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Holiday Illuminations Parade

It was a perfect evening for a parade in Ormond Beach this past Saturday. Thousands of residents lined the parade route to view what proved to be one of the most spectacular parades in Ormond Beach's history with more than 100 entries!

Each year, the Home for the Holidays parade is the finished product of many months of planning, preparation and coordination through the Department of Leisure Services Community Events staff and the Home for the Holidays Parade Committee. This year's theme was "Holiday Illuminations," which was ideal for a nighttime parade filled with colorful lights on the floats and creative displays.

Many thanks go out to all the businesses who sponsored this annual event, as well as to everyone who participated in the parade to make it a successful and enjoyable event.

Congratulations to the 2011 parade winners:

BEST OF SHOW:
Ormond Beach Elementary

PRESIDENT'S CUP AWARD: Ormond Ace Hardware

FLOATS:
1st place— Holly Hill PTSA
2nd place—Sparkle & Shine Car Wash
3rd place—Aberdeen Residents

VEHICLES:
1st place—The Yard Trainer
2nd place—Cub Scout Pack #54
3rd place—Halifax Rowing Association

WALKERS:
1st place—Dance Art Theatre
2nd place—Tomoka Elementary
3rd place—Pathways Elementary



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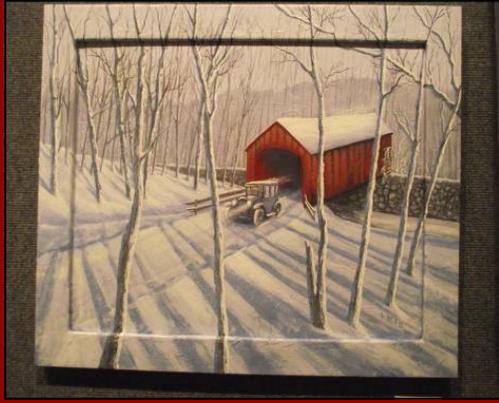
Santa on the Go!

Santa and Mrs. Claus were very busy this week. However, they were able to take time off from their schedule to stop by some local day care schools and assisted living homes.

The week began at Grand Villas and they also visited the residents at Hampton Manor. The hugs, kisses and surprised faces from over 200 children from Bright Beginnings Academy and The Children's Workshop were truly a delight for Santa and Mrs. Claus. They finished up their journey at Pathways Elementary School.

The children and residents were overjoyed to see Santa and Mrs. Claus and have their pictures taken to give to their family and friends. Many thanks to Santa and Mrs. Claus for sharing and spreading the spirit of the season. Each year, the Department of Leisure Services Community Events staff coordinates the "Santa on the Go" program for this worthwhile community event!





*The Casements Gallery
Presents Artist Larry
Beck*

The Casements gallery is pleased to present a collection of acrylic paintings from local artist Larry Beck. Mr. Beck's use of tissue paper adhered to canvas with gesso enhances the texture of his paintings. He has exhibited in several art shows and galleries, and The Casements is honored to have his art work back again in the gallery through December 30th. The show is available for viewing during normal hours Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to noon with the exception of the holidays.



The Next City Commission Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 3, 2012, at 8 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall, 22 South Beach Street, Ormond Beach.



All non-emergency City offices will be closed on Friday, December 23, 2011, Monday, December 26, 2011 and Monday, January 2, 2012.

There will be no Weekly Review or Weekly Report on December 23 or December 30.

City staff wishes everyone a safe and joyous holiday season.



Oklahoma!

The Senior Theatre Workshop of Ormond Beach will present the ever popular Rodgers and Hammerstein classic *Oklahoma!* on January 20, 21 and 22, 2012, at the Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center, 399 North U.S. #1. Friday and Saturday evening performances are at 7:30 p.m. and a Sunday matinee at 2:30 p.m.

The musical is based on *Green Grow the Lilacs*, a 1931 play written by Lynn Riggs about settlers in Oklahoma's Indian Territory in 1906. This romantic comedy follows the ups and downs between cowboy Curly McLain and farm girl Laurey Williams as well as between Laurey's best friend, Ado Annie and Will Parker. *Oklahoma!* promises to take the audience back to a simpler time and place where comedy and tragedy were a part of everyday life.

As the first musical written by the dynamic Rodgers and Hammerstein team, Oklahoma is filled with many memorable songs. Audiences will be treated to these beautiful ballads: "Oh, What a Beautiful Morning," "Many a New Day," "People Will Say We're In Love," and "The Surrey with the Fringe on Top." Comic classics such as "I Caint Say No," "Everything's Up To Date in Kansas City," "All Er Nuttin'," and "It's a Scandal! It's an Outrage!" are sure to amuse all ages. In addition to foot-stomping dances, the poignant ballet of "Out of My Dreams" will be performed.

Directed by Cindy Simmons, the cast boasts many local favorites as well as seasoned newcomers, all over the half century mark. Bob Warren (Curly) and Kathy Stasko (Laurey) breathe life into beautiful ballads with their trained, experienced voices. Betty Bond Heck gives Aunt Ellen authenticity as a strong farm woman with lots of spunk. Will Parker is played by Gene O'Dell, a former member of the Disney Quartet, "The Dapper Dans," and is the perfect comic foil for fan favorites Wendy Bigelow (Ado Annie) and Peter Trubek (Ali Hakim). Jack Moeller delivers a powerful performance as the mysterious, dangerous loner Jud Fry that will set hairs on end with his haunting rendition of "Lonely Room." The cast of 30 talented performers will sing and dance their way into the hearts of audience members.

Be sure to get your tickets early as this talented group has been playing to capacity houses for the past two years and this popular musical is sure to draw a crowd.

Tickets are only \$15.00 for reserved seating and are available through the Box Office or from any cast member. The Performing Arts Center Box Office is open from noon until 5:00 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and will be open two hours prior to show time. The Box Office can be reached at 386-676-3375.





D.A.R.E. Graduation at Ormond Beach Elementary

The D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) graduation was held at Ormond Beach Elementary on Thursday, December 15th, at 9:00 am. In attendance were Mayor Kelley, Police Chief Osterkamp, Lt. Kenny Hayes, Officer Greg Stokes, and City Manager Joyce Shanahan.

This program is an important part of educating children in the City's schools on drug and alcohol abuse and how to make the right decisions.

As part of the graduation ceremony, the three essay winners had the opportunity to read their experiences regarding this topic. We are proud of our essay winners and all the graduates and the right choices they make!



Weekly Police Stats

Calls for Service - 1,360 Arrests - 13
Citations Issued - 88
Reports Written - 118 Traffic Stops - 135



Weekly Fire Operations Stats

115 INCIDENTS
66 - EMS 8 - Motor Vehicle Accidents
4 - Fires 2 - Fire Alarms
32 - Public Assists 3 - Hazardous



PAL *Fundraiser*

Ormond Beach PAL's Youth Directors Council (YDC) is working very hard to raise money to help with the cost of their Leadership Conference in January 2012. This past Saturday, they hosted a fundraiser at the Ormond Beach Outback in which they raised \$881.00. Thanks to Commissioner Rick Boehm and the City of Ormond Beach for their support in this fundraiser. Through their donations, approximately 45 PAL youths were able to enjoy a wonderful lunch at the Outback Steakhouse. Carry out lunches were taken to the City Santas while they worked a garage sale fundraiser for families in need in our community. Our City staff is the best in working together to make sure everyone has a wonderful Christmas!

A great big thank you goes out to all those who support the Ormond Beach PAL!



Cinema for the Season

"Cinema For The Season" was presented at the Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center on Sunday, December 11th by Hepler International and GiveCite Ministries. The program included a Christmas party with festive holiday decorations and free refreshments. Toys were collected as a suggested donation, to be distributed to children and families in need in our community. GiveCite, a local youth outreach ministry, provided this program without any admission charge. In addition, everyone enjoyed the screening of a great holiday movie.





Legends of Doo Wop with Sonny Geraci

On Friday, January 6, 2012, at 7:30 p.m., take a fun filled stroll down memory lane with an all-star lineup of Legends of Doo Wop at the Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center, 399 North U.S. #1.

Tony Passa, original lead of the Fascinators will perform "Chapel Bells," Steve Horn of the Five Sharks "Stormy Weather," Frank Mancuso, of The Imaginations, "Guardian Angel," Tommy Mara, current lead of The Crests, "Sixteen Candles," "Cara Mia" and Sonny Geraci, original lead Climax and The Outsiders, "Time Won't Let Me," "Precious and Few," and "Rock and Roll Heaven." "Reministyx," a show group which performs music from the 50s, 60s, and '70s, will be the special guest opening act for the "Legends of Doo Wop with Sonny Geraci" and will perform a salute to the girl groups of the 60s.

Tickets are \$30.00, \$35.00 and \$50.00 (VIP meet and greet). The Performing Arts Center Box Office is open from noon until 5:00 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and will be open two hours prior to show time. The Box Office can be reached at 386-676-3375.



Chamber of Commerce Beautification Award

The Ormond Beach Chamber of Commerce Beautification Committee selected The Casements to receive a Beautification Award for its grand and picturesque holiday decorations. Many talented contributors worked hard and creatively to produce the award-winning Casements. The Mainland High School JR ROTC arranged the greens around the first floor windows, DeDee Blanchard, Beverly Taylor, Mary Ann Akam and The Casements Guild Crafters decorated the window displays above the porte-cochere and main entrances, and The Casements Guild provided the new deer resting in the landscape.



The Casements staff worked hard to pull everything together in a charming and beautiful reflection of the season for the entire community to enjoy.

We invite you to come and visit The Casements and view the magnificently decorated former home of John D. Rockefeller, Sr.





Healthy Activity!

In the Ormond Beach Gymnastics Program, children learn how beneficial it is to be physically active and fit. Gymnastics is an ideal way for the young ones to work toward achieving optimum health as it builds strength, increases flexibility, builds strong, dense bones, and helps build healthy, fit bodies. The children also develop healthy habits, which can follow them for a lifetime.

The Department of Leisure Services always welcomes new students, ages 3 and up in the Gymnastics Program. For information, please call 386-676-3250.



Countywide Food Drive

From December 5-12, City of Ormond Beach employees competed against other Volusia County cities, Volusia County Government, Volusia County Schools, and Daytona State College to see which public agency could donate the most food (in pounds) per employee to the Second Harvest Food Bank which would then be distributed FREE to all the local food banks.

Volusia County public employees provided over 35,000 pounds of food to the Second Harvest Food Bank for the Volusia County community. The winner, for collecting the most pounds of food per full-time employee was Holly Hill, which was announced at the December 15 County Council meeting. Although not in first place, the City of Ormond Beach staff are winners as they generously donated 2,790 pounds of food to this worthwhile cause. We are proud of City staff!

LOCAL HUNGER FACTS (the problem is closer to home than you think)

- 731,900 people received food assistance in 2009 through Second Harvest. This is an increase of 152% from 2006.
- 33% of the households include at least one employed adult.
- 69% have incomes below the official federal poverty level.
- 47% of the members of households served by Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida are children. This number is up nearly 100% from 2006.
- 10% are homeless.
- All Second Harvest donations are distributed free of charge to the needy in our Central Florida community.



Nat "King" Cole Big Band Celebration & Christmas Sing Along

Myles Savage, star lead singer from the Platters and Jim Miller's Big Band America, presented the Nat "King" Cole Big Band Celebration and Christmas Sing Along on Friday, December 9th at the Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center.

The show featured a selection of instrumental big band orchestra renditions of traditional Christmas music. Myles Savage then sang songs from the much beloved Nat "King" Cole Christmas album. It was a concert that brought the true feeling of Christmas spirit to everyone in attendance.



Walk with the Manager

On Friday, December 9, Chief Building Official Joe Levrault was the "Guest Walker" with the City Manager. A small group of City residents met at the Rockefeller off-beach parking lot on South Atlantic Avenue and walked the 1.8 miles from Rockefeller parking south to the Ormond Beach city line at Bank of America.

Joe showcased all the improvements that have taken place on that stretch of land over the last three years. The first improvement was the Rockefeller off-beach parking lot where they all met. Moving south, Joe pointed out the newly refurbished Lotus Inn at 505 South Atlantic. The group saw what the new rooms look like and the new rear pool and patio. The group was impressed to see the gas station that had been vacant for several years at 530 South Atlantic had been completely remodeled and is now under Kangaroo/BP Gas.

Moving on, they saw that Aqua Terrace Hotel is remodeling their rooms. Casa Del Mar condo's painted the exterior, remodeled the inside, and modernized their outside pool and patio. The Georgian Inn is in the process of replacing their roof. Another eye catcher on the walk was the huge rooftop deck erected above Dimitri's Restaurant. The walkers tried to visit the rooftop deck, but the restaurant wasn't open yet. The group was glad to see that some of the previously vacant restaurants along the Ormond line were open for business. Peppers Mexican Restaurant and The Black Sheep have recently opened. The walkers saw the inside of Black Sheep and were impressed. Joe happily answered questions from the group along the way and before they knew it, the walk was done.



Public Works in ACTION



Asphalt crew utility repair at N. Beach and Lincoln Avenue...



...and on John Anderson Drive at Colonial Circle.



Public Works in ACTION

(continued)

Concrete crew install new sidewalk at Police Station



Concrete crew construction of new stormwater inlet





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**Nighttime Parade
WINNERS****

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