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# City of Ormond Beach

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## Independence Day Celebration

The City of Ormond Beach's Independence Day Celebration 2012 was once again a terrific success! The largest community event of the year, it takes months of preparation to create a celebration that is enjoyed by thousands and has become an annual tradition for citizens in our community. The event ran from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and offered live music, plenty of food and treats, a Patriotic Kids Park, and one of the area's finest fireworks displays on the Halifax River. Mayor Ed Kelley addressed the crowd in Rockefeller Gardens and read a proclamation, followed by City Commission members and their families leading the fireworks countdown as they pressed the "TNT" plunger! Patriotic music filled the air while fireworks lit up the sky for more than 20 minutes to the delight and amazement of the crowd which stretched from along Beach St. to City Hall, the Granada Bridge, Fortunato Park and Rockefeller Gardens.

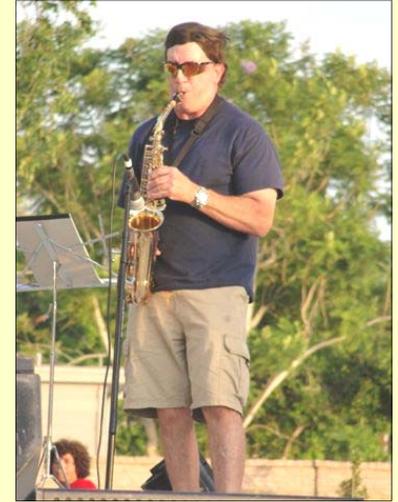
The Department of Leisure Services sought sponsors to help fund this grand event, and is extremely grateful to those who generously responded. (cont'd page 2)

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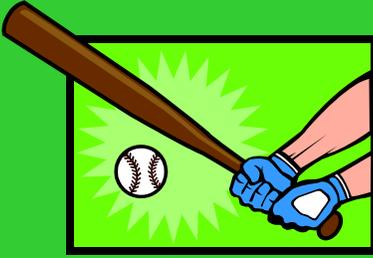


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## *Men's Fall Softball League*

The City of Ormond Beach Leisure Services Department would like to announce its 13th annual Men's Fall Softball League beginning August 27, 2012. Games, 16 minimum, will run until approximately the middle of November.

Games will be played Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday nights at the Airport Sports Complex Softball Quad Field #7, and possibly at Nova Field #1. You must be 18 years of age to participate. Game softballs will be provided. The team fee is \$620.00.

Rules, regulations and fees will be discussed at the pre-season meeting on Tuesday, August 14, 6:30 p.m., at the Sports Complex Office, 700 Hull Road, off of US1. Please have a representative attend to collect information packets and discuss league rules.

For more information, or to reserve a spot in the league for your team, please contact Gerry Pitchford, Athletic Supervisor, at 676-3280 or by email: [pitchford@ormondbeach.org](mailto:pitchford@ormondbeach.org).



## *Police Explorers Annual Competition*

The Ormond Beach Police Department's Explorer Post 430 attended the Florida Association of Police Explorers annual competition held in Crystal River, Florida, during the week of June 24th. Out of thirty-one Police Explorer posts competing, the Ormond Beach Police Explorers, all competing for the first time, placed eighth overall in the weeklong competition.

The explorers competed in scenario based subjects such as: traffic stops, traffic crashes, active shooter situations, emergency vehicle operation, crime scene procedures and in-progress calls. Explorer Michelle Wichman placed second overall in the state among all female Explorers in the emergency vehicle operations course competition!

Officers Amanda Kasper and Chris Raley volunteer their time and are the Department's Explorer Advisors. Without their guidance and expertise, our Explorers would not have finished in the top third of all competitors!





# National PAL Leadership Academy

The Ormond Beach Police Athletic League was invited by the State of Florida PAL to represent them at the National PAL Leadership Academy in Washington, D.C. On June 24, two Youth Director Council (YDC) youths, Marcus Edwards and Kailik Williams, under the supervision of PAL Recreation Leader and YDC Advisor Belinda Legut, set out on the adventure to participate in an intensive, inspiring and skill-building program led by the Close Up Foundation, a partner of National PAL.

Close Up Foundation, the nation's leading civic educator, provided a mentoring and civic educational experience to help participants develop the skills and attitudes necessary to become active and engaged citizens. Ormond Beach PAL participated in this program to learn effective citizenship, with an emphasis on how to articulate their own viewpoints and to listen with respect to those of others. The program also provided discussion of policy issues, memorial and monument study visits, issue-based workshops and a visit to Capitol Hill to meet with members of Congress and their staff. Ormond Beach PAL had the opportunity to meet Florida's State Representative Corrine Brown and staff members of Congressman John Mica's office and Senator Marco Rubio! Marcus and Kailik will share their experience with other YDC members at their next meeting.





## *JOINT CIVIL AIR PATROL/ ARMY NATIONAL GUARD NATIONAL SECURITY EXERCISE*

The Ormond Beach Municipal Airport and the Ormond Beach Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) partnered to host "Exercise America's Shield," a joint operation involving advanced elements of the Florida Wing of the CAP, the Army National Guard, the United States Air Force and other components of the U.S. Armed Forces. This training mission was a pre-deployment exercise in support of the National Capital Region Integrated Air Defense System, which protects Washington, D.C., and other locations from airborne attack.

CAP operations at the airport took place from June 14<sup>th</sup> through June 24<sup>th</sup>, involving 8 CAP aircraft and over 90 CAP personnel under the direction of a primary incident command post located at Camp Blanding, Florida. CAP aircraft and crews operated from a dedicated ramp area supported by airport businesses such as Sunrise Aviation. During the course of this mission, CAP air crews flew approximately 300 flight hours in 85 sorties. Additionally, volunteer CAP members from across the state, including pilots, ground crews, communications specialists, and mission base staff contributed over 3,000 man hours to the mission. The operating cost of CAP aircraft is about 80% less than the cost of operating military aircraft for this training, and the volunteer airmen of the CAP serve to help ensure America's national security while keeping costs down. Benefits to airport businesses include revenue from aircraft fuel sales and maintenance costs. Other local businesses such as hotels, service stations, and restaurants benefited by serving the many mission personnel temporarily stationed in Ormond Beach for this exercise. The overall economic benefit of "Exercise America's Shield" to the Ormond Beach area is expected to total over \$80,000.00.

The presence of this exercise in Ormond Beach presented a unique opportunity for the young cadet members of the Ormond Beach Composite Squadron to participate in high-tempo aircraft ground operations. Many Ormond Beach cadets gained valuable experience as members of aircraft ground crews, responsible for making sure that each aircraft and crew was launched and recovered safely and efficiently.

Civil Air Patrol, the official auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, is a nonprofit organization with more than 61,000 members nationwide, operating a fleet of 550 aircraft. CAP, in its Air Force auxiliary role, performs 90% of domestic inland search and rescue missions as tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center and was credited by the AFRCC with saving 54 lives in fiscal year 2011. Its volunteers also perform homeland security, disaster relief and drug interdiction missions at the request of federal, state and local agencies. The members play a leading role in aerospace education and serve as mentors to nearly 27,000 young people currently participating in the CAP cadet programs. CAP received the World Peace Prize in 2011 and has been performing missions for America for 70 years. CAP also participates in Wreaths Across America, an initiative to remember, honor and teach about the sacrifices of U.S. military veterans. Visit [www.gocivilairpatrol.com](http://www.gocivilairpatrol.com) or [www.capvolunteernow.com](http://www.capvolunteernow.com) for more information.





## *Ames House Receives Beautification Award*

The Ames House was recently selected by the Chamber of Commerce to receive a Beautification Award for its handsome building, collection of unique plants and flowers and nostalgic vine-covered rail fence. The park is a local landmark with a rich and interesting history; paths wind through the grounds and along the Halifax River where you can see unique sculptures and several ponds.

The Chamber of Commerce, on a quarterly basis, selects a facility to receive their beautification award. The purpose is to review the community image and assist in improving the community while recognizing the work of others through an approved awards program. They are charged with the purpose of promoting community through pride among the residents by various programs developed to maintain and improve the quality of life in Ormond Beach, and to instill a spirit of pride in the lifestyle of its commercial and residential areas and monitor the planning of governmental and community development in areas of ecological esthetic concern. The committee gives awards in residential, commercial and city government categories.



## *What a Zoo!*

We had quite a captive audience at the Movies on the Halifax on Friday, July 6th. During the presentation of "Zookeeper," the night started out with a fierce wind, but it subsided just before show time. It was a beautiful evening in Rockefeller Gardens, and when the movie ended, the crowd roared with applause. Thank you to our movie sponsor, The Shoppes of Granada Place, for once again supporting Movies on the Halifax. TGI Friday's was also kind enough to sponsor free popcorn for all our hungry visitors.

We welcome our businesses to partner with us in support of this wonderful event. Sponsorships start at just \$25. Please contact Siobhan Daly, Casements Coordinator, at (386) 676-3216 for further information.





# “I Am Ormond Beach” Luncheon at The Casements

The Casements was the site for the “I Am Ormond Beach” Reunion Committee’s Liberia-Sudan Historical Signs Dedication Luncheon held on Thursday, July 12th. The luncheon was to recognize two historic African-American working-class neighborhoods from the late 1800’s along Granada Boulevard and Washington Street. The northern side of Granada is known as Sudan, and the southern area is recognized as Liberia. Thanks to the efforts of class of 1980 Seabreeze High School graduate Michael A. Gibson, founder and organizer of the I Am Ormond Beach reunions and his group, new informational signs were approved by the City Commission and were placed at the corners of Washington Street and Granada Boulevard to commemorate these historic areas. Mr. Gibson’s organization discovered valuable information about the time period and the hard-working people who shaped our community.

Reverend Willie Branch from the New Bethel AME Church in Ormond Beach started off the luncheon with an inspiring invocation. Greetings to attendees were delivered by the Interim President of Bethune Cookman University, Dr. Edison O. Jackson. Deputy Mayor Bill Partington presented the keys to the City to the I Am Ormond Beach organization. Other special guests in attendance included Mrs. Catherin Nmah, Secretary, Embassy of Republic, Liberia; Judge Bryan A. Feigenbaum, Volusia County; Dr. Cleo Higgins and Dr. Denis Avent from Emporia, Virginia; and Pastor Gary Pelham of the New Harvest Christian Center of Daytona Beach who delivered the benediction.





# HAND AVENUE - A REVITALIZED VISION

When shovels of dirt were lifted at US1 and Hand Avenue on June 18, nearly 30 years of hopes and incomplete visions were rekindled. A 3.3 million dollar grant awarded by FEMA will resolve years of recurrent flooding in an area that encompasses 149.1 acres of Central Park nestled among the increased residential surroundings and increased traffic.

Safety is paramount and the preservation of 'real Florida' as some call where they live, remains in the hearts of long term residents. Beyond the serious aspects of flooded streets and walkways, there lies the challenge of finally turning adversity into advantage. Solutions to flooding require the control of water in five lakes surrounded by natural wooded areas. The massive project will involve a multitude of technical changes including the upsizing of storm water drainage pipes, water mains, new sidewalks and boardwalks and the roadways.

Work on Hand Avenue will include a bridge between the lake in Phase 1 (Fleming Avenue) and the two lakes on the north side of Hand Avenue. Similar modifications will be made to connect the Hand Avenue lakes with Division Avenue and Division Avenue with Hammock Lane. The work period will require an estimated two years to complete. Residents and visitors will need to accept some detours, respect speed limits and look forward to the advantage many years of effort and recent cooperative efforts will bring.

The nature filled area is frequented by herons, egrets, cormorants, anhinga, wood storks, osprey and more than a dozen other species of birds. Fish within the lakes include largemouth bass, bream, speckled perch and catfish. Swimming and diving are restricted. Motorized boats, with the exception of small craft with electric trolling motors, are not permitted.

When the entire project is complete, those with a kayak or canoe launched at Fleming or Hammock Lane can span the entire five lake chain.

Two more years to fulfill a dream that originated through the efforts of Gerald Althouse when he served as Ormond Beach City Manager in the 1980s. First a 20 year garbage dump became a borrow pit on Fleming Avenue. This was later turned into Phase 1 of what has become a portion of the 5 phases known as Central Park. Diligence and efforts to obtain grant money (including ECHO) enabled access to the other areas. However, the underlying infrastructure costs of roads and bridges was an ongoing deterrent.

Beyond the current dream's fulfillment is one of a learning center in an area of Division Avenue where no trees would need to be sacrificed. A schoolhouse for all ages where children to senior groups could assemble and learn now to explore, enjoy and preserve this special part of the real Florida.

Currently, a group of children from Pine Trail Elementary School is preparing special signs to identify things along the boardwalk through the wetland area.



The FEMA grant is unlocking a treasure that has been held together by the teamwork and expertise of dedicated city employees. No longer will engineering and public works departments seek band-aids for breakdowns when storms and heavy rain force water up to the threshold of homes. No longer will a resident need a raft to reach their vehicle parked a block away from their home.

Hand Avenue work will be constructed in 5 phases and time periods. Currently, the portion of Hand under construction extends from US1 to 500 feet west of Coolidge. The final portion on Hand is scheduled for completion in January of 2014. Additional information and updates as they occur can be found on the City's website: [www.ormondbeach.org](http://www.ormondbeach.org).



# Perspectives II

The Gallery Opening for Donna Oldham's Art Exhibit entitled Perspectives II was held at The Casements on Friday evening, July 6th. Patrons were quite impressed with Ms. Oldham's work combining photography and the use of computer wizardry.

The artist's story tells about each piece in her collection which includes photos of images from her travels. Oldham has a beautiful piece in the exhibit, Bailey Riverbridge Gardens, which she very generously donated to The Casements. Perspectives II will be on display in the gallery at The Casements during normal business hours during the month of July.



# Mad Lab!

The future scientists of Ormond took over The Casements this week for the first session of Enviro Camp. Mad Lab was the theme for this week, and it was a blast! The months of planning have really paid off as staff watched the amazement in the children's faces as they discovered more about the wonders of the world of science. Jell-O, lava lamps, and a real crime lab were just a few of the projects this week. Campers made rockets with their pictures and discovered what their weight would be on the different planets. On Wednesday, they escaped the storm and had fun at the beach. They visited a turtle nest and made a sand casting project out of plaster of paris. Then it was movies and popcorn! On Thursday, they became crime solvers, thanks to the help of the Police Explorers.

One week down, and only three left. Working with children is so rewarding, and staff hopes Enviro Camp will be one of the most memorable and exciting summer experiences for these children.





# SONC

At the South Ormond Neighborhood Center youth basketball is still going on. Our boys are heading to the Nationals at ESPN Wide World of Sports in Orlando, July 13th through 19th. They have been practicing hard and are ready to take it to the hoops! Come out and support our boys as they strive to bring home the Championship trophy.

The Splash Pad is back in full force after two days of being resurfaced. Families, friends, and even our Summer Connection campers are gathering together to join in on the "cool" fun.

On Wednesdays and Sundays, the Men's Basketball League plays for their summer season. Come out and watch them show off their skills on the court and cheer for your favorite team.

There is a lot happening at SONC, and everyone is welcome to be a part of the action.



## Broadway & Hollywood Revisited

Big Band America presented "Broadway and Hollywood Revisited" at the Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center on Saturday, July 7<sup>th</sup>. Conducted by renowned band leader, Jim Miller, and based in Ormond Beach, Big Band America is a jazz orchestra with the finest musicians in Central Florida.

The concert featured the works of American composers and included a medley of movie music from Henry Mancini, Broadway show music from Leonard Bernstein's "West Side Story," and traditional big band jazz music of the legendary bandleader, Glenn Miller.

The excellent musicianship of the band was enjoyed throughout the concert as the audience showed their appreciation for big band music with loud applause at the end of each tune.





# Camp T Rec

This has been a fun and busy week for the Camp T Rec kids. At the South Ormond Neighborhood Center, the campers took part in Race Week, where they had many varieties of races. They celebrated "Park and Recreation" month by visiting the Limitless Playground at the Ormond Beach Sports Complex. They enjoyed climbing on the rock wall, sliding down the slides, and using their imaginations on the various equipment. The week ended with a trip to the YMCA for a refreshing swim and a visit by Ms. Bonnie's Puppets.



# Summer Camp at Nova

The Nova Community Center began its fourth week of the Summer Connection Day Camp, which is the half way point through the summer. The campers have participated in various enjoyable activities while at camp. Diamond Jim and Ms. Bonnie's Puppets came to entertain. Before the day heats up, the campers get to spend some time outside. A favorite activity for the younger campers is to play on the Magic Forest Playground. The older children play large group games on the baseball field. With so much planned, the rest of the summer is sure to fly by quickly.





# Summer Sports Clinics



**PLEASE NOTE:** Due to the inclement weather caused by Tropical Storm Debby, the dates of the "Baseball Skills Clinic" has been changed to July 30-August 2.

The City of Ormond Beach Leisure Services Department is currently registering youth for the following Summer Sports Clinics and will continue to do so until the clinics are filled or until the clinic start date.

**Baseball / Softball 'Power' Hitting** (Coed) – **July 16-20**, ages 9-14 (as of 4/30/12), maximum 25

**Softball Skills** (Girls) – **July 23-26**, ages 9-14 (as of 4/30/12), maximum 30

**Golf** (Coed) – **August 6-10**, ages 10-15 (as of 4/30/12), maximum 25

**Volleyball** (Coed) - **August 13, 15, 16, and 17**, ages 9-14 (as of 4/30/12), maximum 30

The fee for all sports clinics is \$50.00 per clinic for City of Ormond Beach residents (proof of residency is required) and \$75.00 for non-residents. You may register at the Leisure Services office, 399 N. US 1. The registration office hours are Monday–Thursday, 7:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m., and Friday, 7:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m., and can be reached at 676-3250. If you prefer, you can register online at: [www.ormondbeach.org](http://www.ormondbeach.org).

If you have any questions or need further information about the sports clinics, please contact Gerry Pitchford, Athletic Supervisor, at 676-3280, or by email: [pitchford@ormondbeach.org](mailto:pitchford@ormondbeach.org).

For your convenience, information on all Leisure Services Department programs is available 24/7 at the City of Ormond Beach website, [www.ormondbeach.org](http://www.ormondbeach.org).



## ADULT COED SOFTBALL LEAGUE

The City of Ormond Beach Leisure Services Department is offering its 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Adult Coed Softball League. The season will run from August 20<sup>th</sup> to approximately November 15<sup>th</sup>. Participants must be 18 years of age. The league will be divided up into 2 or 3 divisions based on the number of teams and the diverse levels of play. The team sponsorship fee is \$540.00.

Each team will play a minimum of 16 games. Games are played Monday through Thursday at the Ormond Beach Sports Complex, 700 Hull Road, off of North US1. Game softballs and team awards will be provided.

A pre-season meeting will be held Tuesday, August 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the Sports Complex Office, 700 Hull Road off of North US1. All team captains and individuals wishing to be on a team need to be present. For further information, please contact Gerry Pitchford, Athletic Supervisor, at 676-3280 or by email at [pitchford@ormondbeach.org](mailto:pitchford@ormondbeach.org).



## Walking with the Manager

On Thursday, July 19, from 8:00 a.m. until 9:00 a.m., "Walking with the Manager" will begin at the South Ormond Neighborhood Center (SONC), 176 Division Avenue. Please meet at the main entrance of the Center. The walkers will tour the SONC grounds, and then walk to the Police Athletic League Building on Central Avenue and then back to the Center.

Liviston Edwards, SONC Center Coordinator, and Lisa Messersmith, Community Program Coordinator, will be the City Manager's "guest walkers" and will answer questions from the group. Citizens are invited to join the City Manager, Center Coordinator, and Community Program Coordinator for a walk, sharing their comments and suggestions.

Please put on your walking shoes and join us.



## City Manager Work Day Reading Water Meters

Even though they started early, it was still very hot, but Roland Gadson kept rolling like a trooper. He **clearly** loves what he does and is very good at it. Roland was kind, thoughtful, encouraging and very knowledgeable about his job. He was equally patient and a good teacher. The City has approx 8,100 visual read meters. Visual read meters require the meter reader to remove the cover and visually read the dial to record your water usage. We have approx 11,900 touch read meters (where you do not have to remove the meter cover to read the meter), the meter reader simply needs to touch the cover of the special device on the meter box to read the meter. However, it is still very important to keep the meter cover and box clean and free of obstructions. They tried to read one meter on the route and a car was parked over the meter cover, which required someone to follow-up later in the day to see if it was unobstructed.

The City also has approximately 2,500 radio read meters. Radio read meters allow the City to drive past a business or residence and with an antenna on the roof and a computer in the car, they are able to record the readings when they drive about 25 mph. The City has the fewest number of these types of meters, but they are the most efficient for the Water Department.

The City Manager also worked with Craig Wood who supervises the meter readers (the City has 4 and they read 22,000 meters per month). They performed work orders which are requests for turn-on/off, cut-offs for non-payment and the like. They went to one house that was in foreclosure and had no water usage for two years, but the meter readers discovered that beginning in June there was usage, even though the meter was locked. When they opened the meter box they discovered that someone had broken the lock and was utilizing water without having paid the appropriate deposit. After a conversation with the Ormond Beach Police Department, the owner of the property had to come to City Hall and pay for the water that was unlawfully used, the previous unpaid balance, and a broken lock charge before the water service was officially restored later that day.





# Summer Sounds

The City of Ormond Beach Leisure Services Department will be presenting its FREE "Summer Sounds" concert series during the month of July. All performances begin at 7:00 p.m. at Rockefeller Gardens which is located along the Halifax River in front of The Casements at 25 Riverside Drive. Those scheduled to perform are:

**Friday, July 13**  
Folkin' Up the 80's  
(1980's music with a folk twist)

**Friday, July 20**  
From Outa Nowhere  
(Country and Southern Rock)

**Friday, July 27**  
Knights to Remember  
(Doo Wop, 50's, 60's and oldies)

For a relaxing evening, grab a lawn chair or blanket and come out and enjoy the great music and breeze from the Halifax River.

For additional information, please contact Leisure Services at 676-3241.

## Weekly Police Stats

Calls for Service - 1,542    Arrests - 27  
Citations Issued - 122  
Reports Written - 146    Traffic Stops - 204



## Weekly Fire Operations Stats

**109 INCIDENTS**  
57 - EMS    5 - Motor Vehicle Accidents  
2 - Fires    5 - Fire Alarms  
37 - Public Assists    3 - Hazardous

# Public Works in ACTION



## Sign Shop installing “rumble strips” on Casements Drive



## Replacement of 12” check valve at reuse high service pump facility



# Public Works in ACTION



## Urban Forestry trimming at South Ormond Neighborhood Center



## ... and removing fallen tree at the PAL house



## ...and the removal of a camphor tree on Deer Lake Circle



# Public Works in ACTION



## Wastewater Collections repair broken sewer line at S. Beach Street & Mound Ave...



## ...and asphalt restoration after sewer line repair

