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# City of Ormond Beach

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## Ormond Beach Firefighters Receive Awards

On January 19, 2012, at the annual Fire Rescue East Trade Show held in Daytona Beach, Captain Gil Aspinwall received the Fire Service Instructor of the Year Award for 2011 from the Florida Fire Chiefs' Association. Each year, the Florida Society of Fire Service Instructors recognizes a fire instructor whose acts and deeds as an instructor serve as an example to the profession, their department, their community and their peers alike. The instructor of the year demonstrates an ongoing commitment to Florida's fire service by teaching and encouraging others to progress themselves and/or their organization to pursue excellence.

In the Fire Department, Captain Aspinwall is in charge of technical rescue training which requires the development of monthly drills within the Fire Department as well as cooperative drills with Volusia County Fire Services. He also serves as an Adjunct Lead Instructor at Flagler Technical Institute where he has led the way in implementing the new State of Florida testing standards, development and delivery of the new Emergency Medical Technician program. Captain Aspinwall is also an active member of the Florida Fire Chiefs'

Association.

Also at Fire Rescue East, Battalion Commander Dave King received the Paramedic of the Year Award for 2011 from the Florida Fire Chiefs' Association. This award honors a paramedic whose primary job responsibility is direct patient care and who has demonstrated independent initiative in the areas of quality assurance, patient care, public access, medical control, disaster preparedness, public education and/or training, and has demonstrated support, involvement and dedication to their Emergency Medical Service community and profession.

Battalion Commander King, a versatile paramedic, is in charge of EMS training and community CPR for the Fire Department. He is an instructor of EMS courses at Daytona State College and serves on the Fire and EMS Advisory Board for Flagler Technical Institute and is an active member of the Volusia County Fire Chiefs' Association and Florida Fire Chiefs' Association. Battalion Commander King has served as a planner and judge for the Advanced Life

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# Volusia Day - JOBS FOR VOLUSIA

The theme of this year's Volusia Days visit to the State Capital was "JOBS FOR VOLUSIA." The Daytona Regional Chamber of Commerce provided three buses that departed from Daytona International Speedway at 6 a.m. on Wednesday, February 15th. The Volusia Group congregated at the Senate Office Building.

Representatives from local governments, businesses and community partners from throughout Volusia County joined together in Tallahassee during the 2012 state legislative session. Volusia Days is an opportunity to share with the members of the legislature issues that are vitally important to Volusia County and Ormond Beach. Representing the City of Ormond Beach were Mayor Ed Kelley, Commissioner Bill Partington, City Manager Joyce Shanahan, and Economic Development Director Joe Mannarino.

Several key issues were addressed during the visit, balancing the state budget, pension reform, and the main issue of the day was economic development. Speakers included Representative Fred Costello; Gray Swoope, President of Enterprise Florida; Cynthia Lorenzo, Department of Economic Opportunity Interim Executive Director; and other members of the Volusia County delegation.

A meeting was held at the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) with Ms. Lorenzo and her staff to discuss Ormond Crossings. The meeting was very productive and City staff will follow up with DEO staff to strategize on economic development funding programs.

## Ormond Beach Firefighters Receive Awards (cont'd.)

Support competition held annually at the Fire Rescue East Trade Show and has worked tirelessly to regionalize EMS training in northeast Volusia County.

Both Captain Aspinwall and Battalion Commander King have been with the Fire Department since 1999 beginning as firefighters and rising through the ranks. Captain Aspinwall and Battalion Commander King were recognized for their outstanding accomplishments and their service and dedication to the citizens of Ormond Beach by the City Commission at its February 21st meeting.





# Tomoka Elementary Career Day

On Thursday, February 16th, Tomoka Elementary School held Career Day for their students. Mayor Ed Kelley was present and participated in Career Day along with Police Detective Tom Larsen, Crime Scene Technician Amy Laabs, Community Service Officers Shannon Champion and JoAnn Owen, Utilities Manager Dave Ponitz and a Fire Department crew which included Captain Nate Quartier, Driver Engineer Travis Taft and Firefighter Jeremiah Ingraham.

The Mayor spoke to students in the 3rd, 4th and 5th grades and explained the function of a Mayor and also how to choose a career. He shared his experience of working for a national company and owning his own business. He stressed the importance of reading and provided the example that he had to read over 2,000 pages of material for a previous commission meeting. He shared that reading provides 3 things: 1. information, that 2. gives you knowledge that in turn prepares you with 3. wisdom to make good choices and decisions. He emphasized that whatever career the students chose, to never give up, life is a highway and even though they may have a few detours, roadblocks or bumps in the road of life, to keep going.

The City's Utilities Manager Dave Ponitz spoke to several third grade classes about his Civil Engineering educational and career experiences to include his recent job as the City's Utilities Manager. He also discussed the importance of water conservation and gave examples for conservation practices. An electronic meter reading device and service pipe connection mockup, built by the City's water crews, was used for illustrating to the children that every drop of water they use at home is measured by the City and charged each month on their household water bill.

The Fire Department visited several 3rd grade classes and talked about how to become a firefighter. They discussed the different roles of firefighters and the types of calls they respond to, such as motor vehicle accidents, fires and medical emergencies. They stressed the importance of doing well in school and how firefighters continually go to school and train throughout their careers. The crew also discussed fire safety and demonstrated different types of equipment and dressed in bunker gear for the children.

Detective Larsen and Crime Scene Technician Amy shared how their positions work closely together to help solve crimes. Students were able to try on a ballistics vest, play with handcuffs, and examine a detective's badge. Amy showed them how she works with chemicals to analyze stains found at a crime scene. She helped them lift fingerprints off an item and they were each able to place their prints on fingerprint cards.

Community Service Officers JoAnn and Shannon explained their jobs of capturing nuisance animals, protecting injured animals, educating pet owners on responsible pet ownership and showed them the types of equipment they use. Students observed the use of catch poles and snake capture equipment. They were able to check out different types of gloves used to handle a variety of animals, and were shown a cat carrier cage containing Frisky, a toy cat.



Public Works employee Terry Shannon holding meter reading/service pipe mockup he built for Career Day.

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# Puzzlers Master the Challenge

Thanks to Seabreeze High School chemistry teacher and local author Robert Hernandez's creativity and hard work, residents were treated to a cerebral challenge this past Saturday. Mr. Hernandez created The Ormond Beach Bridge Puzzle for residents to expand their minds, exercise, and be together while learning a little history of Ormond Beach. It was not a race against time; it was a time to enjoy.

The challenge began at The Casements' stage in Rockefeller Gardens where puzzlers were given their first puzzle piece which contained their clue to continue on to Fortunato Park. At Fortunato Park, puzzlers were greeted by volunteers portraying Mr. and Mrs. Price and given their second puzzle piece. The next stop was over the Granada Bridge to Bailey Riverbridge Gardens. Then off to the Anderson Price Building where participants were given another puzzle piece and assembled all four pieces. They were then told to head back to the "old rich guy's house."

Back at The Casements, participants had to decipher the secrets held within the puzzle in order to complete the challenge. It was a wonderful day for all involved. For the volunteers, it was very satisfying to



see families spending time together on an activity that was healthy for the mind and body. It was an incredible experience for participants, and they were very proud of the fact that they were clever enough to solve the puzzle!



## Tomoka Elementary Career Day (cont'd.)

They also explained that a Community Service Officer also serves as backup traffic control when a Police Officer needs help at an accident. They also handle fingerprinting for citizens and serve as couriers between City Hall and the Police Department as well as delivering and picking up repaired equipment for the Police Department.

The children and teachers were very appreciative that Mayor Kelley, along with City Fire, Police and Utilities staff visited the school and participated in Career Day.



Amy Laabs demonstrating her skills.



Frisky



## *John Anderson Drive Community Meeting*

On Wednesday, February 22, 2012, a public community meeting was held from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at The Casements for the John Anderson Drive roadway improvements project. The purpose of this meeting was to provide an opportunity for all residents of John Anderson Drive, and citizens of Ormond Beach, to meet with Zev Cohen Associates (ZCA) representatives and discuss issues regarding the feasibility of constructing a sidewalk as a part of the roadway improvement project.

This meeting was publicly advertised in the newspaper and on the City of Ormond Beach website. In addition, there were direct mailings of a Sidewalk Survey to residents on John Anderson Drive within the limits of the project. The Sidewalk Survey has been ongoing for several weeks and ZCA has received numerous completed surveys.

At the meeting, citizens were able to voice an opinion on the sidewalk issue and it also provided the opportunity for one-on-one discussions. The meeting was well attended and 16 respondents submitted written comments and/or opinions on the issue. In addition, there were other citizens who attended to obtain more information on the project.



## *Ernie Haase & Signature Sound*

Ernie Haase and Signature Sound performed at the Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center on Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup>. One of the most popular groups in gospel music, Ernie Haase has won two Dove Awards from the Gospel Music Association, and has been nominated for a Grammy Award.

Last year, they performed for the first time at the Ormond Beach Performing Center. This year, they returned for an encore engagement by popular demand. The show packed a near capacity crowd into the auditorium. Many local church groups and fans in attendance enjoyed a sensational performance.





## *March 2012 City Commission Meeting Dates*

The Ormond Beach City Commission meetings for March will be held on **Tuesday, March 6, 2012**, and **Thursday, March 15, 2012**, at 7:00 p.m., in the Ormond Beach City Commission Chambers, 22 South Beach Street.

On December 13, 2011, with the adoption of Resolution No. 2011- 204, the Ormond Beach City Commission changed the second meeting date in March from March 20<sup>th</sup> to March 15<sup>th</sup> in order to avoid a conflict with Volusia County School's spring break.



## *Jazz Tribute to Armstrong, Fitzgerald, Ellington & Holiday*

The Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center will host a Jazz Tribute to Louis Armstrong, Ella Fitzgerald, Duke Ellington, and Billie Holiday on Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00 p.m. The music of Louis Armstrong will be performed by world renowned trumpeter Longineu Parsons. A native of Jacksonville, Florida, Mr. Parsons received his undergraduate degree in music from Florida A & M University and continued post graduate studies at the University of Florida. A distinguished teacher of music and composer, Mr. Parsons is an associate professor at Florida A & M University. He has performed for numerous heads of state, and in concerts as a guest soloist with symphony orchestras throughout the world.

The music of Ella Fitzgerald and Duke Ellington will be performed by Tina Fabrique. Ms. Fabrique most recently starred as Ella Fitzgerald in the national touring production of "Ella, The Musical." Ms. Fabrique has performed on Broadway and on national tours including roles in "Ragtime," "The Wiz," and "South Pacific." Ms. Fabrique also toured for several years as a vocalist with the Duke Ellington Orchestra.

Star lead singer from the Platters, Myles Savage, who produces and performs in the Stars from the Temptations, Platters, Coasters, and Drifters Salute, is the presenter of the concert. Mr. Savage has toured internationally in the Cole Porter musical, "Porgy and Bess." He will perform a tribute to the late great jazz vocalist, Billy Eckstine, as part of the program.

Tickets for the show are available at the Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center Box Office located at 399 N. US Hwy 1 in Ormond Beach. The Box Office is open Tuesday through Friday from Noon until 5:00 p.m., and two hours prior to performances. Tickets may be purchased by telephone with a Visa or MasterCard by calling the Box Office at 386-676-3375.



# Youth Basketball at SONC

At the South Ormond Neighborhood Center, the basketball program continues to run smoothly this week as the youth league is playing semifinal games on Wednesday and wrapping up the winter season Friday night. PAL played in the region 5 tournament last Saturday. The 14 and under boys won in their division and will be advancing to the state tournament in April. Youth baseball will continue practice on Tuesday and Thursday nights through March 1st.

The Department of Leisure Services views basketball as a very healthy activity in the goal to fight childhood obesity in our community. An hour of basketball can burn 638 to 750 calories. It also builds endurance, improves balance and coordination, develops concentration and self-discipline, and builds muscle. It provides social benefits in making new friends and teaching children to be good team players as well.

The City offers basketball programs for boys and girls each winter season, with registration beginning in late fall. "Open play" basketball is available year round at the Nova Community Center and the South Ormond Neighborhood Center gymnasiums. Additionally, many of the City's parks have outdoor basketball courts for easy access when kids want to get together to "shoot hoops."



## ***S.T.A.R.S. Pageant & Fashion Show***

The Leisure Services Department, Special Populations Division, will present the Shining S.T.A.R.S. Pageant and Fashion Show on Saturday, March 3, 2012, from 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. at the Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center, 399 N. US 1.

This is an event for the special needs community to become STARS for the day. It is an exciting event that showcases the fashion and talent of people with challenges and disabilities.

The event is presented with operational assistance provided by Dawn and Tia McDonald and Very Special Arts of Florida. Entertainment will be provided and there will be an art exhibit displayed in the lobby courtesy of Very Special Arts of Florida. A reception will follow.

Audience admission is \$4.00 at the door, and there is no cost to pageant participants. For more information on this event, please contact Lori Koplin at (386) 676-3252.



# New Pavers Donated at Bailey Riverbridge Gardens

At Bailey Riverbridge Gardens, pavers were recently installed in the north courtyard walkway surrounding the center sculpture. Through a generous donation by Ms. Neva Hammond, the walkway received a “facelift,” adding to the picturesque backdrop of the Halifax River.

Ms. Hammond had also kindly donated in previous years the center sculpture and lighting for this area of the park in memory of her late husband. The before and after photos reveal what an incredible difference this has made to Bailey Riverbridge Gardens for our citizens to enjoy! The City of Ormond Beach is extremely grateful to Ms. Hammond for this welcomed improvement to our park.

*BEFORE...*



*...AFTER!*





# Challenger Volleyball

At the Nova Community Center, Challenger Volleyball for special needs participants is well under way! Practice started February 7th with eight enthusiastic players. Each Tuesday evening, participants work on drills that help improve volleyball skills. A favorite drill is "Pin ball," where each player tries to knock down the cones. Each night ends with a short game of volleyball and the players really enjoy when the giant ball comes out. Challenger Volleyball season will run through March 13th.

For more information on Challenger sports offered through the Special Populations Division of the Leisure Services Department, please call 386-676-3252.



## Weekly Police Stats

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



## Weekly Fire Operations Stats

**127 INCIDENTS**  
 85 - EMS    5 - Motor Vehicle Accidents  
 3 - Fires    4 - Fire Alarms  
 27 - Public Assists    3 - Hazardous



# FGMA Performs at PAC

The Florida Gospel Music Association presented their inaugural East Coast Rally Concert at the Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center on Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, and Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup>.

The Florida Gospel Music Association was founded twenty-three years ago to promote Southern Gospel singing in Georgia and Florida. The highlights of the concerts included performances by the Vander Veens, from Port Orange, The Pickerings, from Orlando, The Back Woods Boys, from Starke, and The Harper Brothers, from Jacksonville. There were also performances from numerous other groups.

Due to the success and popularity of the event with the organizers, performers, and audience, the Florida Gospel Music Association has decided to return to the Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center again next year.



# Pier Improvements Underway

As the wooden fishing pier connecting Bailey Riverbridge Gardens and Cassen Park is undergoing maintenance, progress can be seen as new boards have been laid, along with new benches and trash receptacles installed along the boardwalk. This maintenance project is expected to be completed by the end of March, just in time for the spring-like weather that our residents enjoy at this treasured park amenity in the center of our City.



# Public Works in ACTION



## Urban Forestry assisting in clearing the runway approach at the airport



## Maintenance crews clean Right-of-way on Fleming Ave.



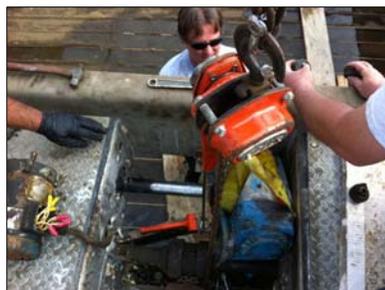
# Public Works in ACTION



## Sign Shop installs No Parking Loading Zone signs on S. Halifax Dr.



## Utility crews repair gear drive assembly and sand filters at Wastewater plant



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

**MOVIES**  
**On the**  
**Halifax** **PG**

featuring

**“Nanny McPhee”**

**6:30 pm, Friday, March 2, 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".  
Some material may not be suitable for children.

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