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# City of Ormond Beach

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## Zones 3 & 4 Town Hall Budget Meetings

Last night, Commissioner Rick Boehm and Commissioner Bill Partington held a Town Hall, round-table style, budget meeting at The Trails HOA Community Center. Mayor Ed Kelley was also in attendance as was several members of the Budget Advisory Board.

The purpose of the meeting was to raise the community's awareness of the City's budget and financial situation, to hear the residents' recommendations on what issues are important to the economic health and vitality of our community and our quality of life, and to discuss how these programs and services can be sustained.

After an introduction and presentation on the community successes of the past year by City Manager Joyce Shanahan, Finance Director Kelly McGuire gave a presentation on the City's budget and what the challenges would be for balancing the budget for fiscal year 2011-2012.

Although a very small attendance, the common consensus was that the City has done a great job positioning itself in prior years, by being fiscally responsible, and is headed in the right direction going forward. It was noted that current City staff is very responsive to the citizens.



Commissioner Boehm, Zone 3



Commissioner Partington, Zone 4

# Dry Conditions Continue

While many of our residents are struggling to keep their lawns lush and green in these dry conditions, the City is also experiencing challenges in keeping the parks, medians and ball fields looking continuously fresh and green.

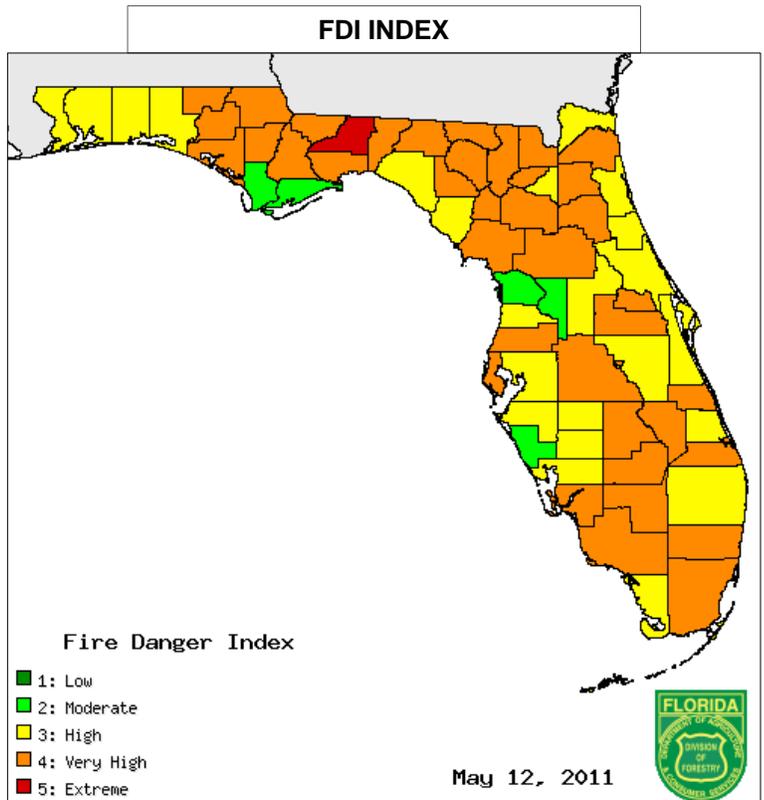
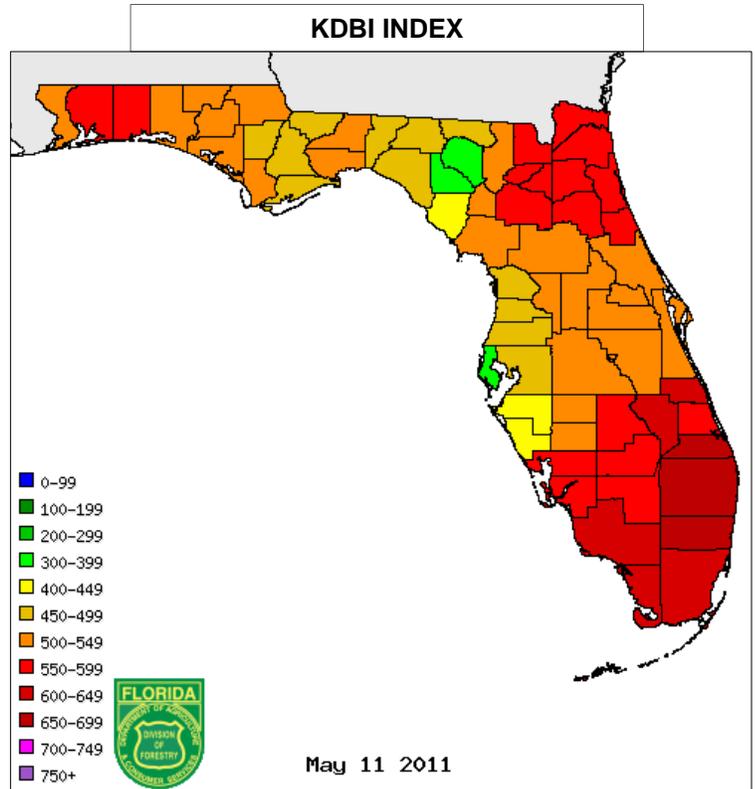
According to the Keetch-Byram Drought Index (KBDI), conditions in Florida are terribly dry! This index is a reference scale for estimating the dryness of the soil and duff layers. The index increases for each day without rain and decreases when it rains. The scale ranges from 0 (no moisture deficit) to 800. The range of the index is determined by assuming that there is 8 inches of moisture in a saturated soil that is readily available to the vegetation. As indicated in the Florida Division of Forestry map, Volusia County is averaging 500-549 on the KBDI index. In 2010, Volusia County reached an index level as high as 636, and experienced below normal levels of precipitation overall throughout the year. Again this year, rain levels are below normal. The Florida Division of Forestry has predicted an increased fire danger for 2011, with Volusia County in the "High" Fire Danger Index (FDI) range.

Safety tips during this dry season to reduce the chances of a brush fire 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 farm 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.
- Plan several escape routes away from your home by car and on foot.

For more information on fire safety, you can visit the Florida Division of Forestry and Volusia County Fire Services websites.

If you would like information on watering guidelines/restrictions, you can visit the St. Johns River Water Management District website.





## *Granada Blvd. (SR40) Lane and Sidewalk Closures*

The **eastbound** lane and sidewalk on the Granada Bridge (SR 40) will be closed beginning at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 17, 2011, until 6:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 18.

The **westbound** lane and sidewalk on the Granada Bridge will be closed beginning at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 18, 2011, until 6:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 19.

The closures are necessary to perform maintenance activities along the downtown corridor.

If you have any questions, or need additional information, regarding this closure, please contact the City of Ormond Beach Engineering Department at 386-676-3269.

## *City Commission Meeting Date Changed*

The June 7, 2011, **City Commission** meeting date has been changed to Wednesday, June 1, 2011, and will be held at 12:00 p.m. (Noon) in the **City Commission Chambers, 22 South Beach Street, Ormond Beach.**



### Weekly Police Stats

Calls for Service - 1,291    Arrests – 22  
Citations Issued - 125  
Reports Written - 139    Traffic Stops - 174



### Weekly Fire Operations Stats

**116 INCIDENTS**  
68 - EMS    5 - Motor Vehicle Accidents  
3 - Fires    3 - Fire Alarms  
36 - Public Assists    1 - Hazardous



# SONC Activity

It was a great weekend with many visitors at the South Ormond Neighborhood Center (SONC). The Pop Warner Football and Cheer uniform fitting went very well and had a great turnout. YMCA soccer also had good crowds on Saturday for their games, and the splash pad users were out in strong numbers as well enjoying the sunshine. Summer camp is on the horizon and the SONC will soon see a steady dose of daily park users.



## *Volusia Very Special Arts Talent Night at PAC*

Volusia Very Special Arts presented their annual Talent Night performance at the Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center (PAC) on Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>.

Very Special Arts is a non-profit organization which provides arts programs for school age children and adults with disabilities. Talent Night is a showcase for young performers with disabilities. Friday's show featured dancing, singing, and musical performances.

Also, an exhibition of visual arts created by artists in the Very Special Arts program is now on display in the PAC lobby. The Performing Arts Center is proud to be the home of Very Special Arts Talent Night.





# Amen Corner

Saturday, May 21, 2011, will be a "Marvelous Evening of the Arts" at the Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center in Ormond Beach, Florida. The Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Chi Delta Omega Chapter of Palm Coast, Florida, will present the "Amen Corner" by the award winning playwright James Baldwin.

Margaret Alexander is the fire and brimstone preaching pastor of a storefront church in Harlem in the late 1960's. Pastor Alexander holds her congregation to the highest and strictest of biblical conduct. That is until they learn of the skeletons in her closet. Pastor Alexander is revisited by her past only to learn that she has done all the right things for the wrong reasons. This soul stirring, toe tapping gospel play will lift your spirits and make you ponder the real meaning of "Godly" love.

Tickets are \$35.00 for VIP and After-Glow Reception Seats and \$25.00 for General Seats. You can purchase your tickets from any AKA Sorority, Chi Delta Omega Member, or the Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center Box Office. This will definitely be an evening to remember.

Stop by and pick up your tickets today or call the Box Office at 386-676-3375 to reserve your tickets. The Box Office is open Tuesday through Friday from Noon until 5:00 p.m., and two hours prior to all performances.



## Challenger Baseball Finishes Spring Season

Challenger Baseball, for people with special needs, had its last practice of the season on Tuesday. The participants enjoyed an exciting game with the parents, siblings and volunteers. After the game, all who attended met at the large pavilion in Nova Community Park for a cook out. Each participant then received their awards and certificates. The Special Populations Division has been offering Challenger Baseball in the spring for 10 years and is glad to provide a healthy, up-building sport for those in our community with special needs.





# City Manager Work Day with Utilities Water Distribution

On Wednesday, May 11th, City Manager Joyce Shanahan spent her time getting hands-on experience with the Utilities Water Distribution crews in the Public Works Department. Between 7:30 and 3:00 p.m., she assisted the water distribution crew with replacement of an inoperable six (6) inch isolation valve at the intersection of Highland Avenue and N. Beach Street. Activities included minor traffic control, excavation, removal of valve and necessary piping, installation of valve fittings, couplings and piping restraints, and flushing the near vicinity distribution system prior to placing the water main back into



service.



Afternoon activities included installation of a fire hydrant riser kit on a low hydrant at the south side of SR40 across from the entrance to Hunter's Ridge. This work required the removal of the hydrant body from its base, installation of the riser kit and return of the hydrant body to the base. Joyce then assisted with the installation of a new backflow prevention device at the Public Works Administration Facility and witnessed a backflow device test.



All work described was performed by the City's water distribution crews and was a broad example of their typical daily assignments. Joyce's field days are part of her commitment to knowing, first hand, what individual departments do to keep our City running smoothly and efficiently.



# Creating a New Beachfront Park

This week, citizens had the opportunity to meet with representatives from Zev Cohen & Associates, Inc., the company providing professional design services for Ormond Beach's Andy Romano Beachfront Park. Approximately 60 citizens attended the meetings. A brief presentation was shown and several idea boards were presented for citizens to vote or comment on.



These meetings, scheduled on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, gave Ormond Beach citizens the opportunity to provide input into the creation of this new beachfront park that is scheduled to open January 2013.





# Youth Summer Volleyball League

The City of Ormond Beach Leisure Services Department began registration for its Summer Youth Volleyball League for ages 9-16 (age as of September 1, 2011) on Monday, May 9, 2011.

Fees are \$40 for City of Ormond Beach residents (proof of residency is required), and \$60 for non-residents. Registration will take place at the Registration Office, 399 North U.S. 1, through June 6th.

Practices, training, and games will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 6:15 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at the Nova Community Center Gymnasium from June 7th to July 21st.

The participants will be put into groups nightly, based on their level of play, which can change as they progress. Nova Gym has a divider and two nets so the different levels can compete separately each night.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Gerry Pitchford, Athletic Supervisor, at 676-3280, or by email: [pitchford@ormondbeach.org](mailto:pitchford@ormondbeach.org). For registration information, please call 676-3250. The registration office hours are Monday–Thursday, 7:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m., and Friday, 7:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m.



## *Safety Eyewear Donated to Athletic Fields Maintenance*

In an effort to promote eye safety, Scott Edwards of the Mower Depot donated safety glasses to each Athletic Fields Maintenance staff member.

Always being safety-minded, the Department of Leisure Services expresses sincere gratitude for the kind donation!





## *Way Signs in Central Park*

Visitors to Central Park will be delighted to see the newly installed way signs being placed at strategic points within the four phases of the park by the Leisure Services Department staff. The signs clearly show the “You are Here” location within the park and illustrate the many wonderful trails that are available to explore.

The new signs will be beneficial to those wishing to go for a power walk or to just stroll through the park and enjoy the beauty of nature that is afforded through the City of Ormond Beach’s beautiful park system. Central Park is the hidden jewel in Ormond Beach and those who discover it for the first time are definitely in for a pleasant surprise!



## **Career Day at Tomoka Elementary School**

On Thursday, May 12th, Tomoka Elementary School held Career Day for their students. Mayor Ed Kelley was present and participated in Career Day.

Also present was the City’s Utilities Manager Dave Ponitz who spoke to children in the first through third grades. His topic of discussion centered on the job of a Civil Engineer. In addition so sharing what a Civil Engineer does, he shared with the children what his job is as a Utilities Operations Manager, the importance of water in our daily lives as well as the importance of water conservation.

The children and teachers were very appreciative that Mayor Kelley and Mr. Ponitz visited the school and participated in Career Day.



# Public Works in ACTION



## Asphalt crew repairs broken roadway on Ridge Trail



## Maintenance crews clear right-of-way on Neptune Ave.



# Public Works in ACTION

(continued)

Sign Shop installs RPM's (raised pavement markers) on Hammock Lane to alert drivers of Pedestrian crossing & lower speeds on roadway



Equipment crew assists the Concrete crew in removing sidewalk for replacement on Hand Ave.

