



# City of Ormond Beach

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## Labyrinth Dedication

The Dedication of the new Harmony Labyrinth was held at 6:00 p.m. on September 21<sup>st</sup> in conjunction with United Nations International Day of



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cial and in-kind donations from individuals, private businesses and civic groups. The labyrinth, which is located at Central Park II on Hammock Lane, took nine months to complete. At the end of the dedication, everyone was welcomed to take a peaceful and healing walk on the labyrinth.



# Special Meeting

## John Anderson Drive Roadway Improvement Project



A special meeting of the City Commission is being held to discuss alternative conceptual road corridor improvements for John Anderson Drive from Granada Boulevard (SR40) to the City limits at Sandcastle Drive. Improvements to be considered include consideration of one-way traffic alternatives along with standard two-way traffic alternatives. Considerations regarding construction of sidewalks and undergrounding of existing utilities (electric, phone, and cable) will be discussed. Utility improvements (stormwater, water, and sewer) are also included in

the project. The City Commission will be looking to select an alternative for staff to proceed with final design and construction. Currently, construction for roadway improvements on John Anderson Drive is scheduled to occur in Fiscal Year 2010-2011. All persons wishing to learn more about the proposed alternatives and voice their opinions on the merits of the alternatives will have the opportunity to listen and speak at this special City Commission meeting. For additional information, please contact the Engineering Division at (386) 676-3269.

**Meeting Date:** October 19, 2009  
**Meeting Time:** 7:00 PM  
**Location:** City Commission  
Chambers, City Hall  
22 South Beach Street



# The Farmers' Market Begins Next Week!



This Thursday, Maggie Sacks with Ormond Main Street,

The Casements Coordinator and prospective market vendors met at Rockefeller Gardens to finalize the plans for the new Farmers' Market.

The weekly market will run each Thursday morning from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the

newly renovated Rockefeller Gardens beginning next Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. Parking for the market will be provided at both The Casements parking lot and Fortunato Park.

Thirty vendors will feature the finest locally grown, in-season produce. There will also be fresh fish, orchids, bromeliads, exotic plants, freshly baked breads, cakes and pies available for purchase.

The Ormond Farmers' Market will be a featured downtown experience that should draw customers from throughout all of Central Florida. Come be a part of this unique shopping experience along the Halifax River in your very own Downtown.



# The Casements Guild Returns!

This Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> the members of The Casements Guild reunited after a long summer break at their first general meeting for the year. Over 30 members of the group met at Bailey Riverbridge, their new meeting location during the remaining months of construction at The Casements.

Along with the generous donation of \$10,000.00 for movie audio and projection equipment that services "Movies on The Halifax" each month, members have been busy with the Casements Engraved Brick Courtyard campaign and a host of various duties linked with their upcoming Christmas Gala.

This year the Gala will be celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The Guild will feature this event in the newly renovated Rockefeller Gardens complete with the Friday night tree lighting ceremony to begin the festivities.

Members are anxious for the building to reopen and to start offering the guided tours. Until then, they have plenty of work ahead of them planning, decorating and helping staff to reopen The Casements to the public.

We welcome all the members back and are looking forward to a wonderful year ahead!



# Division Avenue Road Construction

The staff and patrons at the South Ormond Neighborhood Center are anxiously awaiting the opening of Division Avenue at the intersection of US1. The road has been closed since

mid-April, and traffic has been diverted up



Hand Avenue onto Bostrom for entrance to the facility.

Division Avenue was paved from S. Ridgewood Ave. to US1 on Friday, September 18, and Monday, September 21; however, the asphalt surface



was not finished satisfactorily, in part due to precipitation which cooled the asphalt too fast. Staff has met with the contractor to discuss that the asphalt is unacceptable and must



be reworked or replaced. The paving contractor expressed certainty that he could improve the surface satisfactorily and will begin repairs next Monday and be

completed by Tuesday. From S. Ridgewood Ave to S. Beach Street, the contractor has been placing curb & gutter, new driveways, sidewalk and



storm-drain. Staff continues to work with the design consultant to make many minor design adjustments throughout the construction as is inherent with roadway reconstruction projects. The new 12-inch water-main extension from US1 to S. Beach Street has been completed and cleared for use.



*Upcoming  
Workshops/  
Special  
Meetings*

**Meeting with the  
Manager**

September 28th—3:30  
p.m. Training Room

**Aircraft Noise Abate-  
ment Task Force  
Workshop**

October 3rd, 8:30 a.m.,  
South Ormond  
Neighborhood Center

**Evaluation and Ap-  
praisal Report (EAR)  
Amendments—**

October 6th—5:30 p.m.  
Training Room

**John Anderson Drive  
Special Meeting—**

October 19th --7:00  
p.m. Commission  
Chambers

**Four Months  
and the Construction  
Continues!**



The Casements construction continues, and progress is beginning to take shape! All roofs are back in place, and the newly constructed fire exit and stairwell are being fitted for new cedar shakes. The construction crews have been busy getting ready for the exterior finishes before the painting crews begin their work on the exterior painting.



This week marks four months, and although we have many things pending, so many changes have already taken shape. Our new Carriage House is up, and this week it is getting wired for power, lighting and air conditioning. All of the rooms have been wired for the new fire alarm system, and the popcorn ceilings have been scraped and replaced with a knock-down finish, more appropriate for the history of the home.

The gallery isn't quite the same as before but will be opened up into the dance room allowing a natural flow throughout the first floor of the home, in addition to

adding more space for larger events, parties and gallery openings. The small original fireplace that was once covered with a smoked glass exterior has been revealed, and our hopes are to restore its natural beauty by re-facing the brick and adding a mantle piece. New period lighting will be added in addition to the gallery lights.

The kitchen boasts a new ceiling now and will be getting a fresh coat of paint on the walls, baseboards and trim work in addition to the cabinetry.

With much of the exterior work behind the crews, they are diligently working inside both in the dance room and bathrooms on the first and second floors.

During this process, many of the antique furnishings have been taken to be reupholstered and reinforced. These projects have been funded by The Friends of The Casements.

Staff and Guild members alike are anxious to start redecorating the home and await

**Weekly Police Stats**

Calls for Service - 1,169 Arrests – 16  
Citations Issued - 252  
Reports Written - 135 Traffic Stops - 256



**Weekly Fire Operations Stats  
104 INCIDENTS**

71 - EMS      6 - Motor Vehicle Accidents  
5 - Fires      4 - Fire Alarms  
15 - Public Assists      3 - Hazardous

# Public Works in Action

Gutter repair on Landmark Circle



Pot Hole on Banyan Drive



Contractor Ditch Mowing in the Business Park



Stormwater basin repair on Quail Run





# Hose Testing



Firefighter Randall

Each Fall, our firefighters perform annual fire hose testing, as required by ISO (Insurance Services Office).

no leaks, and check the integrity of the hose couplings (connectors). Firefighter Randall and Driver Engineer



Driver Engineer Baranowski

Firefighters bring the water pressure up to 500 psi for five minutes to ensure there are

Baranowski are shown in the photos testing fire hose at station 92.

## *Field Preparation at the Sports Complex*

The fall sports season has begun, and the Athletic Fields Maintenance Department is very busy prepping the fields for all our Ormond Beach athletes! Pictured here, the crew is getting the baseball fields ready for weekend play at the Sports Complex.



# Students "Flip" Over Judo Classes



The Performing Arts Center adds evening Judo classes for all ages. The Horan System of Self Defense Judo is alive and well on Tuesdays in the Performing Arts Center Studio. Master Ruth Horan has been teaching Judo for the City of Ormond Beach for over 30 years and has no intention of stopping. Ms.

Horan's dedication to her students has earned her their loyalty as they faithfully return to her classes year after year.



On display at the Performing Arts Center is a display of the many awards Ruth Horan has earned over the years – a display of her skills and prowess all can be proud of.

Master Horan was recently awarded a distinction that only she has; she is now the highest ranked Judo Master in the World. When speaking with Master Horan she simply says "They kept running out of titles and ranks to give me, but this is a great honor."



# Let's Go To The "Hop"



Nova Community Center hosted the annual Sock Hop, which is co-sponsored by the City of Ormond

Beach Special Populations Division of the Leisure Services Department and the Special

Populations Activity and Recreation Council (SPARC).

Approximately 200 participants with special needs and volun-

teers enjoyed the DJ's music, dinner, dancing, photographer, karaoke, and socialization.



# *The Blues Brothers— Tribute to America*



Wallis and Jim Webb, stopped at the Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center.

The audience cheered to the opening notes of "Sweet Home Chicago," "Everybody Needs Somebody" and "Do You Love Me" brought the house down. The Red Hot Mamma's, from our

On Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, The Blues Brothers traveling show, featuring local crooners Michael Co-

local "Showclub" group, accompanied them. Boy, could they "Do the Twist!" A real tribute to the movie, they were pure entertainment.

Part of their performance was dedicated to Neil Diamond and Ray Charles as well as other performers, and their finale included a stirring tribute to the men and women of the United States Armed Forces. They highlighted the evening by ending with a powerful mixture of spiritual and country with songs of the Blues Brothers.



## *ONE MUSICAL FAMILY*

The Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center hosted four-time Grammy Award nominee Cherryholmes on Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup> to a packed house. The concert was sponsored by Tomoka Christian Church as a fundraiser for their Daytona Outreach Center, an organization that provides aid to those in need.

Cherryholmes has stormed to the top of the music world since winning the 2005 IBMA (International Bluegrass Music Association) award for Entertainer of the Year.

Their self-titled debut album on Skaggs Family Records in 2006 received their first Grammy nomination for Best Bluegrass Album, and their second Grammy-nominated album Black And

White came in at No. 1 on Billboard's Bluegrass Album Chart. *Cherryholmes'* latest album, Don't Believe garnered them their third and fourth Grammy nominations for Best Bluegrass Album, and crossed them over into the Best Country Instrumental Performance category for the track, "Sumatra."

They hit the stage with hard-driving instrumental virtuosity and explosive vocal harmonies and feature various styles of original songs written by members of the band. Add their fluidity of instrumental movement and dance, and it's a look and sound that can only be described as "*Cherryholmes.*"



# Kids Got Talent ... and So Much More!



Got Talent Showcase." Hundreds of people lined up outside of the Performing Arts Center surrounding the fountain waiting for the arrival of the contestants – parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends and more! The crowd began to roar when,

On Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, Trinity Productions, in association with American Broadcasting Company, produced the "Kids



with police escort, four limousines pulled up to the red carpet so grandly unfurled alongside the stanchions and red-velvet ropes.



they presented powerful performances – singing, dancing, acting – all to the cheers of the audience.



The decisions were difficult, the judges debated and finally delivered their choices. In the end aspiring actress Teah Culver heard those three famous words...You're a STAR!



Ms. Culver was the recipient of a professional photo shoot with headshots, press pictures and a \$1,000 cash award which she has stated will go toward her college expenses.



The excitement mounted as 40 contestants disembarked from the limousines – greeted like celebrities as they walked into the Performing Arts Center! The moment was upon them. On stage,



Producers have already scheduled a reunion show in December 2009 for more beautiful dreams to come true!