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# City of Ormond Beach

APRIL 8, 2016

## Vietnam War Era Veterans Ceremony

Fifty years after the end of the Vietnam War, Ormond Beach Vietnam War Era veterans were officially welcomed home on Wednesday, April 6, at the Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center. Nearly 100 veterans from Ormond Beach attended the ceremony and City officials offered the welcome home and tribute these men and women deserve for the sacrifices they made for their country.



Nine million Americans, approximately seven million living today, served during the Vietnam War, which lasted from November 1, 1955, to May 15, 1975. About 58,200 American troops were killed during the war, according to Veterans Affairs statistics, and nearly 153,400 were wounded. Some 1,600 Americans taken prisoner remained missing in 2014.

The ceremony began with a welcome from Leisure Services Director Robert Carolin. The Civil Air Patrol then took stage and presented the American flag and the POW flag. Flags from the various branches of the armed forces were already proudly displayed on stage courtesy of the American Legion. Chaplain Major S. Howard Schwartz delivered the invocation, praying for those who died during the war, for the veterans and for peace. He then led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Ed Kelley expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the veterans.

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## Vietnam War Era Veterans Ceremony (cont'd.)

He delivered the proclamation proclaiming April 6, 2016, as a day to celebrate Vietnam War Era veterans in the City of Ormond Beach and urged all residents to support the observance of this special day as a patriotic and heartfelt remembrance of those who served and died for our country during the Vietnam War. Each City Commissioner then spoke and thanked the veterans, with Commissioner Rick Boehm, a Vietnam War Era veteran himself, speaking last and recalling his service in the Navy.

Mayor Kelley then asked each veteran to rise as he announced their name, and to tell in which branch of service they served and during what

time period. Some also shared their division and unit and a story or two. One veteran, a Congressional Medal of Honor recipient, received a standing ovation.

After the Civil Air Patrol retired the colors, the audience of approximately 300, adjourned to the lobby for a group photo and refreshments. Two commemorative plaques containing the names of 144 Ormond Beach Vietnam War Era veterans were on display in the lobby. Veterans eagerly searched the plaques for their name and have their photograph taken next to it. The plaques will be permanently displayed on the first floor of City Hall within the next few weeks. A third plaque will be added with additional names.



# Employee of the Quarter

## Liviston “Stretch” Edwards



Liviston Edwards (Stretch) grew up in Ormond Beach and has lived in the Halifax area since 1970. In 1975, he began playing sports with the City of Ormond Beach’s recreation leagues. He has been involved with the Ormond Beach Leisure Services Department in some capacity now for over 40 years. Stretch began his career for the City of Ormond Beach working part-time in 1990 and then began working full-time in December of 1995 in the then parks department. He has been the Recreation Center Coordinator at the South Ormond Neighborhood Center for almost 25 years.

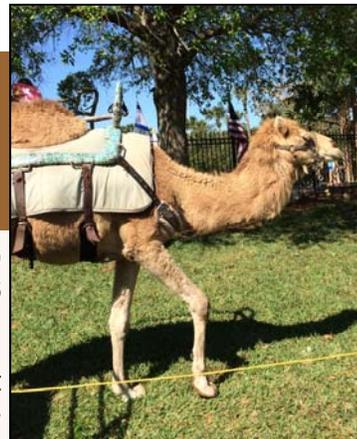
Stretch has the ability to foresee issues before they arise, and is proactive, rather than reactive, in handling any issues with a positive outcome for all. His peers often look to him for his level-headed advice and his knack to turn a negative situation into something positive. It is not uncommon for Stretch to do things like put a blower on his back at 6:00 a.m. to blow off the grounds, tennis courts and splash pad, pick up litter in the park, and trim branches before park users arrive. Stretch is at the Center almost every weekend and often checks the park at night to ensure that it is always a safe place for our community.

Some of the most positive outcomes that have resulted are because of Stretch’s willingness to spend the extra time mentoring a child or a family. The children and adults of the South Ormond community all know that “Coach Stretch” is someone who really cares about them and will go out of his way to help. As a child, he remembers receiving food baskets from the City during the holiday season and the difference it made for his family. He continues that tradition each year by soliciting donations and volunteers to assemble and deliver holiday baskets to local families. The positive impact Stretch has made is evident by the youth who can’t wait to run up and say hello to “Coach Stretch;” by the young men and women who went through his programs and are now successful college graduates; by the families who rely on placing their children in a safe and enjoyable summer camp each year; and, by the business owners who want to give back to the South Ormond community.

His respect for the generations of Ormond Beach families who still reside here and his belief that every child deserves a chance to thrive, drives him to make the South Ormond Neighborhood Center a place where people, no matter who they are or where they come from, believe that they matter. He is not only an exemplary employee; he is an exemplary human being and pillar of this community.

*Congratulations, Stretch!*

# Jewish Heritage Festival



Camel rides, kosher cuisine, live music, and more drew a tremendous crowd to The Casements and Rockefeller Gardens on Sunday, April 3, during the 2016 Jewish Heritage Festival celebrating Jewish culture and heritage.

Inside the historic home, visitors surveyed cultural exhibits set up along the first floor. In particular, the dance room's Holocaust Memorial exhibit included displays from the Holocaust Memorial Resource and Education Center in Orlando. The ground floor featured a Jewish Hall of Fame with ancient Hebrew scrolls and a Jewish baseball player artwork project. In The Casements' gallery, three guest speakers delivered riveting presentations; notably, an eighty-eight year old Holocaust survivor shared his story to a large audience.

Meanwhile in Rockefeller Gardens, attendees dined on ethnic food, visited various vendors, listened to musical entertainment, and even conversed with Biblical characters! Sponsor booths and a Health Fair provided information to interested parties throughout the day.

On The Casements' North Lawn, families enjoyed a kids' zone with camel rides, a petting zoo, bounce houses, rock climbing wall, an inflatable obstacle course, and face painting. Additionally, Rabbi Pickle presented a kosher pickle making demonstration under the portico. Without a doubt, the festivities were a huge hit among families and friends.



Thanks to Festival volunteers, sponsors, and The Casements staff's hard work, the 2016 Jewish Heritage Festival had a successful celebration!

## Ormond Beach Follies Present...

The 2016 annual production of the Ormond Beach Follies was held April 1-3 at the Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center. The theme of this year's show "Thanks for the Memories" was a tribute to our veterans and the Bob Hope USO shows that entertained our troops.

The Follies show is written, rehearsed and performed by a dedicated cast of talented local volunteers who put in an incredible amount of work throughout the year to prepare the show. The performers were in various numbers and comedy skits. The chorus also did a superb job with their performance.

The PAC auditorium was nearly sold out for all three performances, and the audiences showed their appreciation for the superb performances with a standing ovation.



# Community Volunteers

Several months ago, members of the Christ Presbyterian Church contacted the City to see where they could provide volunteer assistance to help members in the community who are in need. They then met with Neighborhood Improvement Division staff regarding possible volunteer opportunities. Recently, the first connection was made between a property owner who was facing many challenges and the willing volunteers who helped with some clean up of the property.

The volunteers are eager to provide future assistance, and staff will continue to work on matching volunteer groups with those in need of assistance.

Many thanks go to Paul Howes, Pete Glover, Jim Crotty, Bob Coleman, Bobbi Coleman, Monica Burkett and Chuck Burkett who took the time to reach out and help others.



## FLOW Mobile

The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles “Florida Licensing On Wheels” (FLOW) mobile unit will be at City Hall on **Tuesday, April 26, 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](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.



# Walking with the Manager RESCHEDULED



Walking with the Manager initially scheduled for Friday, April 8th, at 8:00 a.m., **was cancelled** and has been **rescheduled for Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>**.

We apologize for any inconvenience.

## Swing into Spring

Move to the music and boogie to the groove at The Casements' "Swing into Spring" concert series! The Leisure Services Department proudly presents free live music on April 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> (Thursdays). Come celebrate spring with jamming jazz music from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on The Casements North Lawn.

The series kicks off on April 7<sup>th</sup> with Daytona State College's Abe Alam Trio. Palm Coast duo 2 Guys with Horns will play on April 14<sup>th</sup> and the final concert on April 21<sup>st</sup> will feature Daytona Beach swing band The Moonlighters. Come out and bop to some crazy beats from these cool cats!

Swing into Spring is a free concert series open to the general public. Seating is provided and light refreshments will be sold. Free parking is available at The Casements, which is located at 25 Riverside Drive.

For more information, please contact The Casements at 386-676-3216.

The City of Ormond Beach Department of Leisure Services  
The Casements presents

**A Concert Series**

**Thursdays  
7:00pm - 8:30pm**

**FREE**

**Featuring**  
 April 7th - Abe Alam Trio  
 April 14th - 2 Guys with Horns  
 April 21st - The Moonlighters

**Light Refreshments Sold**

**North Lawn**

The Casements • 25 Riverside Drive • Ormond Beach • 386-676-3216

### Weekly Police Stats

Calls for Service - 1,374    Arrests - 23  
 Citations Issued - 74  
 Reports Written - 149    Traffic Stops - 157



### Weekly Fire Operations Stats

**140 INCIDENTS**  
 86 - EMS    5 - Motor Vehicle Accidents  
 0 - Fires    5 - Fire Alarms  
 43 - Public Assists    1 - Hazardous

# Autism Fair



On Friday, April 1, the Leisure Services Department, Special Populations Division attended the Autism Resource Fair at Easter Seals in Daytona and had a table set up with information about upcoming programs that are being offered.

Many families visited the Resource Fair to learn about services that are offered for children with autism. They were excited to learn that our Leisure Services Department offers Camp T-Rec, the Challenger Sports program, Explore the Arts, gymnastics and cheerleading for those with special needs. The programs offer autistic children the opportunity to participate in some of the same programs as their siblings and friends, but with modifications so they can succeed.

For more information on what we have to offer, please call the Nova Community Center at (386) 676-3252.

## PARKS



The Leisure Services Parks staff removed graffiti from the pavilion at Sanchez Park and from under the bridge at Cassen Park. They repaired broken fence boards at the Nova Community Park.



A new steering wheel was installed on a car at the playground at Sanchez Park, and the hinge on the playground gate was repaired. At the Sports Complex, the Limitless playground had repairs made to its telescope and temporary picnic tables were brought to the site.



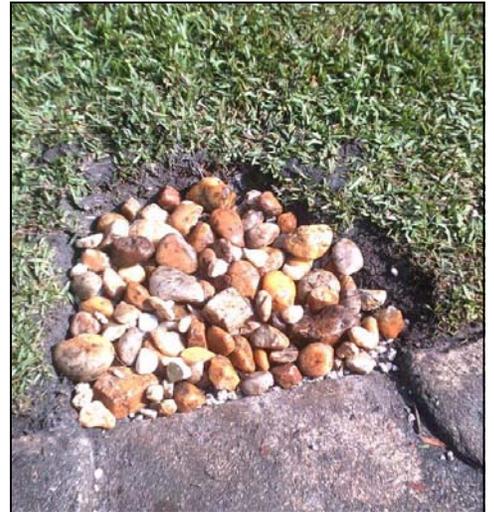
As usual, citywide safety inspections were performed of all parks and equipment and weekly inspections were done of parks facilities for reservations. All park reservations were posted at various facilities.



# Public Works in ACTION



## French drains installed on Rivell Trail



## Barriers installed on Pineland Trail to prevent off road driving



# Public Works in ACTION



## Repair of event banner cable over SR40



## Harvard Dr. sidewalk improvement



# Public Works in ACTION



## Spring Meadows hazardous sidewalk improvement





***Eat Healthy Be Active: Eating Healthy on a Budget***

Learn about three easy steps for healthy eating on a budget planning, shopping and saving. Information on balancing calories, increasing certain foods while decreasing others and the need for physical activity will be provided.

For more information call:  
University of Florida Family Nutrition Program  
Volusia Extension  
386-822-5778 Ext. 5418

Date: April 20, 2016  
Time: 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.  
Location: South Ormond Neighborhood Center  
176 Division Street  
Ormond Beach, Florida

***Eat Healthy Be Active: Enjoy Healthy Foods that Tastes Great***

Learn how small changes can make a big difference. Information will be provided for promoting good health, maintaining a healthy weight and lowering the risk of chronic disease. This program is free and open to the public

For more information call:  
University of Florida Family Nutrition Program  
Volusia Extension  
386-822-5778 Ext. 5418

Date: April 27, 2016  
Time: 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.  
Location: South Ormond Neighborhood Center  
176 Division Street  
Ormond Beach, Florida

***Eat Healthy Be Active: Making Healthy Eating Part of Your Total Lifestyle***

Tips for using the nutrition facts label and turning less healthy food into healthier options will be provided. Learn about *Go, Slow and Whoa* foods. This program is free and open to the public.

For more information call:  
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Volusia Extension  
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Date: April 28, 2016  
Time: 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
Location: South Ormond Neighborhood Center  
176 Division Street  
Ormond Beach, Florida

**LOW COST PET SHOT CLINIC  
TO BENEFIT  
CONCERNED CITIZENS FOR ANIMAL WELFARE**

**April 9, 2016  
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

**1437 N U.S. Hwy 1  
ORMOND BEACH, FL 32174  
Healing Paws Vet Clinic**



**SHOT COSTS:**

**RABIES SHOTS @ \$6.00  
DOG COMBO SHOTS @ \$10.00  
CAT COMBO SHOTS @ \$10.00  
PUPPY & KITTEN SHOTS @ \$10.00  
BORDATELLA @ \$12.00  
LEUKEMIA SHOTS @ \$20.00  
WORMING @ \$5.00  
HEARTWORM TESTS @ \$18.00**

**PRODUCTS AT DISCOUNTED PRICE:**

**FLEA MEDICATIONS  
HEARTWORM MEDICATIONS (*With Proof of Heartworm Test*)**

**PAYMENT: CASH OR CHECK**

**FOR INFORMATION**

**Phone: 386-405-1559 or Email: [Pat@ccfaw.org](mailto:Pat@ccfaw.org)**

***DOGS MUST BE ON A LEASH & CATS MUST BE IN A CARRIER***