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Hand Avenue/ Central Park Lake Interconnect Ribbon Cutting



Ormond Beach has been blessed with many great people and many gifts of nature. Sometimes great people need to step in and make sure those gifts are put to their best use and preserved for future generations. With the expertise of our talented City engineers, support from the community, City

officials and staff, the Hand Avenue Collector Road Upgrade and Central Park Lake Interconnect Project came to fruition, and the ribbon cutting ceremony was held under bright, sunny skies in Central Park on Thursday, April 24th.

Former City Commissioner and Ormond Beach Ambassador Joyce Ebbets was honored for her tireless efforts to promote the preservation of our green space and for her devotion to our community. Ms. Ebbets was instrumental in securing ECHO and Land and Water Conservation grants for trails, a pier and observation deck named in her honor, a boardwalk and restroom renovations at Central Park. Mayor Ed Kelley proclaimed April 24, 2014, as a day to pay tribute to Joyce Ebbets and urged all residents to join with him in tribute and appreciation for her achievements at Central Park and for her service to our community.

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Ribbon Cutting (cont'd.)



Ms. Ebbets noted, "It's important that people appreciate the environment." Ms. Ebbets is known not only for her tremendous civic efforts and volunteerism, but for her kind words and her smile and grace. She is a gift and a resource we have come to depend on.

This extensive project involved significant roadway, drainage and utility improvements and the following is a small list of the work that was accomplished: reconstruction of Hand Avenue; upsizing existing stormwater piping; replacement of deteriorated corrugated metal storm pipe; installation of a new stormwater drainage system west of Laurel Creek and east of the railroad tracks on Hand Avenue; raising Hand Avenue to help reduce flooding issues; interconnection of Central Park lakes 1-5; construction of three 14' x 7' bridge culverts where lake interconnect canals were constructed; and construction of three wooden pedestrian crossing bridges.

The total cost of construction of the improvements for these two projects was \$4,872,801. Due to two federally declared disasters in our area, one following the 2004 hurricanes and one following the 2009 May storm event, the City was eligible to apply for FEMA funding assistance. The City applied for a Hazard Mitigation Grant (HMGP) which was approved. The grant funded up to 75% of eligible engineering and construction costs. The City will receive \$3,072,215 from FEMA's HMGP grant program in support of this drainage improvement project

A \$400,000 ECHO Grant has recently been approved for the construction of an Environmental Learning Center at Central Park. The City is required to match at least \$400,000 toward the construction. This project is just another vision that Ms. Ebbets had for Central Park. The project is now in the initial planning stages, and it is hoped that the Center will be built as early as 2016. City staff will be working with contractors to decide the scope of work for the project and receive cost estimates. These will be reviewed and presented to the City Commission.

After the ceremony, participants were encouraged to take part in the kayak opportunities courtesy of Mr. Bill Muller, owner of The Ormond Beach Sandlot. A plan to investigate the possibility of a local vendor to provide kayak and canoe rentals on a permanent basis is currently in the works.



Ormond Beach PAL Bruins 7th Grade Team Wins Tournament

The Ormond Beach Police Athletic League (OBPAL) Bruins fifth grade and seventh grade boys' basketball travel teams participated in the annual youth basketball "Battle at the Beach" tournament this past weekend hosted by the South Ormond Sports Club. Both teams competed against teams from all over the state of Florida. The Bruins seventh grade team won their first tournament of the year! After winning one game in pool play, the seventh grade team went on a three game winning streak in bracket play upsetting the Port Orange Flames (61-39), and Ocala Falcons (73-38). In the championship game they prevailed over The Chosen Ones (55-38) to win their first Division 2 tournament championship of the year.

Kevin McCrary, a seventh grade student at Ormond Beach Middle School and third year player, had a per-game average of 15 points, 12 rebounds, and 3 blocked shots. Kevin received the MVP award for his outstanding contributions to the team. Rodney Rhoden and Kevin Beans received tournament team awards for their outstanding play. Winning this tournament gives the team an automatic bid to compete in the state and national tournament in June.

The team is coached by volunteers Winston Lightburn and Eugene Postell, PAL Athletics Specialist Avery Randolph and Officer Gregory Stokes. The next tournament for the seventh grade will be May 23-25 in Ft. Lauderdale.

This was our fifth grade team's first USSSA tournament of the season. They played very hard against three experienced sixth grade teams from Miami, Palatka, and Orange Park in pool play. They advanced to the fifth-grade-only semifinal game on Sunday and finished in third place. The Bruins' Jalen Willis received an all tournament award for his individual contributions to the team.

Both Bruins teams did a great job at the tournament! OBPAL teams are always complimented on their good sportsmanship and the positive example they set on and off the court.

Way to go Bruins!!



Fifth Grade Team



Seventh Grade Team



City Youth Volleyball Plays Florida Elite

The Spring Youth Volleyball Program was invited to compete against the Florida Elite teams at Warner Christian Academy Gym last week. Ten players, between 11-13 years of age, were chosen to represent the program, and they did everyone proud.

The girls played three Florida Elite teams 13 & under and beat each team in the Round Robin format. That put them in the Championship game, where they came in second place. The girls received medals, but more than that, they showed they could play with the "Club" level teams.

The Florida Elite teams have been together for four months and the 10 girls from the City's spring youth volleyball program practiced together just one night for 90 minutes. Quite an amazing job for just such a short time together!

Great job girls!



Weekly Police Stats

Calls for Service - 1,957 Arrests - 11

Citations Issued - 150

Reports Written - 141 Traffic Stops - 184



Weekly Fire Operations Stats

132 INCIDENTS

90 - EMS 9 - Motor Vehicle Accidents

2 - Fires 1 - Fire Alarms

30 - Public Assists 0 - Hazardous



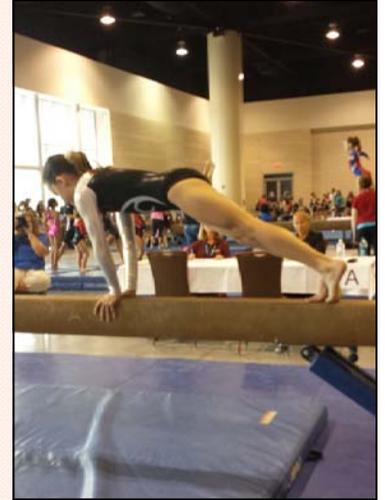
Gymnastics & Cheer Center



Last weekend the competitive team from the Ormond Beach Gymnastics and Cheer Center took part in the State competition at The Ocean Center.

Level 7 student Alison Strasser took first place on the floor, second place on the bars, beam and vault, and first place all around. The Level 2 team did a phenomenal job as well. They walked away with about 20 medals and ribbons between the girls.

The entire team put forth a tremendous effort, and we are very excited for them!



Legal Advice Clinic for Civil Matters

Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida (CLSMF) held its first clinic for residents on Thursday, May 1, 2014. Three clients pre-registered, made appointments and were able to meet with an attorney to address foreclosure, landlord tenant, consumer, family law, and employment issues.

CLSMF will hold a FREE clinic on the first Thursday of each month. The next clinic will be held on Thursday, June 5. The clinics will be held in Conference Room 103 located on the first floor of City Hall, 22 S. Beach Street, from 3:30 p.m.—5:30 p.m. Conference Room 103 is located just before the elevator on the first floor when entering City Hall from the breezeway between the Library and City Hall.

If you interested, an eligibility intake must be completed. If you would like to apply for free legal services, please call 386-255-6573, extension 2445, or apply online anytime at www.clsmf.org.

For additional information, please email probono@clsmf.org.



Utilities Go Underground

With the installation of new street lighting and the removal of overhead power lines, The City of Ormond Beach is approaching the completion of a project first identified as a priority in the 2007 Downtown Master Plan. In that plan, the placement of utilities underground was identified as a key to improving the visual quality of the Downtown area west of the Granada Bridge by allowing for a higher level of streetscape improvements including trees that cannot be planted in close proximity of overhead lines. The undergrounding of the utilities also provides for an upgrade of aging facilities, placing them underground where they are less susceptible to storm outages, and can be re-instated quicker when outages occur.

Initial meetings were held between the City and Ormond Beach MainStreet to define the project extents and identify areas for the placement of the aerial utilities underground. From these meetings, the project area was defined as the following road segments:

- West Granada Boulevard (S.R. 40) from South Yonge Street (U.S.1) to Beach Street
- New Britain Avenue (US 1 to Beach Street)
- Corbin Avenue (South Washington Street to City Hall)
- North Ridgewood Avenue (New Britain to Granada)
- South Ridgewood (Granada to Corbin)
- North Beach Street (New Britain to Granada)
- South Beach Street (Granada to Tomoka Avenue)

Preliminary engineering design on this project began in 2011 and involved engineers, surveyors, and planners to create a plan that not only converted the overhead electricity lines (Florida Power and Light), but also telephone (AT&T), cable (Brighthouse), and fiber optic communication (Level(3) and Sunesys). Working closely with the utilities, City staff and their consultants finalized a plan that, in addition to the conversion of utilities, provided for the installation of decorative lighting on side streets within the project area, and the decorative replacement of street lighting along Granada Boulevard.

The Project was bid in April 2013 and the City selected Carter Electric Company, Inc., from Daytona Beach as the primary contractor to complete this work. Beginning in late summer, the project divided the downtown into four quadrants for management as it progressed through a number of steps. Work began with the installation of eight miles of conduit in designated easements and defined areas of the public right of way; upon satisfactory installation of the conduit in a quadrant, conductor (wire) was pulled in the conduit to create a new primary distribution network that also involved the installation of forty-four new transformers and switching cabinets. Work on the primary electric distribution facilities progressed through February; upon final completion and testing of the distribution system, the contractor began work converting the service connections to the 45 properties in the project area. The conversion of properties was complete with all properties being served by the underground system on April 1, 2014. During the conversion of FPL facilities by the City's contractor, similar conversions were concurrently occurring involving the conversion of AT&T telephone service, Brighthouse's cable facilities, as well as fiber optic facilities owned by Level(3) and Sunesys.

Upon completion of the service connections, the final phases of the project commenced with the coordinated removal of overhead lines, existing power poles with cobra head style lighting fixtures from Granada along with the installation of the new decorative lighting. This activity occurred during night time work over the course of two weeks and was the most visually dramatic changes to the project. In addition to the installation of 27 new streetlights on Granada Boulevard and Beach Street, the project involved the installation of 21 decorative lights on the side streets, and preparatory work for the installation of 83 uplights for future palm tree installation. Final restoration is being completed through May, with the project scheduled to end, on schedule, by the end of the month.

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Utilities Go Underground (cont'd)



BEFORE



DURING



AFTER

Ms. & Mrs. Florida U.S. Pageant



The Florida U.S. Pageant was held at the Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center (PAC) on Sunday, April 27th. The PAC has hosted this event for the past ten years. Pageant contestants competed for the titles of Ms. Florida and Mrs. Florida United States.

Collins Medlin was crowned Ms. Florida U.S. 2014 and Vida Sheffield Hargrett was crowned Mrs. Florida U.S. 2014. They will continue their competition at the national level.

Congratulations Collins and Vida! We wish you the best in the national competition!

Greek Cooking at The Casements

On Thursday, April 17th, the savory smells of Greek cuisine filled The Casements when cooking instructor Elaine Pitenis demonstrated a class in Greek appetizers. An eager and hungry student group assembled in the kitchen to learn how to make tzatziki, hummus, Greek caviar, Kalamari, phyllo wrapped crab meat, stuffed grape leaves, loukaniko and saganaki. Following the demonstration, the students took home a selection of all the appetizers.



Join Chef Elaine and explore the wonders of Greek cuisine on Thursday, May 29th, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in a fun, interactive, hands-on cooking class at The Casements and learn how to make Pastitso, a Greek

-Style Lasagna, Spinach and Feta Cheese wrapped in Phyllo, Dolmades (stuffed grape leaves), Greek salad, and Galaktoboureko (custard dessert in phyllo).



For more information or to register, please call Elaine at 386-677-2733 or 386-299-6522. If you wish to register online please visit www.mybigfatgreekcookingclass.com.



Summer Camps at The Casements

The Casements is offering their Enviro Camp during the month of July. Each week features a different theme and speakers and all camp weeks include a day of fun at the beach. Camp is offered to children ages 6 to 9 and operates Monday through Friday from

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

A half day program “Art Expressions” instructed by Pat Spano is also offered for those young artists!



For more information, please call The Casements at (386) 676-3216.



Pine Trail Visits The Casements

A large group of approximately 65 enthusiastic and curious fourth graders from Pine Trail Elementary School visited The Casements on Monday, April 28th. Knowledgeable docents accompanied the students through the building, relating the history of the home, the rich history of Ormond Beach and details about John D. Rockefeller, our famous resident. A second group from Pine Trail visited on Tuesday to learn a little local history as well.

Special tours for groups of ten or more can be arranged with at least seven days notice by calling The Casements at (386) 676-3216.



Dancing Dogs Annual Spring Show



The Canine Fancy Dancers of the Obedience Club of Daytona presented the “Dancing Dogs 11th Annual Spring Show” at the Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center on Wednesday, April 30th.

The Obedience Club of Daytona is a not-for-profit, all volunteer organization that promotes responsible dog ownership and offers low cost dog obedience training classes to the public. Linda Stites, director of the show, teaches the beginner and advanced freestyle dog dancing class known as the Canine Fancy Dancers.

The show featured trained dogs and their handlers performing dance routines choreographed to music. The show is fun for dog lovers of all ages.

Celtic Festival

Splendid weather brought thousands to Rockefeller Gardens and Fortunato Park for the Celtic Festival that was held on Saturday, April 26th, and Sunday, April 27th. The festival is an Ormond Beach MainStreet event that is held every spring. The Festival was alive with bagpipers, Scottish clans, delicious food, drink, dancers and merchants offering a variety of goods.

The Rosie O’Grady pipers made impressive processions through the Gardens. Irish dance groups and musicians performed on four stages. There was also a dog parade to entertain spectators. The Highland games took place in Fortunato Park where axe throwing and archery competitions were held.



Parks

Our Leisure Services Parks Department did a fantastic job getting ready for the Central Park Lake Interconnect Ribbon Cutting that took place last Thursday. The staff replaced stolen trail markers on the raised boardwalk, removed graffiti from the Joyce Ebbets pier, and pressure cleaned the playground equipment and the canoe launch at Central Park I.

Signs explaining the pavilion rules were also placed in the pavilions at the Nova Community Center and the South Ormond Neighborhood Center. Repairs were made to damaged downspouts in Fortunato Park. Forms were stripped and a new memorial bench was installed in Ames Park. The corner of a picnic table slab was repaired at Sanchez Park, and the loose handrail was repaired at Riverbend Nature Park.



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, May 6th, 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.



Public Safety Awareness Day

On Saturday, May 10th from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., the City of Ormond Beach will be holding its second Public Safety Awareness Day in Rockefeller Gardens located at 25 Riverside Drive.

There will be vehicle displays, exhibits and demonstrations from the following participants:

Arrow Tow Truck	Ormond Beach Fire Department
Child Seat Safety Inspections (OBPD)	Ormond Beach Police Department
Civil Air Patrol (CAP)	Ormond Beach Public Works
EVAC	Pawsabilities (Pet adoptions)
Florida Hospital	Volusia County Beach Patrol
Florida Power & Light	Volusia County Sheriff's Office
Hawaiian Tropic	

There will be bicycle helmet fitting and **FREE** helmets (while supplies last). Additionally, there will be a Kids Zone with a monster sand pile, face painting, DJ Tommy Patch will be providing great music, and more! We will also have a Hot Diggity Dog Cookout and give-aways (**FREE** while supplies last). This event is **FREE** and there is plenty of parking.

We hope you can join us for a fun day of learning to be safe!

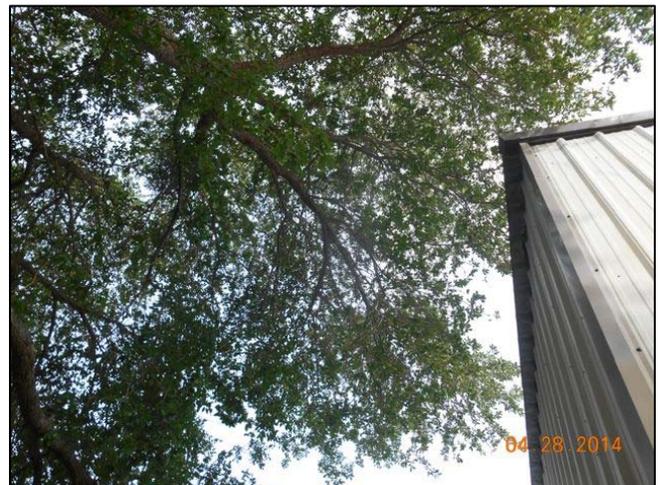
Public Works in ACTION



Trimming on Fleming & Fred Gamble Way...



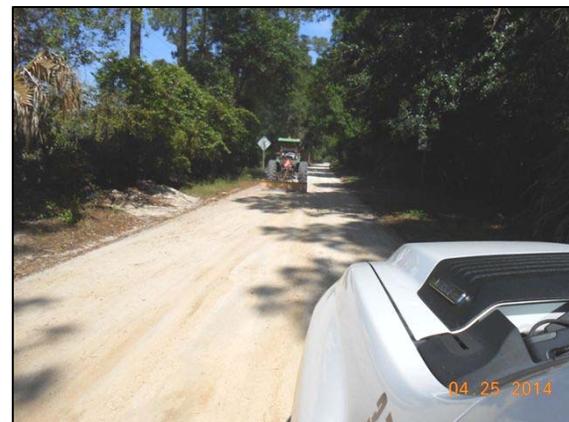
...and at Ormond Beach Municipal Airport



Public Works in ACTION



Grading on Old Tomoka Road



Excavation of swale to divert water away from properties on Mirror Lake Drive



Public Works in ACTION



Removal of fallen tree on Oakmont Circle



Reclaimed water sign installation



Public Works in ACTION



Sign Fabrications



ART IN THE PARK

The 42nd annual Art in the Park will be held in Rockefeller Gardens on Saturday, May 3, and Sunday, May 4. Thousands of people attended last year's event that was sold out with over 100 participants, including artists and crafters, entertainment, food vendors and activities to please all visitors.

A recent addition to this year's event is Suzanne Altamare, a Grand Master Sand Sculptor, whose work is known throughout the world. As a celebrity sculptor for the Travel Channel's hit show, *Sand Blasters*, she is a familiar face nationwide. Suzanne specializes in soft sand sculpture, a technique that uses only simple tools and minimal water. Suzanne will sculpt a rendering of The Casements in recognition of The Casements Centennial Celebration at Art in the Park. Suzanne will begin her sand transformation work on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. and complete the project on Sunday from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. It will be an amazing work of art when she is done!

Art and crafts will be judged. In the fine arts category, a single award of \$1,500 will be made for "Best in Show" which will be displayed at the Ormond Memorial Art Museum. Eight others, four fine artists and four crafters will receive a total of eight awards: First Place \$400, Second Place \$300, Merit Award \$200 and Honorable Mention \$100.

For young artists, a free Kids' Craft Zone will be located inside The Casements. Kids are invited to come and make a special gift for their mother for Mother's Day and they can also contribute to the mural.

There will be arts to please everyone from acrylics to wood, and everything in between. With Mother's Day on May 11, this is a great event to find unique and lasting gifts from among beautiful paintings, photographs and distinctive pieces of hand crafted work.

There will be a variety of musical entertainment with The Docs of Jazz, Bobby Meeks, and Island Hillbillies performing on Saturday and on Sunday 2 Guys with Horns, Dan Allen, and Tie Dye Road will entertain.

Food vendors will offer an array of items to satisfy every appetite. Greg's Seafood and Bar-B-Que will have ribs, chicken, hamburgers, hotdogs, shrimp, fish and fried food on the menu. Joe's Lemonade will serve a variety of lemonades plus salads, gyros and snacks. You can get Hershey's Ice Cream and in addition to kettle corn, Holy Cow Kettle Corn will have a variety of other fun snacks.

Event sponsors include Money Pages, Hometown News, Preferred Business Group, Beach 92.7, Florida Hospital Memorial, Hampton Inn, and Florida Hospital Care Advantage. Their support of this community oriented program helps maintain the quality of the community and brings culture for all ages to enjoy.

You can celebrate with the artists and your community each of the two days between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. In addition, The Casements will be open for tours on both days providing an excellent opportunity to see this beautiful historic building. When touring The Casements, visit the Children's Art Exhibit in The Gallery presented by the Ormond Beach Art Guild.

Free parking is available at The Casements and Fortunato Park. Rockefeller Gardens is located in front of The Casements at 25 Riverside Drive, at the southeast corner of the Granada Bridge. For additional information, please call 386-676-3241 or visit www.ormondbeach.org.

The City of Ormond Beach Department of Leisure Services
& The Ormond Memorial Art Museum proudly present the

42nd Annual Art in the Park

Featuring over 100 Artists & Crafters plus
food vendors, entertainment & exhibit booths

**Oils
Wood
Pottery
Jewelry
Acrylics
Stitchery
Sculpture
Watercolor
Photography
& more.....**




**FREE ~Parking, Admission
& Kids Craft Zone**

Saturday, May 3 & Sunday, May 4, 2014
10am~4pm
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