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City of Ormond Beach

DECEMBER 21, 2012



City Santas

In 1997, the City of Ormond Beach began a partnership with Halifax Urban Ministries (HUM) in which our employees volunteer their time and effort in order to provide holiday gifts to needy children and seniors in Ormond Beach who might not otherwise have a happy holiday. Each year, HUM provides the City a list of children and seniors who are in need of assistance during the holiday season.

This was our 16th year of this partnership. Many businesses have given to this community effort and we would like to thank them for their support again this year. They have donated merchandise or gift certificates for items or services which have been used in a silent auction with the money generated used to buy gifts for children and seniors. Our fund raising efforts this year produced almost \$2,300 with an employee luncheon, donut day, silent auction, and financial contributions.

This year, instead of just handing out gifts, the children, seniors, and their family members were treated to a party at the South Ormond Neighborhood Center on December 18th. The hit of the party, without a doubt, was Santa and Mrs. Claus! Each child was called and came to sit with Santa and Mrs. Claus and were given a wrapped gift and treat bag. Lots of Santa photos were taken. A senior or two also paid a visit to the Clauses.

At the end of the party, each family was given additional wrapped gifts to take home to save until Christmas. Seniors were given gift cards and boxed candy as a treat to take home. Through this year's effort, our employees served 53 children and 10 seniors in need.

This annual community effort has always been overwhelmingly successful because of our employees and business partners.

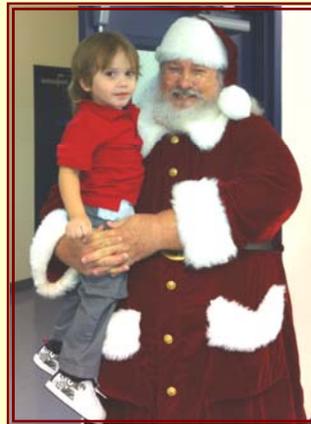
Thank you to our partners:

- Absolutely Ballroom
- Charlie Horse Restaurant
- Daytona Cubs
- Hawaiian Falls Golf
- Holiday Isle Oceanfront Resort (St. Augustine Beach)
- Jacksonville Jaguars
- Lotus Boutique Inn & Suites
- Mary Kay (Ella Chick-Power)
- Nova King, Inc. (d/b/a Dunkin' Donuts)
- Olive Garden
- Orlando Science Center
- Ormond Beach Firefighters Association
- Partylite (Michelle Gibson)
- Pirate's Cove Adventure Golf
- Pizza Hut
- Publix
- Riviera Country Club
- St. Augustine Alligator Farm Zoological Park

A good time was had by all and to all a good night!

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City Santas (cont'd.)



January City Commission Schedule

Tuesday, January 8, 2013, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, January 15, 2013, 7 p.m.

City Commission Chambers
22 South Beach Street, Ormond Beach

All non-emergency City offices will be closed on Monday, December 24, 2012, Tuesday, December 25, 2012, and Tuesday, January 1, 2013.

There will be no Weekly Review or Weekly Report on December 28 or January 4.

City staff wishes everyone a safe and joyous holiday season.

Weekly Police Stats

Calls for Service - 1,448 Arrests – 19
Citations Issued - 76
Reports Written - 130 Traffic Stops - 205



Weekly Fire Operations Stats

141 INCIDENTS

84 - EMS 6 - Motor Vehicle Accidents
2 - Fires 4 - Fire Alarms
40 - Public Assists 5 - Hazardous





Open for Business Community Celebration

On Friday, December 14th, the Central Florida Partnership, held their community celebration event “Open for Business” economic development initiative, which is a regional approach to streamlining the permitting process. Joe Mannarino, Director of Economic Development, attended the celebration and signing event along with representatives of 7 Counties and 24 cities, including Volusia County, DeLand, Deltona, Edgewood, and New Smyrna Beach.

The purpose of the “Open For Business” initiative is to identify and remove constraining existing and new businesses and for local governments within the Central Florida region that encompass eight counties to join together in setting high standards for streamlining the permitting process. The elements of the certification include customer service, pre-application review, minimize cost, ensure the ombudsman role, time is of the essence, minimize approval steps, process improvements, post project approval, and consistency and execution for regional impact and reputation. The City of Ormond Beach has completed all of the certification forms and was officially certified at the signing ceremony at December 14 as “Open for Business” as community in Central Florida having a streamline permitting process.

The Economic Development Department will be following up with Central Florida Partnership Open for Business economic development initiative and will update the City Commission as the program progresses.





Police Chief Celebrates 30 Years of Service

On December 20, 2012, Police Chief Henry "Andy" Osterkamp celebrated 30 years of service with the City of Ormond Beach. A United States Marine Corp veteran, Chief Osterkamp started his career with the City in 1982 as a Police Officer and throughout the years held several positions including Corporal, Detective Corporal, Sergeant, and Commander.

When former Police Chief Michael Longfellow retired, then Commander Osterkamp applied for the position of Police Chief along with 142 other applicants. After an extensive selection/assessment process involving local community leaders, Commander Osterkamp rose to the top and was promoted to rank of Police Chief.

Congratulations Chief and thank you for 30 years of service to the citizens of Ormond Beach!



Play Unplugged

On January 7, the Nova Community Center will begin offering "Play Unplugged." Each week different activities will be set up for children 4 to 14 years of age. The first week will be "Recycled Art Week" where children will be able to create a masterpiece out of recycled material. Other weeks will include: Obstacle Course Week, Board Game Week and Sports Week.

To be a part of this great program, children will need to have a recreation card, which are free to City of Ormond Beach residents with proof of residency. Non-residents are asked to pay a \$4 daily rate. For more information, call the Nova Community Center at (386) 676-3252.



Special Pops Winter Holiday Party

On Friday, December 14, 2012, the Nova Community Center hosted its annual winter holiday party for people with special needs. The party was at its best with 175 in attendance who enjoyed dancing to the music of DJ Tommy. Dinner of baked ziti and pizza was loved by all and being creative with arts and crafts, too, was a big highlight. There were 25 awesome volunteers who helped serve dinner and joined in the festivities. The Fun Coast Down Syndrome group performed two dance routines and added a special moment to the party. It was indeed the best party of the year!



Challenger Sports League

On Monday, December 10, 2012, the Challenger Basketball program ended its fall session with practices and their final game. The players participated in the team cheer and were recognized for all their hard work with medals and certificates. The last meeting was followed by a pizza party and socializing with their fellow hard working players and coaches. All the team members are now looking ahead to the Challenger Volleyball series. The Challenger Sports League will begin new programs starting in January 2013. Visit www.ormondbeach.org for the winter and spring schedule. For more information, call Lori Koplin at 386-676-3252.





The Casements Wins Award

On Wednesday, The Casements was the proud recipient of The Chamber's award for the "Best City Building Christmas Decorations." Casements Coordinator Siobhan Daly was both very proud and humble as she accepted the award on behalf of The Casements. She noted that credit was due to many months of planning and the hard work and creativity from members of The Casements Guild and the efforts of The Casements staff members. The holiday decorations will remain on display throughout the month of December.



Holiday Tours

The Casements Guild docents have been especially busy this time of year with tours of The Casements. Last week we had two wonderful groups of seventh graders from New Smyrna Beach Middle School come to visit. They were fascinated with the home and asked many interesting questions. This week we were delighted to welcome a group from the United Cerebral Palsy Work Program for a tour.

Many visitors are in the area on vacation and have heard about the history and splendor of The Casements and are anxious to tour the former Rockefeller home. The breathtaking tree which adorns the center of the atrium and the gift shoppe have been the highlights of the mansion this holiday season. Many local residents are surprised to learn that we have this historic gem and remarkable piece of history right here in Ormond Beach!





Gymnastics Classes

The December/January session is well on its way at the Nova Community Gymnastics Center with Coach George Postell (seen here) working hard on vault skills with the Level 7 participants. Upper body strength is an important part of the gymnastics program and members perform exercises such as rope climbing in order to excel with their abilities. All the students are working hard before their Christmas break and are looking forward to the rest of the sessions. Please visit www.ormondbeach.org to find out more about the gymnastics program and class schedules.



Park Improvements

Recently, the Parks Maintenance Division of the Department of Leisure Services made some beautification improvements to Cassen Park, Birthplace of Speed Park and Central Park. New trash receptacles and park benches made of recycled materials were placed in each park adding a special look and an environmental enhancement. One particular feature that was added was a new one-sided picnic table at the Birthplace of Speed Park, allowing the community to sit and enjoy our beautiful ocean views.





Breakfast with Santa

Santa and Mrs. Claus stopped by The Casements on Saturday, December 15th, just in time to have breakfast with over 300 children, parents, grandparents and friends. Cookie decorating, storytelling, face painting and holiday crafts were set up on the second floor for the children to enjoy.



The pancake breakfast was sponsored by the Leisure Services Department and co-sponsored by Color Wheel and TGI Fridays. What a great way to start the day...breakfast with Santa!



Santa on the Go

Santa and Mrs. Claus were very busy last week. However, they were able to take time off from their busy schedule to stop by some daycare schools and assisted living homes. The children were able to tell Santa what they wanted for Christmas and have their picture taken. The residents in the assisted living homes were also delighted to see Santa and Mrs. Claus and have their pictures taken to give to their family and friends. Many thanks to Santa and Mrs. Claus for sharing and spreading the spirit of the season.





South Beach Holiday Showcase 2012

The South Beach Dance Academy presented its annual Holiday Spectacular at the Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center on Saturday, December 15th.

Students at South Beach Dance Academy study ballet, pointe, jazz, and tap. The Holiday Showcase demonstrates the dance skills taught in the program with holiday themed dance numbers. The performance is especially enjoyed by parents, family and friends alike, not to mention all the spectators.



Holidays at The Casements

The 7th Annual "Holidays at The Casements" was held on Thursday, December 13th. The event was hosted with the traditions and graciousness the Rockefellers cherished for many years. The entire house and outside areas were decorated with "A Rockefeller Christmas" theme by The Casements Guild and City staff. "The Moonlighters Orchestra" performed on the front lawn with over 400 people enjoying traditional holiday music and singing. The evening was a little cool and windy but hot chocolate and warm apple cider helped to keep the chill away. A variety of delicious desserts were also served and enjoyed by the guests. Special arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus was a highlight of the evening complete with snow flurries!



Public Works in ACTION



Stormwater's reach out mower clears the right-of-way on Sterthaus Drive



Asphalt crews making repairs at Riverbend Park



Public Works in ACTION



Urban Forestry crews clearing for repainting of FDOT light poles on Nova Road



Sign Shop installing “No Dogs in Park” and “No Smoking in Park” signs at Fire Station 91



Public Works in ACTION



Asphalt crew make repairs on Sanchez Ave...



...and repair a utility cut on Cotton Seed Trail



Public Works in ACTION



Concrete crews replace sidewalks at S. Orchard and Tomoka Ave...



...and install concrete slabs for the Parks Section at Central Park II





It Starts in Parks.

NOVA COMMUNITY CENTER
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ORMOND BEACH
676-3252

Play Unplugged

The Nova Community Center will offer a different activity for children ages 4-14 years old to participate in.

Activities will rotate on a weekly basis.

Monday - Friday

3:00-4:00pm

Board Game Week

Tables of different games will be set up for the children to play.



Obstacle Course Week

Materials will be provided to construct an obstacle course to challenge each other.



Creative Art Week

Each week a different type of creative art activity will be offered like recycled art, painting, or acting.

Sports Week

A variety of sports will be offered. Children can choose from basketball, volleyball, soccer, or indoor baseball.



Each child will need to register to participate.

Registration is free with proof of City of Ormond Beach residency.

Non-residents pay \$4.00 a day. Yearly passes are available.

Magic Forest Playground Renovations to Be Completed in February 2013



The demolition days for the obsolete features in the playground will begin Monday, Feb. 4th. [The playground community build will begin Monday, Feb. 11th.](#) Sign up now to be a volunteer at Leisure Services Dept., 399 N US1 or request form by email from frost@ormondbeach.org.

The Project ROMP Committee is making arrangements to get the [playground fence pickets](#) engraved that are to be placed around the perimeter of the finished playground, so time is of the essence if you would like to order one. Request order form at Leisure Services Dept., 399 N US1 or by email from frost@ormondbeach.org.

[Monetary donations](#) for the project are still being taken. Please join all the other community-minded citizens of Ormond Beach by mailing your tax-deductible donations for this most valuable project to:

Project ROMP
P.O. Box 731861
Ormond Beach, FL 32175

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