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# City of Ormond Beach

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## Sweetheart Tea & Flower Show

The Ormond Beach Garden Club held their annual Sweetheart Tea and Flower Show at The Casements on Wednesday, February 6th. The house was decorated with some very creative and fragrant gardenscapes designed by club members. Live plants grown by members were also on display for public viewing and judging.



In the dance room, a variety of gently used purses, photographs and jewelry were offered for sale to the over 300 visitors who came to the Sweetheart Tea and Flower Show. In the gallery, a huge selection of delicious finger sandwiches and desserts were served.



The Ormond Beach Garden Club will use the money raised from this fundraiser for various beautification projects throughout the City. Just prior to their event, members replanted three planters in the courtyard at The Casements that they purchased for us in 2009 with colorful marigolds and various green foliage.





## Performing Arts Center Supervisor Receives Award

Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center Supervisor, Marc Schwartz, received The Legion of Honor Humanitarian Award from the Chapel of Four Chaplains Memorial Foundation. This award was given in recognition for his volunteer activities to provide assistance to veterans of the United States Armed Forces. The award ceremony was held on February 10, 2013, at the Disabled American Veterans Volusia County Chapter #84 in Holly Hill. The award was presented to Mr. Schwartz by Chapter #84 Commander Michelle Zimbler.

***Congratulations Marc!***



## ***GRAND OPENING CELEBRATION!*** **Ormond Beach's Andy Romano Beachfront Park**

On Saturday, February 23, 2013, a grand opening celebration will be held for Ormond Beach's Andy Romano Beachfront Park located at 839 South Atlantic Avenue. The ribbon cutting ceremony will begin at 10:30 a.m. with a celebration following to include fun activities, light refreshments and entertainment until 3 p.m.

Please join us for the long awaited opening of this magnificent new park in Ormond Beach. RSVPs to 386-676-3241 are requested and casual attire is encouraged. Parking will be available on site.



## **Doug Wigley T-Ball Fields Dedication**

On Friday, March 1, 2013, at 5:30 p.m., the City of Ormond Beach will be holding a dedication ceremony for the Doug Wigley T-Ball Fields located at the Ormond Beach Sports Complex, 700 Hull Road.

If you plan to attend, your RSVP is requested. Please call 386-676-3241.



# City Employees Volunteer



This week has been a flurry of activity as volunteers worked on Project R.O.M.P. (Renovate Our Magic Forest Playground). There has been amazing support from City employees who have buzzed around the playground working tirelessly from the early morning into the evening, in sunshine and in rain, in warm weather and in chilly weather. They have sawed, routed, hammered nails, painted, drilled, dug holes, worked with backhoes, whatever the job, they willingly did what was needed to get the work done.

This was the first mission of a new initiative where City department directors and division managers will be doing work in the field volunteering their time on a quarterly basis on various projects. We also want to acknowledge ALL the hard working City employees who were able to carve time out of their busy schedules to support this community project. Our employees and their dedication to Ormond Beach is what makes our city the best place to live, work and play.



**THANK YOU!**





# *Three Chimneys Day*

On Sunday, March 3, 2013, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., the Ormond Beach Historical Society will hold its seventh annual open house at the Three Chimneys Sugar Mill Plantation site at 715 West Granada Blvd. Admission and parking are FREE. Please park at the Granada Professional Center, 725 West Granada Blvd., just west of the Three Chimneys site.

This is a once a year opportunity for the general public to see this priceless piece of Colonial architecture and industrial history in their own backyard. During the rest of the year, access to the ruins is through the Society's Historical Bus Tours which includes a stop at Three Chimneys.

The Three Chimneys site is believed to be the first built and oldest successful British sugar plantation, sugar mill and rum distillery in the State of Florida and in the continental United States. It was a part of a 20,000 acre grant awarded to Richard Oswald by King George III in 1764 under direction of the King's Florida Governor James Grant. Oswald was a wealthy and influential Scotsman and in his time, the Three Chimneys was known as the Swamp Settlement.

This year, when you tour the site, you can enjoy the new interpretive signage explaining the history and walk the trail sponsored by Florida Power & Light to the historic Fagan Oak Tree.

For more information, please visit the Ormond Beach Historical Society website at [www.OrmondHistory.org](http://www.OrmondHistory.org), or contact the Society at 677-7005. The Society is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. and is located at 38 East Granada Blvd.

## Weekly Police Stats

Calls for Service - 1,626    Arrests – 39  
Citations Issued - 194  
Reports Written - 137    Traffic Stops - 295



## Weekly Fire Operations Stats

**121 INCIDENTS**  
65 - EMS    11 - Motor Vehicle Accidents  
0 - Fires    2 - Fire Alarms  
38 - Public Assists    5 - Hazardous



# A Special Valentine's Dance



On Friday, February 8th, the Special Population Activities and Recreation Council hosted their Valentine Dance at the Nova Community Center where sweethearts had the chance to dance with each other. Over 170 participants and their families attended the dance.

The high school students hung out together while parents and caregivers were able to watch everyone have a great time.



For more information about any Special Populations program, including the upcoming prom in May, please call Lori Koplin at 386-676-3252.



# Daddy & Daughter Valentine Dance

On February 9th, the Nova Community Center hosted a Daddy and Daughter Valentine Dance. Thirteen dads and their daughters enjoyed a cherished night of dancing and spending time together. Dances to songs like the "Cupid Shuffle" and "Butterfly Kisses" made the night so very memorable.

A photographer from Walgreens set up a photo background and offered one free picture for each couple. A Valentine frame was available as an arts and crafts activity so that the picture could be treasured at home. The night was a sweet memory for both daddy and daughter.





# *Expressive Watercolors*

The Casements was pleased to welcome back artist Janet Rogers this week for two separate sessions of art instruction; a two-day course entitled “Expressive Watercolors with Flowers” and a three-day course of instruction entitled “Expressive Watercolors with Faces & Figures.”

A native of Philadelphia, Janet now lives in Ormond Beach with watercolorist Steve Rogers. Janet is the recipient of numerous awards and accolades including Disney’s Festival of the Masters, “Under the Oaks,” and the Florida Watercolor Society of which she is a Signature Member. Janet has gained recognition throughout the United States and Europe for her sensitive portraits of women and children and her expressive floral paintings. Her work is currently in galleries in Maine and Florida.



Janet will be offering her “Expressive Watercolors with Flowers” class next Monday through Wednesday. Please call us at (386) 676-3216 for additional information. Artists at all skill levels are welcome to participate.



Through a series of painting exercises with Janet, students were provided the opportunity to develop a more loose and natural approach allowing each artist to be more spontaneous and expressive in their artwork. Janet spent time individually with each student as well as general class instruction providing them with several techniques and approaches to develop their artistic talents.





# Preschool Gymnastics Classes

The preschool gymnastics program held at the Nova Community Center's Gymnastics Center, led by Coach George, holds classes for preschoolers, boys and girls age 4. Class meets twice a week for one hour and consists of a two month session.

This class is a scaled down version of our developmental gymnastics program and is designed to teach basic coordination, motor skills, flexibility, body awareness and it helps to develop strength. Classes are held on Monday and Wednesday or Tuesday and Thursday from 2:30-3:30 p.m. This is a great way to help your child channel all that energy and reach developmental milestones. Please contact Coach George Postell at 386-676-3282 for more information.



## South Ormond in Full Play!

This week at the South Ormond Neighborhood Center things have been shaping up really well. The weather has been very mild, and as the weather goes, so goes the park's activities. We have had a couple of picnics and plenty of playground fun over the last few days. The park is in great shape and spring has been in the air!

Basketball is still going strong this week. The youth basketball league finals for 3 divisions were held this week in the gymnasium. The Ormond Beach Police Athletic League will be in action this weekend with regional tournament games. It's a "slam dunk!"





## ***OBYBSA Baseball & Softball Begins***

The Ormond Beach Youth Baseball and Softball Association (OBYBSA) started their spring recreational practices at the Nova Community Center Park fields, as well as the Ormond Beach Sports Complex.

Boys and girls 5 through 15 years of age will practice for several weeks and start games with opening day on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Games will be held twice weekly for each team and will continue through the middle of May with one week off for Spring Break.

T-Ball, Pinto boys machine pitch, as well as all girls softball will play at the Ormond Beach Sports Complex. Boys baseball for ages 9 and older will play at the Nova Community Park fields.



***Play Ball!***



## **Folkin' Up the 80's at The PAC**

Folkin' Up The 80's performed in concert at the Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center on Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup>. This locally based musical group has a unique style that combines popular songs from the 1980's with bluegrass and folk music.

The group employs acoustic guitar and banjo rather than electric guitars to create their sound. Their fresh musical approach injects new life into familiar songs. The creativity of the group, along with their appealing stage presence was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone in the audience.



# Public Works in ACTION



**Jersey barricades returned after being moved by vandals on Pineland Trail**



## Beachfront Park Work



**Project ROMP Streets Maintenance and Fleet crews offload playground components**



# Public Works in ACTION



Removal of dead tree on Seton Trail, stump will be ground down at a later date, painted orange for safety



## Removal of dead tree at Fortunato Park



# Public Works in ACTION



## Asphalt patch on Wilmette & N. Center after repair of water main break



# Public Works in ACTION



## Sidewalk repair at Main Trail & Rio Pinar (cont'd. from last week)

