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City of Ormond Beach

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Commissioner Partington Tours Transitional Shelter

On Tuesday, December 3rd, Commissioner Bill Partington participated in a day long road trip to Pinellas County to tour the Pinellas Safe Harbor homeless shelter in the city of Clearwater. The trip was planned by the Volusia Council of Governments (VCOG) and included some area governmental representatives.

The Pinellas Safe Harbor is managed by the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office and is a cost effective, community based shelter which relies on donors and volunteers. The primary purpose of the shelter is to keep the homeless out of the criminal justice system. The cost per person at the shelter is **\$13 per day**, in comparison, the cost at Volusia County jail is **\$65 per day**. Men and women who stay at the shelter are provided a safe environment, meals, clothing and the services they need to get back on their feet.

Homelessness is an ever increasing problem that cities and towns across the country are struggling with, and this is one way to help relieve this growing concern.

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Commissioner Bill Partington



Lt. Sean McGillen speaks to the group

J.D. Davis

Employee of the Year

Jim Davis (J.D.) is a life-long resident of Ormond Beach. On September 30, 1974, while still a teenager, J.D. began his career with the City of Ormond Beach as a Laborer at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Over the years, through hard work and dedication to his chosen field, he advanced through the ranks until achieving the position of System Maintenance Supervisor, Wastewater Collection & Reuse Systems in 1997, the position that he still holds today.



J.D. is responsible for supervising all operational and maintenance activities associated with the City's sanitary sewer collection and reclaimed water systems. These systems include several hundred miles of gravity and force main piping, storage tanks, pumping systems and ancillary components to include over 1500 Pretreatment Effluent Pump (PEP) Systems within the City of Ormond Beach. His knowledge of the various sewer system components within the City is unsurpassed. He is an effective and proven leader and is relied upon often by other public works and facilities maintenance divisions for assisting various work efforts and activities ranging from tight clearance backhoe operations to critical pipe fitting activities to calming customer worries about residential sewer backups.

J.D. is also well known throughout the community in the contractor, engineer and developer arenas as a valued resource for performing diagnostic investigations and developing operational plans for supporting upcoming project activities. J.D. also further illustrates his commitment to the community as an active member of the Ormond Yacht Club for the last ten years, with most recent two years as Director. He and his fellow members are dedicated to restoring the historical structure of the Yacht Club which was built in 1910.

Along with fishing and boating, J.D.'s passions are spending quality time with family including his yellow lab, whose name is also J.D., for Jack Daniels.

After 39 years of service to the City of Ormond Beach, J.D. still looks forward to coming to work each day. A large part of that is due to the numerous friendships he has made over the years.

Congratulations J.D. and thank you for your decades of dedicated service to the residents and fellow employees of the City of Ormond Beach!

D.A.R.E. Graduation



Pine Trail Elementary fifth grade students held their D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) graduation this week. There were 125 children who graduated from the program and the graduates were enthusiastically cheered on by school faculty, fellow students, parents, grandparents and City officials.

As part of the 10 week course, each D.A.R.E. student was required to complete an essay. One student from each class was chosen as an essay winner. The winners came to the front of the auditorium to read their essay. All of the students did an outstanding job in the D.A.R.E. program and on their essay!



We are very proud of all the D.A.R.E. graduates!



Weekly Police Stats

Calls for Service - 1,541 Arrests – 20
 Citations Issued - 129
 Reports Written - 171 Traffic Stops - 167



Weekly Fire Operations Stats

117 INCIDENTS
 72 - EMS 6 - Motor Vehicle Accidents
 3 - Fires 4 - Fire Alarms
 32 - Public Assists 0 - Hazardous

ECN Building Renovation Project

On August 7, 2013, the City Commission unanimously approved the growth assistance funding to Emergency Communications Network (ECN) for job creation and capital investment related to the relocation of their business to 780 West Granada Boulevard. The 30,000 square foot office building, referred to as Reflections Building One, has been approximately 75% vacant. ECN has outgrown its current headquarters in the Ormond Beach Airport Business Park and began a 16 month site selection process to locate a suitable office building for the growth of their high technology business. The City of Ormond Beach competed well with other locations in Volusia County, Florida, to develop a strong economic development package that resulted in ECN's renovation of the Reflections building for their new corporate headquarters.

In addition to the City's competitive economic development incentive package, Ormond Beach's permitting process was highlighted in the site selection process, including the Building Division. Joe Levrault, Chief Building Official, conducted pre-permitting meetings with the ECN contractors to discuss the permitting requirements and process and to ensure them of an expedited permit review and inspection turnaround. Working closely with ECN architects, engineering, and building contractors, the construction has been moving ahead since the demolition permit was issued in November.

Economic Development staff is working closely with ECN and City staff to monitor the progress on the renovation process and to establish the documentation for funding reimbursement. ECN is hopeful that the project will be completed in March and moving into the building in April. A grand opening celebration will be coordinated in May.



Donations for Animals in Need

At this time of year people are busy preparing for the holidays and focusing on their families. For many of us, our families include our pets whether they have fur, fins, scales or feathers. There are a number of wonderful charitable organizations that help needy families during the holidays; however, oftentimes the animals miss out. There are many dogs, cats and other animals that are in shelters or homeless, and need assistance. The greatest need is in helping cats and dogs.

If you would like to help these pets in need, City staff is collecting blankets, comforters, towels, dog and cat food, cat litter, treats, toys, shampoo, flea spray, detergent and other cleaning items. Items can be dropped off at the Ormond Beach Police Station, 170 West Granada Boulevard; City Hall, 22 South Beach Street; or Fleet Management, 500 North Orchard Street. All donated items will be delivered to animal rescue shelters. Last year, over 1,600 pounds of food was donated, along with the other items listed above.

For further information, please contact Chris Jarrell, Fleet Management, at 386-676-3265 or JoAnn Owen, Animal Control, at 386-676-3262.



We can't adopt them all, but we can try to help them.



Basketball Training League

Final Week

The Basketball Training League, for 5 to 7 year olds, is finishing up its 6-week season. Twenty-eight (28) participants were enrolled this year which is the highest number of participants in over ten years. Six of the participants are girls!

Mark Spada, new President of the Ormond Beach Youth Basketball Association, has been assisting with the training on a daily basis. The season finishes up with scrimmages, shirts and awards for the final week.



Division Avenue Road Closure

Division Avenue will be closed from Old Kings Road to west of Center Street from December 2, 2013, until approximately January 31, 2014. The City will be constructing drainage improvements. Please use designated detours.



If you have any questions regarding this closure, please contact the City of Ormond Beach Engineering Division at 386-676-3269.

Pickleball at Nova Community Center

Pickleball continues to grow at the Nova Community Center. Two more pickleball courts were lined inside the gym last week to accommodate the growing number of players. With the addition, there are enough courts for beginners who need to practice and learn how to play, while the more competitive players are able to enjoy a fast paced game. Pickleball is offered Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Come by the Nova Community Center to join in the fun.



“Ballroom Confidential” Film Premiere

The east coast film premiere of “Ballroom Confidential,” a feature length movie filmed entirely in the Daytona Beach and Ormond Beach area was held at the Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center on Thursday, November 21st.

The film about ballroom dancing was produced by Lilla Arts and directed by Brian Lilla, who was in attendance at the premiere. Many members of the cast, who are all ballroom dancers, also attended. This film premiere was the first opportunity for the cast of the film to see the movie. A nationwide release of “Ballroom Confidential” is planned for the near future.



Surfside Chorus “Diamond Jubilee of Harmony”

The Surfside Chorus presented the “Diamond Jubilee of Harmony” at the Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center on Saturday, November 23rd. The Surfside Chorus is an all volunteer group of men who love Barbershop music. The Barbershop style of a canella four-part harmony singing is a unique American musical genre that is now popular throughout the world. This show celebrated the tradition of Barbershop singing and the founding of the Barbershop Harmony Society seventy-five years ago. In addition to the performance of the Surfside Chorus, the male quartet “Three Nice Guys” and the female quartet “Firecrackers” were featured in the show. The fans of Barbershop music in the audience enjoyed a wonderful performance.



Public Works in ACTION



Urban Forestry removing dead tree in Cassen Park



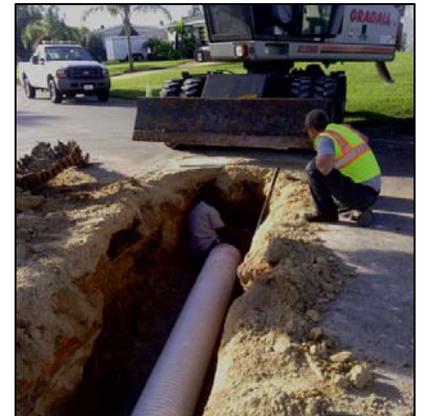
Street Maintenance Section fabricating wooden barricades for emergency use



Public Works in ACTION



Stormwater crews removal & installation of new storm drain on Peninsula Dr.



Public Works in ACTION



Concrete crew replacing gutter on Hammock Lane



Stormwater ditch mowing at Airport Business Park

Before



After



Annual Christmas Gala

Step back in time as The Casements Guild presents the 34th annual Christmas Gala, "Centennial Christmas." The festivities begin tonight at 6:00 p.m. when the house will come alive with festive holiday decorations to memorable holiday music.

The doors will open and the public is invited to take in all the wonderful holiday decorations, see the tree gallery, visit vendors displaying homemade items for sale and, of course, take home a treat from the holiday gourmet shop. The Gala will also feature carriage rides on Riverside Drive, an outdoor café, Santa and Mrs. Claus, and a visit from Mr. Rockefeller.

The Gala continues tomorrow Saturday, December 7th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 8th, from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. This is a fundraiser for The Casements Guild whose members volunteer throughout the year offering free tours of the mansion to guests. Their mission continues to keep the history alive and enhance what has become the City's Cultural Center.

Tickets are on sale now. Adult admission is \$5.00 and children under 12 are free. For additional information, please call The Casements at (386) 676-3216.

*The Casements Guild
presents
The Casements
Centennial Christmas*

- Gift Shoppe*
- Craft Boutique*
- Gourmet Shoppe*
- Tree Gallery*
- Carriage Rides*
- Holiday Music*



- Special Events
Tickets \$15.00*
- "Nine and More"
Saturday, 5pm-7pm
Holiday Tea Party
Sunday 1pm & 3pm
Call now for Reservations
(386) 256-7577*

*Lighting Ceremony, Friday December 6th at 6pm
Gala Hours
Friday, December 6th ~ 6pm-9pm
Saturday, December 7th ~ 10 to 4 pm
Sunday, December 8th ~ 12 to 4 pm
Gala Tickets: Adults \$5 Children under 12 Free
Ice Cream Social, Friday Night 6pm-8:30pm
Tickets at the Door \$3.00
Carriage Rides all weekend
Tickets at the Door \$3.00
www.thecasements.net*

Special Events

*Carriage Rides
Tickets \$3*

*sponsored by
Hershey's Ice Cream of Ormond Beach
Friday 6-9pm
Tickets for the following Special Events
must be purchased in advance and
include admission and holiday shopping*

*ABC Fine Wine & Spirits
presents
Saturday 5pm-7pm
Wine ~ Appetizers ~ Music
Amber's Jewel Catering
Tickets \$15*

*RPS Catering
Sunday 1pm & 3pm Seatings
Tickets \$15*

*Call for Reservations
Visa & Mastercard Accepted
386.256.7577
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Movies on the Halifax

On **Friday, December 13, 2013**, at 6:00 p.m., the City's Leisure Services Department and The Casements Guild will present "Beethoven's Christmas Adventure" in Rockefeller Gardens. The movie for December is on the second Friday due to the Christmas Gala event.

Bring a lawn chair or a blanket and come out and enjoy the movie with your friends and family! Refreshments for purchase will be available.

Moving Rating: "Beethoven's Christmas Adventure" is a PG rated movie. Parental guidance is suggested as some material may not be suitable for children.



Home for the Holidays Parade

On Saturday, December 14th, kids of all ages will line up early to experience one of the season's greatest highlights which will start at 6:30 p.m. Ormond MainStreet will have a "Tree Lighting" immediately before the parade at 6:00 p.m. This will be the 10th time the parade has been held in the evening.

This year's Grand Marshall will be Fred Costello. With over 80 parade entries, there will be festive floats, bands, decorated vehicles and walkers who will begin the 1.5 mile route at Yonge Street (US1) and Division Avenue. They will move north to Granada Boulevard (SR40) and then turn east to South Beach Street. Next, a right turn will take them a short distance to Tomoka Avenue. Here it is a right turn and just beyond the Library, a turn is made into the City and Library parking lot where the participants will disband. A special "Thank You" to parade sponsors: Ritchey GMC, Preferred Business Group, Money Pages and Command Medical Products.

For additional information, please call Community Events at (386) 676-3241 or visit Parade@ormondbeach.org.

The City of Ormond Beach Department of Leisure Services
Presents the 23rd Annual

Home for the Holidays

Nighttime Parade
6:30PM
Saturday, December 14, 2013



This year's theme: "HOLIDAY SWEETS"

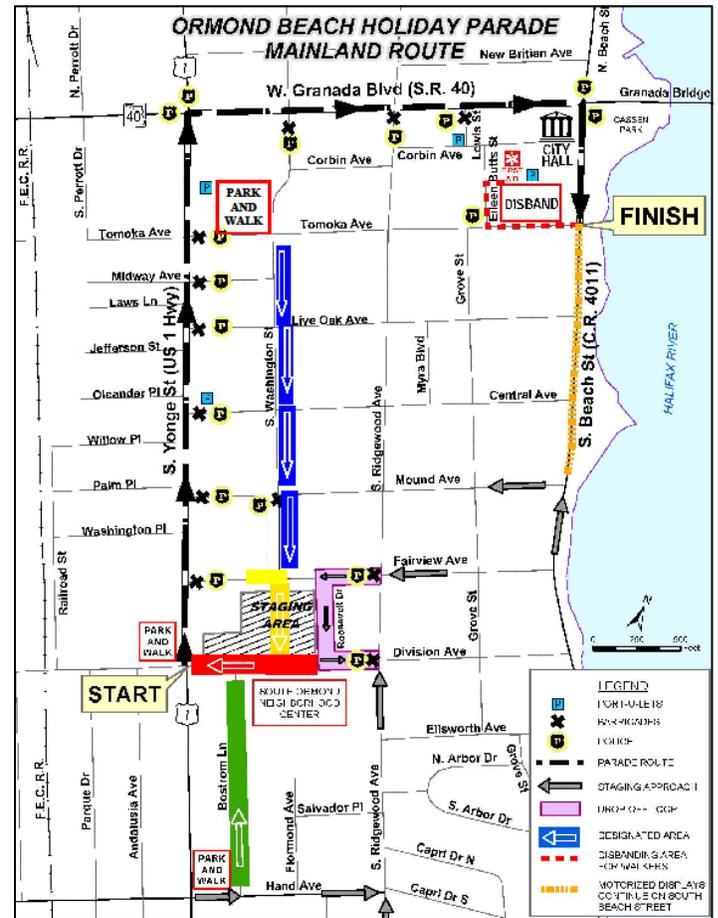
GREAT BANDS & MUSIC
OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCES
FANTASTIC FLOATS
SANTA & MRS. CLAUS



6:00PM ~ Ormond Mainstreet will present the "City Hall Tree Lighting"

Application & information: www.ormondbeach.org
Parade Hotline: 676-3241 ~ Parade@ormondbeach.org

Sponsorship Opportunities Available



Holidays at The Casements

On Thursday, December 19th, an open house and social will be held at The Casements beginning at 6:00 p.m. which will be followed by a holiday music concert on the North Lawn at 6:45 p.m. featuring The Moonlighters Orchestra. The event is free!



*You are cordially invited to
Holidays at The Casements
Open House and Social - 6:00pm
Holiday Music Concert on the
North Lawn - 6:45pm
Featuring
"The Moonlighters Orchestra"
Thursday, December 19, 2013*

*25 Riverside Drive
Ormond Beach, Florida
(386) 676-3216*