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# City of Ormond Beach

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## Town Hall Budget Meetings

Mayor Ed Kelley and the City Commissioners invite all Ormond Beach residents to participate in the upcoming Town Hall Budget Meetings being held this month. These meetings are intended to:

- Raise the community's awareness of the City's budget and financial situation.
- Hear residents' recommendations on what issues are important to the economic health and vitality of our community and our quality of life.
- Discuss how these programs and services can be sustained.

For more information, please visit the City's website [www.ormondbeach.org](http://www.ormondbeach.org) or contact Kelly McGuire, Finance Director, at 386-676-3226.

**Thursday, May 12, 2011**  
**Zones 3 & 4 Meeting:**  
**Commissioner Boehm and**  
**Commissioner Partington**

6:30 p.m.  
Trails Homeowners Association  
201 Main Trail

**Wednesday, May 25, 2011**  
**Zones 1 & 2 Meeting:**  
**Commissioner Stowers and**  
**Commissioner Kent**

6:30 p.m.  
Senior Center Ballroom  
351 Andrews Street





# Art in the Park

The 39th Annual Art In The Park presented by the Leisure Services Department and the Ormond Memorial Art Museum was held in the scenic Rockefeller Gardens on Saturday, April 30th and Sunday, May 1st. The show ran from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm both days, and the weather was picture perfect for the guests to enjoy the artists' and crafters' booths.

While many of the artists and crafters were return vendors, some new participants joined this year's event as well. On Saturday, "Docs of Dixie" kicked off the live music, followed by "Dan Allen 1 Man Band," and on Sunday "2 Guys with Horns" and "Docs of Jazz" entertained the crowd. Hershey's Ice Cream had a cool treat for the guests, and a glass of homemade lemonade from Joe's Lemonade quenched the thirst of many. Greg's Seafood & Bar B Q offered a variety of delicious food, and of course it would not have been a festival without some Holy Cow Kettle Corn & Sweet Nuts!

Judging took place on Saturday, and the prizes and ribbons were presented in the afternoon to all the winners. The judges gave the artists and crafters compliments for ingenuity and creativity of artwork and display techniques. A "Green Trend" of repurposing items and information about the process of creating the work engaged the crowd in conversation with the exhibitors.

Many thanks to everyone that participated and all who attended this great event to make it such a big success. The Department of Leisure Services looks forward to presenting the 40th Annual "Art In The Park" next year on Saturday, May 5, and Sunday, May 6, 2012.

## Art in the Park Winners

### **Crafters Category**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Jonathan Salazar

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Susan Harvey

Judges Choice: Connie Foley & Peggy Epton

### **Fine Arts Category**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Dan Burleigh Phillips

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Jinsong Kim

Judges Choice: Jinsheng Song

### **Best of Show**

Leland Williams





# *First Annual Children of Ormond Gallery Show!*

The Department of Leisure Services, along with the Daytona Beach Branch of the National League of American Pen Women, hosted the first annual "Children of Ormond Gallery Show" in conjunction with last weekend's Art in the Park event.

Children from the local area were given the opportunity to participate in an art contest, with a "Heroes" theme. Over 60 students in 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades entered the contest and their artwork was displayed in The Case-ments gallery through Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. Awards and certificates were given to the winners on Saturday during the Art in the Park event. Congratulations to all the winners and thank you to all the students who participated in the show!

## **5th Grade**

### **First place**

"Soul Surfer" by Jessica

### **Achievement Award**

"Super Cow" by Gracia

"Who I Want to Be" (Sarah Palin) by Hope

## **4th Grade**

### **First place**

"The Doctors Room" by Skylar

### **Achievement Award**

"Joel" by Joshua

"Super Vet" by Faith

"Mom's are Heroes" by Megan

## **3rd Grade**

### **First place**

"Save the Ocean" by Brianna

### **Achievement Award**

"Hamburger Man" by Dylon

"Army" by Alexis

"Lady of Savannah" by Gabriella

"My Sister" by MacKenzie

### **Best of Show**

"Poseidon" by Emily (3rd grade)





# *Battle at the Beach Basketball Tournament*

The South Ormond Neighborhood Center and Nova Community Center played host to the 6th Annual "Battle at the Beach" basketball tournament over the weekend.

The United States Specialty Sports Association (USSSA) sanctioned event was sponsored by the South Ormond Sports Club. The 3-day tournament featured 82 boys' teams in 15 different brackets ranging from 4th through 12th grades, including both competitive and recreational divisions.

Over 1,200 people attended the tournament event including numerous teams from throughout the state along with families, friends and supporters. The endurance and high level of competition of the competitors made for a very exciting event at our gymnasiums!



# *D.A.R.E.*

## *D.A.R.E. Essay Samantha Vescovi*

The D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program is a highly acclaimed program with classes led by police officers who give children the skills they need to avoid involvement in drugs, gangs, and violence. In Ormond Beach, Officer Cornelius and Officer Stokes teach this vital program each year to approximately 800 fifth graders.

Each student who participates in this program is required to write an essay as part of the class. The essay can be related to the program or a personal experience. At a recent D.A.R.E. graduation, one student, Samantha Vescovi, stood out with her touching essay and was chosen as the D.A.R.E. essay winner for her class. Samantha had written about a personal experience involving herself and her father when she was only seven years old.

Unfortunately, Samantha's father abused drugs and cigarettes and on one occasion encouraged Samantha to try smoking a cigarette. Samantha explains what happened in her D.A.R.E. essay and how that experience with her father, reinforced by the lessons taught to her in D.A.R.E. class, has convinced her to remain drug and alcohol free and to make smart, healthy, decisions in her life. Samantha's father died of a drug overdose shortly before she wrote her essay. Samantha's essay can be read on the City of Ormond Beach's website at: <http://www.dare.org/home/HometownDAREUSA/Story5886.asp?N=HometownDAREUSA&S=8&S=0&St=9>

We are proud of Samantha and the stand she has decided to take in making wise decisions in her life and to resist smoking and drug abuse!



## *Spring Volleyball Season Comes to a Close*

The Spring Coed Volleyball Season wrapped up this week, with 56 participants (53 girls, 3 boys) competing on Monday and Wednesday nights from 6 to 8 pm. The participants were divided into two divisions with four teams of seven players in each. Each team played a nightly match consisting of three games to 25 points. An awards ceremony was held on the last night, in which trophies were given to each individual, depending on where their team finished in their division. Plaques were also awarded for individual play: best passer, spiker, setter, server, hustler, most improved and complete player. Each division also had a Most Valuable Player Award that was awarded a large trophy for great play and hustle.

Summer Volleyball will begin on June 7th and will run through July 21st. There is also a Summer Volleyball Clinic being offered August 1st through 4th, from 5:30 to 8:30 pm. For further information on the Volleyball program, please call the Department of Leisure Services registration office 386-676-3250.



## *A Step Back in Time*

A group of visitors from St. Demetrios Greek Church visited The Casements this week to tour John D. Rockefeller, Jr.'s previous home. The group of twenty met with Guild docents and learned of the days when Mr. Rockefeller resided here and of the many famous visitors that once stayed in the home.

After the tour, two members from the Ormond Beach Historical Society met up with the group to take them on a walking tour which included a visit to Fortunato Park to see the cupola that once graced the roof of the former Ormond Hotel.

If you know of a group that would be interested in learning the history that makes Ormond Beach so special, call The Casements at (386) 676-3216 and staff will arrange for a special group tour. There is no cost and you will be richly rewarded with history!



## ***PAL Youth Directors Council***

PAL's Youth Directors Council (YDC), working to fulfill requirements for attendance to January's Conference at Disney World, put in long hours helping out at the Battle at the Beach Basketball Tournament this past weekend. Twelve youths volunteered their time and weekend hours in order to earn points for a regional project. They took turns working the concession stand, running the clock, keeping the score book for the games and helping out wherever they were needed.

YDC participants have gained a strong appreciation for community service and the positive results it produces as well as its value to the community. They have learned that their good deeds and service not only benefit the community, they also gain a sense of pride in their accomplishments.

Two YDC youths, Talani Williams and Tierra Wilmore volunteered 24 hours through out the weekend. When many hands work together, much gets accomplished. Our goal is to show our YDC youths the path to becoming great leaders. They are well on their way.



## ***Science On Patrol***

Science on Patrol (SOP) enjoyed another fantastic year during the 2011 12-week session at Ormond Beach Middle School! The goal of SOP is to increase self-esteem, enhance self-confidence and improve academic skills through the use of forensic science and the scientific methods of investigation. Ormond Beach Police Department's Crime Scene Investigator, Amy Laabs, assisted in instruction on how to lift latent prints/fingerprinting, crime scene investigation and she also participated in Parents' Day.

School administrators and several parents were also present to view first hand what the students had learned. Students set up work stations and demonstrated their favorite program classes of instruction to everyone there. Statistics collected during previous SOP programs reveal that this educational program has a positive impact on youth in the areas of math and science with most youth attaining better scores on academic tests. As students gain self confidence they also learned about forensics and how important solving crime is to the Ormond Beach Police Department.





# *Pine Trail Students Perform "Annie Jr."*

Pine Trail Elementary School presented "Annie Jr." at the Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center on Thursday, April 28th. The cast of the show were all in Pine Trail's 3rd grade gifted program. "Annie Jr." is based on the popular Broadway musical and is specifically designed for children's performances.

The children performed three shows; two for Volusia County public school students during the day, and an evening performance for the public. The students gained valuable performing skills and a deeper appreciation for the performing arts as a part of this program. The Pine Trail students did an excellent job and everyone in attendance thoroughly enjoyed the shows!



# *Garden Club Luncheon*

This past Wednesday, members of the Ormond Beach Garden Club met for their monthly meeting which included a special luncheon. The group of nearly 50 members meet at The Casements on the first Wednesday of each month. Their meetings begin in September and run through May.

The last meeting of the year is generally celebrated with a luncheon for the members. This meeting also includes the changing of officers for the new upcoming year. Although the new slate of officers has not been announced, staff is looking forward to working with this group this summer with our Enviro Camp and into the new year.



The Garden Club is responsible for many of the plantings and small gardens located in several of the parks in Ormond Beach. The members have worked with our summer camp programs for the past few years and their large decorative planters, located in the brick courtyard, are growing strong and provide a welcoming touch to The Casements.





# *Florida US Pageant Held at the PAC*

The Florida US Pageant held their preliminary pageant at the Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center on Sunday, May 1st. Women from throughout the East Central Florida area were competing for the titles that allow them to move on to the next round of pageant competition at the state level.

Pageant contestants were judged on their poise and public speaking skills through the interview round, as well as on their style and fitness in the evening gown and swimsuit rounds. The Department of Leisure Services Performing Arts Center staff is pleased to work with Pageant organizers to facilitate this exciting annual event.



**In Memory of  
Alice and Frank Henry  
whose loving dedication to our  
community made a difference**

## *Memorial Plaque and Tree Planting*

The Facilities Maintenance Division of the Department of Leisure Services recently planted a tree and installed a memorial plaque in the park at the South Ormond Neighborhood Center.

This was done to honor the memory of Alice and Frank Henry, who were long-time City employees and dedicated to making a difference in our community.



**Ormond Beach's  
Andy Romano  
Beachfront Park  
Community  
Meetings**

Citizens of Ormond Beach are invited to actively participate in the design of a major new public park located on a beautiful 4 acre beachfront site at 839 S. Atlantic Avenue.

Two community meetings have been scheduled to obtain input:

**Tuesday, May 10, 2011**  
**6:00 p.m.**

**The Casements  
25 Riverside Drive  
Ormond Beach**

**Wednesday, May 11, 2011**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**Senior Center Ballroom  
351 Andrews Street  
Ormond Beach**



***Gymnastics  
Program***

The Gymnastics program is moving forward and classes are going well as we've entered the middle of our 2-month session. The students are having fun as they learn new skills, and the Coaches and students are all working hard as the new competitive session is just around the corner.

The Ormond Beach Wolves cheer teams are still bringing home the "gold." Last weekend at the Show of Champions at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, the girls all performed well as the younger team came in 2<sup>nd</sup> place over all, and the older girls achieved 1st place over all in their division. Congratulations Ormond Beach Wolves!

The Gymnastics Center has two upcoming specialized clinics scheduled: A Cheer Clinic on Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> for beginners through experienced, boys and girls ages 6 and up, and a Tumbling Clinic on Saturday, June 11th for boys and girls ages 6 and up. For additional registration information on the Gymnastics Program, please call the Department of Leisure Services registration office, 386-676-3250.

**Weekly Police Stats**

**Calls for Service - 1,286    Arrests - 36**  
**Citations Issued - 131**  
**Reports Written - 136    Traffic Stops - 171**



**Weekly Fire Operations Stats**

**119 INCIDENTS**  
**69 - EMS    8 - Motor Vehicle Accidents**  
**2 - Fires    3 - Fire Alarms**  
**35 - Public Assists    2 - Hazardous**

# Public Works in ACTION



Concrete crews assist Stormwater Maintenance crews in replacing gutter on Riverside Dr.



Mr. Concrete, Bob Tury's last job before retirement



Concrete crew replacing sidewalk on Aaron Circle



# Public Works in ACTION

(continued)

## South Forty Trail island fill dirt leveling in preparation for re-planting



## Urban Forestry removes tree overhanging Division Ave. Well #6



## Stormwater Maintenance crews clean Rockefeller Gardens Pond

