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City of Ormond Beach

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Environmental Learning Center

In December 2012, the City of Ormond Beach submitted an application to the Volusia ECHO Grant Program requesting funding of \$400,000 for the construction of an Environmental Learning Center in Central Park. The total project cost is estimated at \$800,000 with the City's required match being \$400,000.

The mission of this project is to foster an awareness and appreciation of the natural environment by providing stimulating environmental education programs to inspire participants to be active stewards of natural resources. Central Park is the ideal location for this project. It is approximately 150 acres and has 5 lakes with over 5 miles of trails winding through diverse natural habitats. Recently, all 5 lakes were interconnected and now provide water enthusiasts with the ability to canoe/kayak throughout the entire park system. Other amenities within Central Park include exercise equipment, boardwalks, multi-use trails, observation decks, viewing areas, playgrounds, basketball and tennis facilities, canoe launches, picnic pavilions, a labyrinth, and restrooms.



The location of this project was carefully selected to be adjacent to an existing lake to allow for an expansive deck area and canoe launch facility permitting outdoor viewing of wildlife that frequent the lake and surrounding area. When complete, the Center will also provide interactive participation with a proposed canoe rental operation. The architecture selected for the Center is the old Florida Cracker style ideally suited for instilling a back to nature setting. Inside the building,

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Environmental Learning Center (cont'd.)

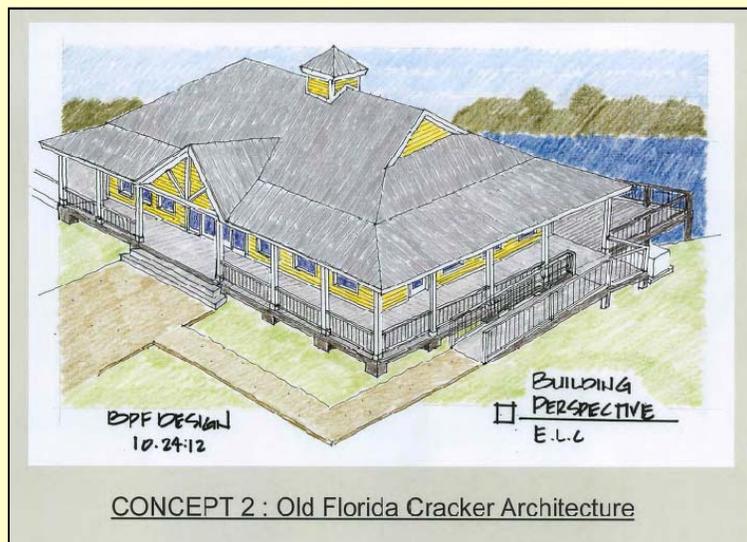
plans include a large exhibit area containing permanent displays that are both static and interactive for public viewing, involvement and education. The Center will also include an automated classroom area where site specific educational videos can be viewed by visitors instead of relying on staff and teachers. Other amenities planned include a covered entrance welcome pavilion, 2 observation decks located at the lake's edge, area parking with provision for bus parking for anticipated visits from local school children and groups. The site design will incorporate Florida friendly and green site development and building design principles.



CONCEPTUAL SITE PLAN

The ECHO Advisory Committee/Review Panel met on Wednesday, February 19th, to review, score and rank applications. Staff members in attendance included City Manager Joyce Shanahan, City Engineer John Noble, Leisure Services Director Robert Carolin, Landscape Architect Paul MacDonald, and Grants Coordinator Loretta Moisio.

Twelve (12) applications were reviewed/ranked for funding at a total amount of \$3,069,762.00. The City initially submitted this project for review within the 2013 ECHO cycle; however, that cycle was postponed to 2014 and all applications were rolled into the 2014 cycle. The scores ranged from a high of 95 to a low of 88 with a required funding score of 80. The City's Environmental Learning Center application scored 92. This project will be recommended for \$400,000 in funding by the ECHO Advisory Committee to the Volusia County Council at a meeting in March or April. Once contracts have been developed by the County and formally executed by the grantees, it is expected that funding will be available this summer following the County's issuance of a Notice to Proceed for this project.



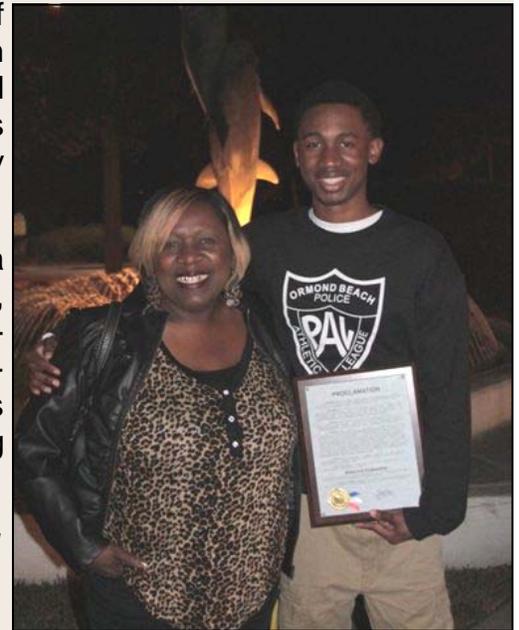


Marcus Edwards

Marcus Edwards, a member of Ormond Beach PAL's YDC program was recognized by the Ormond Beach City Commission for his great achievement in being selected as State of Florida PAL Boy of the Year.

Mayor Ed Kelley was very pleased to present Marcus with a proclamation for the hard work he has done for his community, school and church. As Mayor Kelley read the Proclamation, everyone was in awe of this young man's accomplishments and determination to succeed. Ormond Beach PAL has given Marcus that opportunity and helped him accomplish his goal of becoming the State of Florida PAL Boy of the Year!

Congratulations Marcus, we're proud of you!



Youth Volleyball League

The City of Ormond Beach Leisure Services Department is currently holding registration for its Spring Youth Volleyball League for ages 9-16 (age as of September 1, 2013).

Fees are \$44.00 for City of Ormond Beach residents (proof of residency required) and \$66.00 for non-residents. Registration will take place at the Registration Office, 399 N. U.S. 1. Office hours: Monday-Thursday 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.; Friday 7:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Practices, training, and games will be held twice a week. The program will be separated by age and ability. Times will be 5:30 p.m. for younger and/or inexperienced players and 7:00 p.m. for older and experienced players. However, ALL players will arrive on the first day (March 10th) at 6:00 p.m. All new players will need to be approved to move into the 7:00 p.m. group. Days of the week will be Monday and Tuesday. Nothing will be held during Spring Break Week which is March 24-28. Practices, training and games will be held at the Nova Community Center Gymnasium and will run from March 10th through May 6th.

If you have any questions, please call Gerry Pitchford, Athletic Supervisor, at 676-3280 or email at pitchford@ormondbeach.org. For registration information, please call 676-3250.



The Latest from the Gymnastics Center



We had our first special needs gymnastics class last Friday. What a rewarding experience for both the coaches and participants! The class went very well. Coach Marissa and Coach George had a wonderful time working with the students during class, and the students thoroughly enjoying mastering their new skills. Their parents were amazed seeing their new little gymnasts having so



much fun! Everyone is looking forward to the next class.

The team girls were phenomenal last weekend in Perry, Florida, at the 2nd AAU Qualifier. Their talent and hard work shined through as they all improved their scores and qualified for the AAU State Competition in April.

Way to go girls - keep up the momentum!

Jacksonville Christian Academy Tours The Casements

The high school students from Jacksonville Christian Academy toured The Casements as part of a historical field trip recently. Approximately twenty students, faculty and chaperones took the hour long tour with several docents. The 7th and 8th grade students also enjoyed a tour of The Casements this week .



Tour numbers are growing, and The Casements has had numerous visitors from all over the country. Many visitors in town for the races made this a stop in their travel plans. Despite the rainy weather, we have had an increasing number of visits. Tours continue daily from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Saturdays. The tours are free; however, donations are greatly appreciated.

Thinking Day

On Saturday, February 22nd, the Girl Scouts hosted their annual Thinking Day at the Nova Community Center. On this day, the girls participated in activities, games and projects with global themes to honor their sister Girl Scouts throughout the world. This year, twenty-six troops from Volusia County researched different countries and shared what they learned with each other. Each group studied a different country to ensure that a wide variety of countries would be displayed.

While at Nova, they “visited” countries including France, South Korea, China, England, Russia, Haiti and Italy to sample local food and learn interesting facts. After their “trip around the world,” several troops shared a dance or song from the region. It was a special day to think about their "sisters" from nations across the globe.



INDIAN CULTURAL SOCIETY

The Indian Cultural Society of Daytona presented a drama at the Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center on Monday, February 17th. The Society brought in a professional theatre troupe from India to perform. The drama was a traditional story about daily family life in India and was warmly received by all in the audience.



Parks Division

The Leisure Services Parks Division installed two new dog waste stations at Central Park I and also replaced the boards on a bench that was vandalized with graffiti. Staff also made carpentry repairs at Magic Forest, secured two benches in the Boundless Playground at the Sports Complex, removed graffiti from a picnic table at Sanchez Park, pressure cleaned the pier at Riviera Park, and repaired landscape timber at Riviera Park.

Andy Romano Beachfront Park is officially one year old! The park will soon be very busy as the warmer weather sets in and the splash pad opens on March 15th. The entrance columns were cleaned and sand was cleaned from the trench drains. This is just a small sample of the projects the Parks Department worked on this past week.



Watercolor Workshop



The Casements was in the creative mode last week with another round of watercolor classes hosted by Janet Rogers. Artists from all over the country came to work with Janet. The first two days of the week featured Flowers in Watercolor and Wednesday through Friday featured Portraits and Figures in Watercolor.



Janet travels all over the world teaching art classes; however, for the past two weeks she's enjoyed staying here in her hometown and having the students come to her! Our very own summer art camp instructor, Pat Spano, attended one of the sessions last week. We enjoy having Janet with us and look forward to having her back again next year!

Healthy Cooking at The Casements

The Mayor's Health & Fitness Challenge hosted a Healthy Cooking Demo on Saturday, February 22nd, at The Casements. Several members of The Challenge came in to see what was cooking, learn some helpful and healthful tips on how to purchase and prepare foods as well as getting to take home the recipes shared that morning. More exciting, healthy, featured demonstrations will be available during The Challenge!



Getting Ready for Spring

March is just around the corner, and the staff at the South Ormond Neighborhood Center has been getting ready for the spring season. With the opening of the splash pad coming in just two weeks and the start of Bruins basketball next week, the Center will be booming. The staff is taking this time to get prepared for what will be a very busy time of year. Nonetheless, activity has continued to remain strong at the Center this week with party rental inquiries, kids on the playground, tennis, open gym, the weight room and Jazzercise class.



Nova Gym Closed March 3-7

The Nova Community Center Gymnasium, located at 440 North Nova Road, will be closed for floor refinishing beginning Monday, March 3, and will reopen on Saturday, March 8. Classes will be held as scheduled.



COMMUNITY GARDEN MEETING



On Saturday, March 1st, from 9:00-10:00 a.m., there will be a meeting at the Performing Arts Center, 399 North US Highway 1, for the purpose of seeking community input regarding the implementation of a community garden to be located in the Central Parks chain. The garden will be operated and maintained through volunteer group comprised of Ormond Beach residents.

For more information regarding the meeting, please contact the Leisure Services Department at 386-676-3277.

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 Tuesday, March 4th, 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.



Walking with the Manager

On **Thursday, March 6**, at 8:00 a.m., "Walking with the Manager" will begin at the entrance to The Casements. The walk will be approximately 2 miles.

Siobhan Daly, The Casements Coordinator, will be the City Manager's "guest walker." Citizens are invited to join the City Manager and The Casements Coordinator for a walk, ask questions, share comments and offer suggestions.

Please put on your walking shoes and join us.



Meeting with the Manager

The next Meeting with the Manager will be held on **Tuesday, March 11**, from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. in the Training Room at City Hall, 22 South Beach Street. Susan Richmond, Museum Director, Ormond Memorial Art Museum, will be the City Manager's special guest.

The Training Room is located on the 1st floor. Entry to the Training Room is in the breezeway between City Hall and the Library.

Everyone is invited to attend these informal sessions to express their ideas, comments, and suggestions.



Weekly Police Stats

Calls for Service - 1,723 Arrests – 18
Citations Issued - 87
Reports Written - 116 Traffic Stops - 216



Weekly Fire Operations Stats

124 INCIDENTS

59 - EMS 11 - Motor Vehicle Accidents
2 - Fires 1 - Fire Alarms
49 - Public Assists 2 - Hazardous



Public Works in ACTION



Concrete crew making repairs after utility work on Ocean Shore Blvd.



Public Works in ACTION



Asphalt crew making repairs after utility work on Orchard Ave.



Maintenance Crew

Road Repair at Cassen Park

Trimming in Fortunato Park



Public Works in ACTION



Asphalt crew patching potholes on Pineland Trail



Urban Forestry tree removal at Memorial Gardens





**City of Ormond Beach
EARTH DAY 2014**

"Picnic on the Plaza"
April 24, 2014
1:00am til 2:00 pm

**PLEASE COME AND JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL EARTH DAY CELEBRATION! THERE WILL BE PLENTY OF EXCITING EXHIBITS AND ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY GIVEAWAYS. THE CELEBRATION WILL BE HELD ON THE PLAZA AT CITY HALL, 22 S. BEACH STREET. FOOD & DRINKS WILL BE SOLD BY A LOCAL VENDOR. YOU COULD BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH, OR JUST COME TO VISIT! THERE WILL BE DOOR PRIZE DRAWINGS, AND TONS OF VALUABLE INFORMATION.
DON'T MISS THE FUN!**

*The City of Ormond Beach
Department of Leisure Services and
The Casements Guild Present*

MOVIES on the Halifax

featuring

Rated PG

“Flight of the Navigator”

6:30 pm, Friday, March 7, 2014

Rockefeller Gardens

*Bring a lawn chair or blanket
Refreshments available for purchase*

Sponsored by:



**This movie is Rated "PG" - "Parental Guidance Suggested"
Some material may not be suitable for children.**

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LOW COST PET SHOT CLINIC

To Benefit Concerned Citizens for Animal Welfare

For information call 676-3262 or 760-6330

March 8, 2014



**Ormond Beach Police Dept:
170 W. Granada Blvd.**

1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Rabies Shots \$6.00

Distemper Combo \$10.00

Flea Meds Available

Ormond Beach Animal Licenses \$5.00

PROOF OF RABIES VACC.

A donation of dry cat food would be appreciated.