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# City of Ormond Beach

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## Ormond Beach Earns Green Local Government Certification

The Florida Green Building Coalition (FGBC), a membership-based nonprofit organization that promotes sustainable building, development and business practices, has designated the City of Ormond Beach as a Florida Green Local Government.

The City received the prestigious Silver Level Designation from the Florida Green Building Coalition (FGBC), earned as a result of their outstanding environmental stewardship across all departments. Suzanne Cook, FGBC Executive Director, said the designation demonstrates a strong commitment by Ormond Beach elected officials to embrace the tenants of sustainability, while also helping better manage the cost of government. "Their leadership in this effort will help protect and conserve our natural resources, enhance the efficiency of government, and raise public awareness about the benefits of environmental stewardship," Cook said. "Our membership applauds the municipality's dedication and commitment to the important ideals outlined in this

program."

Numerous initiatives earned the City of Ormond Beach their Silver Certification including monitoring and tracking government building energy and water usage, participating in Cities for Climate Protection Campaign, enacting ordinances for tree preservation, rain sensor irrigation, septic system replacement, historic preservation to protect natural resources, developing environmental educational information for the City's website, enacting sea turtle and manatee protection programs along with a boat facility siting plan, and implementing advanced stormwater controls and waterfront considerations.

A member from the Florida Green Building Coalition will present the Silver Certification to Mayor Ed Kelley at the January 18th City Commission meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the City Hall Commission Chambers, 22 S. Beach Street, Ormond Beach.



# Project ROMP Design Day

Project R.O.M.P. (Renovate Ormond's Magic Forest Playground) is an Ormond Beach community volunteer organization dedicated to the expansion and renovation of the Magic Forest Playground at Nova Community Park.

The committee held a Design Day on January 11<sup>th</sup> at four local elementary schools – Ormond Elementary, Pathways Elementary, Pine Trail Elementary and Tomoka Elementary. Leathers & Associates, the designers for this project, and helpers from the Project R.O.M.P. Committee met with between 350 - 400 children at each of these schools to gather their ideas and visions for the playground.

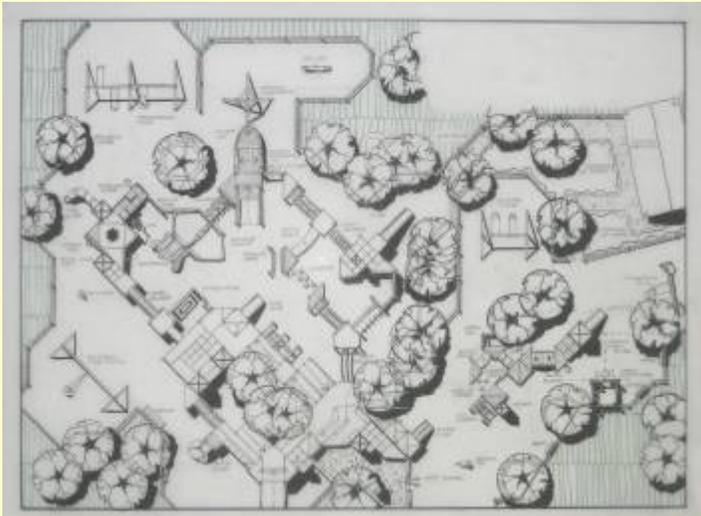
Badges were distributed to the children in attendance which included information about the Community Meeting and unveiling of the playground design for their parents. They were instructed to wear their badges home to show their parents and wear them to the meeting that night at the Performing Arts Center.

An incentive was given to the children by stating that the school that had the most representation at the Community Meeting would have the honor of helping to cut the ribbon at the playground ribbon-cutting and to be the first children to use the playground. Pine Trail had the most children attend, with Pathways a close second. The Pine Trail children were absolutely thrilled and cheered loudly when it was announced that they were the winners.

After meeting with the schools, the designers came back to the Performing Arts Center where they worked throughout the day to complete the playground design in time for the Community Meeting that night.

Design Day ended exceptionally well with an estimated 375 parents and children showing up at the Community Meeting. Leathers and Associates unveiled the playground via a PowerPoint presentation and throughout the presentation the children in the audience cheered, especially when they recognized one of the ideas that they had given to the designer earlier in the day. The designer spoke to the parents letting them know that the project would be a community build, and gave them some insight of how builds are accomplished and the parents seemed to be very responsive to the process.

Following the presentation, the Children's Musical Theatre gave a "sneak preview" of their upcoming play by performing three short songs from their play. The parents and children then went into the lobby for refreshments and parents were given the opportunity to sign up for committees and to ask questions. It was a positive experience and the Project R.O.M.P. Committee is very excited about the outcome.



The project's website ([www.projectrump.com](http://www.projectrump.com)) and Facebook are being updated; news releases and coverage of the Design Day should be showing up in local papers very soon. Community awareness and fundraising will become the focus for the Project ROMP Committee and added members and donations will be gladly accepted.



# ***Judo Celebrates 40 Years***

Judo in Ormond Beach celebrated its 40th Anniversary on Tuesday, January 11th, in the Blue Room Studio at the Performing Arts Center. Ormond Beach Mayor Ed Kelley was in attendance to read a proclamation to honor Sensei Ruth Horan for her many accomplishments and contributions to the Ormond Beach community. Ruth has been a Judo instructor for sixty years and is the highest ranking person ever in defensive Judo! Dr. Jerry Demming, who has been a participant in the class for the entire forty years, received his sixth degree black belt.

In addition to the awards, the class demonstrated Judo techniques for the audience. A reception was held to celebrate forty years of Judo, and to honor the accomplishments of Ruth Horan and her students. Judo is one the longest continually running recreational programs in the history of the City.



## ***BOOTH BROTHERS IN CONCERT***

The Booth Brothers, one the most popular vocal groups in gospel music, performed at the Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center on Saturday, January 8th. It was their first performance in Ormond Beach since 1994. During this time, gospel music fans have voted for the Booth Brothers as their favorite vocal group, and they have received multiple awards for their great voices.

The Booth Brothers performed a mixture of traditional hymns as well as contemporary gospel music. They also shared the stage with gospel music soloist Jonathon Martin, who has appeared several times previously at the PAC. The Booth Brothers concert was a wonderful night of gospel music for all their fans.



# Marissa Moss State PAL Girl of the Year

Marissa Moss, a junior at Mainland High School, and a participant in the Ormond Beach Police Athletic League (PAL) program since she was in the fourth grade, was recognized on Sunday, January 9th at the Annual State PAL Youth Directors Council Conference in Lake Buena Vista as State PAL Girl of the Year for 2010.

Marissa has been active in numerous PAL programs over the years and she has always gone above and beyond what has been expected of her. She was recognized for outstanding service in her church, her participation in extracurricular sports activities at school and in the PAL program; and she has proven to be an outstanding role model to her peers. Ms. Moss is aware of the needs of her community and participates in events that help to improve her community. She is full of determination and ambition and is worthy of this prestigious honor. Ms. Moss represents her family, her church and the PAL program well and is a strong image for others to follow. The opportunities for Marissa are unlimited and she will continue to grow into one of tomorrow's finest leaders. Congratulations Marissa!



# Boat Fire Pineland Road

At approximately 5:00 p.m. yesterday, an abandoned boat was set on fire in a small lake off of Pineland Road in Ormond Beach.

The Ormond Beach Fire Department responded and extinguished the fire. The boat was pulled from the water to minimize the environmental impacts to the lake. Assisting at the scene was the Florida Wildlife Commission as well as the Division of Forestry. Several vehicles were seen leaving the scene and the Ormond Beach Police Department is leading the investigation into the incident.



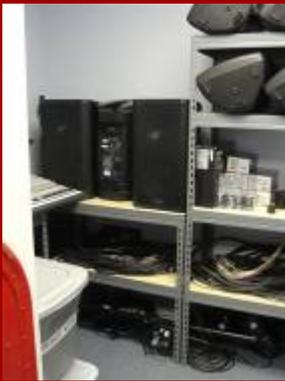


# *Starry, Starry Night*

Members of the community visited The Casements and the Ormond Memorial Art Museum to view the wonderful art exhibits, listen to classical music and learn more about the history of our community with members from the Historical Society.

Despite high winds and cool weather, nearly 250 guests visited both locations with the help of a free trolley ride. This event has been taking place in the community for 22 years. It has become the first event of the New Year and brings culture to the forefront in the community!

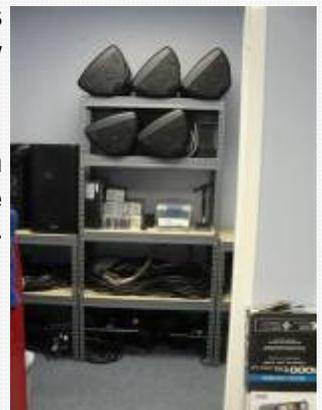
Staff thanks local artist Carolyn Land for the exceptional exhibit in The Casements gallery. The exhibit will be on display throughout the month of January. For further information please contact The Casements at (386) 676-3216.



# *Community Events News*

Now that the dust has settled from the City's holiday events, the Department of Leisure Services Community Events staff is busy cleaning and organizing the holiday props and decorations. Rearranging storage areas was necessary to house new sound system equipment.

The new sound equipment was acquired by generous donations from Bighthouse Networks, Brown and Brown Insurance, State Representative Fred Costello and Florida Hospital Memorial Medical Center. Staff is eagerly looking forward to using the sound system in many upcoming events!





# Legends of Doo Wop

The Legends of Doo Wop performed in concert at the Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center on Friday, January 7<sup>th</sup>. The group featured singers from five of the most famous groups from the first generation of rock-n-roll. Appearing with the group were: Joey Dee of Joey Dee and Star-liters, Tommy Mara of The Crests, Steve Horn of the Five Sharks, Tony Passa of The Fascina-tors, and Frank Mancuso of The Imaginations.

The group performed many favorite hit songs from the first generation of rock-n-roll, such as "Peppermint Twist," "Sixteen Candles," "Stormy Weather," "I Wonder Who," and "Guardian An-gel." The audience was thrilled to hear the originators of these top hit songs perform them to-gether in a rare live concert appearance. It was a great night for the packed house of lovers of old time rock-n-roll music, and it was an honor for the Department of Leisure Services to host the crowd-pleasing show!



# SONC Activities

The weather started off quite nice this week and people were able to get out and enjoy the South Ormond Neighborhood Center (SONC). Activity at the center is back in full stride now that the holiday season is past. Youth basketball, free-play sports, 8-on-8 football and tennis were all on the menu this week at South Ormond.

For those cold days, the center offers indoor activities such as basketball in the gymnasium, computers for after school students, and a weight room.





# Nova Park a Favorite Spot!

On a beautiful warm winter day, Nova Community Park is one of the most popular places in the community. The skate court has seen an increase in activity since it was renovated. The Magic Forest playground has always been a favorite for children. The well maintained pavilions attract community residents for picnics and birthday parties. The Department of Leisure Services is pleased to offer a park which serves something for everyone in the community all year long!



# Men's Winter Softball League

The Men's Winter Softball League has begun its 12th season for 2011. This year there are nine teams, our highest number of teams in six years!

The teams compete three nights per week at the Dale Buttlemann Softball Quad at the Ormond Beach Sports Complex. Each team will play a minimum of 15 games. Teams are placed into two divisions after playing each other once, to allow for more enjoyment and even competition. The season will end in early March. The League is coordinated through the Athletics Division of the Leisure Services Department 386-676-3280.





# Native American Festival

The 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Native American Festival will be held at The Casements, 25 Riverside Drive, from Friday, January 21<sup>st</sup> through Sunday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

This year's Festival will feature Joanne Shenandoah, a Grammy Singer/Songwriter, composer, lecturer, actress and educator who is a Wolf Clan member of the Iroquois Confederacy – Oneida Nation. Ms. Shenandoah will sing at noon on Saturday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> on the Main Stage in Rockefeller Gardens.

Ms. Shenandoah is a twelve time Native American Music Award artist and has fifteen recordings and her music is on more than forty compilations. She has appeared at Carnegie Hall, Madison Square Garden, The White House, Kennedy Center, Woodstock 94, Earth Day on the Mall, and the Special Olympics both nationally and internationally. Her compositions and striking voice allows her to embellish the ancient Iroquois songs with a blend of contemporary and traditional instrumentation. Her music has been described as an emotional experience, a "Native American Trance."

Hours of the Festival are 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is \$6.00 for adults, \$5.00 for seniors, \$4.00 for children, and \$3.00 after 5:00 p.m. For additional information, please contact The Casements, at 676-3216.



## Crime Stoppers 10k Run a Great Success!

Crime Stoppers of Northeast Florida held its first 10k Run from Crime on Saturday, Jan. 8th. The competition began at 7:15 a.m. with 95 local and visiting athletes participating in the race, which started near Ormond Beach's City Hall. The USATF-certified out and back course took runners along Beach Street/Riverside Drive in Ormond Beach and Holly Hill. Racers were chip timed and scored at the start and finish by RaceSmith. The City of Ormond Beach Leisure Services and Police Department staff assisted in facilitating traffic control, safety and various needs of runners during the race.

Crime Stoppers of Northeast Florida is operated by a volunteer Board of Directors. The Crime Stoppers program provides up to \$1,000 in reward money to anonymous tipsters who furnish information that helps law enforcement solve cases and make arrests. The reward money is generated through state revenue. Funds for education and operations are generated from individual and corporate contributions and private fundraisers. Crime Stoppers of Northeast Florida comprises the 7th Judicial Circuit — Volusia, Flagler, Putnam and St. Johns Counties.





# Ham Radio Meeting

There will be a kick off meeting for the new Neighborhood HamWatch (<http://www.hamwatch.me/about.htm>) program in Volusia County held at 3 pm on Saturday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, at the Volusia County Fire Training Facility, 3889 Tiger Bay Road, Daytona Beach.

Andy Gausz, KG4QCD, from Seminole County, the Neighborhood HamWatch coordinator for Northern Florida, will talk about the importance of the Neighborhood HamWatch program.

You will find the Neighborhood HamWatch program an intriguing concept – Hams may participate from home during a communications emergency and be of value to their community.

Everyone is encouraged to attend this important and informative presentation, and please consider becoming a Neighborhood HamWatch volunteer.

Additional information can be found on these websites:

DeLand, WESTVARS - <http://bellsouthpwp2.net/n/4/n4gmu>

DeBary, IMARS - [www.imarsflorida.com](http://www.imarsflorida.com)

Daytona Beach, DBARA - [www.dbara.org](http://www.dbara.org)

Daytona Beach, VolusiaARES - [www.VolusiaARES.org](http://www.VolusiaARES.org)



## Neighborhood HamWatch Presentation

**Andy Gausz, NHW Coordinator**  
<http://www.hamwatch.me>

**Date:** January 15, 2011

**Time:** 3pm.

**Location:** Volusia County Fire Training Facility  
 3889 Tiger Bay Rd., Daytona Beach, FL 32124

**Talk in:** 147.240 T123.

**Neighborhood HamWatch is a voluntary program for all Amateur Radio Operators, often called "Hams", who want to provide a helpful service to their neighbors during times of emergencies.**

On January 15, 2011, Volusia ARES will host Andy Gausz, the Neighborhood HamWatch coordinator for the State of Florida, who will talk about the importance of Neighborhood HamWatch.

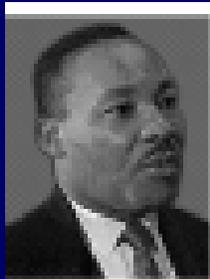
When communities experience extended power outages, are physically isolated due to downed trees, flooded rivers, or unsafe roadways, or lose contact with those outside the community because commercial radio and television reception is disrupted or telephone and cell phone circuits are overloaded, Neighborhood HamWatch volunteers can establish two-way communications for the purpose of temporarily reconnecting their neighbors to community emergency response headquarters and possibly to their friends or relatives outside the affected area. Amateur Radio Operators can also relay information about recovery efforts to and from neighbors as well as to emergency management officials.

Everyone, Hams and neighborhood residents alike, are encouraged to attend this important and very informative presentation, and consider becoming a Neighborhood HamWatch volunteer. As has often been said, "When All Else Fails" Hams are here to help you, our neighbors, in times of emergency.

For further information or special needs please contact:  
 Stephen Craft, W1SGC  
 Emergency Coordinator  
 Volusia ARES  
[w1sgc@yahoo.com](mailto:w1sgc@yahoo.com)  
 (386) 334-6429

# Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

City Hall & all non-emergency facilities will be closed on Monday, January 17 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Regular hours will resume on Tuesday, January 18.



# Arbor Day Event



On Friday, January 21st, at 11:00 a.m., at Fortunato Park, an Eastern Palatka Holly tree will be planted in celebration of Arbor Day.

Arbor Day is an annual observance which celebrates the important role of trees in our lives and encourages tree planting and care. The first Arbor Day was in 1872 in Nebraska City, Nebraska, where Julius Sterling Morton, a journalist who loved nature, wrote and spoke about environmental awareness and encouraged everyone to set specific dates to plant trees. In 1872, the Nebraska Board of Agriculture accepted a resolution by Mr. Morton "to set aside one day to plant trees."

National Arbor Day is celebrated on the last Friday of April; however, in the United States, Arbor Day is celebrated on a date appropriate for tree planting in their region.

For additional information, please contact Michael Demchak, Community Events Coordinator, at 676-3241.

## Weekly Police Stats

Calls for Service - 1,318    Arrests - 18  
Citations Issued - 159  
Reports Written - 130    Traffic Stops - 162



## Weekly Fire Operations Stats

**105 INCIDENTS**  
57 - EMS    7 - Motor Vehicle Accidents  
4 - Fires    10 - Fire Alarms  
25 - Public Assists    2 - Hazardous

# Public Works in ACTION



Stormwater crews assist City's contractor in clearing ditches at Airport Business Park.



Street Maintenance crews switch out holiday banners to Birthplace of Speed on Granada Bridge.



Sign Shop installation of signage for new Joint Permit area at City Hall.



# Public Works in ACTION

(continued)

**Asphalt/concrete crew assist Utilities crew after the repair of a broken water main on SR40.**



**Urban Forestry crews trimming trees in the 700 block of John Anderson Drive.**

