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D.A.R.E. Graduations

Officer Lloyd Cornelius and Officer Gregory Stokes of the City of Ormond Beach Police Department Crime Prevention Division have been very busy lately spending time with local elementary school students and educating them on how to say "No" to drug use through the D.A.R.E. program. The City of Ormond Beach is only one of four cities in Volusia County that provides this important program.



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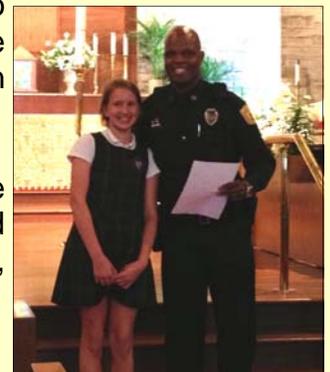
In addition to saying "No" to drugs, the students learn facts about alcohol, tobacco, marijuana and inhalants. Students also must write an essay on what the program has meant to them, or a personal experience involving drugs and family members or friends. Winners then read their essay to their classmates.

In March, over 150 students from Ormond Beach Elementary, Osceola Elementary and Calvary Christian Academy graduated from the D.A.R.E. program. This week, students from St. James Episcopal School held a D.A.R.E. graduation ceremony. Mayor Ed Kelley and City Manager Joyce



Shanahan were on hand to show their support to these students for participating in this program.

We are all proud of these students who have resolved to say "No" to drug use, gangs and violence!





Casements Tours

On Wednesday, April 17th, The Casements Guild will not be conducting tours as it will be celebrating its 34th Anniversary. We congratulate the Guild on its anniversary and are extremely grateful for its dedication and service to the City of Ormond Beach over the last 34 years.



Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra, Then and Now

Jim Miller's "Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra, Then and Now" will perform in concert at the Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center on Saturday, April 6th, at 2:00 p.m.

The Ormond Beach based jazz orchestra was formerly known as Jim Miller's Big Band America. The band has a new name in recognition of Jim Miller's history as trombonist and member of the Dorsey Brothers Orchestra. The band will play selections from the songbooks of Tommy and Jimmy Dorsey, as well as other big band jazz favorites.

Reserved seat tickets for the show are on sale now for \$15. You may purchase tickets by telephone with Visa or MasterCard by calling 386-676-3375; online at the City of Ormond Beach website <http://www.ormondbeach.org/pac>; and at the Performing Arts Center Box Office, located at 399 N. US Highway 1. The Box Office is open Tuesday through Friday from Noon until 5:00 p.m., and two hours prior to every show. For more information, please call the Box Office at 386-676-3375.



Walking with the Manager

On Friday, April 12th, at 8:00 a.m., "Walking with the Manager" will begin and end at Ormond Beach's Andy Romano Beachfront Park, 839 South Atlantic Avenue. Please meet near the entry archway. The entire walk will be approximately 2 miles.

Andy Osterkamp, Police Chief, will be the City Manager's "guest walker." Citizens are invited to join the City Manager and the Police Chief for a walk, ask questions, share comments and offer suggestions. Please put on your walking shoes and join us.



ECHO Rangers Visit The Casements

It was a lively morning at The Casements on Saturday, March 23rd, as children from the ECHO Rangers Program came to explore The Casements which was the first stop on their day of adventures.

Docent Kathy Morgan took them on a tour of the building first and then the children created a picture frame with photos they had taken on the front step of The Casements. They were very excited to be in a mansion, and enjoyed viewing the home set up for a large wedding taking place later that afternoon. Their next activity was scheduled at Ormond Memorial Gardens.

Children from the ECHO Rangers Program visit The Casements twice a year. Volusia County's ECHO Rangers program educates children and their families about the many **E**cological, **C**ultural, **H**eritage and **O**utdoor offerings that are available in our area.



Aloha!

Aloha 2013, Tribute to the Music of Aloha from Hawaii, was performed at the Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center on Thursday, March 28th. The show celebrates the 40th anniversary of the Elvis Presley musical concert "Aloha From Hawaii."

Elvis tribute artist Michael Leone performed with a live band. Musical Director Eddie Uzzle and the band played Elvis music from all the decades of Elvis' hits, as well as featured music from Elvis' movies. It was a night of music that all the Elvis fans in the audience were thrilled to hear.

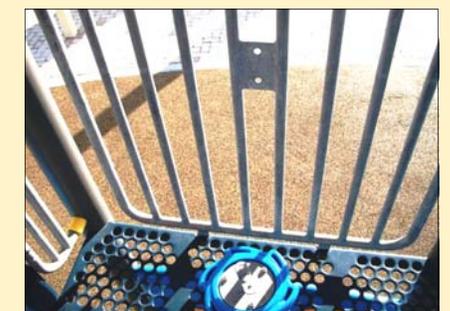


Beautifying Our Parks

The Parks Division of the Leisure Services Department was at it again this past week. Making our parks beautiful and safe is what they do! A number of memorial benches went into place in several parks, repairs were made at the new Andy Romano Beachfront Park and one of the new swings at the newly renovated Magic Forest Playground at the Nova Community Center was made a little more stable and safe for those who play there!

Also, there were several new picnic tables installed at the Nova Community Center and the Riverbend Nature Park.

Visit our website at www.ormondbeach.org for more information and locations of all the lovely parks in Ormond Beach.





Magic Forest Playground!

During Spring Break from the Volusia County Schools, the Magic Forest Playground was continuously filled with families and children from local day camps. Each day, an average of 400 hundred children took pleasure in the warm weather and time off from school to play on the newly renovated playground.



To join the excitement, come by the Magic Forest Playground at 440 N. Nova Road.



Spring Recreation at Nova

Even though there is a cool start to spring, families and friends are enjoying the various activities that are offered at the Nova Community Center. Outside, you can hear the excitement of young children playing in the newly renovated Magic Forest Playground. Teenagers are hanging out at the skate park trying to learn new tricks.

On the inside, pickleball is being played by young and old. Basketball fanatics are playing 5-on-5 games in the evenings. The continuous classes of Ms. Debby's dance and Jazzercise are taking place at their scheduled times.

The Nova Community Center offers a little of something for all ages. For more information about all that is offered at the Nova Community Center, contact Lori Koplin, Nova Community Center Coordinator, at 386-676-3252.





Challenger Baseball

As Major League Baseball begins this week, so does Challenger Baseball. On Tuesday, seven players with special needs met for their first practice at the Nova Community Center fields. It was a great time for all players and spectators. The fathers pitched for their children and played the outfield, fielding the occasional home run. The mothers were in the dugout, cheering every player as they ran the bases. Everyone went home with a smile on their face and are eager to return next Tuesday.

For more information on Special Populations programs, please contact Lori Koplin, Nova Community Center and Special Populations Coordinator, at 386-676-3252 or visit our website at www.ormondbeach.org.



SONC Action!

You never really think just how amazing sunshine is. The South Ormond Neighborhood Center is coming into full bloom like a flower garden. The kids and parents are so happy to see the sun; it is downright joyful. Having a busy area makes the day so much more enjoyable. The park user numbers are already starting to climb. There has been a steady flow of pavilion, tennis court and ball field activity. Youth basketball and soccer are also hitting full gear and the splash pad traffic is getting hotter as the temperatures climb. Oh yeah, spring has sprung! Come see us at the South Ormond Neighborhood Center, located at 176 Division Avenue in Ormond Beach or contact Liviston Edwards, South Ormond Neighborhood Center Coordinator at 386-676-3231.





Volleyball Volunteers

The 2013 Spring Youth Volleyball League has had a big lift to the program with a group of high school players volunteering to help the younger and less experienced players with their game.

The Level 2 group, which is for beginners or novice players, runs from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00p.m. every Wednesday and Thursday evening. Each night, there are between 35 to 45 participants, so the additional 4-8 volunteers nightly makes it much more "hands on" for each player. The girls are from Seabreeze, Mainland and Spruce Creek high schools and at one time they were all a part of the program. Gerry Pitchford, Athletic Supervisor, and Jenna Gerken, Recreational Program Specialist, have been extremely appreciative of their assistance in the program. A big thank you to all!



Gymnastics Competitions

Last week, the AAU 3rd Qualifier Gymnastics Competition in Perry, FL, was held and here you see Alison Strasser, 15, sporting her medals and striking a classic pose with a very delighted smile. Alison participates in the Level 7 Gymnastics program offered at the Nova Gymnastics Center where she has excelled in her sport.

Competitive classes are offered and participants programs are as follows:

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; participants attend 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. **Level 1:** Tuesdays & Thursdays from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. **Level 2:** Tuesdays & Thursdays from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. **Level 3:** Tuesdays & Thursdays from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Levels 4 & Up: (*girls only*) Participants attend two-month sessions. Classes are designed by The United States Gymnastics Association as competitive levels. These levels allow the gymnasts, beginners through elite, to compete at their competitive skill levels. Classes are offered as follows: **Level 4:** Two hour classes on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. **Level 5 & Up:** Classes are Tuesdays & Thursdays from 4:30 - 7:00 p.m. & Fridays from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

For further information on this or any other classes through the Gymnastics Center, please contact Coach George Postell at 386-676-3282.



Herb Faire

The Seaside Herb Society held their annual Herb Faire at Bailey Riverbridge Gardens on Saturday, March 23rd, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. A huge selection of herbs, perennials, baked goods, soaps and seasonings were on sale for the many patrons who attended this very popular sale celebrating everything herbs!

Also on display was the Tower Garden, a vertical garden which, using closed system technology to recycle 100% of the nutrients and water, was growing beautiful organic vegetables and edible flowers. The Seaside Herb Society meets regularly on the third Saturday of the month at Bailey Riverbridge Gardens.



ORMOND GARAGE REPLICA

The City of Ormond Beach and the Motor Racing Heritage Association proudly dedicated the 1904 Ormond Garage Replica on Thursday, March 28, 2013. The event took place at 2:00 p.m. at the Birthplace of Speed Park located on the corner of A1A and Granada Blvd. Representatives from the City of Ormond Beach as well as the Motor Racing Heritage Association were on hand to tell the

story of the garage and the first automobile race on the beach at Granada in 1903 which led to the successive speed time trials, giving Ormond Beach the title of "Birthplace of Speed."

The Garage Replica will house the two replica race cars purchased by the City of Ormond Beach in 2003. This will allow these cars to be placed back into the Birthplace of Speed Park where they can be enjoyed by the public.



Ormond Beach Follies

The 2013 Ormond Beach Follies was performed at the Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center on Friday, March 22nd, Saturday, March 23rd, and Sunday, March 24th. This year's show was entitled "Let Us Entertain You."

The entertaining began immediately with the spectacle of the precise choreography of the award winning Follies dancers wearing their colorful costumes and wowing the audience with amazing energetic dances. The outstanding Show Club Chorus exuberantly sang show tunes and patriotic anthems to everyone's delight. The comedy skits filled the house with roars of laughter. The Follies did indeed entertain all present. The dedicated volunteer performers of the Ormond Beach Show Club earned well deserved accolades from the audience.



Keeping it Clean

It is that time of year again here in the Building Maintenance Division of the Leisure Services Department. Preventative maintenance was performed on the City's ice machines this past week. Changing water filters on a proactive schedule contributes to continuous operation of the machines. There are two types of filters used. The choice of filters is largely determined by volume of ice produced due to demand. This function of changing water filters is done in-house as well as cleaning and sanitizing the machines.





City Manager Field Day

Yesterday, City Manager Joyce Shanahan spent time with two Department of Public Works Sign Shop employees, Charles Davis and Alroldo Barco, to learn how the important informational signs seen throughout the city are constructed and installed.



Joyce arrived in the morning and Charles and Alroldo explained the different types of sheeting used for fabricating signs. They acquainted Joyce with the inventory of products and how different types of signs are fabricated and how the signs are used. Shortly afterward, Joyce was at work making a sign for the Hand Avenue project. She used the computer to do the layout for the sign, selected the print type and prepared it for the graft-tech machine. She applied see-through tape and later removed it as a part of the weeding out process. Joyce was very skilled and accurate with cutting and rolling.



At the Hand Avenue work site, she used a post-hole digger and dug out a 36" hole. She assisted with putting the sign together, setting the post, backfilling, and packing dirt to secure the sign. She also assisted with the Center Avenue post mounting job. Afterward, they returned to the shop where she cut up the damaged posts.



Weekly Police Stats

Calls for Service - 1,707 Arrests – 28
 Citations Issued - 166
 Reports Written - 137 Traffic Stops - 297



Weekly Fire Operations Stats

156 INCIDENTS
 76 - EMS 11 - Motor Vehicle Accidents
 6 - Fires 7 - Fire Alarms
 54 - Public Assists 2 - Hazardous

Public Works in ACTION



Concrete crew makes repairs to stormwater catch basin in Coquina Point subdivision...



...and pours new slabs for picnic tables



Public Works in ACTION



Concrete crew assists Building Maintenance with repairs



Urban Forestry removes deceased Bay tree on John Anderson Dr.



Public Works in ACTION



Stormwater crews rebuild and raise basins on John Anderson Dr. and Neptune Ave.

