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City of Ormond Beach

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Students Return to School



Volusia County Public Schools will be back in session on Monday, August 16th. We encourage all motorists to pay careful attention to children going to and from school, waiting at bus stops, and when you are dropping off or picking up children at schools.

During the first week of school, Ormond Beach Police Officers will be assigned to each of the schools within Ormond Beach. The first week of the school year creates traffic problems in and around public school properties within the city. This is due to the fact that parents often drop off and pick up their children at the schools in lieu of using bus transportation at the beginning of the school year. The officers will be promoting safety and ensuring smooth traffic flow both before and after school. The goal is to acclimate the parents in utilizing proper traffic patterns during the first week in order to maintain safe and orderly traffic flow throughout the remainder of the school year.

The traffic impact to the areas

near public school properties within Ormond Beach is expected to last for approximately 45 minutes before school and 45 minutes after school.

After the first week of school, officers will continue to monitor the traffic in and around the schools and assist as necessary. Throughout every school year, speeding violations within school zones will be monitored as well as children at bus stops.

Please visit <http://blackboard.volusia.k12.fl.us/> for any school related information you may need.





Jungle Love

The kids at the South Ormond Neighborhood Center are so proud of the vibrant jungle scene mural they painted this summer under the direction of a professional artist and Ormond Beach PAL Community Program Coordinator Lisa Messersmith and volunteers of the OBPAL Youth Directors Council.

This beautiful piece of artwork, which took six weeks to complete, spans the entire length of the classroom wall and lights up the faces and spirits of all who enter the room. It was truly an experience to share in the excitement and joy as this masterpiece came to life.

This project was made possible thanks to a great partnership between the OBPAL and the Leisure Services Department. The OBPAL provides educational tutoring and recreational field trips to the youth in our community. Most importantly, the members of the OBPAL serve as positive role models and are an amazing inspiration to the young people here in Ormond Beach.



E.T. Lands in Rockefeller Gardens

"Movies on the Halifax" in Rockefeller Gardens has been hugely successful since beginning in the fall of last year; and Friday, August 6th, was no exception. The record crowd of approximately 400 enjoyed the classic, "E.T."

The weather was balmy with a slight breeze picking up just in time for the beginning of the movie emanating the aroma of popcorn through the summer air. To complete the event, Reese's Pieces were given out by City staff.

Be sure to save the date, Friday, September 3rd, and come join the fun for the viewing of "National Treasure" at 8:00 p.m. in Rockefeller Gardens. The movie is free to the public and is brought to you by the City of Ormond Beach Department of Leisure Services. Just bring your lawn chair or blanket and enjoy!





Summer Camp BBQ is a Hit!

Nothing says summer better than an outdoor barbeque, and it's also a great way to end summer camp. The children at the South Ormond Neighborhood Center's Summer Connection Day Camp were treated to all their barbeque favorites expertly grilled by their counselors!



A Finale of Fun

Nova Community Center ended the Summer Connection Day Camp last week with a finale of fun for the campers and families in the community. Each day was unique in its own way, with dress up days, Jumpin' Beans Water Day, and the Talent Show.





Photography Exhibit Opens

The Casements Gallery welcomed Donna Palmer Oldham's photography exhibit entitled "Perspectives" last Friday during the First Friday on East Granada.

Over forty photographs are on display in the gallery for the entire month of August. Donna explains her digitally enhanced techniques and black and white coloring of photographs. She has always enjoyed taking pictures and has a true eye for art.

The display can be viewed during normal business hours during the week and on Saturdays. We hope you have the chance to come and visit!



Kids FLIP for Gymnastics Center

Rolling, tucking, handstands, handsprings, back flips, walkovers and more continued throughout the summer at the Ormond Beach Gymnastics Center. Both the kids and the coaches had a great time working together learning new skills.

The Gymnastics Center will be closed for the month of September for necessary renovations, but will be back in full operation in October.





Food Drive

Halifax Urban Ministries in Ormond Beach is in need of non-perishable foods to replenish their food supply. Their clients continue to increase and especially so in the last few months. They are providing food for approximately 100 families each week and their shelves are almost bare. Any donations you make will be greatly appreciated.

Suggested Non-Perishable Items: Rice, peanut butter, cereal, pasta, dried beans, baby formula; **Canned goods:** meats, vegetables, fruits, soups, and beans; **Snacks:** cookies/crackers.

Other Suggested Items: Toilet tissue, diapers, liquid dish soap, and laundry detergent, deodorant, bath soap, toothpaste/ brushes, and other hygiene items.

Donations may be dropped off at the following locations:

Ormond Beach Police Department
 170 West Granada Blvd.
 Ormond Beach
 Monday – Friday: 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.
 Saturday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
 Sunday: Closed
 (Please give your donations to a clerk at the window.)

**Ormond Beach City Hall
 Finance Department
 1st Floor, Room #102**
 22 South Beach Street
 Ormond Beach
 Monday – Friday: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
 Saturday and Sunday: Closed
 (A box is located in the lobby.)

Please remember that donations are accepted throughout the year at Halifax Urban Ministries, 164 West Granada Blvd. Office hours: Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. The office is closed for lunch from 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. daily.

Weekly Police Stats

Calls for Service - 1,181 Arrests – 26
 Citations Issued - 197
 Reports Written - 136 Traffic Stops - 181



Weekly Fire Operations Stats

106 INCIDENTS
 67 - EMS 6 - Motor Vehicle Accidents
 4 - Fires 12 - Fire Alarms
 15 - Public Assists 2 - Hazardous



Granada Boulevard Railroad Crossing

The recent improvements to the railroad crossing on Granada Boulevard were handled by Florida East Coast (FEC) Railroad. FEC had utilized special equipment in examining these tracks which helped them determine that the crossing needed to be rebuilt. FDOT obtained safety funds from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and paid FEC for the work. This work was completed on June 30, 2010.

After the work was completed, there were several complaints on the rough "riding" over the tracks. Jim Gayne, FDOT Railroad Coordinator, was contacted about the problem. A field meeting was conducted between FDOT, FEC and the City. During the meeting it was determined that the taper from the tracks to the roadway elevation was short. FEC's contractor advised that level (flat area) sides were not installed on either side of the tracks and the taper was started at the edge of the tracks. This was done to avoid a conflict with the curb and sidewalks on either side of the tracks.

The FDOT standard construction index was reviewed and it was decided that the crossing needed to be modified to operate smoothly. An agreement was reached to have a minimum of 3 feet of flat area at the approach and departure from the tracks with a proper taper. FDOT has reviewed this agreement and determined that they can install the flat area by the tracks and provide a smoother taper without impacting the sidewalks and median.

This modification has not been scheduled; however, FDOT is looking to include this work with a future 3R (Rehabilitation, Resurface, Reconstruction) project. The maintenance of traffic proposed for this project will be a single lane closure rather than complete closure of the crossing as was done previously.



Field Maintenance at South Ormond

It's almost time for fall sports to begin, so the Leisure Services Field Maintenance staff has been diligently working to ensure that all our City fields will be in the best condition possible when the season commences.



Public Works in ACTION



Mowing at Sanchez Park



Digging & Mowing Thompson Creek with Floating Backhoe

