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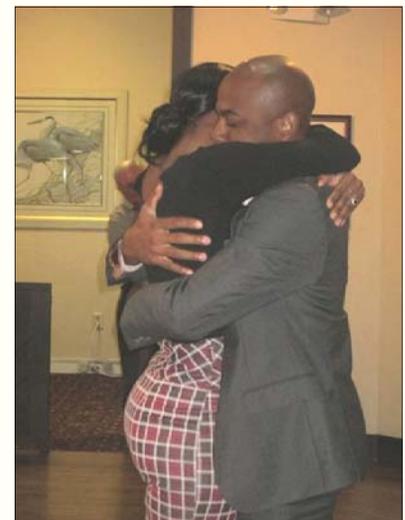
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She Said "YES!"

Love was certainly in the air on Valentine's Day when an unsuspecting young woman came to meet her boyfriend at The Casements to speak to the Coordinator about renting the facility.

They took a tour of the kitchen and the Gallery, and when they arrived in the middle of the atrium, he told her he knew she was the one for him. He then proceeded to get down on one knee and propose to her with a beautiful diamond and sapphire ring, and of course, she said yes! They celebrated with some sparkling cider, a few tears, kisses and hugs, and then they were off to make their life-long plans!





Volunteers Receive Commendation

On Tuesday, February 19, 2013, Police Chief Andy Osterkamp presented “Certificates of Commendation” at the Ormond Beach Police Department volunteer meeting. Police Department volunteers husband-and-wife team George and Elaine McNeill were commended for their actions on January 14, 2013.

While on Citizens Observer Patrol, George and Elaine were contacted regarding a possible scam that was taking place at the Western Union kiosk in Walmart on West Granada Boulevard. An elderly woman had apparently fallen for a common scam where the victim receives a phone call from their “grandson” or “granddaughter” asking them to send money, saying “I was arrested.” The victim withdrew \$2,800 in cash from her bank and had Western Union wire the money to South America.

When the McNeills intervened and explained it to the clerk, the transaction was stopped in-progress and the victim’s money was recovered and returned to her. Her grandson was not in South America nor did he make the call. This is a common scam frequently perpetrated on elderly people. The McNeills notified police and the victim’s family member responded to the scene.

Due to their diligence and quick action, the crime was stopped and the victim’s money was recovered. Chief Osterkamp presented the certificates in front of the group of volunteers and his law enforcement supervisory staff.

Anyone interested in volunteering with the City of Ormond Beach Police Department can download a volunteer application from the city website and mail it in to Human Resources or call the PD Volunteer Coordinator Officer Keith Feder at (386) 676-3551.

For more information about prevention of fraudulent crime activities, identity theft and other scams, contact the Ormond Beach Police Department’s Community Outreach/Crime Prevention office at (386) 676-3526 or (386) 676-3553.

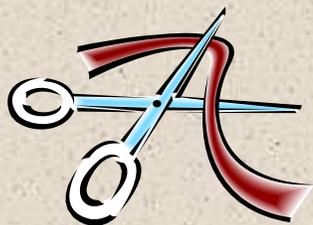
Thank you George and Elaine!



DOUG WIGLEY T-BALL FIELDS OPEN FOR SPRING 2013

The Ormond Beach Youth Baseball and Softball Association T-Ball program started practices this week at the T-Ball Fields at the Ormond Beach Sports Complex. Fields opened this week for practices with games to begin on March 9th. Games will be played every Saturday morning at 9 a.m. through May 18th with a week off for Spring Break. Eight teams will be playing an approximate one hour game.

A special opening ceremony and dedication will be held on Friday, March 1st at 5:30 p.m., naming the fields the Doug Wigley T-Ball Fields.



Beachfront Park Ribbon Cutting

The long awaited opening the of new Ormond Beach's Andy Romano Beachfront Park, located at 839 South Atlantic Avenue will take place tomorrow, February 23. The ceremony will begin at 10:30 a.m. with a celebration following to include fun activities, light refreshments and entertainment until 3 p.m.



Changing Times at SONC

Seasons change, as they say, and the same goes for us here at the South Ormond Neighborhood Center (SONC). Youth winter basketball season has come to an end. It has been another exciting year and new stars of the courts were born. As one chapter ends another begins though. Spring is almost here and with the warmer weather will come fun at the splash pad, youth soccer, picnics and parties. For the next couple of weeks we will be diligently working on preparations, inspections, tune ups and repairs as we get ready for another enjoyable spring and a super summer of fun.



Thank you to all the people who make South Ormond Neighborhood Center shine! For further information about activities at The South Ormond Neighborhood Center, please contact Liviston Edwards at 386-676-3231.



Project R.O.M.P. at the Nova Community Center

While the volunteers were working hard outside rebuilding the Magic Forest Playground at the Nova Community Center, their children were under the watchful eye of a few volunteers in the gymnasium. Child care was available all week long and many activities such as basketball games, scooter races and board games were planned to entertain the children. The older children were able to repaint the picket fences that are a proud new addition of the park. On Sunday, the kids completed two very special projects. Those that arrived in the morning made picture frames to thank their parents for working so hard volunteering. The children who arrived in the evening made a paper chain which went around the park and was used for the ribbon cutting ceremony on Sunday.



Thank you to all the volunteers who worked tirelessly on rebuilding our beautiful Magic Forest playground!



Shining S.T.A.R.S. Pageant & Fashion Show

The Leisure Services Department, Special Populations Division, will present the Shining S.T.A.R.S. Pageant and Fashion Show on Saturday, March 2, 2013, from 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. at the Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center, 399 N. US 1.

This is an event for the special needs community to become STARS for the day. It is an exciting event that showcases the fashion and talent of people with challenges and disabilities.

The event is presented with operational assistance provided by Dawn and Tia McDonald and Very Special Arts of Florida. Entertainment will be provided and there will be an art exhibit displayed in the lobby courtesy of Very Special Arts of Florida. A reception will follow.

Audience admission is \$4.00 at the door, and there is no cost to pageant participants.

For more information on this event, please contact Lori Koplin at (386) 676-3252.



Very Special Programs

The Special Populations Division at the Nova Community Center is currently offering two programs for children with special needs. Challenger Volleyball meets every Tuesday from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Nova gym. The team consists of 7 children who are learning to work as a team, practicing drills and playing a short game amongst each other. The players are focusing on being able to hit the ball continuously over the net without catching it before returning.

In addition to volleyball, this is the first time that "Explore the Arts," which meets on Wednesdays at 5 p.m. has been offered through Ormond Beach and it has proven to be a big hit with the 6 ladies who are participating. Last week the focus was on Valentine's Day and the girls decorated heart shaped cookies and made Valentine picture frames. The art program allows friends to spend time together away from home and school and to practice the social and verbal skills they have been taught. For more information on any Special Populations programs, call Lori Koplin, Nova Community Center and Special Populations Coordinator, at (386) 676-3252.





Preschool Gymnastics

The preschool gymnastics program held at the Ormond Beach 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 also helps to develop strength. Classes are held on Monday and Wednesday or Tuesday and Thursday from 2:30-3:30 p.m. Truly a 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.



New Classes at The Casements

The Casements is pleased to announce that registration is now open for two new classes which will be starting shortly. Darryl Gentry will be the instructor for a six-week study about the first eight years during the birth of rock 'n' roll from 1955-1963. You will hear the music and learn about the artists and songwriters in the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, the Personality DJ's, the forgotten legends, and the 50's culture important to the birth of rock 'n' roll. Mr. Gentry is the author of "Let the Good Times Roll" - The Birth of Rock 'n' Roll 1955-1963. The book has an anticipated release date in early March. The class will meet at The Casements on Tuesday afternoons from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. beginning March 19th. Please call Mr. Gentry at (386) 763-4152 for more information or to sign up for the course.

Another exciting course we are offering is "French for Tourists." Instructor Chris Hartley will teach this six-week course to give you all the essential tips and phrases you'll need to make it easy to speak and understand the magical French language, even if you've never studied French before. Class size is limited so be sure to sign up early! Classes begin on April 6th and will meet on Saturdays from 9:30 a.m to 11:30 a.m. Please contact Mr. Hartley at (386) 441-8627 for sign up and more information.





Family Fun Day

Hundreds came to The Casements last Saturday for Family Fun Day sponsored by Grace Academy. This free event was open to the public from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. The North Lawn was filled with plenty of entertainment for all to enjoy. A live DJ provided music and there was plenty of food, popcorn, a bounce house, a slide, a basketball game, a bowling game and more! The event provided a great way for families to spend some quality time together.



Florida Gospel Music Association

The Florida Gospel Music Association presented their East Coast Rally Concert at the Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center on Friday, February 15th.

The Florida Gospel Music Association was founded 24 years ago to promote Southern Gospel singing in Georgia and Florida.

The highlights of the concerts included performances by the Vander Veens from Port Orange, the Pickerings from Orlando and the Harper brothers from Jacksonville. Also performing was the Ormond Beach based Gospel singing group, Pure Heart Trio. The concert was an uplifting evening of inspirational music for everyone in the audience.





The "Magic of Mathis"

Tribute artist, David Robbins, performed in concert as Johnny Mathis at the Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center on Saturday, February 16th. The extensive musical repertoire of Johnny Mathis extends through four decades and he is widely regarded as one of the most romantic singers of all time.

With his smooth tenor and a selection of beautiful melodic ballads, David Robbins' performance as Johnny Mathis was both accurate and memorable. Special guest, Ms. DeVillaggio, performed several songs from Barbra Streisand.

Although Johnny Mathis and Barbra Streisand have never actually performed together in concert, these iconic singers were wonderfully portrayed by these two tribute artists. It was a night to remember for all Johnny Mathis and Barbra Streisand fans as they were treated to an excellent evening of entertainment and music.



Valentine's Day Salute

The Stars from the Platters, Coasters, Drifters, and Temptations Salute performed in concert at the Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center on Thursday, February 14th. The audience was thrilled to hear the songs of The Platters including the hits, "The Great Pretender" and "My Prayer."

The songs the Temptations performed that were also featured included the hits "My Girl" and "Unchained Melody."

The Drifters' "Under the Boardwalk" and The Coasters' "Charlie Brown" were a delight for the audience. The show celebrated the Valentine's Day theme of love songs from four of the most popular oldies groups of all time.



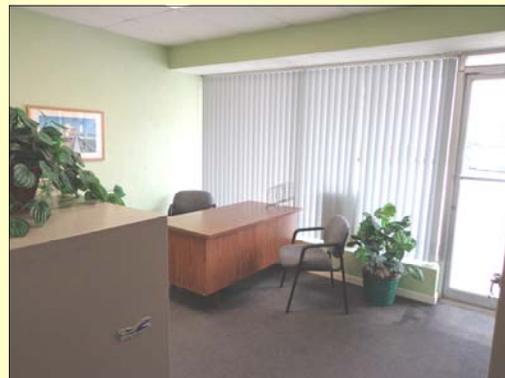
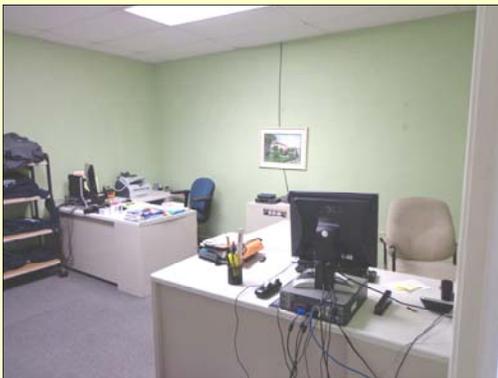


New Community Outreach Office

After being housed in the Prosperity Bank building on West Granada Boulevard for approximately 5 years, the Police Department Community Outreach Division has just moved into new office space on the beachside. This office space is being leased at \$1 per year. Their new address is 264 Northshore Drive. Officer Greg Stokes and Officer Lloyd Cornelius renovated the office and now call it home for the Community Outreach Division.

Community Outreach is involved with educational and intervention-oriented programs designed to enhance life skills and prevent crime such as the D.A.R.E. program, Neighborhood Watch, Business Watch and Citizens Patrol, to name a few.

Anyone interested in these programs or other programs offered, or have questions, please contact Community Outreach at 676-3526.



Weekly Police Stats

Calls for Service - 1,751 Arrests – 24
 Citations Issued - 171
 Reports Written - 123 Traffic Stops - 275



Weekly Fire Operations Stats

116 INCIDENTS
 72 - EMS 2 - Motor Vehicle Accidents
 2 - Fires 4 - Fire Alarms
 34 - Public Assists 2 - Hazardous

Public Works in ACTION



Concrete crew making sidewalk repairs at the Nova Recreation Complex for Project ROMP



Sign Shop changes "Speed Limit" sign on John Anderson Drive at county line



Public Works in ACTION



Historic District sign replaced near City Hall



Concrete repair after water line break and repair on Wilmette Ave. at Center St.



Public Works in ACTION



Sidewalk repair on S. Atlantic



Urban Forestry removing dead tree in Tomoka Oaks



The City of Ormond Beach
Department of Leisure Services
&
The Casements Guild
present

MOVIES
on the
Halifax

featuring **Rated PG**

“Thunderstruck”

6:30 pm, Friday, March 1, 2013
Rockefeller Gardens

FREE ADMISSION

*Bring a lawn chair or blanket
Refreshments available for purchase*

Sponsored by:



This movie is Rated “PG” - “Parental Guidance Suggested”
Some material may not be suitable for children.

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