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24th Annual Halifax/Indian River Cleanup

On Saturday, September 15th, Volusia County Environmental Management sponsored its annual Halifax/Indian River Cleanup throughout Volusia County. In the City of Ormond Beach, Sanchez Park and Cassen Park were cleaned as part of this project. Volunteers from the community gathered at each park at 8:00 a.m. and cleaned until 10:00 a.m., scouring the shore lines for trash and other pollutants. Some of the volunteers included an enthusiastic group of PAL (Police Athletic League) students who volunteered their time at Sanchez Park, as well as Wyotech students and staff at Cassen Park. The Department of Leisure Services assisted in coordinating this project by making the volunteer information available on the City's website for the public to get involved.





Challenger Sports of All Sorts

Last week, "Challenger Sports of All Sorts," a new program for special needs children ages 5 through 10, started at Nova Community Center. For six weeks, the children will learn the basic skills of a variety of sports, such as basketball, soccer, baseball and volleyball. On the first day, different games were set up around the gym to test the children's skills. A game of "Monkey in the Middle" was played to end the session in a fun way.

The Special Populations Division of the Department of Leisure Services introduced this new program to provide a fun opportunity for younger children with special needs to learn a variety of sports. A new 6-week session of "Challenger Sports of All Sorts" will begin again on October 31st. For further information, please call Lori Koplin, Special Populations Coordinator, 386-676-3252.



A Magical Knight for Project ROMP

"A Magical Knight" is being hosted by the Project R.O.M.P. Committee for elementary age students (K-5th) on Friday, September 28th, from 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at the Nova Community Center Gymnasium.

The event will have food, fun, games, prizes, and a DJ to fill the evening with music and dancing. Tickets are \$7.00 and include a hot dog and drink. All proceeds support the 2013 renovation of Magic Forest Playground/Rainbow Park being planned by the Project R.O.M.P. Committee using community volunteers.

For ticket info for this event or to contribute to Project ROMP, please call Sylvia Frost at the Ormond Beach Leisure Services Department at 386-676-3277.



Miss Debby's Dancing & Acting

Dancing and Acting with Ms. Debby has begun its 2012-2013 season at the Nova Community Center. Debby MacDonald offers a variety of dance classes such as ballet, tap, jazz and hip hop for ages 4 through 14 years, as well as a new stage acting class beginning this season. Students will learn routines to perform in a dance recital in June. For more information, you may contact Ms. Debby MacDonald, (386) 212-0098.



Just Twistin' Hay

Just Twistin' Hay, a six-piece band from the Orlando area, appeared with the Inisheer Irish Dancers at the Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center on Saturday, September 15th. "Just Twistin' Hay" is an Irish expression for merry-making and having harmless fun. In the true spirit of their name, the band played two fast-paced sets of lovely melodies and toe-tapping songs of love and life in Ireland.

The Inisheer Irish Dancers, from the Ocala area, kicked up their heels to the music. The dancers showed the beauty and the charm of the old and new styles of Irish dance. It was a family-friendly and fun-filled evening of entertainment for the audience.





New ECHO Ranger Programs Offered!

The Casements, along with the Ormond Memorial Art Museum and Gardens and The Ormond Beach Historical Trust, have joined together this year to offer exciting and educational programs for the ECHO Ranger program. This year, ECHO Rangers can visit the Ormond Beach area on the same day and be treated to three different programs within a one mile radius.

The ECHO Ranger program is sponsored by the County of Volusia with the help of neighboring facilities and program sites. Our programs offer historical information of our area, along with a flair of art and culture.

The day begins at 11:00 a.m. at The Casements. Staff provides an abbreviated tour along with a special craft project for the rangers to take home with them to remember their visit. Rangers then head over to the Ormond Memorial Gardens where they are treated to the Art Gallery exhibit, walk the botanical gardens and work on an art-inspired project to treasure. From there, the rangers visit our friends at The Anderson Price Building to learn more history of our area, view various historical landmarks and work on an education project. Our program dates will be Saturday, September 29, 2012, and March 23, 2013.

When joining the ECHO Rangers, children receive a badge and tour guide. The rangers can choose the site they'd like to visit depending on the program schedule. As they visit, their guides are marked. At the end of the season they are awarded certificates.

This is a great way for children as well as their parents to learn about the various facilities, parks and cultural centers within their community. We are excited to be a partner and look forward to another year!



“Growing Up Green in Ormond Beach... It's Just That Easy”

On Wednesday evening, the Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center played host to the City's launching of a series of “Enviro-Tips,” which are videos aimed at teaching children how to be “green.” Several families attended the event which included a special visit from Rae Rae the Red Panda, the main character on the educational TV program, “Enviropals!”

The City's website now offers 20 Enviro-Tips video segments for the public to view, with topics including water conservation, carpooling, organic gardening and recycling.

Wednesday's video launch is part of an initiative by Ormond Beach to be more environmentally friendly. The videos were filmed in our local area, and the project was funded through a grant by the U.S. Department of Energy through the Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant Program.





National Prescription Take Back Day

Due to the continued success of the National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day, the U.S. DEA is planning another one for Saturday, September 29, 2012, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. During the last take-back effort, 552,161 pounds (276 tons) of prescription drugs were turned in at 5,659 sites across the United States and U.S. territories. Since 2010, there have been four (4) Take-Back Days, and all combined, over 1.5 million pounds (774 tons) of unwanted, expired, and unused prescriptions drugs have been removed from circulation.

This effort is designed to prevent pill abuse and theft by getting rid of potentially dangerous, expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs in a safe manner. Studies have shown that most teens who have abused prescription drugs get them from their own homes or the homes of their friends.

The Ormond Beach Police Department is a certified collection site for this event. Expired, unused, or unwanted prescription drugs may be dropped off at the lobby of the Police Department located at 170 West Granada Blvd., between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 29, 2012.

Weekly Police Stats

Calls for Service - 1,704 Arrests – 18
 Citations Issued - 187
 Reports Written - 135 Traffic Stops - 279



Weekly Fire Operations Stats

119 INCIDENTS
 65 - EMS 5 - Motor Vehicle Accidents
 1 - Fires 5 - Fire Alarms
 39 - Public Assists 4 - Hazardous

Public Works in ACTION



Sign Shop installed additional signage at Tomoka Multiuse Trail



Concrete crew repairs sidewalk after utility work is completed on Oceanshore Blvd.



Public Works in ACTION

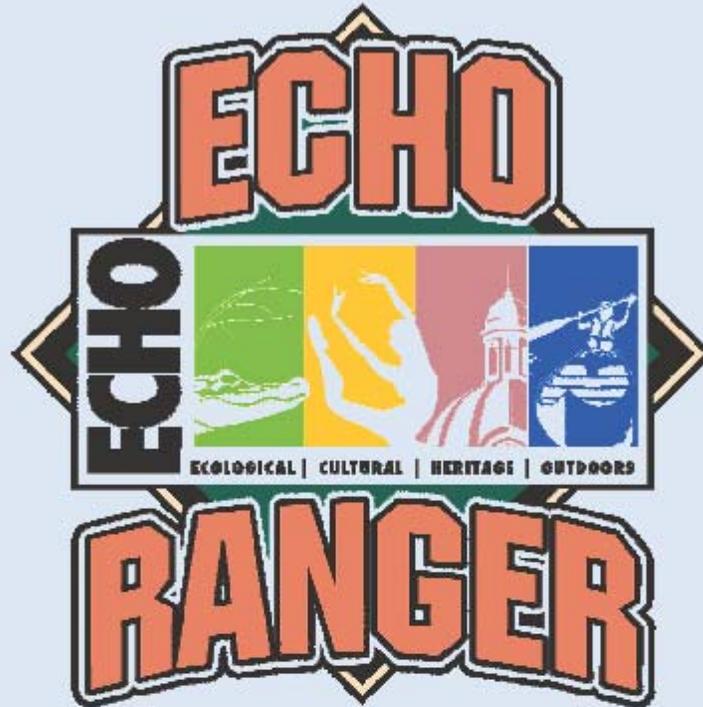


Asphalt crew completes repairs on Pine Cone Trail



Stormwater crew conducts ditch maintenance and inlet cleaning





Calling all kids! Become an ECHO Ranger and learn about the many **Ecological, Cultural, Heritage and Outdoor** offerings in Volusia County.

You'll make new friends and take part in awesome programs at museums, parks, historical sites and libraries. The program is for fun-loving kids in grades one through five.



For more information, please call DeBary Hall Historic Site at **386-668-3840** or visit **debaryhall.com**.