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# City of Ormond Beach

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## Central Park - The Vision is Still Strong

A program to acquire and develop land in Central Park was first formulated approximately 35 years ago as a comprehensive attempt to meet the long-range recreational needs of the community. In 1976, then City Manager Gerald F. Althouse officially proposed his vision of the Central Park concept and since that time there has been a steady progression of land acquisition and development to create the 150-acre park as it is today. From its early beginnings, the concept of the park has been to provide a place where one could experience nature at its best in a serene and natural setting.

The importance of Central Park as a natural resource has been realized by City leaders past and present. The vision for Central Park is still as strong as ever with the current leadership and with local residents. Central Park is often referred to as an oasis nestled within a residential area right in the center of Ormond Beach.

With the current focus on environmental education, City staff is of the opinion that the next achievable step for Central Park is to incorporate that type of education in as many ways as possible. As a part of the focus on environmental education in Central Park, the City of Ormond Beach and Pine Trail Elementary, Mrs. Maree Albert's 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class, are teaming up on a Plant and Wildlife

Identification Project for Central Park. There are (4) stages to this project that will take place over the next several months. The class is taking on the role of identifying plants, trees, and wildlife along the raised boardwalk of Central Park. Once the children complete their research, the Leisure Services Department and the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class will place the identification markers in appropriate places throughout the raised boardwalk trails in Central Park. The walkways provide the opportunity for visitors to walk from one section of the park to the next, viewing animals, birds and waterfowl that they may not see anywhere else in the City while getting back to nature. The identification markers will be a great asset to that experience. The project is looking for sponsors to provide funding to purchase the identification markers. Please contact the Leisure Services Department if you are interested in being a sponsor at 386-676-3277.

In addition to the Identification Project, the Pine Trail 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class may partner with Leisure Services for National Trails Day which is June 2<sup>nd</sup>. An organized clean up of the Althouse Trail in Central Park is being planned, partnering with the students

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# *Girl Scouts Multicultural Festival*

The Girl Scouts Sunrise Service Unit held their Multicultural Festival at the Nova Community Center on Saturday, March 24. Ten troops from the Ormond Beach area selected different countries to research. At the gym, they set up tables displaying posters, food, and the information they learned. The event included food tasting with meatballs and tiramisu from Italy, fried rice



from China, and a favorite sandwich spread from Australia. The troop studying France performed as mimes for the crowd. The girls went home with souvenirs from each country to show their family and friends. It was an enjoyable, educational experience for all the Girl Scouts involved!



# *GREEK COOKING CLASS*

Elaine Pitenis from the Pitenis Culinary School is hosting a series of Greek cooking classes at The Casements. On Saturday, March 24th, participants used their culinary skills in the course entitled "Fun with Phyllo" as they mastered feta cheese triangles, beef wellington wrapped in phyllo, contemporary Greek salad, galaktoboureko, and baklava.

The next "My Big, Fat Greek Cooking Class" scheduled for Saturday, April 21st, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at The Casements will feature mouth-watering Greek holiday appetizers such as tzaziki, hummus, Greek caviar, calamari, crab meat wrapped in phyllo, stuffed grape leaves, loukaniko

and saganaki. To delight your palate, participants will create a number of recipes during the following upcoming classes: Greek Holiday Desserts, Greek Vegetarian Dinner, and Greek Soups. If you are interested, please call The Casements for more information at (386) 676-3216.





## *A Very Special Tribute*

On Wednesday, March 28th, The Casements Guild held their regular meeting. At this meeting, a very special tribute was paid to Guild member Elsa Wiedemann who was one of the original Casements Guild members, donating over 5,000 volunteer hours since 1979 to The Casements. In addition to volunteering at The Casements, Elsa has donated countless hours at the Ormond Memorial Art Museum since 1946.

Elsa and her late husband Klaus donated the funds to purchase the bronze plaque dedicated to the Ormond Beach citizens who served in World War II. Elsa has also generously volunteered thousands of hours serving the Ormond Memorial Hospital Auxiliary and Secret Attic. The Honorable Mayor Ed Kelley was present at the meeting to honor Elsa with a Proclamation declaring March 28, 2012, Elsa Wiedemann Day and offered his gratitude on behalf of the City.

Following the meeting, Elsa cut a beautiful birthday cake to celebrate her birthday and the March birthdays of other Guild members. An elaborate lunch spread followed.



## *Challenger Baseball*

Challenger Baseball started its spring season on Tuesday, March 27th. Seven enthusiastic players with special needs met at Nova field #2 for their first practice. To warm up, participants worked on throwing and catching skills. They also hit the ball from a tee to see who would be the first to make a home run. The team enjoys having volunteers help them play the game. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer for this program, please contact the Department of Leisure Services, Nova Community Center (386) 676-3252.





# *South Ormond Neighborhood Center*

South Ormond Neighborhood Center Coordinator Liviston Edwards was recently asked if basketball ever ends at the SONC. His reply was, "not really!" The youth basketball program is just starting to shift into high gear. At the Center, staff continually strives to keep a lot of young people busy during the spring and early summer with the club basketball program. The basketball activities provide area kids with an opportunity to develop their physical skills and engage in a positive lifestyle. While the program surely provides game knowledge, conditioning, and skill development, it also is designed to keep the youths off the streets and in contact with leaders who communicate messages that inspire them to reach positive goals and strive for excellence.



# *Gymnastics Center*

At the Gymnastics Center, two new climbing ropes were recently installed. The ropes are good for strength training, as they work the upper body and arm muscles. Many students are enjoying the challenge of using the new climbing ropes during their classes and training.





# BILL McMUNN HONORED

On Thursday evening March 29, a reception, sponsored by the Daytona Regional Chamber, MG on the Halifax and VCARD, was held for Bill McMunn to honor him as a community leader for his many charitable contributions and to celebrate his recent retirement from Consolidated-Tomoka Land Company.

At the reception, Mayor Kelley read a proclamation which highlighted Mr. McMunn's education and work history and recognized him as being instrumental in attracting new businesses to our area and improving the quality of life in our community. Mr. McMunn was active on numerous civic, cultural, educational and business boards, such as the Halifax Area Chamber of Commerce, VCARD, Team Volusia, the CEO Business Alliance, Futures, ERAU Presidents Advisory Board, Bethune-Cookman Board of Visitors, ATC Board Member, United Way, Civic League of the Halifax Area, Daytona Beach Vision, Take Part II Vision, and the Association of Florida Community Developers. We thank Mr. McMunn for his contributions over the years and wish him the best in his retirement.



## *Ormond Beach Follies Perform*

The 2012 Ormond Beach Follies was performed at the Performing Arts Center on Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, and Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. The Follies show is a highly anticipated annual event. A committed team works hard all year long to present a show of the highest quality. The award winning Follies dancers wowed the audience with beautiful costumes, excellent choreography, and brilliant dancing. The outstanding Show Club Chorus exuberantly sang show tunes and patriotic anthems to everyone's delight. The comedy skits filled the house with roars of laughter. The dedicated volunteers of Show Club earned well deserved accolades from the audience. The 2012 Show Club Follies was once again an amazing show to remember.

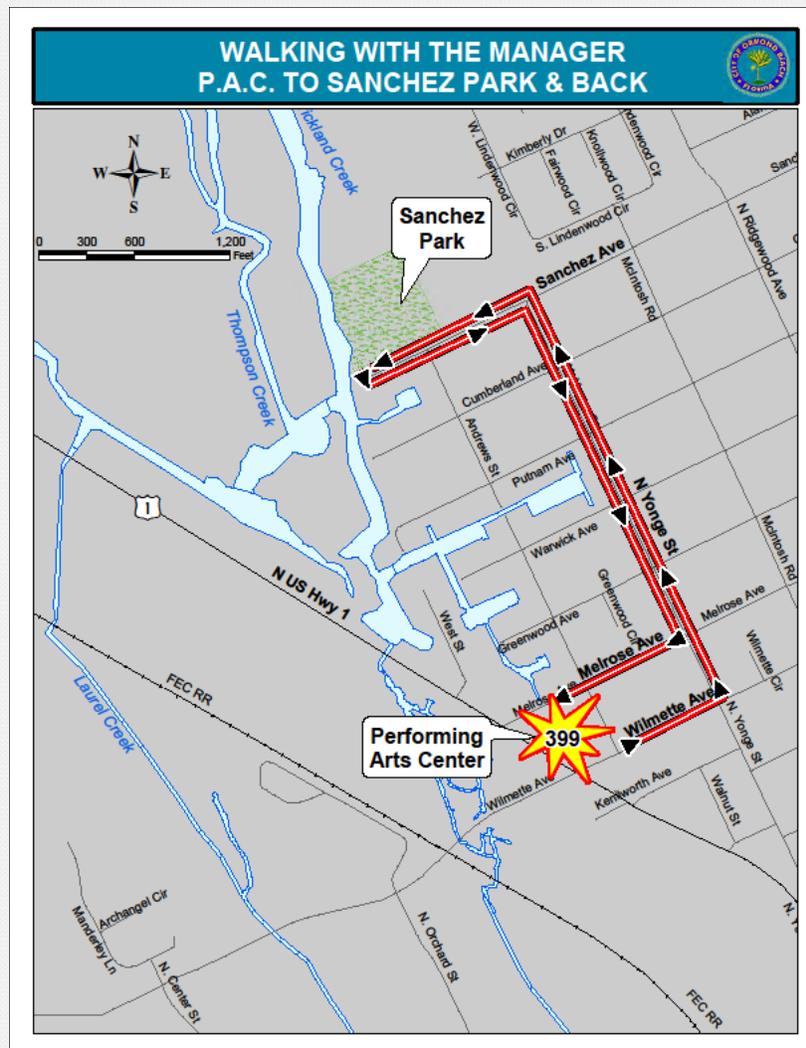




# Walking with the Manager

On Friday, April 13, from 8:30 a.m. until 9:30 a.m., "Walking with the Manager" will begin at the Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center. Please meet in the parking lot on the east side of the building. The entire walk will be approximately 2 miles.

Stefan Sibley, Recreation Manager, will be the City Manager's "guest walker" and will answer questions from the group. Citizens are invited to join the City Manager and the Recreation Manager for a walk, share their comments and suggestions. Please put on your walking shoes and join us.



# Movies on the Halifax

The next movie will be held on **THURSDAY, April 5, 2012**, at **8:00 p.m.** and the City's Leisure Services Department and The Casements Guild will present "Hop" in Rockefeller Gardens.

Beginning at 6:00 p.m., there will be a Camp Expo which will allow parents/guardians to meet with the Leisure Service Coordinators and get information on all the City's summer camp opportunities. The Easter Bunny will stop by for a visit and there will be face painting and games! Bring a lawn chair or a blanket and come out and enjoy the Camp Expo, all the fun, and a movie with your friends and family! Refreshments will also be available for purchase.

Moving Rating: "Hop" is a PG rated movie. 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.



## Park Maintenance

This week, the Department of Leisure Services Parks Maintenance staff completed various repairs and projects:

- At the South Ormond Neighborhood Park, new seats were replaced on the swing set. Also, the blue shade shelter was repaired from previous storm damage and placed back on the splash pad area.
- The beach volleyball net and standards were replaced due to deterioration of old pieces.
- At Milton Pepper Park, broken tree branches and debris were removed due to vandals causing damage to the trees.
- At Central Park I, the children's snail ride was repaired and placed back in use on the playground.

**SOUTH ORMOND PARK**



**BEACH VOLLEYBALL**



**MILTON PEPPER PARK**



**CENTRAL PARK I**





# FREE Pickleball Clinic

The Nova Community Center will offer a FREE Pickleball Clinic in preparation for open play Pickleball in the gymnasium. The clinic will be held Monday, April 2, 2012, from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. There will be a tutorial of the rules and a demonstration of how the game is played followed by open play.

What is Pickleball? Pickleball is a racquet sport which combines elements of badminton, tennis, and table tennis. The sport is played on a court with the same dimensions as a doubles badminton court. The net is similar to a tennis net, but is mounted two inches lower. The game is played with a hard paddle and a polymer wiffle ball. Although pickleball appears to be very similar to tennis, there are key differences that make pickleball more accessible to a wider range of players.

Originally invented as a backyard pastime, pickleball is now an organized sport represented by national and international governing bodies. Since its inception in 1965, pickleball has spread across the United States and into Canada. The United States Pickleball Association estimates there are more than 100,000 active pickleball players in the US alone.

The daily use of the Nova Community 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.



City Hall and all non-emergency facilities will be closed on Friday, April 6th, for the Good Friday Holiday.

There will be no Weekly Review next week.

Regular office hours will resume on Monday, April 9th.

## Weekly Police Stats

Calls for Service - 1,563    Arrests - 23  
 Citations Issued - 156  
 Reports Written - 134    Traffic Stops - 202



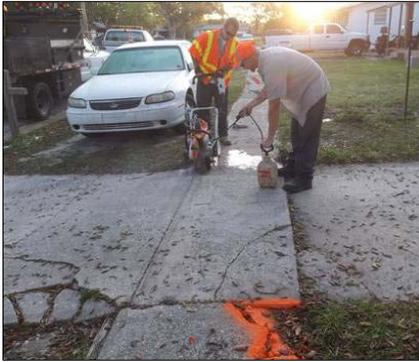
## Weekly Fire Operations Stats

**138 INCIDENTS**  
 86 - EMS    9 - Motor Vehicle Accidents  
 2 - Fires    6 - Fire Alarms  
 32 - Public Assists    3 - Hazardous

# Public Works in ACTION



## Concrete crews making sidewalk repairs on Buckeye Rd.



# Public Works in ACTION



## Ditch Mowing at the Airport Industrial Park (Before & After)



## Asphalt crew make repairs on Woodland Ave.



## Central Park - The Vision is Still Strong (cont'd.)

and civic organizations in Ormond Beach. Helping keep Central Park clean is a great example of environmental education.

Continuing with the vision for the park, the City of Ormond Beach, in conjunction with several other entities, is looking to expand the environmental education for Ormond Beach residents. A project is being proposed using a design that is 100% green for an Environmental Learning Center. The new Center would be dedicated to educational programs that would foster an awareness and appreciation of the natural world, an understanding of ecosystems and sustainability, and a sense of appreciation and stewardship toward Florida, our Earth, and all its inhabitants. The building would be constructed using green building technologies for light, air, heat, plumbing and water. The outer perimeter would contain walking trails, xeric landscaping, and drought tolerant plantings.

The design for the green Environmental Learning Center was achieved through a unique partnership with the Florida State University's Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering. At the suggestion of Zone 3 City Commissioner Rick Boehm, the City of Ormond Beach Leisure Services Department contacted the school in fall 2010 offering its senior design class the opportunity to aid the City in the development of the 100% green Environmental Learning Center. The school excitedly accepted the project and placed it on the curriculum for the 2011 fall semester. After the beginning of the fall semester, the Leisure Services Department was notified that the Environmental Learning Center had been selected by a group of (5) students and they were ready to begin designing. Enlisting the mentoring assistance of the Engineering Department and Leisure Services Department administrative staff, the student team began their design process with a clear goal in mind. The project was completed in December 2011 and submitted to the City of Ormond Beach.

As a part of the Environmental Learning Center future program planning, the Leisure Services Department has met with Mrs. Joyce Ebbets who has agreed to write a narrative about the natural history, and about the botanical and animal life found within Central Park. She will also serve as the narrator, recording audio segments to accompany videos that will be displayed in kiosks in the new Environmental Learning Center. Staff is excited to be working with Mrs. Ebbets on the project, as she is a longtime advocate for Central Park and in fact, has a fishing pier named after her there. The Joyce Ebbets Fishing Pier is one of the most frequented fishing spots in the park.

To see the park come to fruition, the next hurdle will be the funding. Proposed plans are to fund the project by seeking private/public sponsors and by applying for City-matched ECHO grants. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor for this significant contribution to the City's vision, please contact the Leisure Services Department at 386/676-3277.



Mock up of Environmental Learning Center

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Isometric view of Environmental Learning Center



Isometric view of Environmental Learning Center