Drive. It is at the southeast corner of the Granada Bridge in Ormond Beach. Gate admission is \$5.00 for adults (18 years of age and older). Children under 18 are free. Parking is free at The Casements, Fortunato Park and Ormond Memorial Art Museum. There will be some handicapped parking spaces at The Casements. For additional information please call (386) 676-3216



# Hot Fun in the City

The summer camp session for week seven at Nova Community Center resulted in another successful week of fun and excitement for the campers. During the week, the campers were creative with their activities during free play. Even with the heat of the summer, they still had energy for outside sports. Diamond Jim visited on Friday with his magic and mirth.



# LOMA

The Casements' Art Room is filled with hundreds of children during the summer months creating wonderful pieces of art, but this summer, we have had a new adult ladies night out making art. LOMA! Ladies Only Making Art has met four different Thursdays throughout the summer with artist Gretchen Neal. The classes are smaller with an opportunity for hands on with Gretchen instructing.

This past week, ten ladies met to learn the basics of drawing a face and incorporated what they learned into making colorful sun bursts. Just having a few minutes away from the day to day schedules to sit and create was a relaxing retreat for the ladies.

Gretchen is wrapping up her 12<sup>th</sup> year here at The Casements and has had over 175 children attend her Summer Art Camp series this year alone! We are looking forward to more art camps next year!





# *Lively Last Week for Camp T-Rec*

Camp T. Rec, for special needs participants, celebrated the last week with a variety of exciting activities. In addition to going to the YMCA pool and the splash pad, tennis, volleyball, games and movies kept the campers engaged for hours. The cake decorating contest was a hit for all. For the Closing Ceremony, one of the campers dressed as Willy Wonka and introduced all the talent for their friends and relatives to enjoy.

We know all the campers enjoyed their summer with us and we look forward to seeing them throughout the school year for the various programs offered through the Leisure Services Department.



# *Sea World Visit a Splash Hit*

One of the highlights of the summer at South Ormond Neighborhood Center is the trips co-sponsored by the Ormond Beach Police Athletic League program.

Last Thursday several of the children attended Sea World in Orlando and had a “whale of a time.”





# Happy Campers

Summer camp at South Ormond Neighborhood Center has many facets. The children in these pictures represent the time of day when the kids get to go out to the playground to recuperate from the classroom related, "learning" portion of the day. With the high temperatures last week, it was just fun to hang out with friends on the playground equipment or play board games at the picnic table and take it easy.



# Wet & Wild

The last week of Enviro Camp was "Wet & Wild" and campers had a fun filled week of water activities. On Monday, the camp was visited by Stacy Bell from Volusia County. She presented the group with fascinating information on turtles and sharks! Wednesday was our "Fishing Day" with Dan Smith. Over twenty fish were caught that morning off the gazebo in Fortunato Park and the campers enjoyed a picnic lunch of grilled hot dogs.

On Thursday, the campers ventured to the Birthplace of Speed Park to enjoy lunch under the large gazebo and, while there, met with Bill Muller from Ormond Kayak Center. Bill took the children down to the water's edge to experience kayaking for themselves. The children loved getting into the kayaks and learning to maneuver themselves with the paddles. Many of them reached the shore without getting too wet! And, for the finale of the week, the youngsters played on the North Lawn and enjoyed an inflatable water slide and water balloons! The last week of camp lived up to its name of "Wet & Wild." We look forward to next summer and wish our campers well in the school year ahead!





# *CMT Performs Annie Jr.*

Children's Musical Theatre Workshop (CMT) conducted a Summer Theatre Camp at the Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center July 12<sup>th</sup> through July 30<sup>th</sup>. Every participant in this nationally renowned camp program had a role in the performance of the musical, "Annie Jr.," which was performed on July 30<sup>th</sup> at 2pm and 7pm.

The CMT summer camp is a partnership between the group and the City of Ormond Beach Department of Leisure Services. The objective of the program is to teach the campers skills that are required in theatre and the performing arts. This year the program attracted a record enrollment and attracted campers from throughout the region. The success of the program was lauded in a newspaper article featured in the *Daytona Beach News-Journal*.

The show, Annie Jr., is a perennial favorite for its wonderful songs such as "It's a Hard Luck Life" and "Easy Street." It tells the story of Annie, a little girl who starts out life in an orphanage. Rather than be discouraged in her bleak surroundings, Annie shares an optimistic outlook on life with the other children.

Both performances filled the theatre with family and friends in attendance. The performances highlighted the skills that were taught during the camp program, such as acting, dance, and vocal training. The performers' enthusiasm was greeted with loud applause and standing ovations from the audience.



# *SONC Roof Repair On Schedule*

South Ormond Neighborhood Center's roof repair project is progressing on schedule and is nearing completion. The new roof will prove invaluable once the rainy season starts.





# Project R.O.M.P.

Signs were recently installed at the Nova Community Park entrances to raise community awareness about Project ROMP (**R**enovate **O**rmond's **M**agic **F**orest **P**layground). Project ROMP is a citizen-run project with the objective of making improvements to the Nova Magic Forest Playground. The playground, also called Rainbow Park by local children due to the rainbow at its entrance, is located at 440 N. Nova Road in Ormond Beach in the Nova Community Park. The Project ROMP Steering Committee is made up of a group of local volunteers that will do the fundraising, development, and construction of the project.

The current park was built approximately 16 years ago through a similar community fundraising project, Project HOPE, and even though it is in remarkably good shape for its age, refurbishment to some of the existing equipment is needed. To the relief of many citizens, the existing Magic Forest playground is **not** being torn down, just receiving a well-deserved facelift, thanks to the volunteers and fundraisers who are working hard to make their dream become reality.

Plans are for some of the existing equipment to be removed and replaced and, depending upon the donated funds received by the Committee, the playground will be enlarged and additional features added. The Committee will plan the project with the original playground firm, The Leathers Company, to ensure the new equipment will complement the existing playground. If you would like to be a volunteer or donate to the project, please email [dianemagicforest@aol.com](mailto:dianemagicforest@aol.com).



## Skate Court Renovation

Work on the Ormond Beach Skate Court has begun. The contractor, Misiano Construction, is an experienced skate park builder and has provided numerous options for staff to choose from to improve functionality of the skate court.

Daily activity of the park has remained open with small areas being shut down periodically as they progress through the refurbishment. It is anticipated that it will be four weeks total work time before completion.





# SONC Field Lighting

The softball field lighting project at the South Ormond Neighborhood Center is still in progress. The latest phase of work included FPL's installing a concrete pole to bring in electricity from Bostrom Lane to the power panels on the east side of the park.



# Press Box Just in Time!

The press box project at the Ormond Beach Sports Complex has been completed just in time for the first Pop Warner Football game of the season on the Championship Field #7.

The press box will add professionalism to the Championship field with its air conditioning, a soon to be added quality sound system and the flexibility it will allow to announcers and statisticians at the games. The press box will greatly enhance the marketability of the Championship Field #7 and will provide protection for the existing scoreboard equipment and moderm from the weather. The increased marketability as a stadium field will also provide a greater economic impact as a result of more visitors to the area.





# *Fire Department Responds*

On Tuesday, August 3rd, at 4:15 p.m., Ormond Beach Fire Department responded to a 6 vehicle motor accident at US 1 and Nova Rd. The accident occurred in the east bound lane of Nova Rd. between the railroad tracks and US1. With the assistance of Ormond Beach police officers, the east bound lane was shut down and traffic was redirected. One patient complained of chest pains and was transported to the hospital. The other five motorists and their passengers did not require medical attention.



## Weekly Police Stats

Calls for Service - 1,191    Arrests – 19  
Citations Issued - 149  
Reports Written - 133    Traffic Stops - 178



## Weekly Fire Operations Stats

**107 INCIDENTS**

60 - EMS    8 - Motor Vehicle Accidents  
5 - Fires    1 - Fire Alarm  
29 - Public Assists    4 - Hazardous

# Public Works in ACTION



Sign Shop installs yellow curbing to bus turn-outs on Thompson Creek Road.



Urban Forestry responds to a weekend call-out for a large tree down on S. Arbor Dr.



Stormwater pipe repair on S. Beach St. and Arroyo Pkwy.

