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# City of Ormond Beach

MARCH 20, 2015

## Earth Day 2015

This year, Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, marks the forty-fifth anniversary of the first Earth Day. On Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, the City of Ormond Beach will be holding its 23<sup>rd</sup> annual Picnic on the Plaza at City Hall, 22 South Beach Street, from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. in celebration of Earth Day. More than one billion people in 190 countries celebrate Earth Day. Below are some of the booths/exhibits which will provide a wealth of information and some great giveaways.

**Shred Pros** is offering **FREE** shredding services in front of City Hall near the flag pole. In order to serve everyone who wants to take advantage of this service, please limit your shredding materials to 20 Letter Bankers' Boxes (1.0-1.2 cu.ft.) or 10 Legal Bankers' Boxes (2.0-2.4 cu.ft.) per visitor. You can bring your materials in plastic bags but they cannot be included in the material to shred. Please do not include garbage, plastic bags, hard drives, or batteries in your shred materials. You may include material with paper products, such as paperclips, staples, binder clips, spiral notebooks, hanging files, pendal files, check books, and credit cards. You can physically watch your confidential material being destroyed on a screen on the side of the truck.

**Leisure Services** will provide information about summer camp programs and other leisure programs.

**Planning Department** will have useful information about having your emergency preparedness plan in place and energy conservation along with giveaways.

**Publix** will have reusable bags.

**Support Services** will have advisory board applications and information available to citizens interested in volunteering, as well as giveaways relating to local government for children.

**Halifax Humane Society** will have literature about animal welfare, their programs and services. They will also have some adoptable pets with them.

**Ormond Beach Lions Club** will have diabetes screening and information regarding diabetes awareness.

**Solar Fit** (pool heating) will have handouts and giveaways.

**H.E.L.P. Animals** will demonstrate oxygen fire rescue masks for pets and will have a variety of items to purchase along with giveaways.

**Wayne's Solar** will have solar information as well as coupons.

**Volusia/Flagler Turtle Patrol** will have sea turtle conservation educational materials.

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# Sam West

## Employee of the Quarter

### First Quarter FY 2014 – 2015

Sam West began his career with the City in 1990 as a Service Helper I in the Parks and Recreation Department. He quickly showed his willingness to learn, in addition to being very dependable and a great team player. Soon after being promoted to a Service Helper II in 1993, Sam was again promoted to Meter Reader in the Finance Department in 1994, then Senior Meter Reader in 1995. In August 2012, he was promoted to the Meter Reader Supervisor.

Sam is an outstanding supervisor. He leads the Meter Reader Department by being among the finest examples of true professionalism. He serves as an extraordinary role model to senior meter readers and a mentor to the new meter readers. Sam was a member of the first class for the City's new Leadership Skills for Supervisors program.



Sam has long exemplified a level of commitment to the City. He clearly recognizes the impact he and his staff has on the City's utility customers. Over the years, Sam has received numerous accolades from customers, both for his actions and attitudes and those of his staff. Sam is conscientious about the City's operating costs and continually seeks ways to help save the City money and provide utility services in the most effective and efficient way possible.

Over the last two years, Sam has been a project manager for the City's city-wide meter replacement project. To date, the project has changed almost 4,000 visual and touch read meters to radio read meters, coordinating efforts with the Water Department to avoid duplication of efforts. He maintains constant contact with the installation contractor to ensure minimal customer and City issues and to handle any issues timely and efficiently.

Sam is very interested in educating customers about water usage and conservation. Each year he takes part in the annual Earth Day Celebration, manning a table with information on water conservation, how to read a water meter and what a customer can do to find a potential leak. In the past, Sam has also helped at the annual City Health Fair and he is currently participating in the Mayor's Fitness Challenge.

Above all this, Sam is an outstanding person. He genuinely cares for others and this clearly shows in the way he deals with people. A case in point is when he helped a fellow co-worker who was having car issues. Although he was on his way home for the day, he stopped to help render aid, saving his co-worker time, inconvenience and stress.

Off the job, Sam enjoys motorcycle riding, kayaking, photography and caring for his many fish and turtles. Thank you, Sam, for your continued service to the City and its utility customers.

We are honored to name Sam West as Employee of the Quarter for the first quarter of 2014-2015.



## Ormond Beach CAP Earns National Aerospace Award

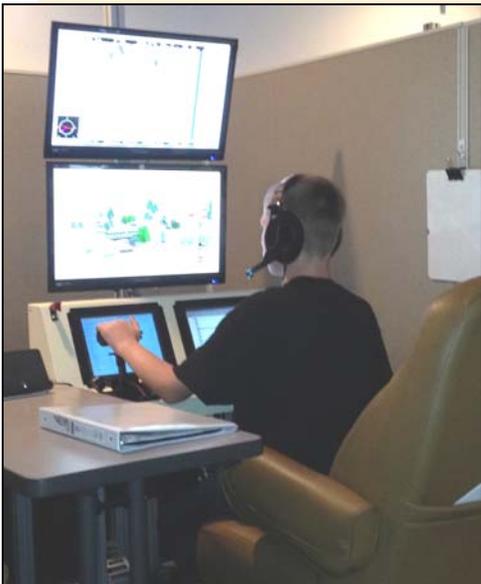
The Ormond Beach Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) has earned the prestigious National Aerospace Education Excellence Award for the third consecutive year. The CAP's Aerospace Education Program primarily involves hands-on aviation and space-related activities with CAP Cadets. In order to earn this award, the Ormond Beach cadets completed six aerospace activities focused on remote controlled aircraft and unmanned aircraft systems (UAS), and two hours of outside aerospace activities which included an extraordinary opportunity to visit the UAS lab at the Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. The visit included a special presentation on UAS technology, and an opportunity for each cadet to "fly" one of the Predator UAS simulators in the lab.



Civil Air Patrol, the official auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, is a nonprofit organization with 60,000 members nationwide, operating a fleet of 550 aircraft. CAP, in its Air Force auxiliary role, performs about 85 percent of continental U.S. inland search and rescue missions as tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center. They are credited by the AFRCC with saving an average of 70 lives annually.

Its unpaid professionals also perform homeland security, disaster relief and drug interdiction missions at the request of federal, state and local agencies. The members play a leading role in aerospace education and serve as mentors to more than 25,000 young people currently participating in the CAP cadet programs. Performing missions for America for over 70 years, CAP received the Congressional Gold Medal in 2015 in honor of the heroic efforts of its World War II veterans. CAP also participates in Wreaths Across America, an initiative to remember, honor and teach about the sacrifices of U.S. military veterans.

For more information visit [www.gocivilairpatrol.com](http://www.gocivilairpatrol.com), [www.capvolunteernow.com](http://www.capvolunteernow.com), or [www.capgoldmedal.com](http://www.capgoldmedal.com).



# PAL Campfire Skits

After school educational programs for the Ormond Beach Police Athletic League (OBPAL) are back in full swing. For the past six weeks students in the Reading, Exploration, Adventure, and Discovery (R.E.A.D.) 2015 program have been studying the art of reader's theater.

This week we switched gears and the students created their own reader's theater script. Children in the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades at Ormond Beach Elementary School attending R.E.A.D. created mini-skits based on short tales by Rudyard Kipling. The tales the students explored were "How the Camel Got His Hump" or "How the Rhinoceros Got His Skin." These short stories by Kipling are amusing tales about a lazy camel and a rude rhino who both received changes in their appearance because of their behavior. According to Kipling's tale, once upon a time, the camel used to not have a hump and the Rhinoceros had smooth skin.

Once the students read the story, they worked in teams to create their skit. OBPAL tutors, Robbin Durden and Jeanne Neat lead their teams and guided the students to write a small skit. After break time, the budding storytellers returned to the room to find a mock campfire. Ms. Messersmith introduced the children to the tradition of the talking stick. Each team could only talk and share their skit if their team leader had the talking stick. Team leaders held the talking stick as each team sat around the campfire circle and shared their animal tale. Afterwards, each student enjoyed warm and gooey s'mores and giggled around the pretend campfire circle. The OBPAL children had a wonderful time learning the art of storytelling, writing skits and probably most of all, their slightly messy s'mores.

The R.E.A.D. program will continue after spring break with the children writing their own short story. This marks the 10<sup>th</sup> year of the R.E.A.D. program. The program was created in 2005 to assist children build academic confidence in reading and writing, and increase self esteem.



# Gymnastics Showcase



On Saturday, March 14th, the Ormond Beach Gymnastics Center held their Spring Gymnastics Showcase for family and friends of students in the gymnastics preschool classes and up. Twenty-six eager and enthusiastic gymnasts showcased their skills to approximately 80 family members and friends who attended. Team girls performed their routines. Refreshments were served, and everyone received a Certificate of Achievement. Coach George scheduled



three additional practice sessions to be ready for the Showcase, and the event was quite a success!

The team girls are preparing for their AAU Competition which is being held in Perry, FL, this weekend. We know they have been working hard and will do exceptionally well at their last competition before the state meet in April.



## Splash Pads Are Open!



On Sunday, March 15th, the splash pads at Andy Romano Beachfront Park and the South Ormond Neighborhood Center officially opened for the season!

Although we have been experiencing some spring-like weather, the water for the splash pads is stored in underground tanks and is still a bit chilly; however, several people have been out to enjoy the facilities. That water will feel good during Florida's HOT summer months.

The splash pads will remain open through November 30th.

## *Ernie Haase & Signature Sound*



Ernie Haase and Signature Sound performed at the Ormond Beach PAC on Saturday, March 14th. Known for their four part harmonies, Ernie Haase and Signature Sound are one of the most vocal quartets in Southern Gospel music.

Ernie Haase and Signature Sound are Grammy Award nominees and three-time winners of the Dove Award for Best Gospel Quartet. This concert marks the fifth consecutive year for Ernie Haase and Signature Sound performing to a full house at the Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center. The audience enjoyed a great night of inspirational music.

## **A Tribute to Buddy, Roy and Elvis**



A Tribute to “Buddy, Roy and Elvis” was performed in concert at the Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center on Sunday, March 15th. The stars of the concert were Elvis tribute artist David Jericko, Roy Orbison tribute artist Mike T and Buddy Holly tribute artist Andy Matchett, backed by a five piece live band.



Although these performers never actually performed together in real life, all three of them have sustained enormous popularity to the present day.

It was an energetic and powerful show from each of the tribute artists that was received with enthusiastic applause from the audience.



# The Casements Closed

The Casements will be closed for tours beginning Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup> for the Native American Festival being held in Rockefeller Gardens March 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>. Tours will resume on Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

For information on the Native American Festival, please see the back cover of this issue of the Weekly Review.



## Traffic Signal Maintenance

The City of Ormond Beach will be performing maintenance on traffic signals throughout the city through April 30<sup>th</sup>. The work involves cleaning, minor maintenance, and painting of mast arm traffic signals at eleven intersections.

Santa Cruz Construction is scheduled to begin the work on Monday, March 23, 2015. The work will require multiple lane closures at each intersection with closures of through lanes limited to less than one hour in length.

The affected intersections, along with a proposed schedule, are provided below:

Main Roadway	Intersecting Roadway	Scheduled Work Dates
Granada Blvd. (SR-40)	Ridgewood Avenue	March 23 – March 24
Nova Road (SR-5A)	Wilmette Avenue	March 23 – March 27
Granada Blvd. (SR-40)	Orchard Street	March 25 – March 26
Granada Blvd. (SR-40)	Seminole Drive	March 30 – March 31
Nova Road (SR-5A)	Granada Blvd. (SR-40)	April 1 – April 2
Nova Road (SR-5A)	Fire Station 92	April 8 – April 9
Nova Road (SR-5A)	Woodlands Blvd.	April 13 – April 14
Nova Road (SR-5A)	Division Avenue	April 15 – April 16
A1A (SR-600)	Fire Station 91	April 20 – April 21
A1A (SR-600)	Granada Blvd. (SR-40)	April 27 – April 28
A1A (SR-600)	Neptune Avenue	April 29 – April 30

If you need additional information, please contact the Engineering Division at 386-676-3300.

# 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 24th, from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 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](http://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.



## *Andy Romano Beachfront Park Playground Closure*

The playground located within the Andy Romano Beachfront Park at 839 S. Atlantic Avenue will be closed for repairs to the playground equipment beginning on Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. It is anticipated that work may continue through Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

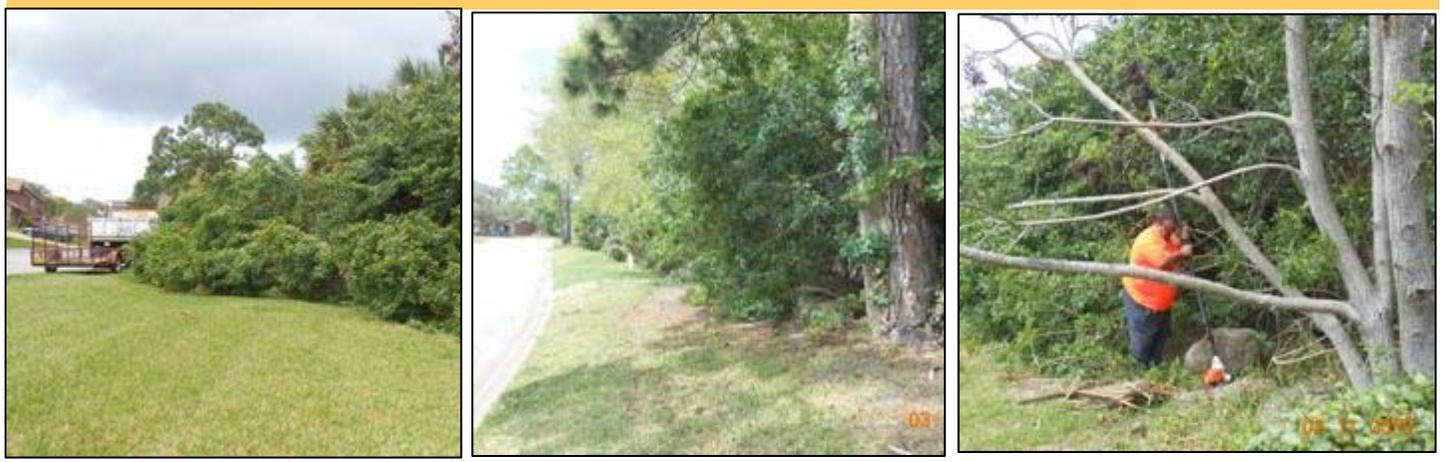
The remainder of the park, including the splash pad, will remain open to the public as usual. We appreciate your patience and cooperation during these repairs.



# Public Works in ACTION



## Trimming on Wildwood Trail



## ROW Trimming

### N. Washington & New Britain



### Sterthaus Dr.



# Earth Day (cont'd.)

**Ormond Beach Garden Club** will offer gardening advice and give away small flowering plants.

**Storm Water** and the **Water Plant** will have information available.

**Volusia County Solid Waste/Recycling** will have a mobile trailer as well as recycling and anti-litter information.

**Daytona Beach News-Journal**

**Halifax River Audubon** will have bird photographs on display as well as information about their organization.

**PawPaw Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society** will have helpful information about native plants.

**Guardian ad Litem Program** will provide brochures about their program.

**Waste Pro** will have giveaways including Earth friendly and reusable items.

**Rick's Verde Greens** will give out wheat berry seeds to encourage children to grow their own for a greener environment and healthier lifestyle.

**MainStreet Farmers Market** will have several vendors in attendance.

**Great Dawg Rescue, Inc.** (formerly Lab Rescue of Florida) will promote animal welfare and will provide handouts.

**Tomoka State Park** will be providing wildlife information.

**Ormond Beach PAL, Crime Prevention, and DARE** will be providing information about their programming.

**Police Department and Community Animal Service** will be available to provide information along with handouts.

**Wastewater Treatment Plant** will have information available and giveaways.

**Neighborhood Improvement** will be available to provide code enforcement materials.

**Greg Lewis Enterprises** will provide concessions.

The City of Ormond Beach invites you to come and join our Earth Day celebration. Come have lunch, listen to some great music by Five O'Clock Charley, and get some great advice and information, and learn about being Earth-friendly!



## Weekly Police Stats

Calls for Service - 1,894    Arrests - 22

Citations Issued - 312

Reports Written - 166    Traffic Stops - 423



## Weekly Fire Operations Stats

**174 INCIDENTS**

100 - EMS    13 - Motor Vehicle Accidents

2 - Fires    2 - Fire Alarms

54 - Public Assists    3 - Hazardous



# Native American Festival

The Casements welcomes the 26th Annual Native American Festival this weekend! Over 30 exhibitors, intertribal native dancers, Aztec dancers, Native American cuisine and an alligator and reptile show will be featured this weekend during the largest cultural event of the year. Locals and visitors alike will be entertained from morning to night with the brightly colored regalia and Native American items for sale.

We hope you can come out enjoy the good weather, good food and educational opportunities to learn more about the Native American people. Festival hours are Friday 12pm-9pm; Saturday 10am-9pm and Sunday 10am-5pm. Cost of admission is: Adults \$6.00; Seniors (50+) \$5.00 and Children 3-12 \$4.00.

*The Department of Leisure Services proudly presents the 26th Annual*

## Native American Festival

- INTERTRIBAL NATIVE DANCERS
- AZTEC DANCERS FROM MEXICO
- REPTILE & WILDLIFE EXHIBITS
- NATIVE AMERICAN CUISINE
- OVER 30 TRADING BOOTHS

**MARCH 20, 21, 22, 2015**

Friday 12 pm – 9pm  
Saturday 10 am – 9 pm  
Sunday 10 am – 5 pm

**Daily Admission**  
Adult \$6    Senior \$5    Child \$4

**Rockefeller Gardens**  
25 Riverside Drive Ormond Beach  
(386) 676-3216

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