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City of Ormond Beach

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Arbor Day Ceremony

The City of Ormond Beach's annual Arbor Day ceremony was a great success. This year's event included the planting of two live oak trees at the Nova Community Park. Leisure Services Director Robert Carolin welcomed the crowd and a proclamation was presented by Mayor Ed Kelley.

Tom Massfeller of the Ormond Beach Garden Club was guest speaker, and there was a special presentation from the 4th and 5th grade students of Temple Beth-El school. The students read a poem about Arbor Day and assisted with the tree planting activities. The students received goody bags including Arbor Day trivia, a "tree planting" certificate, puzzles, games and stickers. About 40 people attended the event. Light refreshments were served.

We thank the Seabreeze High School Leo Club and Ormond Beach Lions Club for the donated funds for the trees that were planted this year. Planting trees is a large goal/activity for the Lions Club and they have planted 3 million trees worldwide this year.





Parade Winners

On Tuesday, January 17th, The Department of Leisure Services Community Events staff assisted with presenting awards to the 2011 Home for the Holidays parade winners at the City Commission meeting. There were many happy faces as prizes were awarded to those who put great time and effort into their parade entries. Congratulations to all of the winners!

Best of Show

Ormond Beach Elementary

Presidents 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





NATIVE AMERICAN FESTIVAL



The weather couldn't have been better for the 23rd annual Native American Festival held last weekend in Rockefeller Gardens. Over 6,500 attended the festival, including hundreds of students from area schools who took time from their busy schedules to have fun while learning about Native American history and culture.

Festival Coordinator Mr. Jim Sawgrass, a descendant of the Florida Muskogee Creek Tribe, is quite active in promoting opportunities for the community to learn about the Native American culture. Throughout the year, he visits schools and puts on several festivals giving adults and children a chance to discover information about the various tribes.

During the "East Meets West" show, Mr. Sawgrass and featured performer Buddy Big Mountain gave several rather comical yet informative skits about the way the different tribes interacted with one another. Mr. Big Mountain is the third generation in a performing family and got his start in 1967 with his first acting role in a series called "Gentle Ben." Mr. Big Mountain has shared the stage with several top-rated artists and is a nationally known ventriloquist and puppeteer.

All three stages held shows throughout the weekend including the ever popular "Flight of the Raptors" and the "Alligator/Snake Show" which featured the performers from National Geographic's "Swamp Men." Dancers in their colorful regalia amazed visitors with their agility. There were over 30 exhibitors and many food booths, some featuring Native American cuisine including buffalo, alligator and pumpkin bread.

The Native American Festival was an excellent chance to expand our cultural awareness and learn about the history of our country. Fun was had by all, and many are already looking forward to next year's festival. (Photos on page 4)



Annual Ormond Beach Soccer Club Tournament

The Ormond Beach Soccer Club hosted their annual Ormond Beach Invitational Tournament January 14th and 15th at the Ormond Beach Sports Complex. Ninety-six (96) teams competed



in 12 divisions of boys and girls in age groups ranging from U9 – U14. All 10 of our soccer fields were used on both Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m. The U12 Boys Waves Team finished 2nd, while the U11 Girl's Apollo Team finished 1st! Great weather accounted for great play and great fun for all.



NATIVE AMERICAN FESTIVAL PICTURES





SONC

Park users have really enjoyed the past week at the South Ormond Neighborhood Center (SONC). The weather has been perfect for children to get out and burn off some energy before nap time.

Staff has been keeping busy maintaining the grounds and equipment, and taking care of any safety issues. Keep it clean and safe, and visitors will keep smiling and returning!

Youth basketball is still going on nightly in the gymnasium. The regular season will be wrapping up in the next two weeks then the playoffs will be held February 12th through 25th.



Youth Volleyball League

The City of Ormond Beach Leisure Services Department will begin registering girls and boys ages 9 -16 (age as of September 1, 2012), for its Spring Youth Volleyball League on Monday, February 6, 2012.

Fees are \$42.00 for City of Ormond Beach residents (proof of residency required) and \$62.00 for non-residents. Registration will take place at the Registration Office, 399 N. U.S. 1. Office hours: Monday thru Thursday, 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.; Friday 7:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Practices, training, and games will be held twice a week from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at the Nova Community Center Gymnasium. Days of the week are yet to be determined. The season will continue until May 10th.

If you have any questions, please contact Gerry Pitchford, Athletic Supervisor, at 676-3280, or by email at pitchford@ormondbeach.org. For registration information, please call 676-3250.



Theatre Workshop Performs Oklahoma!

The Ormond Beach Senior Theatre Workshop performed the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical, "Oklahoma!" at the Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center last weekend with three performances.

Under the direction of Mrs. Cyndi Simmons, the cast of local senior actors, singers and dancers performed one of the best loved Broadway musicals of all times. The beautiful music and the poignant, yet uplifting story of the hard working pioneer settlers of the American heartland came to life on the stage. "Oklahoma!" was a showcase for the many talented performers in our community. The audience showed their appreciation with warm rounds of applause throughout the performance.



Gymnastics Center

There is rarely a dull moment at the City's Gymnastics Center this winter. Last Friday evening, staff hosted a "Parents Night Out." Parents dropped off gymnastics students and had an evening out, while the children played at the center and enjoyed a movie and snacks. Twenty-five students participated and had so much fun they are eager to have it again in the future.

The Ormond Beach Wolves Cheer Team was busy this week working on finalizing their new cheer routine for this weekend's cheer competition in Tampa. Good luck, Wolves!





Homelessness Forum

The Volusia County Council, in partnership with the City of DeLand and Stetson University, held a forum on this past Saturday morning, January 21st, at Stetson University. The purpose of the forum was to raise awareness of the homeless issue and how communities can develop an appropriate and effective response to this growing problem.

Welcoming comments were made by Stetson Provost Dr. Beth Paul, DeLand Mayor Bob Apgar and County Council Chair Frank Bruno, attendees participated in a role playing exercise where they and members of their household lost their jobs and homes, moved in with their extended family in another state to start over, and after several weeks in the new location found themselves homeless.

Presentations were made on the homeless issue and attendees discussed the roles of government and community organizations in providing support for homeless prevention and intervention.

Some statistics brought up at the forum include:

Those who are considered homeless are persons who

- Lack a fixed regular night time residence, including living on the streets or places not meant for human habitation
- Living in shelters
- Living doubled up with family/friends
- Living in motels or campgrounds due to loss of housing and economic hardship

Homeless populations include

- Families
- Individuals
- Veterans
- Chronic Homeless
- Unaccompanied Youth
- Transient Homeless

Weekly Police Stats

Calls for Service - 1,561 Arrests – 16
Citations Issued - 84
Reports Written - 139 Traffic Stops - 188



Weekly Fire Operations Stats

106 INCIDENTS
47 - EMS 5 - Motor Vehicle Accidents
6 - Fires 8 - Fire Alarms
37 - Public Assists 3 - Hazardous

Public Works in ACTION



Urban Forestry crew removing tree at 246 Lincoln Ave.



Concrete crew making gutter repairs at Brookwood & Mayfield Circle



Public Works in ACTION



Asphalt crew making road repairs on Bostrom Lane



Urban Forestry trimming trees in Spring Meadows subdivision



**The City of Ormond Beach
Department of Leisure Services
& The Casements Guild**
present

Movies On the Halifax

PG

featuring

“Cannonball Run II”

6:00 pm, Friday, February 3, 2012

Rockefeller Gardens

FREE ADMISSION

*Bring a lawn chair or blanket
Refreshments available for purchase*

Sponsored by:



This movie is Rated “PG” (Parental Guidance Suggested). The motion picture may contain some material not suitable for children.

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