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City of Ormond Beach

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State of the City

On Thursday, September 29th, the Ormond Beach Chamber of Commerce held the seventh annual State of the City address at Oceanside Golf and Country Club, 75 North Halifax Drive. It was a great event with approximately 200 people in attendance.

This was the first State of the City address for Mayor Ed Kelley who enthusiastically addressed the crowd and highlighted the accomplishments over the last year. He talked about Ormond Beach's Andy Romano Beachfront Park, the joint permit counter (one stop shopping), and the Limitless Playground just to name a few accomplishments.

Mayor Kelley stressed the importance of partnerships the City has with other agencies, groups and even private citizens and the fact that many of these partnerships save taxpayer money and money for private citizens. In addition, he reviewed some of the many capital improvement projects the City has completed over the last year which included Vining Court roadway and parking improvements, the Rima Ridge Well Field expansion, and downtown tree replacements and the conversion of street lights from incandescent to LED.

As local government budgets are always a topic of discussion, Mayor Kelley provided the group with valuable information on taxable value history, property tax revenue, and the City's millage rate compared to other Volusia County cities which is the third lowest. He also discussed how the City's funds are derived and how they are distributed and mentioned that the City's workforce has been reduced by 15% since 2007, or a total of 64. For the City's water utility, the

Mayor pointed out that Ormond Beach has the lowest average utility bills in the County.

He also mentioned that while the economy is still struggling, Ormond Beach is a little better off than our neighbors, and the State. Ormond Beach has a 9% unemployment rate, the Daytona Beach MSA 11% and the State 11.1%.

Joe Mannarino, Economic Development Director, provided information on the progress of the update of the City's Strategic Economic Development Plan as well as touching on key projects such as Ormond Crossings and plans for the Airport Southwest Quad. He highlighted projects over the last year which included working with Emergency Communications Networks, Playtex Manufacturing, Pace Analytical, and Billy's Tap Room in addition to implementing a joint business survey with the Ormond Chamber and the Center for Business Excellence.

In closing, Mayor Kelley thanked those in attendance and stressed the great quality of life Ormond Beach offers its businesses and citizens. The presentation and brochure are available on the City's website.



For the Love of Art

The Casements is pleased to have local artist Pat Spano on board weekly to offer exciting and fun art classes to the community.

Recently, a group of ladies gathered to learn about watercolors and transformed blank canvases into beautiful works of art! The theme was sunflowers and everyone's masterpiece was different from their neighbors'.

The relaxed atmosphere in the upstairs art room lends itself to a creative experience and with help from Pat, your amateur beginning transforms itself into a wonderful piece of art!

Pat continues to offer Wednesday evening classes from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the cost of \$25.00 each week. All paint and canvases are supplied so all you need to do is to show up and have some fun! For additional information, please call (386) 676-3216. We hope to see you here!



Weekly Police Stats

Calls for Service - 1,145 Arrests - 13

Citations Issued - 135

Reports Written - 116 Traffic Stops - 148



Weekly Fire Operations Stats

115 INCIDENTS

68 - EMS 6 - Motor Vehicle Accidents

2 - Fires 2 - Fire Alarms

33 - Public Assists 4 - Hazardous

Big Band America's Tribute to Buddy Morrow

On Sunday, September 25th, at the Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center, Jim Miller's Big Band America performed a tribute to lead trombonist and renowned jazz big band leader, the late Buddy Morrow. The concert featured selections including "Night Train," the theme for Buddy Morrow and His Orchestra, and "Marie," the theme of the Tommy Dorsey Orchestra. The Tommy Dorsey Orchestra appeared with conductor Buddy Morrow one year ago on the stage at the Performing Arts Center; it was Buddy Morrow's final public appearance. Jim Miller's Tribute to Buddy Morrow was a fitting tribute that highlighted the musical legacy of one of the giants of big band jazz music.



AMAZING WORLD OF ILLUSIONS

The Amazing World of Illusions was presented at the Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center on Saturday, September 24th. Magician Glen Foster, who has performed numerous shows for the City of Ormond Beach, entertained the audience with his magic and comedy mindreading. Illusionist Kendrix amazed the audience with his Las Vegas style illusions. Award winning comedy magician Jeff Alan had the audience laughing. It was an evening of family fun and entertainment that was enjoyed by everyone!



Ormond Beach PAL Receives Target Grant

The Ormond Beach Police Athletic League has been awarded a \$2,000.00 Target grant to support arts education in our community for the *R.E.A.D., Reading, Exploration, Adventure and Discovery* program. *R.E.A.D.* is a 12 week 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. Students are guided through the process of writing and illustrating a short story of their own creation. The Ormond Memorial Art Museum hosts a reception for the young artists/authors for the community at the conclusion of the program. *R.E.A.D.* is a highly successful educational program. Youth test scores reveal the positive impact *R.E.A.D.* has on academic performance for participants. This year, 100% of the fourth grade students in *R.E.A.D.* scored a 3 or higher on their 2011 FCAT writing test. PAL is looking forward to meeting our new young authors in January 2012.

Ormond Beach PAL President Doug Thomas, Chief Andy Osterkamp, Lieutenant Kenny Hayes, Lieutenant Jesse Godfrey and PAL Director Lisa Messersmith joined Target team members on Monday to receive the \$2,000.00 check.



GYMNASTICS CHEER TEAM PREPARES FOR COMPETITION

At the Gymnastics Center, the Wolves cheer team has been practicing for an upcoming competition in November. The team of enthusiastic girls worked hard all summer and now they are just putting the finishing touches on their routine. Best of luck Wolves!



Fall Season Challenger Soccer Has Begun!

Challenger Soccer has begun its fall season at the Ormond Beach Sports Complex. Each Tuesday from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., the special needs participants meet to practice skills and drills for the first 25 minutes. They then break into teams to play a game using half the soccer field. Our valuable volunteers are among the most important components for the success of the program.

If you are interested in volunteering with this program, please contact Lori Koplin at the Department of Leisure Services, Nova Community Center, (386) 676-3252.



South Ormond Neighborhood Center

The fall season is upon us, but it still feels like summer! The beat is still going strong over at the South Ormond Neighborhood Center. Staff has remained busy over the past few weeks working hard to finish the summer season on a high note. In order to maintain the level of service to our users, staff spends countless hours behind the scenes working to keep the center looking and working at peak performance. Visitors continue to enjoy the playground and splash pad daily, as well as the rest of the park for sports and social gatherings.



Public Works in ACTION



Completion of asphalt berm and re-grading on Fred Gamble Way



Asphalt Crew Finishing Project on US1



Public Works in ACTION

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Asphalt Crew Prepares and Completes a 3 Ton Utility Patch on Amsden Road



Concrete Crew Making Sidewalk Repairs on US1



Public Works in ACTION

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Asphalt Crew Makes Utility Repair on Oak Park Circle



The Haunted Mansion

The next "Movies on the Halifax" will be just in time for the Halloween season! Our featured presentation will be "Haunted Mansion" with Eddie Murphy, Terrance Stamp, Don Knotts, and Marsha Thomason. The outdoor movie will be shown on Friday, October 7, 7:00 p.m. at Rockefeller Gardens.

The movie was inspired by the Disneyland attraction, The Haunted Mansion. Eddie Murphy portrays a workaholic real estate agent who finds his latest property listing is a haunted house! His encounter with the ghosts reminds him of the importance of his family he has long neglected.

Enjoy the many special effects, both on the movie screen and on The Casements, and non-stop laughs in this family adventure. Here's hoping we see you there..... if you dare!

Moving Rating: "Haunted Mansion" is a PG rated movie and parents are urged to use parental guidance as the motion picture may contain some material parents might not like for their younger children to view.

