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D.A.R.E. Graduation



On Thursday afternoon, a D.A.R.E. graduation was held at St. Brendan Catholic School, with 29 students graduating. Deputy Mayor/Zone 4 Commissioner Bill Partington addressed the group of young folks. Others

in attendance to show their support was City Manager Joyce Shanahan, Police Chief Andy Osterkamp, Captain Jesse Godfrey, Police Officer Gregory Stokes, Police Officer Jay Brennan, Police Officer Bill Warmington and Outreach Recreation Leader Belinda Legut.



D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) is an educational program provided by the Ormond Beach Police Department to students in the elementary schools in our city.

The purpose of the program is to teach children how to make the right choices and say "NO" to drug and alcohol abuse.

In addition to instruction, the students write an essay about their experience with this topic, a winner is selected and asked to read his or her essay at the graduation ceremony.

We are proud of these graduates and the right choices they make!



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Nova Skate Park

Construction continues on the Nova Community Center Skate Park. Old features have been made larger. The utilities extension to the pro shop/restroom building began. New elements include a hidden runway, street feature, and smaller features for young children. Anticipation is growing as work continues and progress is made. The opening of the skate park is scheduled for April 2015.



Starry Starry Night

An evening of art, history and culture was enjoyed on January 9 at The Casements. This event marked the **twenty-sixth year** of the Ormond Beach Gallery Walk. The Casements participation was an opening reception of Ormond Beach artist Karlene McConnell. Her exhibit was titled "My Backyard - 40 years on The Tomoka." Passed hors d' oeuvres and sparkling cider were served to the enjoyable melodies of "Opus Five," as the public viewed the exhibit, toured the house and shopped among the vendors on the North Lawn.



Cub Scouts Pack 74



A group of enthusiastic "Tiger" Cub Scouts visited with their parents for a special tour of The Casements on Saturday, January 10. These six and seven-year-olds are members of Pack 74, Den 10. Our knowledgeable docent escorted the scouts through the home, relating details about Mr. John D. Rockefeller, as well as the history of the residence.

The Casements frequently hosts special group tours for all ages by advance reservation. Reservations can be made by calling 386-676-3216.



Glenn Miller Orchestra

The Glenn Miller Orchestra was on stage at the Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center on Wednesday, January 14th. During the height of the Big Band Era in the 1940's, the Glenn Miller Orchestra was the top selling recording and touring orchestra of the period. They recorded a string of top number

one hits including "In The Mood," "Moonlight Serenade," "Pennsylvania 6-5000," "Tuxedo Junction" and "Chattanooga Choo Choo."

The Glenn Miller Orchestra performed these songs and many more during Wednesday night's show. The audience responded to the performance with thunderous applause following the rendition of each song. It was truly a night of great music and was thoroughly enjoyed by the near-capacity crowd in attendance.



Gymnastics Center

The Ormond Beach Gymnastics and Cheer Center is revving up the new year with several new pieces of equipment geared toward the preschool through developmental programs. Students are enjoying themselves working with Coach Marissa and Coach George with the new cartwheel trainer, stepping stones, tunnels and the parachute.

Come join the fun and see what the Ormond Beach Gymnastics Center has to offer your child. Call Coach George at (386) 676-3282 for information regarding all the available programs.



MOVIES ON THE HALIFAX



On Friday, February 6, 2015, at 6:30 p.m., the City's Leisure Services Department and The Casements Guild will present "Maleficent" in Rockefeller Gardens at The Casements, 25 Riverside Drive.

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.

Movie Rating: "Maleficent" is a PG rated movie. Parental guidance is suggested as some material may not be suitable for children.

Weekly Police Stats

Calls for Service - 1,590 Arrests – 23
 Citations Issued - 52
 Reports Written - 161 Traffic Stops - 167



Weekly Fire Operations Stats

151 INCIDENTS
 85 - EMS 6 - Motor Vehicle Accidents
 2 - Fires 10 - Fire Alarms
 47 - Public Assists 1 - Hazardous

Walking with the Manager

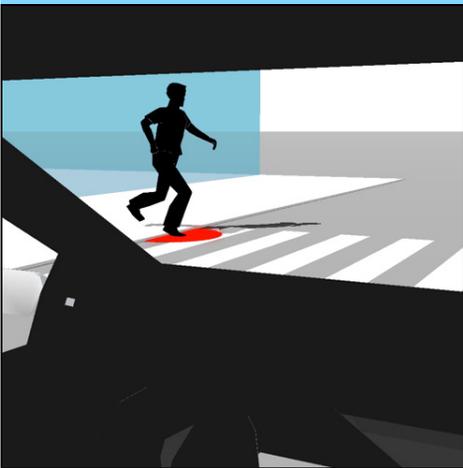
On Friday, January 23, at 8:00 a.m., "Walking with the Manager" will begin and end at The Casements, 25 Riverside Drive. Please meet near the entrance that faces the Halifax River. The entire walk will be approximately 2 miles.

Citizens are invited to join in the walk, ask questions, share comments and offer suggestions.

Please put on your walking shoes and join us.



High Visibility Enforcement for Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety



The Ormond Beach Police Department will be participating in a HVE program to address pedestrian and bicycle safety issues within the city. Particularly addressing crosswalk safety and violations by pedestrians, bicycles and vehicles. This will be done through education, warnings and enforcement at locations that have been identified as high risk throughout the city.

Volusia County is among the top ten Florida counties with the greatest number of pedestrian and bicyclist fatalities and this program aims to reduce the incidents of these types of crashes.

Since January of 2012, there have been 51 vehicle vs. pedestrian crashes and 60 vehicle vs. bicyclist crashes in the City of

Ormond Beach. Of these, one was a fatality and several others resulted in serious bodily injury. During the spring and summer of 2014, the Ormond Beach Police Department received citizen complaints of vehicles not yielding to pedestrians in crosswalks, particularly in the area of SR A1A (beach approaches) and SR 40/Lewis Street.

During the same timeframe, a total of 202 traffic citations have been written in reference to crosswalk and/or red light violations related to these intersections.

The current plan of action to address these violations (which would be for both vehicular violations and pedestrian violations) would be to begin with public education, including press releases to announce an increase in enforcement action as well as actual enforcement activity.

The overall goal of the enforcement program is the reduction of vehicle vs. pedestrian/bicycle crashes as well as education of the public to use designated crosswalks provided for their safety.

Public Works in ACTION



Urban Forestry removes fallen tree on Amsden Road



Asphalt crews continue asphalt installation at the Public Works Complex



Public Works in ACTION



Stormwater crews making repairs and rebuilding headwall on outfall.

