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City of Ormond Beach

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Officer Pearson Recognized

The Crime Stoppers Law Enforcement Officer of the Year nominees were honored during the Crime Stoppers 13th Annual Community Banquet held on May 18, 2011, at the Plaza Resort and Spa in Daytona Beach.

This year, the Ormond Beach Police Department selected Officer Robert Pearson as its nominee. Rob has long been known for his work with the youth of our community in his capacity as an assistant post advisor for the Police Explorers Program. He has also gained recognition for his skill at developing fingerprints from crime scenes.

Rob's supervisor, Sgt. Jim Davis, cited Rob's attention to detail as being instrumental in the identification and arrest of multiple offenders and the recovery of a significant amount of stolen property during the last year.

The City of Ormond Beach was well represented at the event by an able cheering section consisting of City Commissioners Stowers, Partington, and Kent, City Manager Joyce Shanahan, Police Chief Andy Osterkamp, Lt. Kenny Hayes and two of our police explorers.

Congratulations Officer Pearson on this well deserved recognition!





Memorial Day Service

Hundreds of men, women and children will gather in Rockefeller Gardens on Monday, May 30th, in loving memory of those whose supreme sacrifice protect the privileges we enjoy as a nation.

Our debt can never be paid as acknowledged by the increasing faithful citizens and visitors each year who attend the Memorial Remembrance Services.

Whether a guest feels the overwhelming pride that is common at this event or feels a tear rolling down their cheek as some do each year, the most meaningful tribute that can be paid to our fallen heroes is found in being among other caring citizens to honor those who years ago, or as recently as today, have made the supreme sacrifice.

Weeks of preparation by the volunteer Memorial Remembrance Committee and City staff each year has made this an increasingly popular and widely respected event.

Dignity, respect and love describe the humility with which this annual program is presented. The uncompromised purpose is to honor the selflessness and bravery with which over a million men and women throughout our history have laid down their lives for our freedom.

Ninety minutes of heart grasping sights and sounds will fill Rockefeller Gardens starting at 9 a.m. when George Lake, US Army Colonel (retired) conducts the members of the Daytona Beach Concert Band.

Janet Marnane, US Navy Commander (retired), will serve as the Memorial Remembrance moderator.

Attendees will be welcomed by The Honorable Ed Kelley, Mayor of Ormond Beach.

The invocation will be rendered by Rabbi Howard Schwartz, US Army Major (retired) and the benediction by Chaplain Art Lohman.

Symbols of liberty will overflow into every corner of Rockefeller Gardens as numerous military color guards and color corps enter and assume their positions. Additional groups, including Boy and Girl Scouts will join them.

Guest speaker for the 2011 event is Colonel Frank Farmer, MD, PhD, United States Air Force (retired). Dr. Farmer is a long time resident of Ormond Beach and a distinguished leader in both medicine and military service.

The Spruce Creek Gaggle Flight will do a fly-by before the traditional laying of the wreath by Colonel Farmer. After which "Amazing Grace" will be played on bag pipes, followed by eight bells being sounded. The attention will quicken and some eyes will tear as the Volusia County Sheriffs raise their weapons and fire the 21 gun salute, followed by the playing of Taps.

Once again eyes will turn skyward as engines roar and the Spruce Creek Gaggle Flight pilots fly the "Missing Man Formation."

Guests will have been given a carnation on arrival at Rockefeller Gardens. A final tribute is rendered as they move forward in procession, to place their flower beside the memorial flame as a personal "thank you" to those who made the supreme sacrifice.

As the last flower is placed, we the free will have honored the fallen with love, humility and gratitude.

This annual Memorial Remembrance Service takes place at 9 a.m. on Monday, May 30, at Rockefeller Gardens, 25 Riverside Drive in Ormond Beach. Parking will be available at The Casements, Fortunato Park, and the Ormond Memorial Art Museum. For additional info, please call Leisure Services at 386-676-3241.



The City of Ormond Beach Leisure Services Department is currently registering youth for the following Summer Sports Clinics and will continue to do so until the clinics are filled.

Baseball Skills (Boys) - **July 11-14**, ages 9-14 (as of 4/30/11), maximum 30

Golf (Boys and Girls) - **July 25-29**, ages 10-15 (as of 4/30/11), maximum 20

Volleyball (Boys and Girls) - **August 1-4**, ages 9-14 (as of 4/30/11), maximum 30

Baseball / Softball 'Power' Hitting (Boys and Girls) - **August 8-12**, ages 9-14 (as of 4/30/11), maximum 25

Softball Skills (Girls) - **August 15-18**, ages 9-14 (as of 4/30/11), maximum 30

Each clinic is \$49.00 for City of Ormond Beach residents (proof of residency is required) and \$74.00 for non-residents. Registration will take place at the Registration Office, 399 North U.S. 1, through August 15th.

For your convenience, information on all Leisure Services Department summer youth programs is available 24/7 on the City of Ormond Beach website. Please visit: www.ormondbeach.org.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Gerry Pitchford, Athletic Supervisor, at 676-3280, or by email: 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.



Nova Community Park Tree Work

Having begun on Monday, May 16, 2011, and continuing through Friday, June 17, 2011, the City will be removing trees in Nova Community Park that have been identified as dead or declining as these trees pose a danger to pedestrians, vehicular traffic, and the City's assets within the park. Most of the trees are water oaks, which have a relatively short life span. Once the tree removal work is completed, the remaining trees within the park will have any dead wood removed from the canopy.

A replanting plan will occur in two phases. Phase I will install new trees in the open grass areas outside the parking lot of the Magic Forest play structure. This work is scheduled to be completed by the end of September, 2011. Phase II will install new trees within, and around the proposed project ROMP playground, and will be scheduled to occur as the playground construction is nearing completion.



PAL READ Exhibit at City Hall

The Seventh annual *READ, Reading, Exploration, Adventure, and Discovery* program exhibition is featured in the Ormond Beach City Hall Atrium until May 23, 2011. Twenty excited students and their families attended the reception on May 18th to share their illustrated books with friends, family and the community. Joining the reception were members of the Youth Directors Council who served as hosts to the young authors and illustrators. The students were beaming as everyone attending complimented them on their beautiful and imaginative books. Several students enjoyed sharing their books with Lt. Godfrey, Corporal Gaden, Principal Julie Johnson, OBPAL staff Lisa Messersmith, Belinda Legut and Avery Randolph, and Ormond Memorial Art Museum Education Curator Barbara Saunders during the reception.

READ is a 12 week Police Athletic League program offered in partnership with Ormond Beach Elementary School. Students in the program work with professional storytellers, professional artists and Volusia County School tutors to strengthen reading skills in the areas of fluency, comprehension and vocabulary. The program serves youth in third and fourth grades attending Ormond Beach Elementary. This year, as in past years, data collected from youth test scores reveal the positive impact *READ* has on academic performance. This year, 100% of the fourth grade students in *READ* scored a 3 or higher on their 2011 FCAT writing test.

The *READ* program was sponsored by Tomoka Methodist Church, V.I.P. Printing and the Ed Kelley Campaign account for Mayor.



A Day of Inspiration

Recently, on a beautiful spring day, organizers from the Pastors Prayer Gathering orchestrated the 2nd annual National Day of Prayer in Rockefeller Gardens. A crowd of nearly 800 gathered together to hear inspirational words and music. Steve Ingram hosted the event as emcee for the evening. Special guests included Mayor Ed Kelley who delivered a special Proclamation for the event.

Locals and visitors to the community joined together in song and prayer as they listened to the contemporary music of faith performed by Kaleb Scharmahorn, James O'Conner, Caleb Powell and Daniel Powell.

Members from Calvary Christian provided a youth program with puppeteers and music that was well received by the children.

The event has become very popular in the newly renovated Rockefeller Gardens and continues to grow. We look forward to working with the organizers for many years to come.





CMT Presents

Children's Music Theatre (CMT) presented the musicals, "Beauty and the Beast Jr." and "Sleeping Beauty Kids" at the Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center on May 13th, 14th, and 15th. "Sleeping Beauty Kids" was presented on Thursday morning, May 12th. On Friday morning, May 13th, "Beauty and the Beast Jr." was presented. Both of these shows were attended by elementary school students.

These daytime CMT school presentations are popular with school administrators, teachers, parents, and students who are given the opportunity to enjoy the experience of live theater. The public performances of "Sleeping Beauty Kids" and "Beauty and The Beast Jr." were especially enjoyed by the family and friends of the children who participate in CMT. The Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center is proud to be the home of the CMT children's performing arts program.



Nova Community Park

Nova Community Park is alive with activity throughout the year. Each day, hundreds of citizens enjoy the amenities provided through the City of Ormond Beach Leisure Services Department. As summer approaches, the Park numbers will see a sharp increase in participants with family outings and the numerous day camp visits.





Coach Hill Honored

On Saturday May 14th, Ormond Beach Middle School celebrated its 50th year anniversary. The Volusia County School Board renamed the Ormond Beach Middle School gym in honor of Coach Plemon A. Hill, a recently retired physical education teacher and coach who worked at the school for 38 years. Coach Hill has been a long time employee at the Nova Community Center Gymnasium and has mentored numerous children during his tenure.

"He's a giant in the City of Ormond Beach," said Carl Persis, principal of the middle school. "He has touched so many lives." Hill told the School Board he was humbled by its vote to name the gym for him. "I will forever be thankful in remembrance of this day," he said.



Limitless Playground Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

On Friday, May 27, 2011, at 6:00 p.m., the City of Ormond Beach will hold a grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony for the Limitless Playground at the Ormond Beach Sports Complex located at 700 Hull Road.

This playground was developed in partnership with the Daytona Beach Racing and Recreational Facilities Commission (DBRRFC) which provided grant funding in the amount of \$300,000.

The all-inclusive design features allow children and adults of all ages and abilities, especially those with special needs, the opportunity to play and enjoy this regional playground. During the planning process, meetings were held to gather community input as to the types of features to be included in the playground. The special needs children and their parents who attended the meetings were instrumental in the playground equipment selection.

Trees have been planted to provide a natural tree canopy surrounding the playground area which will provide a shaded area for parents while their children play on the equipment. The playground has been designed for the enjoyment of the whole family and to provide a wonderful experience for those visiting the playground.

If you are planning to attend, your RSVP to 386-676-3241 would be very much appreciated.



Public Works in ACTION



Concrete and equipment crews remove damaged sidewalk at 308 N. Halifax Drive



Removal of diseased tree at Nova Community Park



Vandalized signs have been replaced in Sanchez Park area



Public Works in ACTION

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Sidewalk repair after vehicular accident on Fluhart Drive



Sign Shop installation of pedestrian crosswalk at Hammock Lane and Roble Lane



Concrete crew installs patch after streetscape light pole removal



Town Hall Budget Meeting

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Zones 1 & 2

Commissioner Stowers and Commissioner Kent

6:30 p.m.

Senior Center Ballroom

351 Andrews Street

Memorial Day

City Hall and all non-emergency City facilities will be closed on Monday, May 30th, in observance of the Memorial Day Holiday. Regular hours will resume on Tuesday, May 31st.

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 - 1,245 Arrests - 28
Citations Issued - 175
Reports Written - 127 Traffic Stops - 141



Weekly Fire Operations Stats

117 INCIDENTS

59 - EMS 10- Motor Vehicle Accidents
2 - Fires 6 - Fire Alarms
38 - Public Assists 2 - Hazardous