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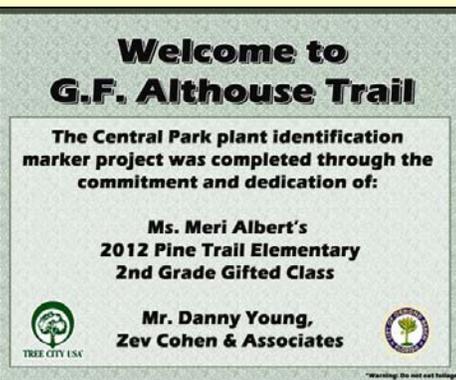
Central Park Environmental Learning Project Earns Volunteer Recognition

In March of 2012, Meri Albert's 2nd grade class from Pine Trail Elementary visited Central Park to begin the Central Park Plant Identification Project. The purpose of this project was to create a lasting educational element for the visitors of Central Park. Joined by staff from the Leisure Services Department, Danny Young, Director of Environmental Services for Zev Cohen & Associates, and a group of amazing parents, this gifted group of students was guided through the park's pathways as they began their research.

A PowerPoint presentation was given by Ms. Albert's class in May 2012 for Mr. Young and members of the Leisure Services staff discussing 27 items they discovered during their field trip to Central Park. Mr. Young was then able to give the class more information about their research findings.



In September 2012, an unveiling ceremony was held for the completed Central Park Plant Identification Project signs. This was an exciting moment for all in attendance as a special sign was unveiled which gave appreciation to Ms. Albert, her students, their parents and Danny Young of Zev Cohen & Associates; all of whom were instrumental in making this project a great success.



In November of 2013, Ms. Albert brought her new group of students to Central Park to meet with City staff and Mr. Chuck Tague from

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Central Park Environmental Learning Project (cont'd.)

the Audubon Society. Mr. Tague is also a nature writer and photographer. The students sighted several species of birds including the warbler, a short-tailed hawk, an osprey and a turkey vulture.

Mr. Tague was able to share his vast knowledge, fun facts and habits of the birds with the children. He also taught the students how to search for signs of bird presence in the park. He brought with him many samples of bird eggs and nests that the students were able to hold and view up close.



Last Thursday, February 13th, Ms. Albert's Pine Trail Elementary class was again guided through Central Park by Mr. Tague. Also joining them were Siobhan Daly, The Casements Coordinator, and Stefan Sibley, Assistant Leisure Services Director. The students went to the park as part of their study of a bird beak adaptation lesson. Powerful cameras helped the students to observe the birds in their natural habitats. Among the birds seen were the Common Gallinule and the American Coot.

On February 14th, the Central Park Project was awarded with the prestigious Teacher/Volunteer TEAM Award. Accepted by Meri Albert and Lori Partington, this award is presented by the Volusia County School Board in honor of the top teams that collaborate well together for the success of their students. Over 20 nominees vying for the award included teachers and volunteers that performed exemplary work together as a team. Special consideration was given to teams that have developed and implemented special projects, new programs, or have shown longevity in their volunteer relationship. ***We thank and congratulate Ms. Albert, Mrs. Partington, Mr. Young, Mr. Tague, parents, students, and the other volunteers for making the Central Park Environmental Learning Project a continuing success for everyone involved.***



Knights of Columbus Annual Citizens with Disabilities Tootsie Roll Drive

Ormond Beach Mayor Ed Kelley recently met with members of Knights of Columbus Prince of Peace Council 8791 to make the first donation in this year's Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive. Mayor Kelley said, "I urge all Ormond Beach residents and visitors to be generous to the Knights they see in front of local supermarkets and supercenters over the next month."

The Tootsie Roll Campaign kicks-off on February 27 and runs until March 29. It is the Knights' largest charitable fundraising activity, with approximately ninety percent of the proceeds going to local organizations and schools that help adults and children with intellectual disabilities. The remainder goes into a statewide fund to help the less disabled who live and work on their own in non-institutional settings.

Last year the special education programs at five Ormond Beach schools and The ARC of Volusia received grants totaling \$4,200 from the Council 8791 Tootsie Roll Campaign. "Through the efforts of our council members and the generosity of area residents and visitors, we look forward again this year to be able to raise much needed funds to help local students and citizens with learning and intellectual challenges," said John Malafronte, Grand Knight of Council 8791. Malafronte added, "We would also like to thank our cooperating merchants who give us access to their storefronts – Publix, Wal-Mart and Winn-Dixie."

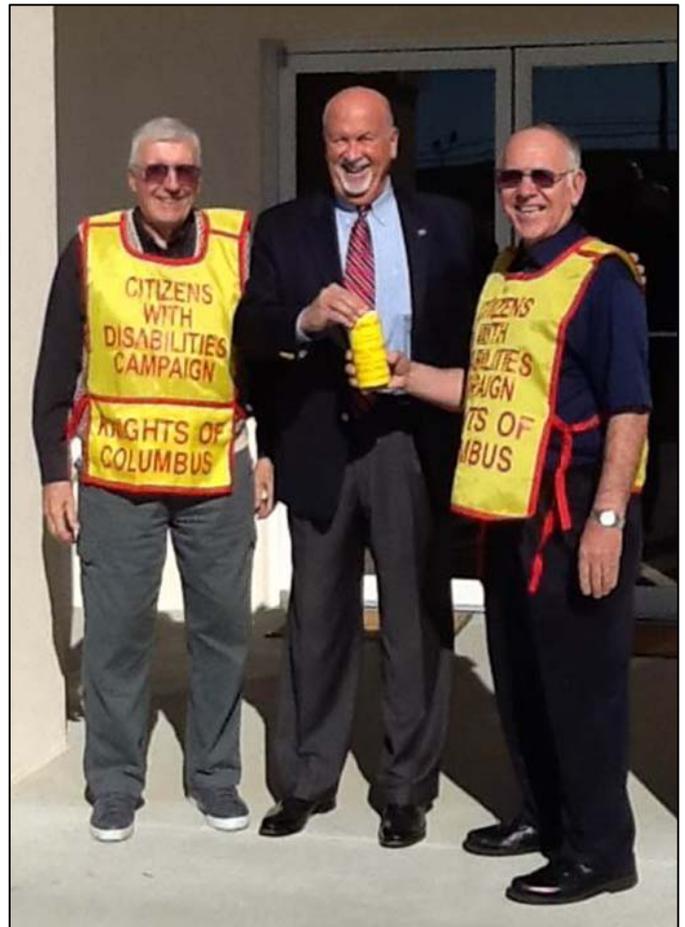
What: Knights of Columbus Annual Citizens with Disabilities Campaign

When: February 27 – March 29, 2014

Where: Local area supermarkets & supercenters

Who: Knights of Columbus Prince of Peace Council 8791

The Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic family fraternal service organization, with 1.8 million members in 14 countries. Prince of Peace Council 8791 has about 235 members.



Pictured from left: Jay Van Rhee, Mayor Ed Kelley and Jay Young

FOLLIES GOES TO THE MOVIES

The multiple award winning *Follies Dancers* troupe will join the entire Follies cast at the Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center March 28th, 29th, and 30th when “*Follies Goes To The Movies.*”

Singing, dancing, and comedy will combine to bring applause and laughter from the audience during the popular Follies show. Musical numbers from classic movies include songs from “Meet me in St. Louis,” “Singin’ in the Rain,” “Fiddler on the Roof,” and “South Pacific.”

Hilarious comedy sketches will explain “what really happened” during the original filming of the movies including “Gone with the Wind,” “Rocky,” “King Kong,” and “Jaws.”

The *Follies Dancers* are an 18 member dance troupe and the recipients of numerous International Dance Competition awards. They perform under choreographers from *Dancing with the Stars* and off-Broadway shows. A highlighted dancer is former Dallas Cowboy cheerleader Kelly Lynch.

The Follies director is Chuck Coleman who is a former New York theatre critic. He has extensive background directing theatre musicals and operas.

The performances are Friday, March 28th, and Saturday, March 29th, at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, March 30th, at 2:30 p.m.

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.



Movies on the Halifax

On Friday, March 7, 2014, at 6:30 p.m., the City’s Leisure Services Department and The Casements Guild will present “Flight of the Navigator” in Rockefeller Gardens.

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

“Flight of the Navigator” is a PG rated movie. Parental guidance is suggested as some material may not be suitable for children.



FLOW Mobile

The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles “Florida Licensing On Wheels” (FLOW) mobile unit will be at City Hall on Monday, February 24th, 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.

Fire Hydrant Maintenance

City firefighters will be inspecting and conducting water flow testing of the City’s 1,600 fire hydrants. These activities are performed annually to ensure adequate water is available for fire suppression needs.

If a fire hydrant is in your yard, please be sure that it is clear of obstructions. The Florida Fire Prevention Code states: “Hydrants shall be clear from growth, vegetation, trash, fences, vehicles or storage of other materials that would obstruct a fire hydrant and hinder or prevent its immediate use by the fire department.”

The flow testing procedure requires firefighters to open fire hydrants and flow water for several minutes to obtain accurate flow pressures. This procedure may cause tap water in the area to become discolored or cloudy. This is a temporary condition that can be corrected by letting the tap water run until clear, which could take a few minutes. If the water remains discolored after a few minutes of flowing, please contact Ormond Beach Public Works at 386-676-3220.

Flow testing and inspection will be conducted:

March 01, 2014 – May 31, 2014
9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Monday-Friday

The schedule for the upcoming week will be posted on the City’s website under “News and Announcements” on Friday afternoons.



Parks Maintenance - Repairs & Upgrades

The Leisure Services Parks Maintenance staff has been working on several projects to enhance area parks. New dog waste stations have been installed at Milton Pepper Park, Bailey Riverbridge and Central Park II. At Riverbend Nature Park, palm trees were trimmed, signs washed, a picket fence repaired, and the area has been given a general clean up. This is all part of the ongoing effort to keep our parks looking beautiful for our citizens and visitors to enjoy.



Weekly Police Stats

Calls for Service - 1,840 Arrests - 19
 Citations Issued - 89
 Reports Written - 134 Traffic Stops - 213



Weekly Fire Operations Stats

140 INCIDENTS
 82 - EMS 6 - Motor Vehicle Accidents
 3 - Fires 6 - Fire Alarms
 38 - Public Assists 5 - Hazardous



Casements Guild Valentine Event

Saturday evening, February 8th, The Casements was adorned with hearts and flowers for "Valentine Wine, Treats and Sweets" hosted by The Casements Guild.

Guests enjoyed the music of pianist Marion DeVore, and guitarist Abe Alam. Delicious sweets and appetizers were plentiful, accompanied by a variety of wines. The evening was a wonderful means for over 100 guests to celebrate love and romance.



Youth Basketball

The Youth Basketball League has completed its 2013-2014 season at the Nova Community Center. The Center will now extend open play hours from 9:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Sundays.

The gym offers a full court game where groups of five players rotate to play each other throughout the night. There are also two half courts to warm up or play one-on-one games. Players of all ages and basketball abilities are welcome. For more information, call the Nova Community Center at (386) 676-3252.



Streisand, The Greatest Star

Streisand, The Greatest Star, starring Carla DelVillaggio and the Hello Gorgeous Band, performed at the Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center Saturday, February 15th. The concert featured hit songs from throughout Barbra Streisand's career as a star in music, theatre and film. Miss Carla DelVillaggio is a trained opera singer and adjunct professor of voice at Valencia Community College.

Opening the show, tribute artist Leelynn Osborn performed as Michael Buble. The show received accolades and tremendous applause from the audience for an excellent performance.



The Benefits are Endless

The Department of Leisure Services Boys' Basketball Program finished their playoff games this week at both the Nova Gym and the South Ormond Neighborhood Center Gym. Basketball is always a favorite at South Ormond, and March will bring the start of the recreational league basketball.

While basketball is an excellent cardio workout for anyone; you can ask any of the kids, coaches or their parent, the best benefits come from the life experiences they gain while participating in the program. The results speak for themselves.



Public Works in ACTION



Urban Forestry trimming at Central Park III...



...and stump grinding on Central Avenue



Public Works in ACTION



Equipment maintenance crew road repairs on Old Tomoka, Airport Sports Complex and Nova Community Center

