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Volusia League of Cities Dinner

Thursday, December 5, turned out to be a beautiful and successful evening for the City of Ormond Beach to host the Volusia League of Cities. The night began with guests from local government municipalities and a number of the associate members of the League checking in, and as the sun was setting they enjoyed social time on the north lawn.



The guests were invited to tour The Casements, which was stunningly decorated for the holidays. After exploring the festive home, guests dined under the stars in Rockefeller Gardens, sheltered by a tent from SES, Inc., and a delicious buffet dinner was prepared by RPS Catering, Inc. Everyone enjoyed the festive atmosphere and enchanted evening.

While attendees dined, the 2014 VLOC Approved Slate of Officers were named:

- President – Council Member Billie Wheeler
- Vice President – Ormond Beach Deputy Mayor Bill Partington**
- Secretary/Treasurer – Vice Mayor Heidi Herzberg
- Past President – Council Member Tami Lewis
- Florida League of Cities Board Member – Mayor Robert Apgar

At Large Members:

- Commissioner Richard Basso – City of Lake Helen
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- Commissioner Judy Reiker – City of New Smyrna Beach
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MAYOR'S HEALTH & FITNESS CHALLENGE

The Mayor's Health and Fitness Challenge is just days away...begin 2014 by choosing a 12-week wellness journey! The Challenge is for anyone 18 years and older living or working in Ormond Beach.

Your \$25.00 registration fee gets you:

- beginning and ending measurements for your height, weight, blood pressure, cholesterol, and glucose.
- 3-months free limited access to the YMCA /Ormond Beach (equipment, classes and pool – on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday),
- over 40 free classes at participating local fitness centers,
- special menu items at participating local restaurants,
- free cooking/meal preparation sessions then 'eating meetings,'
- access to newsletters, menus, fitness/nutrition hints and tips,
- exclusive membership rates to participating fitness centers,
- health coaching, and, of course, a T-shirt!

For a fierce challenge, the **Training Track** is for you. It's a comprehensive fitness/nutrition/education plan preparing you for the Physical Fitness Challenge competition (participation is optional). For a fun challenge, the **Traditional Challenge** may be a better choice. Select coaching, fitness and nutrition opportunities you want from a calendar filled with planned activities!

Achievement Awards will be given and include cash prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in several individual and team categories.

For all the details, visit www.ormondbeach.org/MayorsFitness.

VLOC Dinner (cont'd)

Special thanks go to the City's sponsors who helped make this a magical evening for our guests: Austin Outdoor, AVCON, James Moore and Company, Ormond Beach Chamber of Commerce, Ormond MainStreet, Inc. and The Casements Guild.





Local Veterans Honored with French Legion of Honor Medal

Twelve local American veterans of World War II were presented with the Legion of Honor Medal, France's highest distinction, for their service in France during the war.

The ceremony was held at the Ormond Memorial Art Museum which was founded in the 1940s as an art museum and tribute to veterans. Many local dignitaries, citizens and representatives from the Consulate General of France were present in support of the memorable event. Mayor Ed Kelley spoke during the event, and the Legion of Honor medals were presented by General Bernard Commins, the highest ranking French general in the United States and introduced by Philippe Letrilliart, Consul General of France.

Those recognized were Jennie Woods (one of 47 women classified as ground troops who landed in Normandy after D-Day), Robert Anderson, Sidney Blair, James Carter, John Keegan, Ballard Keesee, John McGrory, Samuel Mastrogioacomo, Herman Melzer, Raymond Moon, Sal Palacino and Richard Rossi. All are now considered Knights of the Legion.





PACE Ladies Decorate City Hall Christmas Tree

On Monday, December 2nd, the young ladies from the PACE Center for Girls volunteered their time to decorate the Christmas tree in the City Hall atrium. The Department of Leisure Services coordinated this annual activity and treated the

ladies to a pizza lunch for all their hard work. Come visit City Hall and see the beautiful job they did!



CMT Presents...

“Legend of Polar Mountain” and “G2K Cinderella”

Children’s Musical Theatre Workshop presented “Legend of Polar Mountain” and “G2K Cinderella” at the Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center on Friday, December 6th, Saturday, December 7th, and Sunday, December 8th. Performances of “Legend of Polar Mountain” were held on Friday morning and were attended by over 1,100 students from Ormond Beach Elementary School, Pine Trail Elementary School, Tomoka Elementary School, Pathways Elementary School, St. Brendan’s, and Esformes Academy.

“G2K Cinderella” was performed for school students on Thursday, including students from Temple Beth El School.

Parents, family, and friends alike enjoyed the performances of the talented children in the CMT program during the shows held over the weekend.



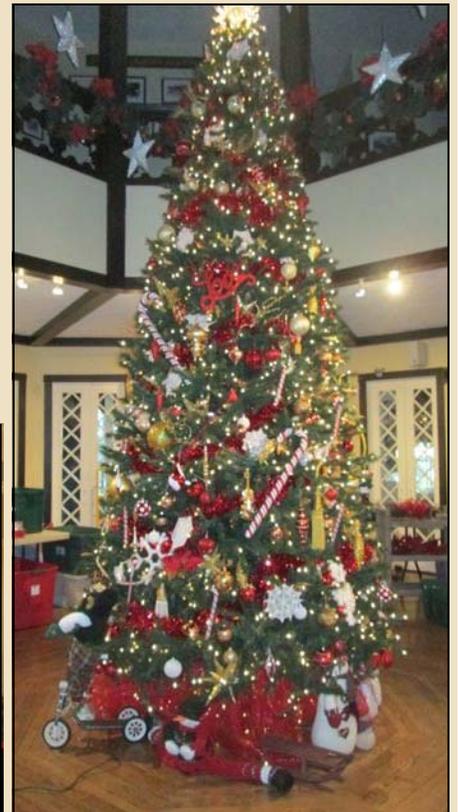
Tomoka Poets Holiday Party

Amid the holiday splendor of The Casements, an evening of poetry took place on December 10. The Tomoka Poets, in conjunction with the Ormond MainStreet Arts District, enjoyed a party in the Gallery. Several poets gave oral presentations of their creative writings and published works were offered for sale.



The Casements Centennial Christmas

The annual Casements holiday event took place last weekend in a setting sparkling with yuletide décor and brimming with conviviality. The Casements Guild hosted the three day affair with an ice cream social, wine tasting and formal tea. Among the sights to see were a gourmet café, crafts boutique, hall of trees, choral entertainment and horse-drawn carriage rides. Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus were present to delight the children, and the Guild offered information about the house and John D. Rockefeller, Sr. This annual event is to honor Mr. Rockefeller's traditional Christmas party for his neighbors.





"The Temptations, The Platters, The Coasters, and The Drifters Salute"

Myles Savage, star lead singer formerly of The Platters brings "The Temptations, The Platters, The Coasters, and The Drifters Salute" from the legendary Four Queens Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas to the Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center on January 10, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.

This will be Myles Savage's solo performance Doo Wop spectacular saluting the veterans of foreign wars. Hear the great hits including "My Girl," "Only You," "Get Ready," "The Great Pretender," "Under the Boardwalk," "Up on the Roof," "Charlie Brown," "Poison Ivy," "Shout," and many more. This is an audience participation show. As always, Myles Savage promises a great evening of world class entertainment.

Reserved tickets for the show are \$15 and are available online at the City of Ormond Beach website www.ormondbeach.org and at the Performing Arts Center Box Office located at 399 N. US Hwy 1. The Box Office is open Tuesday through Friday from Noon until 5:00 p.m., and two hours prior to every show. Tickets can also be ordered over the telephone by calling the Box Office at 386-676-3375. Visa and MasterCard are accepted.

Ormond Beach PAL Helps with Cheerleading Competition

Ormond Beach PAL's Youth Directors Council and Advisor, along with Directors from other PAL organizations in Region 5, were asked to help with the State of Florida PAL's Annual Cheerleading Competition. Registration took place at The Plaza Resort on Friday night and the competition was held at the Embry Riddle Aeronautical University ICI Center on Saturday. The YDC members helped to register approximately 150 cheerleaders from PALs throughout the State of Florida. Cheerleaders came from as far as Miami to compete in this fun and exciting event.

On Saturday, the YDC members continued to assist with registration and admission and helped out with various other needs of the competition. Avery Randolph did an excellent job as emcee for the event. Trophies and medals were given to all those who placed in the competition, topping off another successful year of cheerleading.



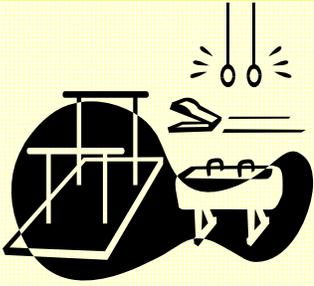
SONC

The South Ormond Neighborhood Center enjoyed another solid week. Youth football and basketball games have dominated the activities list and accounted for the major number of users. The warmer weather has allowed the tennis courts and playground users some fun and exercise as well.

As always, we are busy maintaining a certain level of finish in and around the center. Keeping the area looking good and running smoothly is a 24/7 job in itself. As we often say, "We work so others can play."



Gymnastics Center



We are into the December/January session and moving forward getting ready for the new year. Things at the Center will be changing as we bring in some new coaches and start restructuring classes. The Center is even getting a new sign to go on the building to be more visible to the public. New things for the new year.

Parks Maintenance Continues

Parks Maintenance staff has been busy upgrading park amenities this week. Staff removed some of the older parking stops in Riviera Park which will be replaced with new ones in the near future. Andy Romano Beachfront Park received some additional trash cans this week which will come in handy for the busy season of the park. Staff takes advantage of slower times in our parks to do these types of maintenance. There's never a dull moment for our hard-working staff!



R.O.T.C. Lends A Hand

On November 25, The Casements welcomed Mainland High School R.O.T.C. students to assist in decorating The Casements. The group of capable boys and girls tackled the job of installing all the exterior garlands around the house windows. Following the completion of decorating, Siobhan Daly, Casements Coordinator, treated everyone to pizza and drinks. The R.O.T.C. has generously assisted with decorations every year. **Thank you R.O.T.C.!**



Greek Cooking Class

On the morning of November 23, an enthusiastic and “tasteful” group of women gathered in The Casements kitchen to learn how to create delicious Greek dishes.

Elaine Petinis shared her expertise by demonstrating the crafting of an array of mouth watering ethnic offerings. Her students were taught how to make crab meat wrapped in phyllo, saganaki, stuffed grape leaves, tzaziki, red caviar dip, kalamari, loukaniko and hummus.



Following the “hands-on” lesson, everyone enjoyed eating the savory dishes.



Challenger Basketball Season Ends



On Monday, December 9, 2013, the Challenger Basketball program ended its fall session with practices and a final game. The players participated in the team cheer and were recognized for their hard work with medals and certificates. The last meeting was followed by a pizza party and socializing with their fellow hard working players and coaches. All the team members are now looking ahead to the Challenger Volleyball series.

The Challenger Sports League will begin new programs starting in January 2014. Visit www.ormondbeach.org for the winter and spring schedule. For more information, call Lori Koplin at 386-676-3252.



Elks National Hoop Shoot Contest

On Saturday, December 7, 2013, the Nova Community Center hosted the Elks National Hoop Shoot Free Throw Contest. The Hoop Shoot contest is an annual event for children age eight through thirteen years old and provides them an opportunity to compete, connect and succeed in their basketball skills. Each competitor concentrated on making as many free throw shots as possible in order to advance to the State competition in January. Nova Community Center had a great turnout from the area youth and staff congratulated all who participated.



Florida Licensing On Wheels

The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles "Florida Licensing On Wheels" (FLOW) mobile unit will be at City Hall on Monday, December 16th, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

FLOW is a standalone mobile office with technology to provide most motorists' needs. It provides drivers license/ID card change of address, renewals, replacements, and renewals and replacements of vehicle registration and disabled parking permits, as well as other needs. The only thing FLOW does not provide is the drivers' license road test.

FLOW brings services to the local communities offering a convenience to citizens while saving them time and gas.

Before visiting, please go to www.gathergoget.com to learn about licensing and ID requirements and make sure you have everything you need when you visit FLOW so you don't have to make a second trip. You can also contact the Florida Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles office at 850-617-2000.



Road Closure of John Anderson Drive at North Halifax Drive



The current closure of John Anderson Drive at North Halifax Drive will remain in effect until after the holidays. This will allow all utility and paving work in this area to be completed. It is anticipated that final paving in this area will occur the week of January 6th.

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

Weekly Police Stats

Calls for Service - 1,697 Arrests - 17
Citations Issued - 143
Reports Written - 137 Traffic Stops - 151



Weekly Fire Operations Stats

147 INCIDENTS

95 - EMS 9 - Motor Vehicle Accidents
4 - Fires 1 - Fire Alarm
36 - Public Assists 2 - Hazardous



Public Works in ACTION



Urban Forestry removing a dead tree on Hammock Lane



Street Maintenance Section beginning preparations for the holiday parade



Public Works in ACTION



Wastewater Collections repairing broken sewer service under driveway at 25 Manderley Lane in Mallards Reach



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*

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

