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# City of Ormond Beach

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## Commissioners Visit Washington, D.C.

Earlier this week, Zone 2 Commissioner Troy Kent and Zone 4 Commissioner Bill Partington attended the 2013 National League of Cities Congressional City Conference in Washington, D.C. While there, they took advantage of being in D.C. and met with Congressman Ron DeSantis, Senator Bill Nelson and J.R. Sanchez, Director of Outreach for Senator Marco Rubio.

These meetings were very informative and it gave the commissioners the opportunity to discuss the following topics:

- Hazard Mitigation Funding - They were able to thank the government for the grant funding for the construction work on Hand Avenue and Central Park lakes interconnects.
- Economic Development - Congress' work on privacy legislation and the City's prospect drone business at the airport.
- Transportation - I-95 and US1 Interchange Improvements.
- Ormond Beach airport tower and budget cuts due to sequestration.



From left: Commissioner Kent, Senator Nelson, Commissioner Partington



From left: Commissioner Partington, Congressman DeSantis, Commissioner Kent



# Special Events Lead to Extra Patrols

Bike Week is here and St. Patrick's Day approaches. The Ormond Beach Police Department is urging motorists to plan a safe ride home and never get behind the wheel (or handlebars) drunk. During this holiday, law enforcement officials in Ormond Beach will be on high alert, cracking down on drunk drivers as part of its *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over* public safety campaign.

"We have a city full of Bike Week enthusiasts – and we expect their activities to combine with the St. Patrick's Day celebrations. Our Traffic Unit and Crime Suppression Team will be out in full force. Drunk driving is dangerous, deadly and against the law – and it will not be tolerated in Ormond Beach during these special events," said Chief Andy Osterkamp. "Today we are giving fair warning to everyone traveling through Ormond Beach that our law enforcement officers will be out on patrol and if you are caught driving drunk you will be arrested."

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports that from 2006 to 2010, over 700 people were killed nationwide in crashes involving drunk drivers during the St. Patrick's Day holidays. On average, every 51 minutes a person is killed in a drunk-driving crash in the United States and the majority of these crashes involve drivers who have blood alcohol concentrations that are almost twice the legal limit.

"Whether you are gathering with friends at the local pub or attending the Bike Week events, if alcohol is part of the festivities, make sure you designate a sober driver to get you home safely," said Chief Osterkamp.

Ormond Beach Police Department recommends the following easy steps to have a safe and happy event:

- Plan a safe way home before the festivities begin.
- Before drinking, designate a sober driver and leave your car keys at home.
- If you're impaired, use a taxi, call a sober friend or family member or use public transportation to get home safely.
- If you see a drunk driver on the road, contact police dispatch at 386-248-1777.
- And remember, if you know someone who is about to drive a car or ride a motorcycle while impaired, take the keys and help that person make other arrangements to get to where he or she is going safely.



## *Police Department Launches Anonymous Tip Service*

For the first time, mobile phone users can provide anonymous crime tips to the Ormond Beach Police Department. The service, called TipSoft, allows citizens to send anonymous tips online, by iPhone or Android mobile apps or by sending a text message to CRIMES (274637) with the keyword ORMONDPD from a mobile phone.

“The widespread use of text messaging makes it easy for the public to assist law enforcement agencies fight crime,” said Police Chief Henry Osterkamp. “With TipSoft, the user can know that it’s safe for them to do the right thing without disclosing their identity.”

TipSoft, which is made by CrimeReports, allows agencies and members of the public to have a two-way dialog that is completely secure and anonymous. The service specifically allows text message providers to remain anonymous by encrypting the text messages, assigning them a unique ID and routing them through secure servers. This protects the personal details of the information provider.

The Ormond Beach Police Department is demonstrating its commitment to the public and public safety by using technology to prevent, reduce and solve crime,” says Greg Whisenant, founder and CEO of CrimeReports. “With TipSoft, agencies can invite the public to take an active role in making their own communities safer.”

To date, TipSoft has received more than 2 million tips, 145,000 arrests have been made, 55,000 fugitives caught, more than \$5.3 billion recovered in drugs and property, 11,000 vehicles recovered and 22,000 weapons recovered.

Citizens are encouraged to use TipSoft to report information about any non-urgent illegal activity, such as unsolved cases, vandalism, theft, sale and distribution of drugs or information about crimes that are being planned in the community or schools.

### **About CrimeReports**

CrimeReports.com creates powerful, simple and affordable cloud-based software tools for law enforcement agencies to prevent and reduce crime. Working directly with 2,000 agencies throughout the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom, CrimeReports is a key partner to law enforcement in mapping, analytics and anonymous tipping. For more information, visit [www.CrimeReports.com](http://www.CrimeReports.com).

### Weekly Police Stats

Calls for Service - 1,858    Arrests – 25  
Citations Issued - 353  
Reports Written - 142    Traffic Stops - 557



### Weekly Fire Operations Stats

**144 INCIDENTS**  
77 - EMS    7 - Motor Vehicle Accidents  
11 - Fires    3 - Fire Alarms  
44 - Public Assists    2 - Hazardous



## *A Special Pops Thank You!*

Tia McDonald began volunteering with the Shining S.T.A.R.S. Pageant and Fashion show when she was 10 years old. She was competing in beauty pageants around the state of Florida and wanted to provide the same opportunity for children with special needs. Ten years later, she is a freshman in college and continues to support the pageant. Each year, she asks for donations toward the purchase of crowns and gift bags for each participant as well as searching for new participants and talent. Her most important role is introducing each STAR as the emcee for the show. Thank you Tia for your dedication to the Shining S.T.A.R.S. Pageant and Fashion Show. You have brought a smile to many people over the past 10 years!



## **Ormond Garage Replica Dedication**

The City of Ormond Beach and the Motor Racing Heritage Association proudly announce the dedication of the 1904 Ormond Garage Replica on Thursday, March 28, 2013. The event will begin at 2:00 p.m. at the Birthplace of Speed Park located at the corner of A1A and Granada Blvd. Representatives from the City of Ormond Beach as well as Motor Racing Heritage will be onsite to tell the story of the Garage and the first automobile race held March 28, 1903, on the beach at Granada. The first race led to the successive speed time trials giving Ormond Beach the title of "Birthplace of Speed."

Henry Flagler ordered the construction of the Ormond Garage in the summer of 1904 after the arrival of William K. Vanderbilt, Jr., for the Speed Tournament in January of 1904. The Ormond Garage was the first building in the world constructed to house and prepare race cars and was used continually until a fire in 1976 caused its untimely demise.

The Garage Replica will house the two replica race cars purchased by the City of Ormond Beach in 2003. These cars were removed from the Birthplace of Speed Park several years later due to corrosion from the beach environment. The Ormond Garage Replica will allow these cars to be placed back in the Birthplace of Speed Park where they can be enjoyed by the public.

We sincerely thank our partners who have helped make this possible. They are Historic Shed, KDK Concrete, Trent Electric, Randy's Auto Body, members of the Motor Racing Heritage Association and the Root Family Foundation.

For more information, please call the Motor Racing Heritage Association at 386-676-7675, or visit their website at [www.mrhaweb.com](http://www.mrhaweb.com).



# AAU Gymnastics Competition

The Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) Gymnastics teams competed this past weekend at the 2nd qualifier meet in Perry, Florida. AAU gymnastics' goal is to let athletes compete and learn lessons and tools that will help them throughout life. Girls from all levels compete and show off their skills which they have learned and acquired in Ormond Beach at the Nova Gymnastics Center. Here you'll see some of the pride of Ormond Beach with their medals of the day. Jessica Daily, Level 2, with her medals then we have Alison Strasser, Level 7, Haile Daversa, Level 2, Lauren Miller, Level 4, and Alexia Kastis, Level 4, with all the medals which they took home. **Great Job!**

Competitive classes consist of:

**Levels 1, 2 & 3 - (Girls only)** These classes are skill tested, progressive levels designed by the United States Gymnastics Association. The class meets twice a week for one hour; participant attends two-month sessions. The levels are designed to safely teach gymnasts progressive skill order. Each level has required skills the gymnast must master. Passing a skills test, which is administered and judged by a certified skill evaluator, is required before advancing to the next progressive level.

**Levels 4 & Up - (Girls only)** Participant attends two-month sessions. Classes are designed by The U.S. Gymnastics Association as competitive levels. These levels allow the gymnasts, beginners through elite, to compete at their competitive skill levels. For more information on these or any other gymnastics classes, please contact Coach George Postell, Gymnastics Program Coordinator, of the Nova Gymnastics Center at 386-676-3282.



## A New Look!

The Casements Administrative office got a new updated look this week. The process began with taking the large counter workspace out and starting new. The Casements Guild members voted unanimously at their last meeting to purchase new desks for the offices. Taking the large counter out opens up the entire office and enables the office staff to better assist customers.

The office space grew by leaps and bounds and will be a vast improvement over the previous set up. Stop in to see the new and improved look!





# L.E.A.P.S. Training

Recently, a group of City employees attended supervisory training in 4-hour sessions over an 8-week time period. The course, which is part of the LEAPS (Leadership, Ethical Decision Making, Attitudes and Accountability, Professionalism, Superior Customer Service) Academy, was entitled Leadership Skills for Supervisors, and was presented by Mark Toombs of Daytona State College. The class of 23 was taught by instruction, role play, visual aids, and group exercises. The course was designed to give participants opportunity to identify, assess, discuss, learn, and explore their individual role as a leader and how it impacts their team, their department, as well as the citizens of Ormond Beach. Some of the training modules included effective communication, managing performance, decision making and problem solving.

Graduation day included a continental breakfast for the students and their managers who attended to show their support. The ceremony opened with welcome remarks by Human Resources Director Shelly Arzola, Mark Toombs and City Manager Joyce Shanahan. Students then shared their learning experiences and how the class would help them in their career. The students were given a certificate of completion and a book entitled "Great By Choice" written by Jim Collins. The ceremony concluded with a group picture of everyone in attendance.



## KEDA Presents "Peter Pan"

Kinetic Expressions Dance Academy (KEDA) presented "Peter Pan" at the Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center on March 9<sup>th</sup> and March 10<sup>th</sup>.

Under the direction of Miss Crystal Draper, KEDA provides student instruction in contemporary and classical styles of dance for children from pre-school through high school age. The students displayed their dancing talents and the results of their hard work in class had two outstanding performances of this beloved fairy tale.





# Movies on the Halifax

On Friday, April 5, 2013, at 8:00 p.m., the City's Leisure Services Department and The Casements Guild will present "Peter Pan" in Rockefeller Gardens.

Prior to the movie, beginning at 5:30 p.m., there will be a Camp Expo which will allow parents/guardians to meet and greet with the Leisure Service Coordinators and get information on all the City's summer camp opportunities.



Bring a lawn chair or a blanket and come out and enjoy the Camp Expo, all the fun, and a movie with your friends and family! Wear your PJs to the movie and get a FREE popcorn to enjoy! Refreshments will also be available for purchase. Moving Rating: "Peter Pan" is a G rated movie.



## Girls Scouts Meet at the Nova Community Center

On Saturday, March 9th, the Girl Scouts hosted their annual Thinking Day at the Nova Community Center. On this day, girls participated in activities, games and projects with global themes to honor their sister Girl Scouts throughout the world. This year, eighteen troops from Volusia County researched different countries and shared what they learned with each other. They visited countries including France, South Korea, China and Italy, to sample food and learn facts. After their trip around the world, each troop shared a dance or song from the region. "Gangnam Style" from South Korea was a crowd favorite and had everyone dancing. It was a special day to think about their "sisters" in all the countries of the world.





# *It Starts in Parks!*

The picturesque parks located in the beautiful City of Ormond Beach are just some of the attractions which bring visitors, families and friends outdoors to enjoy our climate and recreational areas. The Parks Division of the Leisure Services Department are the people to thank! Hard work and dedication to make our community a very scenic and enjoyable place is what they do. Here you see the installation of concrete forms for new sections to be poured where two new Memorial benches will be installed at Fortunato Park. Pavilion's at Nova Community Center were numbered, slab installation for trash receptacles at Nova and Cassen Park and deck repairs had to be finished promptly. Thanks to all! Visit our website at [www.ormondbeach.org](http://www.ormondbeach.org) for information on all the parks to visit and admire!





# Hard Work for Building Maintenance

The Building Maintenance Division of the Leisure Services Department was hard at work as usual. These staff members are the ones who get down and dirty and fix things that help make our City shine!

This week, crucial repairs were made to the target retrieval system at the Police Department which broke during weapons training. Thanks to our staff, they were up and training 40 minutes later. A mock "Welcome to Ormond Beach" banner was erected on the corner of State Road 40 and Williamson Blvd. so the plaza owner, the public and shopkeepers could get a vision of the proposed project. Everyone was hard at work completing tasks such as replacing a restroom door handle and an old garage door at the Standish Tank House, just to name a few. A special thanks goes out to these hard workers!



# Public Works in ACTION



Stormwater crews make repairs to the top of an inlet box on Lake Park Circle



Asphalt repair at Harvard and Peninsula Dr. after a wastewater repair



# Public Works in ACTION



## Asphalt crew making repairs at Ormond Beach Middle School

