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Florida Cadets Victorious at National Competition

Highly skilled Civil Air Patrol (CAP) cadets from across the United States recently gathered at Maxwell Air Force Base in Alabama for the 2015 National Cadet Competition, renewing a prestigious CAP inspection and drill event that originated nearly 70 years ago. The competition, which lasted from December 30 through January 2, was held in front of special guests that included senior U.S. Air Force and CAP personnel.

Since 1947, the National Cadet Competition has inspired generations of cadets to strive for excellence. The 96 cadets participating in the 2015 competition earned the right to attend by winning local, state and regional competitions. Each of the CAP's eight regions were represented, as well as the states of Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Hawaii, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Utah and Virginia. The State of Florida was represented by cadets from the Coral Springs Cadet Squadron and the Ormond Beach Composite Squadron, and won grand champion and first place overall, respectively. As a result, these two Florida squadrons are now among the elite of the CAP's 1,000 cadet units nationwide.

The cadets competed on six-member teams demonstrating skills in events that involved precision and teamwork. These skills include indoor and outdoor colorguard challenges, a written test of leadership and aerospace knowledge and a Jeopardy!-style game, a physical fitness test,

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Coral Spring Cadet Squadron on left, Lt. Col. Garcia FL Wing Vice Commander, Col. Melton Southeast Region (SER) Commander, Col. Lynn SER Vice Commander, Ormond Beach Composite Squadron on right



Lori Koplin Employee of the Year FY 2014 - 2015

Lori was born in Titusville and moved to DeLand at the age of one, becoming a graduate of DeLand High School. She went on to earn her degree in Early Childhood Education from Milligan College in Tennessee.

Prior to coming to work for the City of Ormond Beach, Lori was employed with Volusia County Schools at DeLand Middle School where she worked as a teaching assistant for over ten years. During this time, Lori's talent working with young people and those with disabilities really flourished.

In 2005, Lori began her employment with the City of Ormond Beach as a summer camp counselor with the Camp T-Rec program. In 2007, she was hired as a part-time therapeutic rec assistant. In 2011, Lori was promoted to the Nova Community Center Coordinator.

Lori is extremely dedicated to her job and the people she serves. She played an instrumental role in securing funds from Volusia County for scholarships for Camp T-Rec. In order to develop the best possible programs, Lori partners with local businesses such as the Daytona International Speedway and Embry-Riddle. She developed a free after school program for Ormond residents at the Nova Community Center where children ages four and up can go to play various sports and do arts and crafts. This helps serve children who go home to an empty household after school, as well as getting children engaged in an exercise program and actively involved in safe, healthy activities. The Nova gym is now full Monday through Friday morning thanks to the pickleball program Lori has been promoting, and it is becoming an increasingly popular sport for area seniors. Her number one passion is assisting those with special needs and throughout the year she runs a number of Challenger sports programs, a new Challenger arts program, and the annual STARS pageant.

Lori is the first one to offer her time to volunteer for a project or assist a co-worker in need. She recently took part in a breast cancer walk and spearheaded a very successful clothing and food drive benefiting a local homeless shelter. Lori has a tremendous impact on our community and her coworkers, and is much appreciated here at the City of Ormond Beach.



Congratulations Lori!

The City of Ormond Beach Environmental Discovery Center Seeks Volunteer Support

Construction on the City of Ormond Beach's Environmental Discovery Center (EDC) is making quick progress and the City plans to hold a grand opening celebration in the spring of 2016.

The City is currently seeking volunteer support for EDC operations. The overall programming plan for the EDC is to offer environmental education through children's classes, summer camp, family and community programs, exhibits, a speaker series, and special events. Some opportunities to get involved are community program leader, field trip leader, exhibit docent, special events, outreach, fundraising, and program development. No matter what position, volunteers will be environmental stewards to Central Park and Volusia County as a whole and their efforts will lead to the education and inspiration of local residents and visitors alike.

For more information, or to apply to volunteer, please visit www.ormondbeach.org/edc or contact Brittany McDermott at 386-676-3293 or by email at Brittany.McDermott@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, January 12th, 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.

Arbor Day

On Friday, January 15th, at 10:00 a.m., at Central Park, located at 601 Hammock Lane, a Live Oak tree, donated by Yellowstone Landscape (formerly Austin Outdoor), will be planted in celebration of Arbor Day, and all residents and visitors are invited to attend.



Arbor Day is an annual observance which celebrates the important role of trees in our lives and encourages tree planting and care. The first Arbor Day was in 1872 in Nebraska City, Nebraska, where Julius Sterling Morton, a journalist who loved nature, wrote and spoke about environmental awareness and encouraged everyone to set specific dates to plant trees. In 1872, the Nebraska Board of Agriculture accepted a resolution by Mr. Morton "to set aside one day to plant trees."

National Arbor Day is celebrated on the last Friday of April; however, in the United States, Arbor Day is celebrated on a date appropriate for tree planting in their region.

If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Sonja Johnson, Community Events Coordinator, at 386-676-3241 by January 13th. Please note, RSVPs are not required, but are greatly appreciated so that we can plan accordingly.

PARKS



The Leisure Services Parks staff are wrapping up some of their final duties of the holiday season by removing holiday decorations throughout the city, including taking down and storing the holiday tree that had been displayed in the atrium at City Hall.



At Riviera Park, a deteriorated barbecue grill was removed and replaced with a new one. In preparation for the Harry Wendelstedt Umpire School, staff installed a new padlock and hasp on a post at the Sports Complex. At Fortunato Park, graffiti was removed from a bench. Repairs were made to the playground equipment including the swing set at the Nova Community Center. Staff picked up extra trash left in the bins at all the area parks.



As usual, Citywide safety inspections were performed of all parks and equipment, and weekly inspections were done of parks facilities for reservations. All park reservations were posted at various facilities.





Watch Day

Ms. Debby's Dance and Acting classes meet at the Nova Community Center throughout the week. This week, Ms. Debby held her final "Watch Day" and invited the parents to participate alongside their children.

The parents enjoyed learn-

ing the steps and getting to see how hard their children work during class.

The parents are now looking forward to seeing their children perform during the recital in June where the children will show off all of the dance routines learned throughout the year.



Carolyn Land Presents Paintings at The Casements

After a busy and exciting holiday season, The Casements continues to shoot for the stars in 2016! On January 8th, The Casements will co-host the 27th annual Starry, Starry Night event with Ormond Memorial Art Museum and Gardens, Ormond Beach Historical Society, and Ormond Beach Arts District. The evening's free festivities span the entire block from The Casements to the Ormond Memorial Art Museum.

For Friday's cultural celebration, The Casements proudly presents Carolyn Land's painting collection titled "The Land Beneath the Stars." Amidst the historic home's hubbub on Tuesday, local artist Carolyn Land diligently assembled her exhibit along the gallery walls.

With 44 paintings in total, the compilation acts as a presentation in Realism and Abstraction.

Rich, sumptuous colors and tangible textures express the artist's multifaceted relationship with nature in "The Land Beneath the Stars." Mrs. Land, who teaches mixed media and collage at the Artists' Workshop in New Smyrna Beach, uses various mediums in her works to create depth and meaning. As she expresses in her artist's statement, Land hopes her art touches viewers and encourages them to look beyond the surface.

The Casements will display Land's collection from January 8th to January 29th in the gallery during operating hours. The Casements is open weekdays from 8am to 5pm and on Saturdays from 8am to noon. For more information, please contact The Casements at 386-676-3216.



Florida Cadets Victorious at National Competition (cont'd.)

an obstacle course-like fitness challenge, public speaking, model rocketry, team leadership problems and a uniform inspection. Judges were faculty from the U.S. Air Force Senior Non-Commissioned Officer Academy.

The National Cadet Competition is one of 50 National Cadet Special Activities, or NCSAs, sponsored by the CAP in 2015. Each NCSA allows young men and women ages 12 to 20 to hone their skills in specific areas such as search and rescue, flight and emergency services, science, leadership fundamentals, citizenship and military courtesies, and gives them the opportunity to explore aerospace technology, STEM and aviation careers. Last year, more than 1,500 youths participated in CAP-sponsored cadet activities.



Open Gym

For the month of January, Open Gym will be held on the following Fridays:

January 8th
January 15th
January 22nd

Open Gym will be from 6-8 p.m., at the Ormond Beach Gymnastics Center and will be provided for anyone between the ages of 8-21. The Gymnastics Center is located at 432 N. Nova Road.

Whether you are a beginner or have gymnastics experience, you can come by and practice old skills or brush up on new skills. This will be an open gym format and there will only be light spotting. Coaches will be on the floor at all times.

A waiver to participate must be signed by each person and anyone under 18 years of age must have the waiver signed by a parent. The cost is \$5.00 per participant.

Participants may register at the Leisure Services Registration Office, 399 N US 1 or if you are set up to register online go to: <https://etrak-plus.com/default/flex/onlineRegistration.jsp?orgSerial=38&origin=http://www.ormondbeach.org>. Registrations will also be accepted at the door. If you have any questions, please contact the Leisure Services Department at 386-676-3250.

Weekly Police Stats

Calls for Service - 1,589 Arrests – 28
Citations Issued - 71
Reports Written - 132 Traffic Stops - 196



Weekly Fire Operations Stats

169 INCIDENTS
109 - EMS 7 - Motor Vehicle Accidents
2 - Fires 3 - Fire Alarms
46 - Public Assists 2 - Hazardous

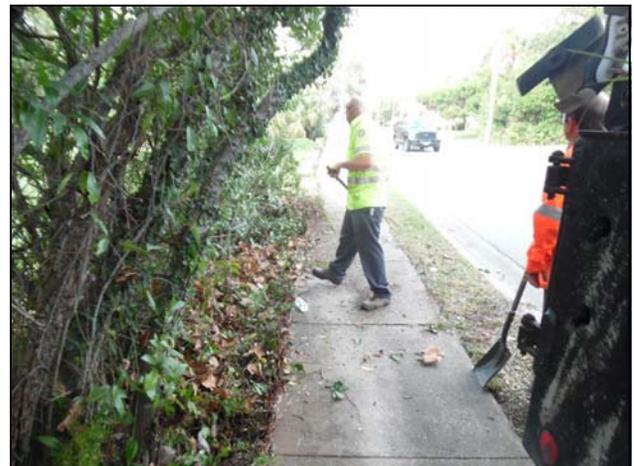
Public Works in ACTION



Removal of downed trees in Central Park lakes interconnect



R-O-W maintenance at S. Halifax Dr. and Willis Dr.



Public Works in ACTION



Cut and removal for sidewalk improvements on Neptune Ave.



Public Works in ACTION



Assisting Parks staff with maintenance of concrete bike pads

Cassen Park

Fortunato Park

