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City of Ormond Beach

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Police Sergeants Graduate Prestigious Leadership Course

On Friday February 10, 2012, two police department supervisors graduated from an intensive ten week leadership program. The program is presented by the Southern Police Institute; a part of the University of Louisville (KY). The Command Officers Development Course provides comprehensive training in police management practices in all aspects of police operations and support services. The course is academically challenging and is widely known in law enforcement circles as one of the premier police management courses available.

Sgt. Keith (Rocco) Bandell, Sgt. Scott Gaston and 44 other students from across the state received their diplomas in a ceremony luncheon held at the Daytona Resort and Spa. Chief Henry Osterkamp, Lt. Kenny Hayes, and Lt. Jesse Godfrey, all graduates of the program themselves, were among the attendees supporting the graduates.



Left to right: Lt. Hayes, Sgt. Bandell, Sgt. Gaston, Chief Osterkamp



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Science on Patrol

Ormond Beach Police Athletic League begun a new year of Science on Patrol at Ormond Beach Middle School! For 12 weeks, students will be working on and learning how to investigate a mock crime scene set up in the classroom of instructor Ms. Deborah Linn.

Ormond Beach Police Department Crime Scene Investigator Amy Laabs and Evidence Technician Sara Anderson will be working with the students and sharing their expertise in investigation of a crime scene. This year, we have 10 students attending Tuesday's class and 17 in Thursday's class.



Nova Community Center - More than Meets the Eye

The Nova Community Center offers a wide variety of fitness and wellness activities for the whole family to enjoy. The Center offers open basketball courts, a game room with pool tables, foosball and table tennis and a complete fitness room with Nautilus equipment, treadmills, stationary bikes and a rock climbing/tread wall.

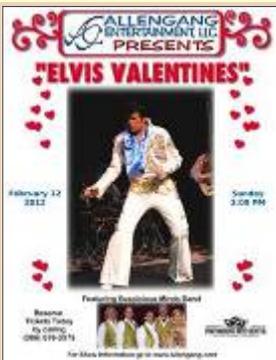
Use of the Center is free to City of Ormond Beach residents with proof of residency and just \$3.75/day for non-residents. The Center, located at 440 N. Nova Road, is open Monday through Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Sunday 1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. For more information, please call us at (386) 676-3252.



Ormond Beach Wolves Compete, Win 1st Place

The last two weekends have been very busy for the Ormond Beach Wolves Cheer Team, as they travelled to Kissimmee and Gainesville for cheer competitions. In Kissimmee, the older Wolves took 1st place and the younger team took 4th place in their divisions. In Gainesville, the older team took 2nd place and the younger Wolves took 1st place in their divisions. It continues to be a very exciting season for this hard working group of girls on the Ormond Beach Wolves Cheer Team.

At the Ormond Beach Gymnastics Center, the Cheer program is growing and the students enjoy meeting twice per week to enhance their skills and practice their routines. For further information on the City's cheer program, please call the Department of Leisure Services, (386) 676-3250.



Elvis Valentines Show at PAC

The Elvis Valentines show, starring Peter Alden and the Suspicious Minds Band was performed at the Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center on Sunday, February 12th.

The performance featured a retrospective of the love songs made popular by the legendary American performer known as "The King." The enduring popularity of the music of Elvis Presley is still celebrated today, as was seen with a large audience of very enthusiastic fans at the show.





Valentine's Dance at Nova Community Center

On Saturday, February 11th, the Department of Leisure Services Special Populations Division and S.P.A.R.C. (Special Populations Activity and Recreation) co-hosted a Valentine's Dance for people with special needs at the Nova Community Center.

Altogether, 217 enjoyed the party, whether they were dining and dancing, chaperoning, or volunteering. Couples were able to dance the night away and celebrate Valentine's Day together. The evening was filled with fun, laughter and smiles! The next party that the two groups will co-host will be the Prom on May 4, 2012. For more information, please contact Lori Koplin at the Nova Community Center, (386) 676-3252.





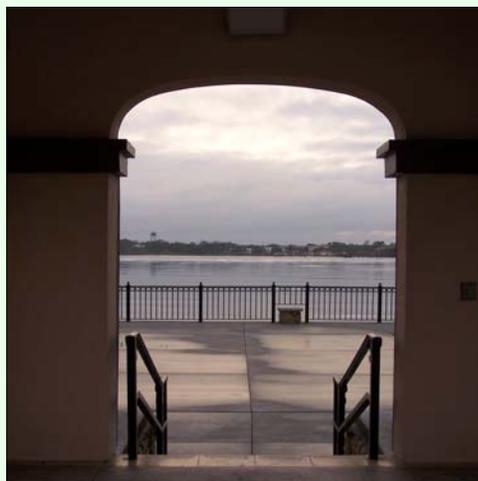
Ormond Beach Bridge Puzzle

Have you ever wanted to solve a puzzle so big that it spans a river? Do you want to create and take home a piece of art? How about learning some of the history of Ormond Beach from inside its historical buildings? Would you like to exercise with your family and fellow residents?

The Ormond Beach Bridge Puzzle is a unique event with the ambitious goal of stimulating minds, improving health, and stoking the creative embers of those who live in and near our community. The event begins promptly at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 18th, on the stage in Rockefeller Gardens and will end at noon.

Seabreeze High School AP chemistry teacher and local author Robert Hernandez has created a puzzle for Ormond residents to solve. The clues are spread throughout the corners of the Granada Bridge. Finding them is just the beginning. Puzzlers will have to assemble them correctly and decipher their secrets. To do so, they will need to walk the Granada Bridge, meander in and out of some of Ormond Beach's historical sites, and create a piece of art. If successful, Puzzlers will go home with the satisfaction of being clever enough to have mastered the challenge. They will also have a greater, more intimate understanding of the history of Ormond Beach; and they will be holding a piece of art they have created themselves.

Curious? Then we look forward to seeing you at 9:00 a.m. The event is free to the public. Just bring your imagination, sense of adventure, and your walking shoes. There will be approximately two miles of walking involved in the event. Are you up for the challenge? For additional information, please call the Department of Leisure Services, Casements staff (386) 676-3216.





Recreation Sports

At the South Ormond Neighborhood Center, the gymnasium has been active with youth basketball on a daily basis. Youth baseball also checked in this week with pre-season practices on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

Staff continues to work hard to maintain the level of safety and cleanliness throughout the complex and center that our community deserves. Things are shaping up nicely in preparation of the busier spring/summer season.



SOLD OUT Show

The Stars from the Platters, Coasters, Drifters, and Temptations performed a sold out show at the Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center on Saturday, February 11th. Romance filled the room with the love songs from yesteryear including Platters' hits "The Great Pretender" and "My Prayer," and Temptations' hits "My Girl" and "Unchained Melody."

The show delighted the audience as they celebrated the Valentine's weekend with the best loved songs from four of the top oldies groups of all time.





Blast from the Past

Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #1048 held a fundraising concert entitled "Blast From the Past" at the Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center on Friday, February 10th.

Opening the show was vocalist Vince Caution singing the songs of Frank Sinatra. Next, the Palm Coast Swing Band played big band jazz and swing music favorites. Headlining the show was the Knights to Remember local favorites who performed Oldies and Doo Wop music. A special guest vocalist, Ormond Beach's own Siobhan Daly also sang with the group.

The audience included many U.S. Military veterans, and honored guests from the Emory Bennett Veterans Administration Nursing Home. The audience packed the house and they loved every minute of the show!



Spring Baseball & Softball Season

Spring registration for Youth Recreational Baseball and Softball began in the Leisure Services Department on January 9th. To date, 408 boys ages 5 through 15 have registered for Spring Baseball, and 148 girls ages 5 through 17 registered for Spring Softball. Parents were able to register both online and in the Registration Office this season. Despite working out a few online software "bugs," it was an overall success as staff members worked with parents to make the registrations go as smoothly as possible.

The program is run through the Ormond Beach Youth Baseball Softball Association (OBYBSA). The season will run March 4th through June 2nd with games and practices played at both Nova ball fields and the Ormond Beach Sports Complex ball fields.



Airport Road Improvement Projects

Construction of the City's Airport Road Forcemain and Reclaimed Watermain Improvements Project has begun. This project involves the extension of approximately four (4) miles of sanitary sewer forcemain along the Airport Road right-of-way from North US1 to Leeway Trail and extension of approximately three (3) miles of reclaimed watermain along the eastern right-of-way of N. US1 from Nova Road to Airport Road and along the northern right-of-way of Airport Road up to River Bend Golf Club.

There will also be extension of reclaimed watermain within the Breakaway Trails and Hunter's Ridge subdivisions. The duration of the project is one (1) year. Little to no impact to traffic circulation is anticipated as a result of this construction activity.

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If you have questions, or need additional information, please contact Alex Blake, Project Engineer, at (386) 676-3269.



Three Chimneys Sugar Mill Plantation



On a chilly Sunday, February 12, the Ormond Beach Historical Society held its annual open house from 11 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Three Chimneys Sugar Mill Plantation site at 715 W. Granada Blvd. During the open house at 1:00 p.m., there was a special dedication of a colonial marker by the Daughters of the American Colonists. Guided tours of the sugar mill and rum distillery ruins were provided, and participants who took the tour could envision what life was like many years ago.

This historical site is believed to be the first built and oldest successful British sugar plantation, sugar mill and rum distillery in the State of Florida and continental United States. The Three Chimneys was part of a 20,000 acre grant awarded to Richard Oswald in 1764, and was known as the Swamp Settlement at that time. The settlement consisted of 300 cleared acres and several substantial buildings, including the overseer's house, grain houses, sugar house and distillery works and sugar mill.

Anyone interested in learning more about the Three Chimneys Sugar Mill Plantation can contact the Ormond Beach Historical Society at 386-677-7005 or visit their website at www.ormondhistory.org.



Weekly Police Stats

Calls for Service - 1,552 Arrests – 23
 Citations Issued - 93
 Reports Written - 141 Traffic Stops - 141



Weekly Fire Operations Stats

130 INCIDENTS
 81 - EMS 10 - Motor Vehicle Accidents
 4 - Fires 1 - Fire Alarms
 34 - Public Assists 0 - Hazardous

Public Works in ACTION



Maintenance crews make shell repairs at Riviera Park



Sign Shop installing "No Parking" signs on Osceola Ave.



Public Works in ACTION



Concrete crew making gutter repairs on Royal Dunes Circle



John Anderson Drive Improvement Project Survey Available & Public Community Meeting Notice

Citizens of Ormond Beach are invited to attend a Public Community Meeting regarding the interest to construct a sidewalk along the east side of the roadway as a part of the planned John Anderson Drive Roadway Improvement Project.

The Public Community Meeting will be held at The Casements on **Wednesday, February 22, 2012**, between **6:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.** to provide citizens with the opportunity to provide additional input on the sidewalk component of the project, submit comments, and/or ask further questions. Please note that this meeting will be an opportunity for citizens to interact on an individual basis. Thus, feel free to arrive **anytime** between **6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

Attendance at the Community Meeting is not needed if the Sidewalk Survey is submitted (please see below for details).

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 286.26, F.S., persons needing accommodations or an interpreter to participate in the meeting should notify the City no later than 48 hours prior to the meeting by contacting the City Clerk's Office at 386-677-0311.



SIDEWALK SURVEY INFORMATION

In addition to the Public Community Meeting, a **Sidewalk Survey** has been developed to solicit input from City of Ormond Beach citizens regarding this upcoming City Commission decision. A copy of the survey (with instructions) is available on the City of Ormond Beach website, www.ormondbeach.org under the "Our Spotlight" or by this link www.ormondbeach.org/jadsurvey. The City welcomes and appreciates your suggestions and comments.