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## State of the City 2012

On Wednesday, September 26th, the Ormond Beach Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the City of Ormond Beach, held the eighth annual State of the City address at Oceanside Golf and Country Club, 75 North Halifax Drive. Approximately 200 people attended the event.

Mayor Ed Kelley enthusiastically addressed the crowd and highlighted the many City accomplishments over the past year. He talked about the long awaited Ormond Beach's Andy Romano Beachfront Park which is expected to be complete in January, recognizing our City's veterans which is a high priority for the City Commission, and the City moving into the future with the use of social media (Facebook and Twitter) and its own mobile app (MyOrmondBeach) just to name a few accomplishments.

Mayor Kelley stressed the importance of the many partnerships the City has with other agencies, groups and private citizens. He relayed that many of these partnerships save the City's taxpayers money while enhancing their quality of life. In addition, he reviewed some of the many capital improvement projects the City has completed over the last year which included the installation of public way signage; replacing downtown incandescent lights with LED to save energy and costs; constructing the final phase of the SR40 multiuse trail from Old Tomoka Road to Airport

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# Plant ID Marker Sign Unveiling

The final phase of the Central Park Plant Identification Project took place on Friday, September 21st, along the Central Park boardwalk. The sign unveiling was an exciting moment for all in attendance, including Ms. Meri Albert and her students, as well as their families. A special sign was unveiled which gave appreciation to Ms. Albert, her students, and Danny Young of Zev Cohen & Associates, all of whom were involved in making this project a great success.

Commissioner Bill Partington and Leisure Services Director Robert Carolin spoke of the dedicated efforts of all who participated in enhancing the quality of Central Park for future generations.



# Rainy Weather Takes Challenger Soccer Indoors



This Tuesday, Challenger Soccer practice was moved indoors at the Nova Community Center Gym due to rainy weather. The special needs group of nine players enjoyed being able to play inside the gym and completed the same drills like "Sink the Ships" and "Follow the Leader."



When the group divided into teams, the Sand Crabs played the Penguins in a very competitive game to see who could score the most goals. They ended practice with everyone coming together as a group and shouting their team cheer, "Go Team!" The players hope for a bright sunny day next Tuesday so they can go back outside.





# Ormond Beach PAL Rocks - Again!

Ormond Beach PAL had three youths selected to serve on the Youth Conference Committee again this year. Chauncey Williams, Mayra Kumatova and Marcus Edwards attended the first of Florida PAL's Youth Conference Committee Meetings/Training which was held at Disney's Yacht Club Resort in Orlando this past weekend.

Florida PAL brought in two professional youth mentors/trainers to work with twelve youths from PAL programs throughout the state of Florida. After working with trainers Friday night and Saturday, each youth had to present a speech on anything of their choice on Sunday. Five out of the twelve youths spoke about their personal home life and how much getting away with a group of people they could trust for the weekend meant to them. The presentations were amazing, heartwarming and gut-wrenching. It is unbelievable what they have had to endure and overcome to be outstanding community members.

We are very proud of the Ormond Beach PAL youths, Chauncey, Mayra and Marcus who have worked very hard and successfully achieved their goal of serving on the YDC Conference Committee. They are a part of a group of twelve who will plan and run the conference scheduled for January 2013 at Disney's Coronado Springs.



## Weekly Police Stats

Calls for Service - 1,679    Arrests - 17  
 Citations Issued - 137  
 Reports Written - 123    Traffic Stops - 306



## Weekly Fire Operations Stats

**119 INCIDENTS**  
 59 - EMS    8 - Motor Vehicle Accidents  
 5 - Fires    7 - Fire Alarms  
 37 - Public Assists    3 - Hazardous



# Pickleball Tips Offered at Nova Gym

At the Nova Gym, pickleball players have been diligently practicing their game skills as many of them prepare for the upcoming Senior Games in October. Last Friday, local pickleball “expert,” Coach Mo (Dick Movsessian), offered to give a variety of tips to the Nova players to help improve their game.



Coach Mo started with basic tips, such as wearing a wrist band and taping the paddle to prevent the paddle from slipping. Another good tip offered was to move the paddle straight and follow the ball instead of swinging at the ball, to prevent it from flying up in the air. The group enjoyed the visit from Coach Mo and continue to play daily at the Nova Gym as the Senior Games quickly approach!



# Amazing World of Illusions at PAC

For the seventh consecutive year, the Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center presented the Amazing World of Illusions VII on Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>. One of the most eagerly awaited events of the year at the Performing Arts Center, the Amazing World of Illusions once again brought excellent family entertainment to the stage.

Star and host of show, Magician Glen Foster, has been entertaining Ormond Beach audiences for many years with hilarious comedy and magic tricks that defy explanation. Illusionist Kendrix performed his mysterious Las Vegas style grand illusions.



For the first time, a Russian family cirque act, Serge, Aurika, and Alina, performed incredible acts of speed, agility and balance. The audience which included families and children of all ages, were thrilled and excited, giving all the performers enthusiastic applause throughout the show. The Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center staff looks forward to presenting this fabulous show again in the future!



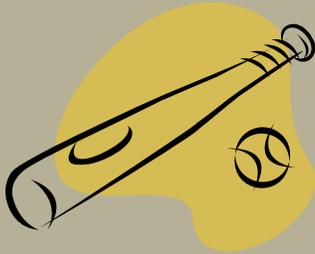
# Central Park Boardwalk Repairs

It was discovered that several of the deck boards on the raised walkway at Central Park had deteriorated. Park Maintenance staff replaced the boards in time for the Plant identification marker sign unveiling last Friday.



# Changes at Sanchez Park

Park Maintenance and the Streets Division crews spent a lot of time last week at Sanchez Park removing playground equipment, a bicycle rack, and several trees and stumps. This work was to prepare for a new playground installation that started this week, and will be dedicated in memory of former Ormond Beach Middle School student Cameron Brenneman on Saturday, October 13, at 10:00 a.m.

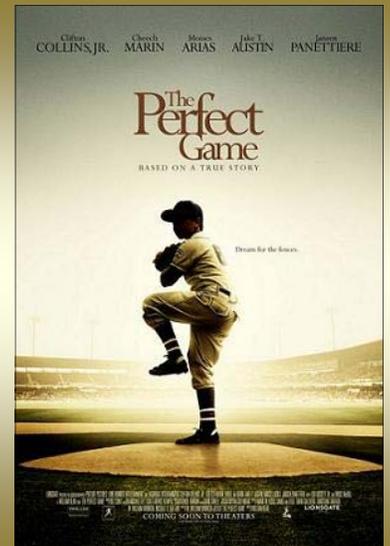


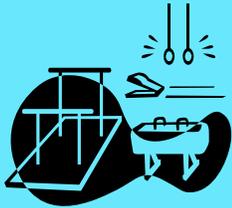
# The Perfect Game

On Friday, October 5, at 7:00 p.m., the City's Leisure Services Department and The Casements Guild will present "The Perfect Game" in Rockefeller Gardens.

Food vendor(s) will be available. Come out and enjoy the movies with your friends and family!

Moving Rating: "The Perfect Game" is a PG rated movie and 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.





## Gymnastics Center Adds New Programs

The Ormond Beach Gymnastics Center has added two new programs, both which are scheduled to begin with the October-November session. As with all gymnastic programs, the classes will be offered continuously throughout the year.

A **“Mommy & Me”** class is available for boys & girls, ages 18 mos. thru 2 years. The class will meet on Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. beginning October 4<sup>th</sup>. Participants will attend a two month session and class size is limited to 6 children.

This class will introduce the children to basic gymnastic skills in a safe, fun environment. Mommy will be assisting her toddler with stretching and basic coordination skills. Class attire will consist of cotton t-shirts and pull on cotton shorts. Leotards for girls are optional, but not required.

The fee for City residents is \$51.00 (proof of residency is required), and \$77.00 for non-residents.

A **“Teen Developmental”** class for girls ages 10 and up has also been added. The class will meet on Mondays and Wednesdays from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. beginning October 1<sup>st</sup> and participants will attend a two month session.

This program has been designed to introduce the novice female gymnast to basic gymnastic skills and terminology. It will enable her to develop her skills, strength, flexibility, body awareness and self-esteem without the pressure of competition. Students must master required skills before advancing to the levels program. Required attire for this class is a leotard.

The fee for City residents is \$77.00 (proof of residency is required), and \$116.00 for non-residents. Registration for all gymnastic programs is currently taking place at the Leisure Services Registration Office, 399 N. US 1. Office hours are: Mon. - Thurs. 7:30 am - 4:30 pm; Fri. 7:30 am - 3:00 pm. If you prefer, you can register online at: [www.ormondbeach.org](http://www.ormondbeach.org).

The Ormond Beach Gymnastics Center is located at 432 N. Nova Road, Ormond Beach. For more information please call the Registration Office at (386) 676-3250 or Gymnastics Center at (386) 676-3282.



## Youth Basketball Registration

Registration for the Ormond Beach Youth Basketball Association (OBYBA) will begin on October 1st and continue through October 29th for boys 8 -15 years old (as of September 1, 2012).

Please register at the City of Ormond Beach Leisure Services Department Registration Office which is located at 399 N U.S. 1. Registration office hours are Monday–Thursday, 7:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m., and Friday, 7:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m. You can also register online at [www.ormondbeach.org](http://www.ormondbeach.org) if you have completed a Leisure Services Department General Information/Release & Waiver of Liability Form this calendar year.

The fee for City of Ormond Beach residents is \$58.00 (proof of residency is required) and \$87.00 for non-residents. For registration questions, please contact the Leisure Services Registration Office at 386-676-3250. For all League questions, please contact John Scotti, Basketball Commissioner, at 386-846-7844.



## City Manager Work Day

City Manager Joyce Shanahan conducted a ride along with Neighborhood Improvement (NID) Officer Chris Mason. She had the opportunity to visit various sites that were brought to her attention via citizen complaints. She witnessed unmaintained abandoned properties and posted notices of violation where required.

Upon returning to the office, Joyce learned the type of research that is required to be conducted prior to issuing notices of violation. That research included obtaining Property Appraiser information, utility billing, mortgage lender information (MERS), if the lender has signed up with MERS, as well as the Clerk of the Court system for foreclosure information.

In short, Joyce was able to witness the behind the scenes due diligence required from the onset of the investigation through the actual issuance of a notice of violation.

NID was pleased to have Joyce work with Chris and anticipates her return to ride with their Environmental Improvement Officer.

## State of the City (cont'd)

Road; constructing a multiuse trail from Inglesa Avenue to the entrance to Tomoka State Park; and, a variety of drainage improvements.

Mayor Kelley also provided the group with valuable information on taxable value history, property tax revenue, and the City's millage rate compared to other Volusia County cities, which is the third lowest again this year. He also discussed how the City's funds are derived and how they are distributed and mentioned that the City's workforce has been reduced by 15% since 2007, or a total of 64. For the City's water utility, the Mayor pointed out that Ormond Beach has the lowest average utility bills in Volusia County.

He also mentioned that while the economy is still struggling, Ormond Beach is a little better off than our neighbors, and the State. Ormond Beach has a 7.6% unemployment rate, the Daytona Beach MSA 9.1% and the State 9%.

At the event, Mayor Kelley also unveiled the new "Mayor's Health & Fitness Challenge" which will begin in January 2013. It will be lots of fun while getting fit, and there will be prizes at the end! Look for more on the City's website soon!

Mayor Kelley recognized Representative Fred Costello for defending home rule while serving as our representative and Ron Nowviskie for his many years of volunteerism and contributions to the City of Ormond Beach with the Mayor's Award for Civic Engagement.

The presentation and brochure are available on the City's website.



# Public Works in ACTION



## Sign Shop repainting of crosswalk at Airport Business Park



## Maintenance crews clean ROW on Hand Avenue...



# Public Works in ACTION



...and on Orchard Street.

