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# City of Ormond Beach

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## Where to Retire: Ormond Beach

This week, *Where to Retire* magazine, named Ormond Beach as a top retirement town which is featured in the January/February issue mailed to its subscribers this week. Ormond Beach is very pleased and excited about this designation.

*Where to Retire* is a magazine whose goal is to assist people in making their retirement relocation decisions. Editor Mary Lu Abbott said Ormond Beach possesses many qualities important to today's retirees. "Retirees are attracted to Ormond Beach by its laid-back ambience and leisurely lifestyle with plenty of biking, golfing, fishing and other water sports. Although it is known as the 'birthplace of speed,' it has a slower pace that many seek today, along with abundant activities. From open beaches to scenic byways with a canopy of trees, the area has fun places to explore, by motorcycle, car or foot," Abbott said.

Annually there are 700,000 Americans who

relocate to new towns in their retirement. In general, retirees who relocate tend to be healthier, well educated and more affluent than retirees who choose to not relocate. Relocated retirees bring significant economic benefits to their new states and cities in which they live. Approximately two dozen states and hundreds of towns seek to attract retirees as a source of economic development.

*Where to Retire* magazine began in 1992 and has been helping its readers find the ideal place to retire. It is published six times a year and covers the best retirement regions, towns and master-planned communities, and has a national circulation of 200,000. The magazine is sold on various newsstands and at Barnes & Noble and Borders bookstores. If you are interested in a subscription, please visit [www.wheretoretire.com](http://www.wheretoretire.com), or call (713) 974-6903.



## *Walking with the Manager*

**Thursday, December 9th  
7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.  
Begins at the Entrance to  
The Casements**

Andy Osterkamp, Police Chief, will be the City Manager's "guest walker." Chief Osterkamp will remind the group to practice safety all year long and emphasize the increased importance of safety during the holiday season. Citizens are invited to join the City Manager and the Police Chief for a walk, sharing their comments and suggestions, and getting some good advice.

Please put on your walking shoes and join us!



# *D.A.R.E. Graduation*

On Monday November 29, 2010, fifth graders from Tomoka Elementary School had their D.A.R.E. Graduation.

Mayor Ed Kelley and City Manager Joyce Shanahan attended the graduation. During the ceremony, Mayor Kelley spoke to the fifth graders and commended them for their hard work and achievements. He also provided the graduates with achievement pins and wished them success in the future.

The staff, students and parents were pleased that the Mayor and City Manager took time out of their busy schedules to support the students by attending this special event. There were 126 students who graduated. Officer Greg Stokes and Officer Lloyd Cornelius were in attendance as well as PAL Director Lisa Messersmith.



### Weekly Police Stats

**Calls for Service - 1,179    Arrests – 20  
Citations Issued - 180  
Reports Written - 135    Traffic Stops - 152**



### Weekly Fire Operations Stats

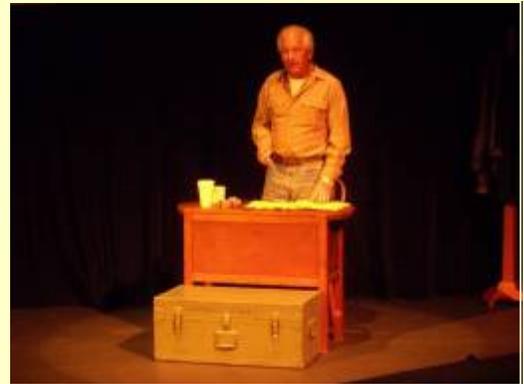
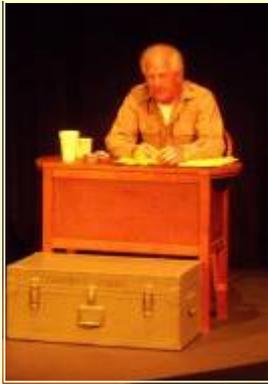
**110 INCIDENTS  
60 - EMS    8 - Motor Vehicle Accidents  
2 - Fires    3 - Fire Alarms  
36 - Public Assists    1 - Hazardous**

# *Letters Home From a B-17 Pilot Performed at the PAC*

"Ever and Always, Hayden, Letters Home From a B-17 Pilot," was performed at the Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center on Saturday November 20<sup>th</sup>. This show, a one-man play, is based on letters written by Hayden Hughes, a B-17 bomber pilot during World War II.

The show is performed by Michael Hughes, a native of Sanford, Florida, who now resides in Lake Helen. Michael Hughes is a professional actor and is the nephew of Hayden Hughes. The performance is compelling and poignant as it brings to life the real experiences of our World War II military veterans.

The show was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Ormond Beach. Proceeds from tickets sales were donated to Volusia Honor Air. Volusia Honor Air is a Rotary Club charity that provides World War II veterans all expense paid trips to Washington, D.C., to visit the World War II Memorial and other historic sites.



## *9th Annual Bubba's Building Block Party*

On Saturday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, the City of Ormond Beach participated in the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Bubba's Building Block Party building competition, a fundraising event to benefit Halifax Habitat for Humanity, Inc. The event was hosted by Bubba Gump's Shrimp Restaurant in Daytona Beach. With Commissioner Troy Kent as team leader, the City of Ormond Beach was the returning 2009 best-in-show winners, and while the best in show honors were just out of reach, the team received top honors in the most functional category for its' intricate water features and movement aspects as it presented a constructed replica of the Ormond Beach Splash Pad all out of Lego building blocks. Annually, more that 25 local companies, clubs and service organizations team up to create many kinds of structures out of colorful children's building blocks while raising funds for Halifax Habitat for Humanity, Inc.



# Recovery Comedy Concert Performed at the PAC

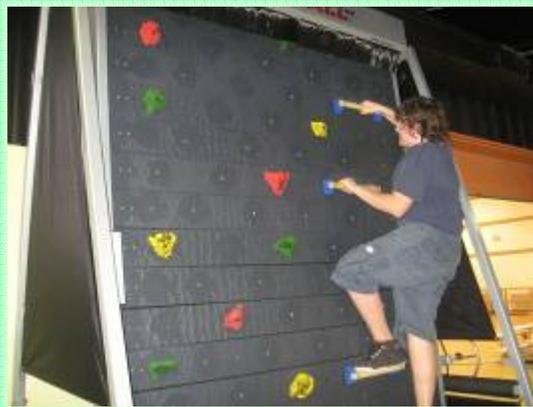
The Department of Leisure Services was pleased to host The Recovery Comedy Concert at the Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center on Friday November 19<sup>th</sup>. The headliner of the show, Steve Johnson, is a nationally known stand-up comedian, who has performed on "The Tonight Show With Jay Leno," and has also appeared in concert with Rodney Dangerfield and Jon Stewart.

Also appearing on the show were stand-up comedian James Vernon, and musical guest "True Gain." The Recovery Comedy Concert is a fund raiser to help the Alcoholics Anonymous twelve step recovery program. The proceeds from ticket sales for this event are being donated to Avenue Twelve, a halfway house that provides services to persons in recovery.



## New Tread Wall at Nova Community Center

At Nova Community Center, the Department of Leisure Services is climbing to new heights toward fighting childhood obesity and fostering fitness for all ages. The recent addition of a tread wall to the fitness area has attracted many area citizens. Nova Community Center will be extending their fitness room hours to include Monday through Friday mornings from 9:00 am through noon.



## *Variety of Activities Offered at Nova Community Park*

The beautiful weather has been the perfect formula for the community's attraction to Nova Community Park. Each day, hundreds of people play tennis, enjoy the playground, play handball, skate on the skate court, exercise on the fitness trail and sit in the pavilions. The City of Ormond Beach Leisure Services is pleased to offer such a variety of activities for the folks in our community to enjoy!



## *New Hire Testing for Firefighter-EMT Vacancy*

The Fire Department will be filling one Firefighter/EMT vacancy. On November 16th, the Fire Department conducted a Physical Agility Test and a Medical Scenario for employment candidates at the Volusia County Fire Training Center. The testing was to ensure the candidates had the basic physical ability and EMS skills to enter the work force in our department. Of the 18 candidates invited, 15 successfully completed this practical portion and were scheduled for panel interviews on November 30th.



## *Residential Structure Fire*

On Sunday, November 28, the Ormond Beach Fire Department responded to a residential structure fire at 420 Lakebridge Plaza in the Oaks at Lakebridge. The fire was in building 3 and was called in by a person driving by and by a resident of the complex. Upon arrival, approximately four and a half minutes later, the fire had already ventilated through the balcony area and the roof. The Ormond Beach Police Department assisted with evacuation of the 16 unit building.

A second alarm was struck due to the type of construction and the initial conditions found. The fire is believed to have started in the area of the hot water heater in the burned unit. Damages are estimated at approximately \$200,000. The Red Cross assisted with temporary housing for the displaced occupants. Four units were deemed uninhabitable by the Building Department. Two were damaged by fire and two were damaged by water. There were no injuries and the occupant was at work at the time of the fire. Ormond Beach Fire Department was assisted by Volusia County Fire Services and the Daytona Beach Fire Department.



## *Car Fire*

On Monday, November 29, the Ormond Beach Fire Department responded to a vehicle fire on Airport Road near Riverbend Park. The vehicle had veered from the roadway and into heavy brush causing a fire which engulfed the vehicle and started a small brush fire. The passenger escaped from the vehicle without any apparent injuries and was transported by EVAC Ambulance Service to the hospital for evaluation.



# Santa Arrives Early!

Santa arrived early this week at The Casements just in time for the 31st annual Christmas Gala. Little Conner visited The Casements during the hustle and bustle of decorating. Guild members and staff were busy arranging packages, hanging ornaments and setting up various Christmas trees as he and his mom stopped in for a visit. They first took pictures outside among the lush poinsettias on the west entrance and then were escorted inside to see the main tree in the Atrium.

Several Guild members and staff assembled around the bundle of joy as he smiled for the pictures. He almost disappeared among the packages and toys placed carefully around the base of the 12 foot main tree that adorns the center of the living room. Large sparkling snowflakes tower from the third story above the tree.

All the wonderful decorations and a chance to begin the season of holiday shopping will start on Friday evening at 6:00 p.m. The tree lighting ceremony and spectacular lights will be turned on at 7:00 p.m. The donation of \$5.00 will benefit The Casements Guild as this is their largest fundraiser of the year.



We hope you join us and take a part in starting the holiday season at the most beautiful historic home in Ormond Beach!

*The City of Ormond Beach Proudly Presents:*

## The 20th Annual "Home for the Holidays Parade" "20 Years of Holiday Magic"

*Saturday Night, December 11, 2010 6:30PM*

**\*Great Bands & Music\* \*Festive Floats\* \*Holiday Fun For Everyone\***

**6:00PM - Ormond Main Street will present the "City Hall Tree Lighting"**

The parade will begin on U.S. 1 and Division Avenue, traveling NORTH on U.S. 1 to Granada Blvd. Turning EAST on Granada Blvd. and ending at the City Hall Plaza. The review stand will be in front of City Hall.

A production of the Leisure Services Department  
Information: (386) 676-3241  
parade@ormondbeach.org OR  
www.ormondbeach.org

# Public Works in ACTION



## Maintenance crews repairing sidewalks in Ocean Village



## Concrete crew installing sidewalk after utility repairs were completed on N. Halifax Dr.



# Public Works in ACTION

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## Stormwater crews install grating for free flow of stormwater on Stratford Place



## Concrete utility repair at N. Beach St. and Hernandez Ave.



# Public Works in ACTION

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## Public Works Operations joint Street/ Stormwater completion of stormdrain line and roadway repairs at Kent and Loyola



## Asphalt utility cut repair on S. Orchard St.



# *Athletic Field Maintenance Prepares Baseball Fields*

The Department of Leisure Services Athletic Field Maintenance employees have been busy preparing the baseball fields at the Ormond Beach Sports Complex for the upcoming umpire school and the start of the baseball season.



## *Goings-On*

### **December 1-20, 2010**

Letters to Santa—FREE

2 Mailbox Locations:

- The Casements, 25 Riverside Drive
- Nova Community Center, 440 N. Nova Road

Information: 386-676-3241

### **Friday, December 3, 2010**

"31st Annual Christmas Gala" Tree Lighting

The Casements—6:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.

Christmas Tree Lighting at 7:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$5.00 adult, \$1.00 child

Information: 386-676-3216

### **Saturday & Sunday, December 4 & 5, 2010**

31st Annual Christmas Gala" - A Williamsburg Christmas

The Casements—10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$5.00 adult, \$1.00 child

Information: 386-676-3216

### **Saturday, December 4, 2010**

FCC Ministries Concert featuring LeFever Quartet  
Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center—7:00 p.m.

Tickets: Donation

Information: 386-676-3375

### **Sunday, December 5, 2010**

"Gift of Chanukah" Concert

Rockefeller Gardens—1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Tickets: FREE

Information: 386-676-3241

### **Friday, December 10, 2010**

Our Children First presents "Future Entertainers  
Holiday Talent Show"

Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center—7:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$10.00

Information: 386-676-3375

# Breakfast with Santa



Saturday, December 18, 2010  
The Casements 25 Riverside Drive

8AM - 11AM Limited Seating RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

\$5.00 Per Ticket Information: (386) 676 - 3216

Story Time with Mrs. Claus  
Face Painting and  
Lots More Holiday Fun !!

Presented By:

Department of Leisure Services

and Co - Sponsored By:

PPG - Porter Paint

Pancakes \* Sausage  
Juice \* Hot Chocolate \*  
Coffee



# *Challenger Basketball at Nova Community Center*

The Leisure Services Department offers “Challenger Basketball” at the Nova Community Center. Their season is in full swing after three weeks of practice. All the special needs participants have a buddy who volunteers to assist with coaching and teaching the needed skills. Each practice begins with drills that enable the players to compete in the full court game at the end of practice.



# *Hoedown at Nova Community Center*

The Special Populations Division of the City of Ormond Beach Leisure Services, and the Special Populations Activity and Recreation Council (SPARC) held their Hoedown at Nova Community Center on Friday, November 19th. All who attended enjoyed dinner, dancing to DJ Ryan Knox, pictures, karaoke and fun. The four year partnership between SPARC and the City of Ormond Beach has hosted several events each year for the community and special needs participants.



# A Season for Sharing Fire Safety

Each year, fires occurring during the holiday season claim the lives of over 400 people, injure 1,650 more, and cause over \$990 million in damage. According to the United States Fire Administration (USFA), there are simple life-saving steps you can take to ensure a safe and happy holiday. By following these tips, individuals can greatly reduce their chances of becoming a holiday fire casualty.

**Selecting a Tree for the Holiday**—Needles on fresh trees should be green and hard to pull back from the branches, and the needles should not break if the tree has been freshly cut. The trunk should be sticky to the touch. Old trees can be identified by bouncing the tree trunk on the ground. If many needles fall off, the tree has been cut too long, has probably dried out, and is a fire hazard. A burning tree can rapidly fill a room with fire and deadly gases.

**Caring for Your Tree**—Do not place your tree close to a heat source, including a fireplace or heat vent. The heat will dry out the tree, causing it to be more easily ignited by heat, flame or sparks. Be careful not to drop or flick cigarette ashes near a tree. Do not put your live tree up too early or leave it up for longer than two weeks. Keep the tree stand filled with water at all times.

**Disposing of Your Tree**—Never put tree branches or needles in a fireplace or woodburning stove. When the tree becomes dry, discard it promptly. The best way to dispose of your tree is by taking it to a recycling center or having it hauled away by a community pick-up service.

**Maintain Your Holiday Lights**—Inspect holiday lights each year for frayed wires, bare spots, gaps in the insulation, broken or cracked sockets, and excessive kinking or wear before putting them up. Use only lighting listed by an approved testing laboratory.

**Do Not Overload Electrical Outlet**—Do not link more than three light strands, unless the directions indicate it is safe. Connect strings of lights to an extension cord before plugging the cord into the outlet. Make sure to periodically check the wires - they should not be warm to the touch.

**Do Not Leave Holiday Lights on Unattended**

**Use Only Nonflammable Decorations**—All decorations should be nonflammable or flame-retardant and placed away from heat vents.

**Never Put Wrapping Paper in a Fireplace**—It can result in a very large fire, throwing off dangerous sparks and embers and may result in a chimney fire.

**Artificial Christmas Trees**—If you are using a metallic or artificial tree, make sure it is flame retardant.

**Avoid Using Lit Candles**—If you do use them, make sure they are in stable holders and place them where they cannot be easily knocked down. Never leave the house with candles burning.

**Never Put Lit Candles on a Tree**—Do not go near a Christmas tree with an open flame - candles, lighters or matches.

Finally, as in every season, have working smoke alarms installed on every level of your home, test them monthly and keep them clean and equipped with fresh batteries at all times. Know when and how to call for help. And remember to practice your home escape plan. (USFA)

Dry conditions continue to persist in Ormond Beach as we are still experiencing below-average rainfall. The Keetch-Byram Drought Index (KBDI) ranges from 0-800. Currently, Volusia County's index is over 600 which means the soil moisture is very dry and easily conducive to the potential of wildfires. Safety tips include:

- Allow a 30-foot buffer of non-combustible material around your home.
- Eliminate any flammable vegetation in contact with the home.
- Use non-combustible materials on the roof and regularly clean the roof and gutters.
- Eliminate "ladder fuels" near the structure that might carry a surface fire to the roof or eaves.
- Rake leaves and dead limbs and twigs. Clear all flammable vegetation.
- Have a garden hose long enough to reach any area of your home and property.
- Thin out trees/shrubs so there is 10 to 15 feet between the tree crowns. Prune tree limbs to a height of 6-10 feet.
- Replace highly-flammable landscape material with plant materials with higher water content.
- Replace flammable mulch adjacent to the structure with gravel or rock.
- Teach family members how to use a fire extinguisher.
- Inspect chimneys twice a year and clean them once a year.

**Year round safety tips include:**

- Do not discard cigarettes from moving vehicles; use ashtrays.
- When pulling off the side of the road stay off dry grass areas.
- Do not operate all-terrain vehicles on dry vegetation areas.
- Check lawnmowers and other equipment for properly working spark arresters.
- Properly extinguish fires when cooking outdoors and never leave fires unattended.
- Practice fire safety with your family. If you see a suspicious fire or smoke, call 911.
- Clearly mark all driveway entrances with name and address.
- Plan several escape routes away from your home by car and on foot.