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It's OPEN!

What a fantastic and sunny February morning to open a park! The official opening and ribbon cutting of Ormond Beach's Andy Romano Beachfront Park, on Saturday, February 23, 2013, was attended by over 800 guests, visitors, family and friends. A Fly-by, courtesy of Blue Sky Yakrobatics, began the ceremony. Robert Carolin, Leisure Services Director, welcomed the excited crowd followed by opening remarks from Mayor Ed Kelley. Additional remarks were made by city and county leaders including: Commissioners Troy Kent, Rick Boehm, Bill Partington and Council Member Doug Daniels. After all speeches from the distinguished guests and photo opportunities were given, the ribbon was cut by over 20 individuals who were influential in the project. Guests were welcomed into the park with a lei and a goody bag. Live music, face painting, a stilt walker, a balloon artist and Polynesian entertainment were all part of the fun! A special cake and cupcakes, fruit punch and tasty hors d'oeuvres were available for all. Children and families enjoyed the park's splash pad, playground, easy access to the beach, picnic tables and grills. Bring your family and friends out and enjoy the new beachfront park!! Our beautiful new park is located at 839 S. Atlantic Avenue. Cont'd on page 2

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Thank you for celebrating with us!





Movies on the Halifax

Tonight at 6:30 p.m., the City's Leisure Services Department and The Case-ments Guild will present "Thunderstruck" in Rockefeller Gardens.

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

Moving Rating: "Thunderstruck" 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.



Meeting with the Manager

The next Meeting with the Manager will be held on Monday, March 11, 2013, from 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. in the Training Room at City Hall, 22 South Beach Street. The Training Room is located on the 1st floor. Entry to the Training Room is in the breezeway between City Hall and the Library.

Everyone is invited to attend these informal sessions to express their ideas, comments, and suggestions.



Shining S.T.A.R.S. Pageant

The Shining S.T.A.R.S. Pageant, which will take place tomorrow, March 2nd starting at 1:30 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center, 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.





Firefighters Conduct Hydrant Maintenance

City firefighters will be inspecting and conducting water flow testing of the City's 1,600 fire hydrants. These activities are performed annually to ensure adequate water is available for fire suppression needs.

If a fire hydrant is in your yard, please be sure that it is clear of obstructions. The Florida Fire Prevention Code states: "Hydrants shall be clear from growth, vegetation, trash, fences, vehicles or storage of other materials that would obstruct a fire hydrant and hinder or prevent its immediate use by the fire department."

The flow testing procedure requires firefighters to open fire hydrants and flow water for several minutes to obtain accurate flow pressures. This procedure may cause tap water in the area to become discolored or cloudy. This is a temporary condition that can be corrected by letting the tap water run until clear, which could take a few minutes. If the water remains discolored after a few minutes of flowing, please contact Ormond Beach Public Works at 386-676-3220.

Flow testing and inspection will be conducted:

March 18, 2013 – May 31, 2013
9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Monday-Friday

The schedule for the upcoming week will be posted on the City's website under "New and Announcements" on Friday afternoons.



Welcome Sign

On Monday, March 4th, along the southeast corner of Granada Blvd. (SR40) and Williamson Boulevard intersection, a temporary banner will be erected as a representation of a permanent welcome sign that is proposed to be constructed at that location in the near future.

The banner will enable a review of the location as well as any concerns that may be observed and will remain on site for about two weeks.

If you have any questions, please contact the City's Landscape Architect Paul MacDonald at 386-676-3269.



T-Ball Field Preparations and Dedication

The Athletic Fields Division of The Department of Leisure Services began preparations for the new Doug Wigley T-Ball fields several weeks ago. The maintenance staff has been adding the finishing touches this past week by installing fence caps and foul poles. The young ones here in our great City of Ormond Beach will truly benefit from these beautiful new fields. Who knows, perhaps they'll produce a baseball hero that we'll watch in the major league!

A special opening ceremony and dedication to the new Doug Wigley T-Ball Fields, located at 700 Hull Road, will be held Friday, March 1st at 5:30 p.m. at the Ormond Beach Sports Complex. Another "Grand Slam" for the home team of Ormond Beach!

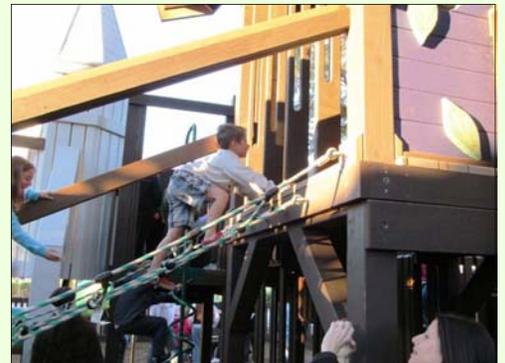


The New Magic Forest Playground

The Magic Forest playground at the Nova Community Center officially opened on Friday, February 22, 2013. Many eager children have already enjoyed the updated playground. The new tire swing and "Oodle" swing have been in constant motion. A favorite has been the net climb to reach the tree house and rocket ship.



As the children continue to explore, they see a singing cow, a dolphin jumping before a pirate ship, and an octopus exploring the bottom of the ocean. If you are ready for an adventure, come explore the Magic Forest playground which is located at the Nova Community Center, 440 N. Nova Road.





SONC Action

South Ormond Neighborhood Center continues to be a hit all through the year. Youth basketball drills and skills work continues in the gymnasium on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The fitness room is receiving a heavy workout with a steady flow of customers who have that “stick to it” New Year’s resolution. And good for them, in more ways than one! Free play basketball has also been on the rebound after the weather turnover! Such a privilege to have great weather, great centers and great fun! For further information about activities at the South Ormond Neighborhood Center, please contact Liviston Edwards at 676-3231.



OBYBSA Opening Day Games March 2nd

The Ormond Beach Youth Baseball and Softball Association’s Opening Day games begin tomorrow, March 2nd, at the Nova Community Park fields as well as at the Ormond Beach Sports Complex. Boys recreational baseball games are on all five fields at the Nova Community Center as well as at the softball quad. Girls recreational softball games are at the softball quad and softball field #7 at the Ormond Beach Sports Complex. All games start at 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. The season starts on Monday and will run through the beginning of May, with “playoffs” to follow.





Church Group Tours The Casements

Members from the Ancient City Baptist Church of St. Augustine came to The Casements last Thursday for a tour of the historic home.

Pat Johnson, Guild member since 1998, is the very experienced and knowledgeable docent who provided the group with the history of the house and the Ormond Beach area during their tour. Up in the Rockefeller room, Pat pointed out the pieces of furniture that actually belonged to Mr. Rockefeller, and went through the Rockefeller family photos and described the Rockefeller family tree.

The group was very pleased that they had come to Ormond Beach for the tour and several remarked what a beautiful place it was to visit. It is always a great day at The Casements, especially when we see a group come in who really appreciates the beauty and history we have here.



Classic Tuscan Seafood



The aroma of garlic and herbs filled The Casements on Saturday morning during Chef Mary Maggio's Classic Tuscan Seafood cooking class. Students were treated to Mary's humor and culinary skills as they learned new tips and tricks in the kitchen while cooking flavorful recipes such as fruit d'mare, sautéed black mussels, pan roasted tilapia, and shrimp scampi. Afterwards, participants feasted upon their delicious creations.

There is limited availability in Chef Maggio's upcoming classes:

- Thursday, March 14 - Classic Poultry Selections
- Thursday, March 18 - Timeless Baked Pastas



Please call Mary at (386) 441-7110 or (386) 677-6144 for more information or to reserve your spot.





Nova's Challenger Volleyball

Challenger Volleyball, a team of players with special needs, met on Tuesday for its third practice. They were challenged with a new four square volleyball net. An extra contest was the addition of a second ball. The new net helped the players hit the ball quicker instead of catching the ball when returning it to the opposite team.

The players met their objectives with great skill and fortitude and accomplished yet another great practice. For more information on any Special Populations programs, call Lori Koplin, Nova Community Center and Special Populations Coordinator, at (386) 676-3252.



Nearly Nicks Tribute to Stevie Nicks at the PAC

Nearly Nicks, Tribute To Stevie Nicks starring Julie Myers, was presented at the Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center on Friday, February 22nd. In addition to a striking resemblance to Stevie Nicks, Julie Myers does outstanding renditions of the hit songs of Stevie Nicks including "Sara," "Dreams," from her time with Fleetwood Mac, and "Stop Dragging My Heart Around," her duet with Tom Petty. The concert was thoroughly enjoyed by all the Stevie fans in the audience.





City Manager Work Day

On Thursday February 21st, City Manager Joyce Shanahan spent a large part of her day performing plant operator duties at the City's Water Treatment Plant located at 22 Tomoka Avenue. Accompanied by plant operator Rob Vaccarino, Joyce performed many activities typically performed by licensed operators to include deactivating and activating a 1 MGD low pressure reverse osmosis (LPRO) skid with plant SCADA automation equipment.

Joyce assisted the plant operation staff with routine maintenance and operation duties to include cleaning of the lime slaker and batching (mixing) polymer used to promote settlement processes and hardness removal performed by the lime softening process.

Her "operator day" also included a routine walk around inspection of plant equipment and water sampling from various plant process locations. Grab samples were taken from specific plant locations established for monitoring raw water, LPRO/Blended/Finished water parameters for logging into the Chief Operator's Monthly Operating Report (MOR) submitted to the FDOH each month. Upon completion of sample collection activities, Joyce assisted performance of several laboratory analyses to include procedures for determining pH, chlorine residual, hardness, alkalinity, fluoride, phosphate and UV 254.

Joyce continues to schedule field days with the several citywide departmental operation centers for developing a hands-on understanding of varied and numerous staff activities and to promote a cohesive work force.

Weekly Police Stats

Calls for Service - 1,600 Arrests - 21
Citations Issued - 145
Reports Written - 122 Traffic Stops - 288



Weekly Fire Operations Stats

117 INCIDENTS
65 - EMS 6- Motor Vehicle Accidents
4 - Fires 1 - Fire Alarms
41 - Public Assists 0 - Hazardous

Public Works in ACTION



Sign Shop installing “No Parking” signs on Arroyo Parkway



...and informational signs at Andy Romano Beachfront Park



Public Works in ACTION



Stop Bar Replacement in various areas of the City



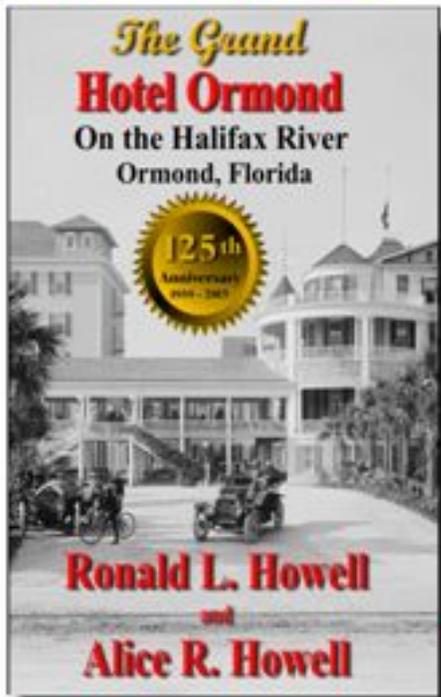
Public Works in ACTION



At Ted Porter Park, Stormwater crews complete removal of Brazilian Pepper and restoration of outfall.



New Release



You are Invited...

Historical Presentation and Book Signing

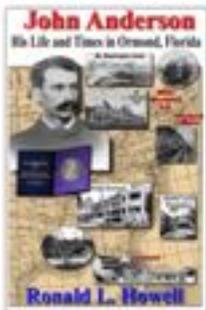
The Hotel Ormond, the entrepreneurial dream of Mr. John Anderson and Mr. Joseph Price, opened Jan 1, 1888, as 400 wealthy and famous people strolled the wide verandas. Many more would come during the Gilded Age and beyond to enjoy the luxury that was the Hotel Ormond. 125 years later we revisit the splendor of the Hotel Ormond.



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Thursday March 7, 2013

Anytime from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm



At The Casements

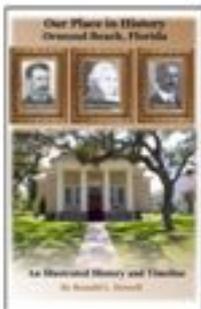
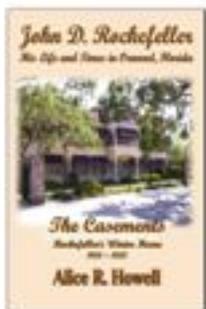
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