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City of Ormond Beach

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State of Florida PAL Boy of the Year

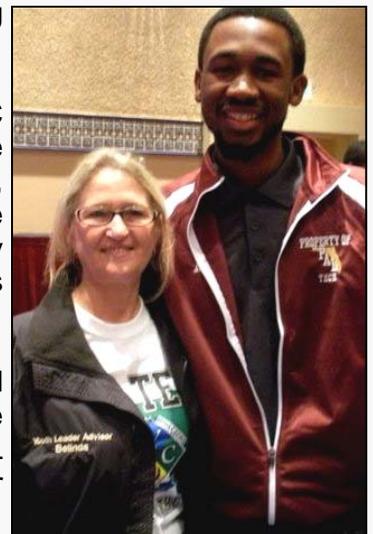
Marcus Edwards, a member of the Ormond Beach Police Athletic League's (OBPAL) Youth Director Council (YDC), was chosen as the State of Florida Police Athletic Activities League's Boy of the Year for 2013.

Marcus joined Ormond Beach PAL when he was eight years old. His father, Liviston Edwards, South Ormond Neighborhood Center Coordinator, where some OBPAL programs take place, encouraged Marcus to join the PAL basketball program in the fall of 2003. Being tall for his age and very familiar with the gym, he fit right in with the others even though he was not yet as quick and agile as the more experienced players. Dedication to the sport and lots of practice paid off as he became one of the best point guards OBPAL has had. Practice and dedication govern all the goals Marcus has accomplished and everything he still hopes to achieve.

Marcus became involved in the OBPAL Chapter of the Youth Directors program in 2008. Dedicated to YDC he served on the board as vice-president and trustee. As a member of the local chapter he assisted with the organization of local and regional community YDC projects, Florida PAL License Plate Campaign and helped with planning and conducting the weekly meetings for the YDC Program.

Every year Marcus would earn points for the YDC Conference by completing projects and assisting the Florida PAL with their events such as Field Day, Cheerleading Competition, Regional and State Basketball, YDC Regional Meetings, Youth Advisory Council and Youth Conference Committee meetings and Conference.

During the 2012 YDC program, Marcus was elected to the Florida PAL's Youth Advisory Council. He served two years as a member of the Florida PAL Youth Advisory Council and in the same year



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reached his goal of being elected to the Youth Conference Committee (YCC) and was re-elected in 2013. As a member of the YCC members are required to attend organizational meetings that will lead to the creation of the YDC Conference. Marcus attended these meetings and was a great asset to the planning of both conferences.

Marcus' desire to find new ways to serve his community flows into his life even outside of PAL. He continues his service through participation in his church, New Life Church Ministries. He has been a member of his church choir for over ten years and church usher for four years. Marcus has helped his community for many years with his father to make sure shut-ins and people in need have a great Thanksgiving and Christmas by delivering food and gifts. He was an honor roll student during his early educational years, and, as a student at Mainland High School, Marcus continues to exhibit great academic determination and ambition, taking several advanced classes and is a member of the National Honor Society with a 3.82 grade point average. He earned the honor of serving as Mr. Mainland, Class of 2014; was selected to serve on the 2010-2011 Homecoming Court; is a member of Mainland's Voice Ensemble, Link Crew, and Men of Tomorrow. He has been a team member of Mainland's basketball, football and track teams. He takes additional classes at Daytona State College and is working eighteen hours a week at Holiday Retirement Home serving food to the residents, bussing tables and setting tables for the next meal.

Marcus has grown tremendously through PAL and plans to continue his education studying Physical Therapy. His goal is to become a physical therapist and one day work for a college or a professional sports team or have his own Rehabilitation Center.

We are all excited for Marcus for being named State PAL Boy of the Year.

Congratulations Marcus!

Weekly Police Stats

Calls for Service - 1,776 Arrests – 26
Citations Issued - 127
Reports Written - 140 Traffic Stops - 233



Weekly Fire Operations Stats

139 INCIDENTS
83 - EMS 4 - Motor Vehicle Accidents
2 - Fires 10- Fire Alarms
39 - Public Assists 1- Hazardous

Casements Closed for Tours

The Casements is closed for tours starting today through Sunday, January 26, during the Native American Festival. Tours will resume on Monday, January 27.

Walking with the Manager TIME CHANGED

On **Friday, January 31, at 3:30 p.m.**, "Walking with the Manager" will begin at the public parking area on Hand Avenue. The walk will be approximately 2 miles.

John Noble, City Engineer, will be the City Manager's "guest walker" and the walk will include an overview of the work that has recently been completed in the area. Citizens are invited to join the City Manager and the City Engineer for a walk, ask questions, share comments and offer suggestions.

Please put on your walking shoes and join us.



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 Wednesday, January 29th, 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 for 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.



MLK Prayer Breakfast

Normally filled with the sounds of balls bouncing off the backboards, the South Ormond Neighborhood Center's gymnasium was transformed into a lovely breakfast setting welcoming nearly 150 guests for the annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Prayer Breakfast the morning of January 20th. Minister Derrick Harris welcomed guests and delivered the Invocation and Prayer. Ormond Beach PAL lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Ed Kelley presented a Proclamation and Commissioner James Stowers attended the breakfast to honor the day and welcome guests. Pastor Reginald Johnson gave the Blessing of the Food which was cooked and served with the help of volunteers from the Daytona Beach Black Nurses Association.

Following breakfast, Minister Lynn Thompson introduced guest speaker Dr. Edison O. Jackson, current President of Bethune-Cookman University. Dr. Jackson has written several pieces on issues of concern to educators with particular concentration on minority students and the community, academic preparation and student performance.

A special thank you goes out to all the volunteers, staff and to the community who made this event a memorable one. We give thanks to all those who continue to celebrate the legacy of Dr. King each day. *"Take the first step in faith. You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step."*





ARBOR DAY

The City of Ormond Beach, Department of Leisure Services celebrated Florida's Arbor Day on Friday, January 17th in Central Park II. Robert Carolin, Leisure Services Director, began the ceremony and Mayor Ed Kelley presented a proclamation to commemorate this special event. Guest speaker Paul MacDonald, City Landscape Architect, explained the differences and special qualities of trees and how they are important to the environment and the Earth. He also explained how to select specific trees for where you live and the type of soil and care they require. A live oak tree was donated from Austin Outdoor and planted with the assistance of Mayor Kelley and the other participants.



Cat Fanciers' Cat Show

On January 18th and 19th, the Nova Community Center hosted the Cat Fancier's Association (CFA) Cat Show. CFA Cat Shows are held most every month in the State of Florida. They invite you to come see the cats in person, to learn about the different breeds of cats and to see cats judged in every category by judges from all over the world.

Last weekend there were six judges in six different rings judging over 150 cats. Owners spent the day grooming and preparing their cats for the competition and answering questions from the public. It was a very successful weekend as many owners went home happy with their prize winning cats.



Junior Jazzercise

Wednesday, January 15th, Junior Jazzercise, an exercise class for children with special needs, began their first class at the Nova Gym. Junior Jazzercise is a perfect program to get kids active and learn the importance of exercise and health. These classes for kids combine fun, easy-to-follow dance moves to popular music, fitness games, and light strength training. The non-competitive atmosphere is a great setting to introduce your child to fitness. For more information, call the Nova Community Center at (386) 676-3252.



Challenger Soccer Tournament

The Ormond Beach Soccer Club held their Annual Challenger Soccer Tournament this past weekend on both Saturday and Sunday. Sixty-seven teams competed throughout the weekend in age groups from under 8 to under 18. All ten soccer fields were used, with six of the fields cut into two or three smaller fields to accommodate the younger age groups. Games ran daily from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.



Pathways Elementary Visits The Casements

On January 16th and 17th, an enthusiastic and interested group of fourth graders from Pathways Elementary School had a field trip to The Casements. A number of knowledgeable and entertaining Guild members acted as their guides through the building. The students asked questions in their pursuit of learning about John D. Rockefeller, Sr., and his place in Ormond Beach history. Our centennial time line was especially important in relating the rich history of this important building.



The Casements Guild Meeting



Wednesday, January 22nd, was the general meeting of The Casements Guild. Before a large gathering of members, five new docents were inducted into The Guild. These enthusiastic volunteers had completed several hours of training which included information about the historic home and its famous resident, John D. Rockefeller, Sr., as well as the duties required of Guild members. Guest speaker, Mark Rutledge, of Metro Crime Prevention of Florida, informed members about home safety and security.

Riviera Park Upgrade

The Leisure Services Parks Department removed old deteriorated timbers from the parking area at Riviera Park and prepped the area for new pressure treated timbers to give the parking lot a safe and fresh appearance. Riviera Park is a 5.7 acre riverfront park located along the Halifax River at 901 South Beach Street. The park is a great place to fish complete with a dock, pier, outdoor grills, picnic pavilion, walking trails, a playground, and is open from sunrise until 11:00 p.m.



Public Works in ACTION



Maintenance crew trimming on Burns St.



Asphalt crew making repairs on Lincoln Ave.



Public Works in ACTION



Concrete crew removing damaged sidewalk on A1A



And asphalt crew completing the job!



Public Works in ACTION



Stormwater crews working on irrigation pond at the Sports Complex



And a stormwater pipe replacement on Military Blvd.



Native American Festival

The 25th Annual Native American Festival will be held at The Casements, 25 Riverside Drive, from Friday, January 24th through Sunday, January 26th.

This year's Festival will feature Intertribal Native Dancers, Aztec Dancers from Mexico, reptile and wildlife exhibits, Native American cuisine, and over 30 trading booths. This year's event features David Wethers, snake handler, from America's Got Talent and Jimmy Riffle from "Gator Boys" as seen on The Animal Planet along with his crew Andy Riffle and Scott Cohen. There will be ongoing demonstrations of flint knapping, native dolls, blowgun, archery, and pine needle basket making.

Grand Entry times are Friday 7:00 p.m.; Saturday, 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.; and, Sunday, 1:00 p.m. Hours of the Festival are 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is \$6.00 for adults, \$5.00 for seniors, \$4.00 for children and \$3.00 after 5:00 p.m.

For additional information, please contact The Casements, at 676-3216.

The City of Ormond Beach Department of Leisure Services
proudly presents the 25th Annual

Native American Festival

January 24th - 26th

Friday & Saturday, 10am – 9pm
Sunday 10am – 5pm

Featuring:

- Intertribal Native Dancers
- Aztec Dancers from Mexico
- Reptile & Wildlife Exhibits
- Native American Cuisine
- Over 30 Trading Booths
- & much more!

Daily Admission
Adult \$6
Senior \$5
Child \$4

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