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MLK Pray Breakfast “Hand in Hand Together”

Powerful messages from six ministers were woven into a fast paced, meaningful program attended by residents, visitors and



City officials. Breathtaking liturgical dancing captured the hearts of the audience and brought many to their feet with applause for each of three performances, one an individual and two other groups of talented young women ranging in age from 12 to 27 years.

Voices in unison describe the commonality and intense spirit of each minister's words. Collectively they stressed Dr. King having provided the path that will



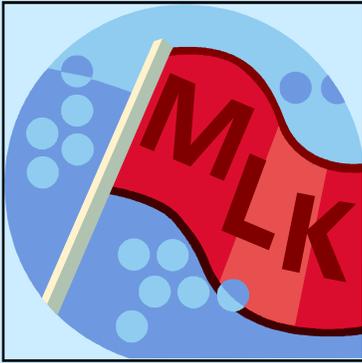
lead all of us to a better world but only if the path is followed. One minister stated boldly that young people hanging out near a lamp post and running when a light goes on must be willing to stop running and see the opportunities now possible because others before them struggled and made good things happen.

Another preacher sang his lesson for the day with the words of “Nobody’s Fault But Mine.” The



first portion dealt with what Dr. King outlined in the 1950s...’take individual responsibility,’ which begins with love, learning and applying sound principles to one’s life. Then in poignant admonishment, the song declared:

‘if you die and are not right –



MLK PRAYER BREAKFAST

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then it is nobody's fault but yours; your preacher prayed, your mom taught so it is nobody's fault but yours.'



just sit and wait. They must learn to serve. Serve Him, serve others, be part of what is going on." He said adamantly, "Gold in the mouth



and nothing in the brain or having a diploma in hand and still illiterate will not make things better. Doing something for someone...even for one other person will."



Reverend Willie W. Branch, Jr., of the Historic New Bethel A.M.E. Church in Ormond Beach was guest speaker and began with a question, "How concerned are you for your brother?" He continued, "There are people who know they are not slaves, say they are Christians and

At one point, Sister Jearolene Watson, who presided over the program, pointed to several young children whom Mayor Costello had called forward earlier. Looking toward them, she reiterated the fact that 'the ladder we leave behind is the one the children here today will have to climb.'



ARBOR DAY 2010 AT FORTUNATO PARK

Florida is the first of fifty of our nation's states to observe Arbor Day annually.

In keeping with tradition, Ormond Beach's Vice Mayor Ed Kelley, along with Joe Jaynes, Chairperson for the Corridor of Management Entity of the Loop, joined Marty Price, Community Outreach Coordinator for the Loop and Trail, Ormond Kiwanis President Alan Burton, and students from St. James Episcopal School for this year's celebration.

Ormond Beach is a recognized and continuing member of Tree City, USA. Selecting the tree for this year's planting involved many contacts between the City's landscape architect Paul MacDonald and members of the community. A stalwart Cathedral Oak, known for the strength of its branches and uniformity, was chosen for this year's planting. Experience was not lacking when participants gathered at Fortunato Park for this year's ceremonies.

In conversation with the City's Events Coordinator Michael Demchak, Price spoke of earlier environmental interests. He commented, "I planted my first tree while teaching in Germany years ago." Those interests magnified when he returned to the U.S. and planted a tree for Arbor Day while a teacher in St. Augustine. More recently, he has worked with the "Save the Loop" group, and was thrilled when Joe Jaynes went to Washington in October to receive acknowledgement that the work of dedicated citizens had succeeded in saving the miles of precious Florida landscape. Kiwanis President Alan Burton, a career professional in parks and recreation, continues to



embrace the idea that the best city is a 'City within a park.' Members of the Kiwanis have just donated two new holly trees to the City.

When more than 20 students from St. James Episcopal School arrived to help with planting the oak, their enthusiasm soared when they saw gold shovels with red, white and blue ribbons awaiting

their hands. The students were carrying on the custom of having young people educated and involved that began in 1907...over 100 years ago.

Ceremonies began with a welcome from Leisure Services Director Robert Carolin. Performing Arts Center Supervisor Stefan Sibley delivered the official proclamation and was followed by guest speaker Marty Price just before the featured planting of the oak.

Participants then rushed to the nearby site where the tree from a 200 gallon container would receive their finishing touches.



The deliberate planting of trees began with journalist-politician J. Sterling Morton in 1872. He recognized trees as crucial in preventing soil erosion, purifying air, protecting habitats, and providing materials for so

many needs. His mass planting in Nebraska was soon copied in other states, including Kansas, Tennessee and Louisiana.

While events similar to Arbor Day now occur in countries across the globe, including Australia,



ARBOR DAY 2010 *(cont'd)*



Canada, Korea, Japan and India, it was President Richard Nixon's declaration in the 1970's that recognized it as an annual event in our country. When to hold the annual ceremonies was left to the discretion of individual states. Florida chose January and thus remains the earliest of 50 states to celebrate each year.



Vice Mayor Ed Kelley knows the quality of life determines the quality of our City's other dimensions, including its businesses. Protecting and enhancing our environment is a vital component. The Cathedral Oak has a potential life spanning hundreds of years in which to be a part of it all.



Activities for Everyone at the Nova Community Center



With the beautiful weather, the Nova Community Center has been busy both outside and inside the facility. The adult Jazzercise class warmed up with Adrienne Austin on Tuesday morning as a make up class because of the Martin Luther King holiday. All the adults are glad to be able to work out on a regular basis.



Teacher Duty Day Camp provided child care and entertainment. The participants enjoyed scooter races, hula hoop games, crafts, table games, pool, ping pong, foosball, air hockey, the playground, a movie and sports. The opportunity to be involved in recreational activities gave all a chance to get their exercise and to benefit from healthy, positive socialization.





Boy Scouts Celebrate 100 Years!



This year marks the 100th year of Boy Scouting across America. We will be celebrating the achievement in February here

at The Casements.

Over 30 years ago, a local scout worked on an Eagle project to open a historic Boy Scouting exhibit which opened here at The Casements on the third floor. This young man, John Slaughter, received his Eagle honors in the opening celebration on the North Lawn. The exhibit is opened daily with the tours given by The Casements Guild.



Through the years we have offered special tours to local scouting groups. This year, to celebrate the birthday of scouting, another local scout, Alex Walter, will work to achieve his Eagle scout

rank to offer a community event showcasing our local scouting troops, honoring our local Eagle scout recipients and rejuvenating the exposure of the historical Boy Scout museum.

This past Monday, Alex presented his Eagle project to all the area leaders at the Three Riv-

ers Round Table meeting. Many local troops are excited to attend to showcase what their individual troops have accomplished during the year. Each exhibit will present a "Gateway" to their troop and prizes will be awarded for their creativity.



Area Eagle Scouts will be invited to attend the festival and be honored and recognized for their contributions to the community. We plan to display their Life to Eagle packet to recog-

nize their individual efforts and achievements.

During the festival, special tours will be provided throughout the home and upstairs in the Boy Scout museum. An interactive scavenger hunt will also be created to help scouts learn more about the significant items in the museum and create a fun and educational opportunity for all spectators.

The festival is scheduled for Saturday, February 13th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. More information will follow as the final preparations are made.

The Native American Festival Arrives!

It's here! The teepees have been set, the East Meets West stage has taken shape and the **21st Annual Native American Festival begins on**

Friday, January 22nd.



After taking a year off due to the Rockefeller Gardens construction, Jimmy Sawgrass and friends return to offer a cultural and educational program to the community.

The festival will begin on Friday at 10:00 a.m., to offer an opportunity for school-aged children to visit the festival and take part in several of the native dances, music and primitive cultures of the Native American people. Friday evening, at 7:00 p.m. the Grand Entry will take place in the dance arena.

The festivities will continue on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to



9:00 p.m. and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Entertainment will include Native Dancing, Aztec Dancers, Cherokee Dancers, Drum and Flutes, Native American storytelling, Educational Demos, Alligator and Snake Show and the East Meets West show.

Special guest, David Weathers, known for his work on Animal Planet and other syndicated animal shows, will be appearing at the Alligator and Snake exhibit.



Also included in the festival are over 40 Native American merchant vendors and food vendors.

After weekends of cold, wet weather, this weekend should be a great opportunity to get out and enjoy what Ormond Beach has to offer. We hope to see you here at The Casements. (See attachment for details and times of events.)

Native American Festival Preparations

The Leisure Services Building Maintenance staff are pictured here at Rockefeller Gardens preparing for the Native American Festival which will be held January 22nd - January 24th.





A Legendary Performance!

The Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center hosted *Legends of Doo Wop* on January 8th at 7:30 p.m. The crowd was electric, with people coming to hear all their favorite doo wop hits and much more. The show featured a live band and all original members of groups like Joey Dee & The Starlites, The Imaginations, and The Palladians. Guests were able to meet the group one on one, get all of their favorite 50's memorabilia autographed, take pictures with the group and enjoy one of the true legends of 50's & 60's rock and roll live on stage.

The star of the show, Joey Dee and The Starlites were discovered while working at a nightclub called Oliveri's in Lodi, New Jersey. They were booked for a weekend at an obscure New York City night club called the Peppermint Lounge in New York City. What was to be a weekend stand escalated into a 13-month run! Celebrity visitors poured in and included Judy Garland, John Wayne, Ted Kennedy, Nat "King" Cole, Shirley MacLaine, and Liberace among others. In 1961 their first song, "Peppermint Twist," went gold. This was followed by "Hey Let's Twist," "Shout Part 1" and "What Kind Of Love is This" to name a few.



Frank Mancuso attended Tilden High School in Brooklyn where Mancuso, with his four school buddies, became known as The Red Hot Chico and His Four Peppers. When his family moved to Long Island, his search began for new singers who lived close by. It wasn't long before Frank and four new friends created The Imaginations. They are remembered for "Guardian Angel," "Good Night Baby," and "The Search Is Over." After being in the US Air Force, Frank joined the Logics who later became The Cordons. In 1988 he reorganized The Imaginations and in 1998 became a part of The Legends of Doo Wop. Jimmy Gallagher graduated from John Jay High School in Brooklyn and quickly formed a singing



group with his friends called The Palladians. He then joined The Sinceres who, after signing a record contract, changed their name to The Passions. Among their recordings are "Just To Be With You," "I Only Want You," "This Is My Love," and "Gloria." The Passions appeared on "The Dick Clark Show" in NY, "American Bandstand" in Philadelphia, and "The Alan Freed" TV show.

Steve Horn began singing bass in junior high school in the Bronx. In 1960 he was asked to join a group called The Sharks, who made twenty-six singles and five albums. Their most memorable songs were "Stormy Weather" and "Canadian Sunset." Later the group recorded "Monday Kind Of Friday/Look In Her Eyes" under the name of Dawns Early Light. He also joined a successful night club act "Pecks Bad Boys" which recorded "Cloud 76" and "Crazy World." Horn worked with The Imaginations in 1996. He is responsible for forming the Legends Of Doo Wop who have been touring since the late 1990's.

Tommy Mara, played the drums in Brooklyn and sang in a local rock band. Mara then toured with a group called Blonde. After moving to Florida, he joined The Saints and then The Crests. Johnny Maestro, one of the founding members and original lead singer of The Crests passed the lead to Mara. Tommy, the present day lead singer and owner of The Crests, has been referred to as both "The Pavarotti of Doo Wop" and "The Meatloaf of Doo Wop." He sings from the heart and will thrill you with hits that include "Cara Mia," "Sixteen Candles," and "Step By Step."

As a special surprise guest, the audience was treated to the amazing 13-year-old singing sensation Amanda. In 2009 Amanda was with a solo in "Cirque Dreams" at the Mahaffey Theater and performed twice with David Foster on his Hitman concerts. Amanda has opened for Rock and Roll Hall of Famers including Jerry Butler, The Drifters, Little Anthony and the Imperials, The Chiffons, and The Teenagers as well as Gary Puckett, Gene Chandler and The Marcells.

Cheer Team Ready to Shine

The Cheer team has been working exceptionally hard this session preparing for their first competition which is going to be held at Mainland High School in Daytona on February 20th. The Ormond Beach Gymnastics Center will be proud to have 26 of their girls competing in the Youth Level 3, Grades 9 and Under competition where they will undoubtedly make their mark!



Ormond Beach Challenge Scores!

After months of preparation and planning by the Ormond Beach Soccer Club, January 16th and 17th marked the 12th Annual Ormond



Beach Challenge, a 100-team soccer tournament held at the Ormond Beach Sports Complex with teams ranging in age from U-9 to U-14. Teams came from all over Florida and competed for two days. The Challenge even hosted a U-12 team from Brazil! The Ormond Beach Soccer Club had three members take first place in the Ormond Challenge and one team captured second place.

Despite some occasional wet and windy weather, spirits were not dampened for all those who participated. The kids had a wonder-

ful time - the most important measure for a successful tournament. The Ormond Beach Soccer Club is proud to be hosting another

large tournament in February, the Region's Cup. Because of this tournament, and other events like it held at the Ormond Beach Sports Complex, thousands of dollars pour into area hotels, restaurants, shops, filling stations and convenience stores. Area businesses were ecstatic with the increase in sales over the weekend, and The City of Ormond Beach sincerely appreciates the effort and dedication that the Ormond Beach Soccer Club and other sports associations put into these events for the benefit of our children and the entire community as well.

Weekly Police Stats

Calls for Service - 1,150 Arrests - 21
 Citations Issued - 122
 Reports Written - 101 Traffic Stops - 183

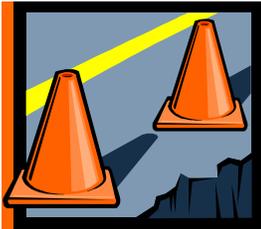


Weekly Fire Operations Stats

103 - INCIDENTS

54 - EMS 6 - Motor Vehicle Accidents 8 - Fires 5 - Fire Alarms
 23 - Public Assists 7 - Hazardous



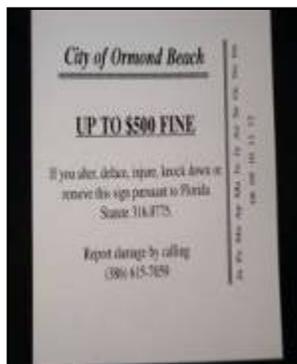


Public Works in Action

Concrete sidewalk and catch basin pour in Hunters Ridge



Sign Shop compliance to the FHWA had established minimum retroreflectivity requirements beginning on January 1, 2008, for traffic signs on roads open to the public. The completion date for street names is 2018 and all other regulatory and warning signs is 2015. We are dating all signs we install as a management method that is designed to maintain traffic sign retroreflectivity at or above established minimum levels.





Celebrating Unity in our Community!

The 4th annual "Unity in Our Community" a multi cultural festival will be held on Saturday, February 6th here at The Casements.

This event has become a favorite for many who have attended in previous years. Local groups come together to share their talents, showcase their cultures and educate the community on their ethnic diversity.

Many of the exhibits are ongoing inside the home as well as a stage of entertainment out-

side the home. Some of the events planned are Greek dancing, Greek cooking demonstrations, Black History presentation, Ormond History presentation, Pipe & Drums, Tai Kwon Do demonstrations, The Pailum Lucky Lion Dance Troop, Kung Fu demonstrations, Women in History exhibit, Hungarian exhibit and The Historical Boy Scout exhibit among others.

The event will begin at 10:00 a.m. and end at 4:00 p.m. with an admission ticket of \$3.00. A schedule of entertainment will be provided so



Community Events



In addition to planning for some of the larger events which include the Birthplace of Speed Final Centennial Celebration to be held on March 16th and Art in the Park on May 1st and 2nd, the Leisure Services Com-

winners were presented with their trophies and cash awards.

The City Commission's 2010 Goal's Workshop was held at the Senior Center on January 20th.

Community Events staff were responsible for loading chairs and furniture into the trailer, ordering supplies, hospitality and food items needed for the meeting.



community Events staff assisted with

some smaller events this past week.



At the January 19th City Commission Meeting, the 2009 Home for the Holidays Parade

