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## *Native American Festival Returns to Rockefeller Gardens!*

Last year the Native American Festival was cancelled due to the renovations in Rockefeller Gardens, but they return in a big way this year to celebrate 21 years!

Jimmy Sawgrass, the coordinator for the event, promises a wonderful event for the whole family. The event will begin on Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. beginning with a school field trip day for children. The hours will continue on Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00



Cody, young son of Jim Sawgrass, demonstrates special native American dances.



Colorful garb, music and native dances entertain visitors

p.m. and Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

There will be food vendors, live entertainment, dancing, educational shows, an alligator pit, flight of the raptor bird show and new, for the first time ever, an educational snake show. Special guest, David Weathers will be the official snake handler. He is known for his work on Animal Planet and many other educational animal series.

Gate admission will be \$6.00 Adults, \$5.00 Seniors and \$4 children.



# *Starry, Starry Night Shines Through the Bitter Cold!*



Despite the cold winds and frigid temperatures on last Friday evening, over 125 guests visited The Casements, The Ormond Historical Society and The Ormond Memorial Art Museum and Gardens to enjoy the first cultural event of the season in Ormond Beach.

This was the 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary of this event, and as in year's past, the community is invited to stroll between the Museum and The Casements to view the exhibits and enjoy the live entertainment. The hours were extended this year for the First Friday on East Granada event.



Opus 5 entertained the group at The Casements with lovely chamber music to compliment the East Coast Plein Air Painters exhibit entitled, "Celebrating Green".



The exhibit will continue throughout the month of January. Daily hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. with evening hours on Wednesday from 5:00 - 9:00 and Thursday from 5:00 - 8:30. For more information, please contact The Casements at (386) 676-3216.





# Citizens Enjoy Nova Park Despite Frigid Temps



Even with the cold weather, citizens from the community enjoyed the outdoors at Nova Park. Skaters took advantage of the warmth of the day to practice skills at the



skate court. The tennis courts were all busy once the sun came out. Smiles on the faces of the kids at the Magic Forest Playground showed how much they appreciate getting outdoors for a few hours.



Many of the patrons were excited about the prospect of the weather easing up into the 70's by the end of the week. As the week progressed, and the temperatures warmed, the Nova Park was filled



with even more visitors who were delighted that the warmer weather returned to the area.





# Ormond Beach Kiwanis Charity Bike Ride!



Members of the Ormond Beach Kiwanis Club braved the wind, cold and even sleet on Saturday to offer to the community a Family Fun Run and Charity Bike Race.

Other activities for the day included a bounce house, face painting, lunch from Outback and a raffle.



The Ormond Beach Fire Department was on hand with their engine to show the children and educate them on fire safety.

Despite a preregistration of nearly three dozen, four adults took to the streets to complete the 32 mile race up to Flagler and back to Ormond.

Over a dozen youngsters braved the cold and rode with their parents to complete the two-mile jaunt.



Some of the activities took place inside The Casements as the rain began and temperatures dropped in the low thirties.

At the end of the day, members of the Kiwanis were proud to say they sponsored the event and those that participated enjoyed themselves despite the weather.



## Pole Repair

During a routine inspection, the Leisure Services Building Maintenance staff discovered that the base of this light pole was struck by a vehicle and was in need of a quick repair



## The End of the Season



With the assistance of the Water Utilities Division, the Leisure Services Building Maintenance staff brought in the last of the Christmas decorations. These included the floats and the four trees that sat upon them which were seen shining out in the Halifax River over the holidays.

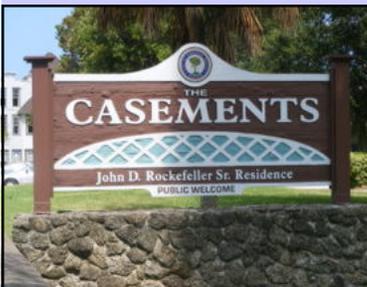
# Ames Park Wedding Area Renovations

Staff members from the Leisure Services Building Maintenance Division were called upon to drill holes in the wedding area at Ames Park to allow the water to drain and prevent overflow.



# A Beautiful Sight

This rare, beautiful, icy photo was taken of the fountain located at Hospital Gardens on 171 North Old Kings Road while the Leisure Services Building Maintenance staff were out inspecting the parks for frost damage.



# History Comes Alive!

After seven months of renovations with the facility being closed to the public, members of The Casements Guild are finding themselves very busy giving tours. The home reopened for tours last week giving over 100 guests the chance to see the home and learn its history.

Each day between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. the Guild members open their Gift Shoppe and welcome our guests. Many of them are visiting the area; however, since our renovations, several locals are taking the opportunity to check out the home for the very first time.

The Casements Guild members met over the renovation period and decided to extend their tour hours this year another hour and a half. Not only will this increase their volunteerism, it will accommodate



those tourists who visit later in the afternoon. Previously, staff would welcome them inside and assist them to a self-guided tour.

If you haven't had the opportunity to take a tour, you must. The docents are very knowledgeable, and you will find yourself learning more than you expected about the most famous resident of Ormond Beach. The tours are free; however, donations are gladly accepted. Our Guild members do a wonderful job for our community and should you have the opportunity to tell them so, please do!

# Behind the Scenes With Community Events



Even when there aren't large community events happening throughout the City, the Leisure Services Community Events staff is always busy working behind the scenes assisting with various tasks and preparing for the next event for our citizens to participate in.

Staff was busy last week loading chairs into the trailer and bringing them to City Hall.



The chairs were placed in the City Commission chamber for the large crowd that was anticipated to attend the City Commission meeting on January 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.



Staff also prepared and delivered sand bags, the popcorn machine and supplies to the Rockefeller Gardens for their "Movies on the Halifax" night which was cancelled due to the cold weather.

The Human Resources Department collected unwanted office

supplies, and Community Events staff delivered them to the Pace Center for Girls where they will be put to good use.



Staff assisted with the hospitality preparation for the MPO meeting at the PAC on January 11<sup>th</sup>. Tasks included food and supply ordering, pick-up, room set-up and strike.

This week staff is preparing and setting up for the Arbor Day Tree Planting Ceremony which will be held on Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. at Fortunato Park located on 2 John Anderson Drive.



No matter what time of year it is, or when they are called upon, the Leisure Services



Community Events staff is always ready to assist fellow City employees and provide quality community events to the residents of Ormond Beach.



# Let Freedom Ring!

The PAC hosted the Theatre Works Inc. production of Freedom Train on Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup> to two sold-out performances. The production was a joint venture between the PAC and Very Special Arts of



Volusia. A collaborative effort was made to bring the arts to school-age children

while also sending an educational message about the plight of Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad.



Harriet Tubman was born a slave, but when she was 25 she made

her perilous escape from a Maryland plantation, leaving her family behind. Pursued by dogs and relentless slave catchers, she followed an escape route laid out by Quakers - secret hiding places in churches, barns, cellars and homes.

The escape route that Harriet followed soon became known as the Underground Rail-

road, and she quickly became one of its



most celebrated 'conductors.' Up creek beds, through swamps, over hills in the

dark of night, on 19 secret trips Harriet Tubman guided more than 300 slaves, including her aged parents, to freedom. "I never run my train off the track," she said, "and I never lost a passenger."

Freedom Train tells the thrilling story of Harriet Tubman, the Moses of her people, in a fascinating series of highly theatrical scenes that use dance, dialogue and music of the period. Songs include "Follow the Drinking Gourd", "Steal Away", "Wade in the Water", "Good News", "The Chariot's A-Comin" and many others still sung today.

Freedom Train is the story of self-sacrifice, dedication and survival, laced with warmth and a sense of humor that celebrates the human spirit -- a universal story for all. Target is the National Tour Sponsor of this production.

*Upcoming  
Events/  
Workshops/  
Special  
Meetings*

January 15<sup>th</sup>

♦ CMT Krazy Kamp & Update Earth (PAC) 7:30 p.m. \$10-\$12

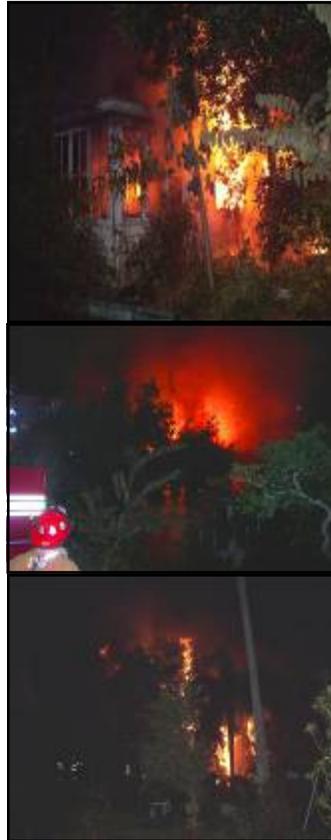
January 16<sup>th</sup>

♦ CMT Krazy Kamp & Update Earth (PAC) 1:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. \$10-\$12

Goals Workshop  
January 20, 2010  
6:00 p.m.  
Sr. Center Art Room

# 232 S. Beach Street House Fire

On Wednesday, January 13, at approximately 8:30 p.m., the Ormond Beach Fire Department responded to a residential fire at 232 South Beach Street. Upon arrival, the home was fully involved. According to the owner, who was the only occupant in the home, the fire began in the fire place where he was burning palm fronds which quickly got out of control. The owner of the home was able to leave without injury. The home has been deemed unsafe and uninhabitable and es-



timated to be valued between \$250,000 - \$350,000.

The State Fire Marshall was on site yesterday and has ruled the fire accidental. Due to safety concerns of the structure, demolition began yesterday and is expected to be complete today. The Ormond Beach Fire Department responded with three units and was assisted by the Ormond Beach Police Department, Volusia County Fire Services, Holly Hill Fire Department and EVAC

## Weekly Police Stats

Calls for Service - 1,193 Arrests - 11  
Citations Issued - 113  
Reports Written - 96 Traffic Stops - 195



## Weekly Fire Operations Stats

**124 - INCIDENTS**

85 - EMS      5 - Motor Vehicle Accidents      3 - Fires      9 - Fire Alarms  
19 - Public Assists      3 - Hazardous



# Public Works in Action

Asphalt crews assist Utilities in the repair of a water main break by replacing the roadway



Urban Forestry crew removes a tree on Cambridge Trace to allow the Concrete crew to replace a sidewalk section damaged by tree roots.



Stormwater crews work to clean up Thompson Creek -

before

after



# Wastewater Treatment Plant Rehabilitation Project: New Influent Pump Station Construction

The following information is provided to describe recent activities associated with the Phase 1 Rehabilitation Project ongoing at the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant and more specifically the status of influent pump station construction and start-up activities.

A major component of work included in the current wastewater plant rehabilitation project involved the plant's main influent pump station (IPS). The work included updating the electrical equipment, replacing the three existing influent pumps in the drywell of the IPS and installing a protective coating on the interior surfaces of the IPS wetwell areas. The work also included the installation of a new computer control system for the operation and control of the new influent pumps. The IPS receives all of the City's wastewater that is collected by the City's network of lift stations or that flows by gravity to the plant. The IPS then pumps the wastewater to the influent structure for screening, grit removal, flow metering and further treatment.



Pump and Pipe Setting Activities

The work by the contractor, CenState Contractors, Inc., was challenging in that it was necessary to bypass all of the influent flow received at the plant IPS in order to perform the IPS rehabilitation work. The entire lift station flow entering the plant was bypassed to the plant's existing dewatering pump station. The gravity flow to the IPS was bypassed to the dewatering pump station by installing an inflatable plug in the main gravity line to the IPS and installing temporary bypass pumps in the nearest manhole upstream of the IPS on the gravity collection system. A temporary discharge pipe was also installed to convey the pumped bypass flow to the dewatering pump station. With the IPS "off-line" upgrades to the structure began.

The existing influent pumps were nearing the end of their useful life and need to be replaced. The existing pumps, motors and large diameter piping needed to be removed from the IPS drywell through three small openings in the floor of the IPS. The new pumps, motors and large diameter piping were then lowered into the drywell



New IPS Electrical Room Motor Control Panels

through these same openings and assembled in very tight working conditions. The new influent pumps are each rated for 7000 gallons per minute flow or approximately 10 million gallons per day.

The aging electrical system for the IPS was also upgraded. This work involved the demolition of the existing electrical components and systems serving the existing influent

pumps and motors. A new electrical room to house the new gear was constructed in a previously existing IPS shop area. The new air conditioned electrical room contains a new switchboard line-up to replace the previous IPS motor control center (MCC) and emergency generator automatic transfer switch (ATS). Variable frequency drives (VFDs) for controlling the new influent pumps were also installed in the new electrical room. The timing of the electrical system upgrade had its own challenges during construction. The existing MCC provided power to several key WWTP process components external to the IPS such as the reclaimed water transfer pumps, an aerator in the final effluent equalization tank, power for lighting at the reclaimed water storage tanks and power to the facility's main operations building. Uninterrupted power to these plant process components was crucial and switchover of power to these areas was coordinated by the contractor with the plant's operation staff to minimize process interruptions.

The IPS upgrades are nearing completion. The pumps and piping are installed, the electrical system upgrades have been installed and energized, and the wetwell protective coating is complete. System start-up programming and basic operator training by the various manufacturers to facilitate proper equipment operation is ongoing. Final instrumentation and controls installation and programming activities are underway at present. IPS is anticipated to be fully operational near the end of January 2010.



Piping System Final Configuration.