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Very Special Arts Talent Night



Very Special Arts (VSA)-Volusia presented their annual Very Special Arts Talent Night hosted by Danny Criles, President of the Daytona Playhouse, at the Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center on Friday, May 2nd.

VSA-Volusia is a not-for-profit organization that provides art

education and performing arts opportunities for the special needs community. All of the performers are enrolled in the Exceptional Student Education (ESE) program in the Volusia County Schools.

The Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center lobby hosted an art exhibition featuring the works of VSA adult master artists and students.

Each year, VSA-Volusia hosts Talent Night at the Performing Arts Center to showcase the amazing musical, dance and artistic abilities of these talented students.



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Ken Russell

Employee of the Quarter

Ken Russell was born and raised in Connecticut where he grew up playing several sports including football and basketball and sparring with his older three sisters. Upon graduating from high school, Ken served four years in the United States Air Force. Upon completing his tour of duty, Ken moved to Florida to be closer to family.

In May 1990, he was hired by the City of Ormond Beach as a Utility Service Helper in Grounds Maintenance. Approximately one year later, Ken was transferred to the Water Distribution work group in the City's Utilities Division where he was promoted through the ranks to System Maintenance Foreman in 2003, and subsequently to his current System Maintenance Supervisor position in October 2004.

Ken promotes an effective work crew environment and enables high output and a quality product from his staff. He is incredibly organized and diligent in his supervisory efforts. Ken recently served a responsible role on the City's Lean Sigma-6 committee to promote employee efficiency and improve the personnel evaluation process. Ken's supervisory service is unsurpassed and results in significant improvements to critical water systems throughout our city. During his tenure as Systems Maintenance Supervisor, Ken has seen several system expansions. He maintains an accurate as-built database to enable proper response to scheduled and unscheduled outages. The level of care Ken provides to the public water system and its customers is second to none. Ken is the Licensed "A" Operator for the City's water distribution system and assumes this responsibility with a competent and professional manner. Ken also works closely with the Chief Plant Operator to develop strategies for improving the quality of water delivered to customers.

Ken is known for his expert leadership, being well read, having an intellectual wit and engaging personality. Within the public works sector he has earned the nickname "Pipes" not only for his expert piping skills but also for the size of his arms as touted during his part-time professional wrestling career from which he has since retired.

Ken's promotional record is indicative of his exemplary performance and experience obtained from operating the City's water distribution system for the past several decades. We acknowledge his commitment with this action.

Ken and his wife Betsy have been married 21 years and have two sons, Jason and Joey.

Congratulations Ken!

Art in the Park



The Leisure Services Community Events Division is proud to announce that Art in the Park sold out for the fifth consecutive year! All vendor booths were purchased! The event was held at The Casements and Rockefeller Gardens on Saturday, May 3rd, and Sunday, May 4th. This popular venue showcased over 100 artists, crafters, exhibit booths, food vendors ranging from gourmet seafood to barbeque, continuous live musical entertainment, and a live sand sculpting rendition honoring The Casements' centennial created by Grandmaster Sculptor Suzanne Altamare.

Art in the Park also featured a kids craft zone where children could create a special gift from several craft activities and color on a large mural. The crafts had a

Mother's Day theme for the children to create a gift for their mother.

Although rainy weather on Saturday proved for a small turnout, on Sunday the weather was beautiful and attracted thousands of guests.

Each year prizes are awarded to the exhibitors in different divisions. This year's winners are listed below. Please see page 4 for more pictures.

Fine Artist Division:

- Dan Burleigh Phillips – Watercolors
- Juan Carlos Cahue – Hand crafted Jewelry
- Mike Unrue – Surreal Originals
- Paul Stevens – Art / Photography



Crafter Division:

- David Mallory – Fine Woodcarvings
- Caleb Barnaby – Unique Designs and Creations
- Tebe Horne – Hand Made Jewelry
- Hal Somervill – Hand made guitars

Best in Show:

Eric Shupe – Curved Metal Statues and Figures



Community Events Coordinator Mike Demchek with Eric Shupe, Best in Show winner



Art in the Park - Fine Artist Division



1st - Dan Burleigh Phillips -
Watercolors



2nd - Juan Carlos Cahue -
Hand crafted Jewelry



Merit - Mike Unrue -
Surreal Originals



Honorable Mention - Paul Stevens -
Art / Photography

Art in the Park - Crafter Division



1st - David Mallory - Fine Woodcarvings



2nd - Caleb Barnaby - Unique Designs
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Merit - Tebe Horne - Handmade Jewelry



Honorable Mention - Hal Somervill -
Handmade Guitars



The Art Guild Children's Workshop

The Ormond Beach Art Guild instructed children at a free art workshop on April 5th and 12th at The Casements. A group of Art Guild members taught the budding artists about shapes and shadows. The children worked both Saturdays on their own paintings incorporating their knowledge of these two aspects.



On Friday, May 2nd, the artists, instructors and parents gathered in The Casements Gallery to view the finished masterpieces. Light refreshments were served, and the students were presented with certificates of participation by Siobhan Daly, Casements Coordinator. The paintings were on display in the Gallery during Art in the Park.



Pine Trail Students Present "Beauty and the Beast"

Pine Trail Elementary School presented "The Beauty and The Beast" at the Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center on Wednesday, May 7th. The third grade students were under the direction of art and music teacher Mrs. Melody Potash.

The play was adapted for performance specifically for children from the Broadway musical. The students worked very hard to learn their lines, the music and choreography. These talented children did an excellent job! They were onstage for schools earlier in two performances during the day, and also held a performance for the public in the evening.

It was an exciting and fun experience for the children to be onstage in a theatre and perform for their fellow students, family and friends.



Leadership Class Graduation

The Ormond Beach Chamber of Commerce Leadership Class XI held their graduation ceremony at the Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center on Thursday, May 1st. The Ormond Beach Chamber of Commerce Leadership Class is held each year in the spring and was created to provide information, resources and support for the development of business and community leaders in Ormond Beach.

The keynote speakers for the Leadership Graduation were Ormond Beach resident Ray Salazar, the executive director of the United Way of Volusia/Flagler, who spoke about the many benefits of volunteering in the community; and, Steve Ridder, the head coach of the men's basketball team at Embry-Riddle University, who spoke to the class about positive attitude and commitment to excellence as the basis of leadership.

Mayor Ed Kelley was also on hand to give each of the Leadership Class graduates their pins in recognition of their successful completion of the program.



Miss Daytona Beach USA Pageant

The Miss Daytona Beach USA Pageant was held at the Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center on Sunday, May 5th. The pageant contestants competed for the titles of Miss Daytona Beach Teen USA 2015 and Miss

Daytona Beach USA 2015.

Each of the contestants are judged in the interview, swimsuit and evening gown portions of the pageant. The winners of the Miss Daytona Beach USA and Miss Daytona Beach Teen USA titles continue on to the next round of competition at the state level. The Miss Daytona Beach USA pageant experience is beneficial for the contestants in developing career skills, and the winners receive college scholarships.

Jaelyn Benyard was crowned Miss Daytona Beach Teen USA 2015, and the title of Miss Daytona Beach USA 2015 went to Elise Lobb.

Congratulations Jaelyn and Elise!





Join us for Open Play Basketball

The Nova Community Center is the place to be during the month of May for open play basketball. Without any scheduled programs, the gym is open 9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from 1:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m. on Sundays.

Join us during the open play hours to participate in full court games. There are two small courts to play one-on-one or warm up. When the wait time is long, hang out in the game room. The Nova Community Center is a great place to come and hang out with friends!



The Benefits of Gymnastics



Gymnastics is a sport that children can begin at a very young age. The Ormond Beach Gymnastics and Cheer Center offers classes for children beginning as young as 18 months. With childhood obesity on the rise, gymnastics classes offer a number of physical and social benefits for children that continue through their teen and college years. Strength, flexibility, endurance and coordination will all be improved regardless of the child's age or ability. Gymnastics will also help improve their ability for other sports they may wish to pursue as they get older. Social and

cognitive skills will also be enhanced at their gymnastics classes. It helps them to listen, follow direction, and visualize the skill they are learning to do before they actually perform it. According to USA Gymnastic reports, there is a strong correlation between physically fit children and academic achievement.



For more information on the classes offered at the Ormond Beach Gymnastics Center, please call Coach George at (386) 676-3282 or the Leisure Services Registration Office at (386) 676-3250. Our next session will begin in June.



Spring Volleyball

The City's Spring Youth Volleyball program finished its eight-week program on Tuesday night with team awards, individual awards, as well as team T-shirts presented to all of the participants.

This session had the most players in the program's 20-year history with nearly 80 participants!

The City's summer volleyball program starts June 24th on Tuesday and Thursday nights. For more details on the summer volleyball program, please see the registration information in the article below.



Youth Summer Volleyball League

The City of Ormond Beach Leisure Services Department will begin registration for its Summer Youth Volleyball League for ages 9-16 (age as of September 1, 2014), on Monday, May 12, 2014.

Fees are \$42 for City of Ormond Beach residents (proof of residency is required) and \$64 for non-residents. Registration will take place at the Registration Office, 399 N. U.S. 1. The Registration Office hours are Monday–Thursday, 7:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m., and Friday, 7:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m. If you prefer, you can register online at: www.ormondbeach.org.

Games, training and practices will be held Tuesday and Thursday 6:15 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. at the Nova Community Center Gymnasium and will run from June 24th through August 7th.

The participants will be put into groups nightly, based on their level of play, which can change as they progress. Nova Gym has a divider and 2 nets, so the different levels can compete separately each night.

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

Information on all Leisure Services Department programs is available 24/7 at the City of Ormond Beach website at www.ormondbeach.org.



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 13th, 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.



Road Closure - John Anderson at Royal Palm

John Anderson Drive at Royal Palm Avenue will be closed starting on Monday, May 12th, at 8:00 a.m., until Friday, May 16th at 5:00 p.m. Please use designated detours. Cars wishing to travel north of Royal Palm Avenue on John Anderson and are traveling on SR40 are advised to use N. Halifax Drive to Neptune Avenue to access John Anderson Drive. There will be a series of phased detours associated with the improvements to John Anderson Drive. Future notices will be issued as the road closure areas shift with construction.

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 - 1,638 Arrests - 18
 Citations Issued - 93
 Reports Written - 126 Traffic Stops - 134



Weekly Fire Operations Stats

145 INCIDENTS
 77 - EMS 7 - Motor Vehicle Accidents
 6 - Fires 10 - Fire Alarms
 41 - Public Assists 4 - Hazardous

Public Works in ACTION



Installation of no trespassing signs on Pineland Trail



Removal of two dead oak trees on Larissa Terrace



Removal of a broken limb at the PAL building



Public Works in ACTION



Stormwater basin repair at Ivanhoe and Peninsula Drive



**Come out and see all the things
that keep us SAFE!**

PUBLIC SAFETY AWARENESS DAY

**Saturday, May 10th
10:00 AM ~ 2:00 PM
Rockefeller Gardens
25 Riverside Drive**



**Free Admission & Parking
Static Vehicle Displays & Exhibits
Demonstrations**



**Kids Zone- monster sand pile, DJ, face painting and more...
Hot Diggity Dog Cookout & Give-A-Ways (while supplies last)**

