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Rockefeller Gardens Grand Opening



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Friday, July 3rd marked the re-birth of Rockefeller Gardens as an eager crowd gathered to see the much anticipated renovations. Nearly two hundred guests, including Mayor Fred Costello, Commissioners



Lori Gillooly, Troy Kent, Ed Kelley and Bill Partington, City Manager Joyce Shanahan and many other special guests, entered the park for the first time since the com-

pletion of the project to enjoy the more user friendly, inclusive park located on the scenic Halifax River. Friday night's celebra-



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tion included a Proclamation read by our own Mayor Fred Costello, and recognition of the project partners including Kenneth Smith Architects, Mark Dowst & Associates, Paul Estes, and C.E.M. Enterprises who won the project bid back in October 2008.



The project began December 1, 2008 and has sparked the interest of many in the community from the very beginning. New drainage, irrigation and power are not the only features added in the project. A new 50-foot stage with two matching towers are the focal point to the south end of the park, with a new terraced seating area to the north. Several benches and lamp post lighting adorn the park, and a new picnic area sits facing the Halifax River. A feature not at all new to



the park is the large water wheel. This moveable feature is reminiscent to the original park that also had a small water wheel and a wooden bridge.

Troy Kent, Commissioner for Zone 2, addressed the crowd and remembered several fond memories of visiting the park with his mother as a child. He paid tribute to the Commission who more than 30 years ago purchased The Casements and Rockefeller Gardens as a public facility for



all of the community to enjoy. It is anticipated that an

even greater number of citizens will be taking advantage of the beautifully renovated facilities at Rockefeller Gardens in the coming years now that the project is complete.



Before the close of the program, the Mayor and Commissioners invited The Casements Guild members to participate in the ribbon cutting ceremony. Guests were able to take self-guided tours throughout the park while enjoying refreshments provided by Amber's Jewel Catering and listening to musical renditions from The Moonlighters Orchestra.

This preview event was sponsored by The City of Ormond Beach, Kenneth Smith Architects and Mark Dowst & Associates.



New Rockefeller Gardens Brings Back Old Time Fourth!



An estimated record number were in attendance for the 2009 Independence Day Celebration which took place on Saturday, July 4th. Young and old alike all came together on the corners of the Granada Bridge which were festively decorated with the red, white and blue. Music filled the summer air, as did the aroma of an array of mouth-watering treats. Live broad-

Each corner hosted a different genre of music including rhythm & blues, jazz, swing, rock & roll and country. While the sounds of music filled the parks, the children were having the times of their lives at the Patriotic Kids Park located in Fortunato Park. Especially popu-



ings of an old time 4th of July...a little something for everyone. All of this was followed by the most spectacular fireworks display in the history of Ormond Beach.



lar were the magician and the juggler which had everyone amazed and screaming for more. Whether it was the rock climbing wall or the

At 9:30 p.m. the countdown was on, Commissioners Troy Kent and Bill Partington along with their families stood in front of over 20,000 eager residents and counted down from ten. When they hit one, the sky lit up on cue. With the most enthusiastic sounds of excitement, one could hear the most thunderous booms and bangs and the "oohhs"



casting of the Independence Day event could be heard from Beach 92.7, a station new to the area, and proud in-kind sponsor of the event.



inflatables, parents were happy to know that their little ones were safe and entertained.

A wide variety of activities brought back the warm feel-



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THANK YOU !

The entire City of Ormond Beach is very grateful to the following businesses:

- All Daytona Septic Tank Service, Inc.
- Associated Dermatologists
- Atlantic Communications
- Atlantic Orthodontics
- Beach 92.7 FM
- Better Barricades, Inc.
- Brown & Brown of Florida
- Carter Electric
- Classic Iron Beds & Designer Linens
- Daytona Tents and Events
- Dustin's Bar-B-Q
- Halifax Paving
- Hall Construction, Inc.
- Quentin L. Hampton & Associates, Inc.
- J & P Cycles
- Raymond Kenzik, DDS
- Drs. Kraski, Costello & Drake, PA
- Lamar Signs
- Manne & Borere, DDS
- Ormond Beach Chamber of Commerce
- Ormond Orthodontics
- S.R. Perrott
- D.B. Pickles Restaurant
- RBC Bank
- Realty Pros
- Rent Me Homes, Inc.
- Rice & Rose
- Rick's Auto Tint
- Saboungi Construction
- Sunshine State Community Bank
- Tropical Tattoo Inc.
- Waste Management
- Greg Wynn Financial
- WyoTech

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and "aahhs" of the crowd as everyone watched the sky illuminate with beautiful colors as Fireworks by Santore, Inc. put on a fabulous display for everyone to enjoy.



This Independence Day Celebration would not have been possible without the generous support of several local businesses. Please try to patronize these establishments

whenever possible, and/or just stop by and offer your thanks. This was one magnificent Independence Day Celebration. It was a true show of what is possible when everyone works together - businesses in the community, the volunteers who helped set up and dismantle the event, and all the dedicated employees in the various departments within the City who made it a day to remember. Thanks to all!





B I N G O!



Week three of the summer camp has been great. The kids are enjoying the activities and the time away from their parents and school. One of the favorite games at the South Ormond Neighborhood Center is the old school fa-



favorite "bingo". At our center the kids play bingo once a week, and the prizes range from school supplies such as backpacks and books to snacks. It is a wonderful cool down/ rainy day activity that the kids of all ages still enjoy.

Facilities Maintenance... Keeping Us Safe

In preparation for the Independence Day Celebration, the Facilities Maintenance staff spent some time placing these floats and signs along the Halifax River to help keep the waters safe for everyone.



Performing
Arts
Center



July 11th
Kids Got Talent
Photo Shoot

July 16th
Summer Camp Jug-
gler Show

July 18th
Recovery Comedy
Show

July 25th
KEDA Dance Open
Auditions

July 30th
King and I Summer
Camp Show

Ormond Beach Police Joins Twitter

The social networking service known as Twitter has been quickly growing in popularity, particularly with the younger, instant information generation. Many government entities have begun to use the service as another method of communicating information to citizens who they might not otherwise have reached. According to the Twitter.com, Twitter is a service for friends, family, and co-workers to communicate and stay connected through the exchange of quick, frequent answers to one simple question: What are you doing?

Twitter has quickly turned into a whole new communications phenomenon. Many police departments have begun using Twitter to send short

text messages (limited to 140 characters) conveying a variety of information such as breaking news and public service announcements. The Ormond Beach Police Department has created a Twitter account for this purpose. Citizens who have created a free Twitter account can sign up to receive messages sent via Twitter by the Ormond Beach Police Department @ <http://twitter.com/ORMONDBEACHPD> Information will be provided by the Police Department's Public Information Officer to make subscribers aware of important information. In those situations requiring more in-depth information, they will be directed to the City's website for additional information.

Weekly Police Stats

Calls for Service - 1,342 Arrests- 16
Citations Issued - 205
Reports Written - 158 Traffic Stops - 282



Weekly Fire Operations Stats 123 INCIDENTS

77 - EMS 7- Motor Vehicle Accidents
2 - Fires 3 - Fire Alarms
32 - Public Assists 2 - Hazardous

Ormond Beach Gymnastics Go National!



Head Gymnastics Coach George Postell and Level 7 student Emily Bauer headed up

to Savannah, Georgia to the AAU Gymnastics Championships on June 24th. Over 1400 athletes from all over the United States attended the five-day competition. Sixteen-year old Emily had to qualify in several competitions leading up to the Nationals to be eligible to participate. Emily competed in Level 7 age group 15 and up,

and she placed 4th on Beam, 4th on Floor and 6th all around!

Emily has been training at the Ormond Beach Gymnastics Center for several years now and has proved to be an outstanding, dedicated gymnast continually striving to become even stronger and more proficient each day. Congratulations Emily!



Campers have Magic Time at the PAC!



The Performing Arts Center hosted the first of three summer camp shows on Thursday, July 2nd. Master Illusionist Glen Foster

graced the stage to a large audience filled with four different summer camps programs. Glen spent the morning wowing the over 150 campers and counselors with illusions, mentalism, card tricks and much more.



Glen dazzled the campers with a full service magic show fit for all ages. The show started with seemingly impossible illusion that left the

audience questioning reality. But not to worry, the show ended with a memory of the past that the audience will remember for the rest of their lives... or maybe even longer.



The next summer camp show will feature World Champion Juggler Brian Pollack on July 16th at 10 a.m.

On PACE to Become Stars!

The Performing Arts Center hosted the PACE Center for Girls' summer drama program on Wednesday, July 1st. The girls spent the morning performing various improvisation techniques and learning the basics of theatre. We are planning to have PACE become a more integral part of summer programming here at the Performing Arts Center

.PACE Center for Girls is a community-based, gender-



tionally recognized for helping girls find success in school, with their families and in their communities by integrating education, counseling, training and advocacy. PACE was recently recognized by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's Girls Study Group as the most effective program in the nation for keeping adolescent girls out of the juvenile justice system and by the Annie E. Casey Foundation's KIDS COUNT Report, in a

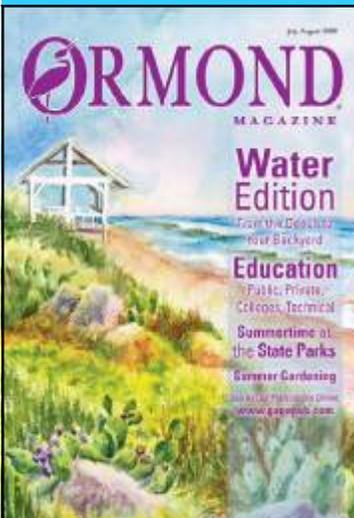


responsive prevention, diversion and early intervention program serving girls ages 12-17 in Ormond Beach. PACE's successful model has been na-

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Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center ...in the Spotlight!



The Performing Arts Center was featured in the July/August edition of the Ormond Magazine. The article focused on the new direction the Center is going and spotlighted some of the upcoming productions and activities scheduled for late summer.

One of the programs featured is the theatre summer camp, a joint partnership with Children's Musical Theatre workshop. The camp is progressing nicely. The first scheduled registration night was Thursday, June 25th. A total of 13 children were registered for the upcoming production of *The King and I*. We anticipate we will reach our maximum number of 30 children as registration continues this week.

Summer Camp Fun Continues!



Nova Summer Connection Day Camp continued to provide fun and entertainment for the campers. Diamond Jim gave a very humorous magic performance that

the children thoroughly enjoyed. During the rest of the week, the campers were able to participate in sports, games, arts & crafts, practicing for the talent show and movies. Some preferred to play dodge ball,



while others enjoyed pick up sticks. Guess My Word is always a hit with the campers as they compete to be the first to complete each clue.

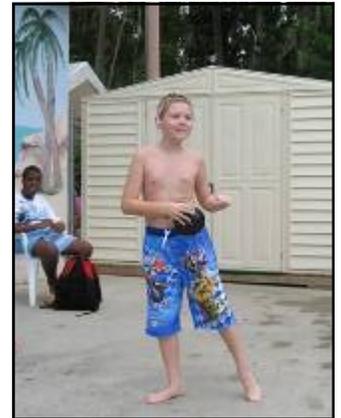


Camp T. Rec campers took advantage of a perfectly timed visit to the YMCA pool before the rains



came. Their enjoyment was evident as they swam and splashed in the cold water.

One camper entertained himself by listening to music and dancing while waiting for his turn to change clothes.



Pop Warner Sign Up Sessions

On Saturday, June 20th the South Ormond Neighborhood Center hosted the Pop Warner football and cheerleading sign-ups and fitting session. The sign-up sessions started at 9:00 a.m. and ran until shortly after 1:00 p.m. Approximately 200 children turned out for the event. Last year approximately 70 children participated in the cheerleading program, and 170 children participated in the football program. Pop Warner is a great way for children, and parents, to make new friends and feel a sense of camaraderie by being part of the team.

Parents and kids were able to get all the necessary information for uniforms, fundraising, and registration from the Ormond Beach Youth Football Association (OBYFA) staff as well as meet with the coaches and cheer squad organizers.



After registration parents took part in a short meeting with the Pop Warner staff to prepare for the upcoming season. The event ran very smoothly, and the staff had several compliments and thanks from the OBYFA for facilitating the registration event.

Practice officially starts on August 1st and is held at Ormond Beach Middle School. Games start the last Saturday in August. Home games are played at the Ormond Beach Sports Complex.

Pop Warner cheerleading and football is available for children between the ages of five and fifteen. This was the only chance to register; however, you can contact a league representative at www.obpopwarner.com. to be placed on a waiting list.

Ballet is on Pointe at the PAC!

The Performing Arts Center hosted the Volusia Academy of Ballet this week with its presentation of *Invitation to the Dance*. The Volusia Academy of Ballet is the premier ballet company in Volusia County and has over 30 young people with dreams and potential to pursue a lifelong goal of becoming a ballerina.



and dancers, constantly seeking to extend their technical and dramatic range.

Throughout these productions they allow audiences to experience the full spectrum of "today's" ballet. Academy staff have already begun planning for next year's production and are excited to be returning to the Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center in 2010.



The current Volusia Academy of Ballet repertoire offers great variety ballets with reconstructions and restagings of older ballets that coexist with new works created by modern dance. Academy choreographers experiment with new and traditional forms, styles,



Fun at Camp T. Rec!



Camp T. Rec began this week as the campers arrived with enthusiasm. All activities re-

sang sports songs using the karaoke machine.

In addition, the campers watched a sports movie,



involved round the week's theme of Sports. The campers had fun with tennis, basketball soccer, baseball and volleyball. The food craft included cookies decorated to look like the balls from each of the games. They



played on the playground and the splash pad, swam at the YMCA and were inspired by stories about famous sports figures. The first week of camp proved to be a success!