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City of Ormond Beach

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Ormond Beach's Andy Romano Beachfront Park Groundbreaking Ceremony

On Memorial Day, Monday, May 28th, the weather looked rather bleak for Ormond Beach's Andy Romano Beachfront Park groundbreaking ceremony. However, right before 6:00 p.m., the rain subsided and the sun started to shine as the ceremony began on schedule.

Robert Carolin, Leisure Services Director, kicked off the ceremony by introducing honorary guests and dignitaries including Andy Romano and his family; Mayor Ed Kelley; Commissioners Troy Kent, James Stowers and Rick Boehm; City Manager Joyce Shanahan and Assistant City Manager Ted MacLeod; County Council members Carl Persis and Joshua Wagner; Bob Guido, Trust for Public Land, State Representative Fred Costello, Heidi Carhide of DJ Design Inc., and Beth Lemke of Zev Cohen & Associates.

Nine engraved gold shovels were lined up and ready for breaking ground to begin the construction of Ormond Beach's newest beachfront park. Guests enjoyed cake and punch following the groundbreaking ceremony.





Public Meeting - Hand Ave. Collector Road Upgrade

The City of Ormond Beach will hold a public meeting to provide information to the public on the Hand Avenue Collector Road Upgrade project which is intended to start construction on June 11, 2012.

The project limits for the Hand Avenue project are from US1 to Nova Road. Proposed improvements include reconstruction of the roadway with new curb and gutter, stormwater collection and drainage system improvements, new turn lanes, new sidewalks, and water main improvements. Additional stormwater improvements will occur in the Lake Park Circle area as well.

Meeting Date: Thursday, June 7, 2012
Meeting Time: 6:00 PM
Location: City Commission Chambers
 City Hall
 22 South Beach Street
 Ormond Beach, Florida

For questions or additional information on this project, please contact Zev Cohen & Associates, Curtis Burkett, at 386-677-2482, or the City's Engineering Division at 386-676-3269.

The City requests that all interested persons attend this meeting.



Repair & Restoration of PAC Fountain

The beautiful fountain at the Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center is undergoing repair and restoration by the crews of the Facilities Maintenance Department and Kathy Harper Painting Company. The metal sculpture in the fountain is being cleaned of corrosion and the surfaces restored to their natural luster. During this project, all the plumbing and fittings in the fountain are inspected, and any of the parts that show signs of deterioration are being replaced. This restoration work is to ensure that the landmark fountain will continue to be enjoyed by Ormond Beach residents for many years to come.





Citizens Police Academy

The twenty-sixth class of the Citizens' Police Academy (CPA) graduated on Thursday, May 24th. The graduation was held at the Aberdeen clubhouse. Twenty-four citizens graduated from the ten (10) week CPA class.

The Citizens' Police Academy class was designed by the Ormond Beach Police Department to provide an overview of the criminal justice system and the Ormond Beach Police Department. The academy describes the function and role of the Ormond Beach Police Department in the community and exposes the participants to the realities of police work. Participants are provided twenty hours (20) of training, including lectures, discussions and demonstrations.

The Citizens' Police Academy educates members of the community on the role of the Ormond Beach Police Department and familiarizes them with the laws and procedures that guide the police force. The program is presented in a positive and professional manner and demonstrates the police department's mission and role in the community.

We are proud of our latest graduates and appreciate their interest in the academy.



Weekly Police Stats

Calls for Service - 1,739 Arrests – 18
 Citations Issued - 208
 Reports Written - 109 Traffic Stops - 324



Weekly Fire Operations Stats

140 INCIDENTS
 78 - EMS 10 - Motor Vehicle Accidents
 2 - Fires 4 - Fire Alarms
 44 - Public Assists 2 - Hazardous



A Piece of Rock 'n' Roll History

At The Casements, instructor Darryl Gentry recently began a new class entitled "The Birth of Rock 'n' Roll" where students can zip back in time and remember the days of the old 45's with Elvis, Chuck Berry or Bill Haley and The Comets. Followed by the invasion of The Beatles and the hippie sounds of the 60's that turned many into "Dead Heads." Rock 'n' Roll has gone through many changes over the years, but one thing is for sure - it's here to stay!

Mr. Gentry's six-week class is sure to offer an informative look back at the history of rock 'n' roll and where it all began. If you are interested in learning more about the class, please call The Casements at (386) 676-3216.



Volusia League of Cities Distinguished Service Awards

On Thursday, May 24, 2012, the Volusia League of Cities held its Annual Awards Banquet at the Smyrna Yacht Club to honor the 2012 Distinguished Service Award Recipients. Mayor Kelley, Commissioners Boehm, Kent and Partington, City Manager Joyce Shanahan, and Police Chief Andy Osterkamp attended and proudly supported the Ormond Beach award recipients. Doug Thomas, member of the Leisure Services Advisory Board, accepted on behalf of the Wendelstedt family.

The award recipients were elected officials, appointed officials, public employees, and citizen volunteers who were being recognized for their many contributions to their cities and to Volusia County. The City of Ormond Beach was very proud to have three nominees receive Distinguished Service Awards:

Harry Wendelstedt – Citizen of the Year
Community Sports (Honorarium)

Sally Panella
Citizen of the Year – Public Safety

Loretta Moisio
Employee of the Year - Other

Congratulations!





Eventful Casements Guild Meeting

A very eventful Casements Guild meeting was held on May 23rd in The Casements gallery. It was the last meeting for the season. The new board members for next year were inducted, pins were issued for service hours, two members were given honorary membership, and a scholarship was given to a Seabreeze High School graduate.

The new Casements Guild board members for the 2012/13 year will be Phyllis Lowry, President; Vic Liviccori, 1st Vice President; Pat Reynolds, 2nd Vice President; Maureen Topp, Treasurer; Sue Hildago, Corresponding Secretary; Dar Sylvester, Recording Secretary; and Anna Korhonen, Gift Shoppe Treasurer.

The Guild was pleased to welcome new members Anne Bennett and Valerie Riley. Beverly and Larry Taylor were given honorary membership into The Casements Guild for their many years of service and dedication to the Guild. Christina Canalizo, an honor student heading to Stetson University in the fall to study finance, was given the Youth Auxiliary Scholarship from the Guild for outstanding service as a youth docent and special representative of The Casements Guild. Although there will be no formal Guild meetings until September, members are still busy with tours, preparing for the Christmas Gala and The Casements Centennial Celebration.



South Ormond Neighborhood Center

The South Ormond Neighborhood Center's Youth Basketball teams went to Disney this past weekend to compete in the AAU Memorial Day Classic at the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex. Both the 9th and 10th grade teams went undefeated during the tournament and won their brackets. Congratulations boys!

Although the weekend produced a good bit of rain, the park had a solid day on Saturday with free-play basketball, the splash pad and the youth soccer games making for a full day of activity at the Center.

This week youth and adult basketball continues daily, along with plenty of folks utilizing open gym and the fitness room.





It's Time for Summer Camp!

The City's Summer Connection Day Camp is a summer program for children ages 6 through 13. Families have a choice of two camp locations: the Nova Community Center at 440 N. Nova Road, or the South Ormond Neighborhood Center at 176 Division Avenue.

Leisure Services staff is making preparations now for the campers to participate in recreational activities including sports, movies, arts and crafts, board games, dodge ball, water days, and talent shows. The campers will be divided into two groups based on their ages so that games are planned to challenge each camper. Guest presenters are invited to teach and entertain the children throughout the summer.

This year the camp has been connected with the Volusia County food program and we are offering free lunches to all campers. Camp registration is still going on through the Leisure Services Registration Office. We look forward to another exciting summer filled with healthy, fun activities for the children in our community. For registration or information, please call (386) 676-3250.



Exterior Painting & Stucco Work at Sr. Center

The exterior of the Ormond Beach Senior Center is undergoing a complete upgrade. The exposed wooden gables are being covered with stucco, and the entire building will receive a fresh coat of paint. The stucco will prevent any wood decay and provide a durable finish. The ongoing work is expected to be completed by mid-June.





Aloha

Children, parents and staff from St. James Episcopal School gathered in Rockefeller Gardens on Wednesday morning for their end-of-the-year Aloha Celebration. It was a wonderful way for the students to all be together outside the classroom setting before their vacation begins. We wish them all a safe and enjoyable summer!



Walking with the Manager

Last Friday, May 25, several community residents joined City Manager Joyce Shanahan on her monthly "Walking with the Manager." Her guest walker was The Casements Cultural Center Coordinator Siobhan Daly. The group started at the west entrance of The Casements and made their way down Riverside Drive and up to Atlantic Avenue to Granada Boulevard and back to The Casements; approximately a two-mile jaunt.

Several members from The Casements Guild joined the faithful monthly walkers for the early morning exercise. Several of the walkers carried "litter getters" and trash bags and cleaned up the sidewalks and side streets on their journey.

The group learned some historical facts about Mr. Rockefeller and his friendly neighbors, The Bostroms, who took him in one cold winter when the heat was out at The Casements. It was also mentioned that it had been 75 years since Mr. Rockefeller had died at the home that week. Not only was the walk an invigorating exercise opportunity but also an ecological opportunity and chance to speak to the City Manager about community issues and concerns. We look forward to the next opportunity for Walking with the Manager!





22nd Annual Memorial Day Ceremony

Tropical Storm Beryl brought weather that prevented the scheduled outdoor ceremony to take place in Rockefeller Gardens. Instead, the committee for the 22nd Annual Memorial Day Remembrance Service held the event inside The Casements on Monday, May 28, 2012, at 9:00 a.m., with approximately 375 attending in the courtyard.

The service was moderated by CDR. Janet Marnane; U.S. Navy (Ret.), and the welcome and proclamation were presented by Mayor Ed Kelley. The invocation was read by Rabbi Howard Schwartz; Chaplain (MAJ), U.S. Army (Ret.). The audience participated in singing the National Anthem and proclaiming the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Song of the Coast Chorus. The Presentation of Colors was presented by American Legion Post 267, and the Memorial Remembrance Address and Laying of the Wreath were led by Ray C. Huther of the Daytona Beach Navy League. Also included was a musical presentation of Amazing Grace by Scott Wilson of Daytona Pipes and Drums. A Special Wreath Ceremony was led by Rebecca Propst of Daughters of the American Revolution, Morton Parks of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, and Anne Sutton of the Women's Auxiliary, British Royal Air Force. Eight Bells was presented by Petty Officer First Class Mike Wolohan, U.S. Navy (Ret.). Taps was played by Gordon Russell. The Benediction was given by Willie Branch, Chaplain of the Ormond Beach Police Department. At the end of the ceremony, the audience participated by laying flowers at the base of the Memorial Marker.

The stormy weather did not hinder the many citizens, City staff, ceremony participants and committee members from gathering together in order to honor those who made the supreme sacrifice for our country.



What's New in our Parks?

Facilities Maintenance crews have recently installed two new pet waste disposal stations at Rockefeller Gardens Park and Fortunato Park. Both parks are regularly used by people who enjoy walking their dogs along the park walkways. Residents have responded to the new pet waste stations favorably with positive feedback.



At Central Park IV on Division Avenue, Facilities Maintenance crews have installed concrete bases for the placement of new trash can receptacles. The concrete bases were made by the Streets Division.



Public Works in ACTION



Maintenance crews clear sidewalk of overhead obstructions on S. Ridgewood and Division Ave.



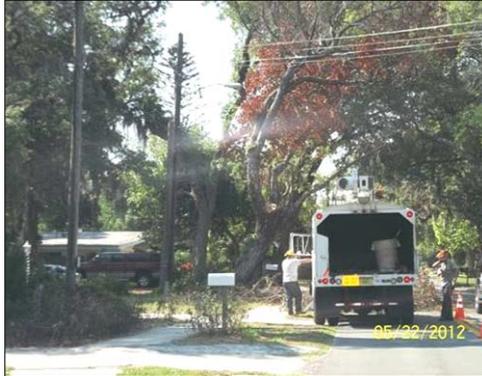
...And on Hidden Hills and Raintree



Public Works in ACTION



Urban Forestry removes diseased tree on N. Ridgewood Ave.



Asphalt crew making utility repairs at Stonehaven and Timberline Trail.



Public Works in ACTION



Stormwater and Street Maintenance crews remove broken concrete around stormdrain corner of Northbrook Dr. & N. Beach St.

