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## MAY STORM EVENT— *No Named Storm*



As flood waters receded Public Works crews worked to clean up the area left by the historic floods of the week of May

This week pumping of low lying areas continued .



17th. During the storm more than 8,000 sand bags were distributed. Sandbags were delivered to some locations that were



and sandbags were stockpiled for use in the next event



not accessible by cars or trucks, and fallen trees were cleared from the roadways.

The power point on the storm that was presented at the Special City Commission meeting of May 26th can be viewed on the City's website at [www.ormondbeach.org](http://www.ormondbeach.org)

## To Help Those In Need...

As a community effort, the City of Ormond Beach encourages financial donations be made to the American Red Cross, United Way of Volusia/Flagler, and Halifax Urban Ministries to assist their efforts in providing for flood victims. To make a financial donation, please contact:

### **American Red Cross** – 386-226-1400

Checks should be made payable to: American Red Cross and note in memo line: "Coast to Coast Chapter"  
Donations may be mailed to: 341 White Street, Daytona Beach, FL 32114

### **United Way of Volusia/Flagler** – 386-253-0563

Checks should be made payable to: United Way of Volusia/Flagler and note in memo line: "Recovery Fund"  
Donations may be mailed to: 3747 W. International Speedway Blvd., Daytona Beach, FL 32124-1011

### **Halifax Urban Ministries** – 386-252-0156

Contacts are: Sheri Crawford or Raúl Gonzalez  
Checks should be made payable to: Halifax Urban Ministries  
Donations may be mailed to: P.O. Box 6053, Daytona Beach, FL 32122

# A TIME TO REMEMBER

Monday morning at 5:00 a.m., Community Events staff met at City Hall to set up for the Memorial Day Remembrance Service. Staff, along with help from Spherion Temp Service, set up 500 chairs, placed the podium on the southeast side of the plaza and carefully placed the bell and the stand for the wreath. Tables were set and containers filled with ice and bottled water. The Memorial flame was set, and the basket was

placed at the base of the flame where the red and white carnations would be placed at the end of the ceremony. This was done in preparation for the annual event held in the City to pay tribute to those who have given their all.

The 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Memorial Day Remembrance Service was held on the City Hall Plaza on May 25, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. *"With love, humility and gratitude, we the free honor the fallen,"* which was the case with approximately 400 in attendance. The rain held off for a beautiful service that was moderated by CDR Janet Mar-nane; U.S. Navy (Ret) who actively continues to carry out freedom messages to future generations. The Welcome and Proclamation presentation was given by Mayor Fred Costello. The invocation and benediction was read by Rabbi Howard Schwartz, Chaplain (MAJ), U.S. Army (Ret.). Rabbi Schwartz recalled the strength and commitment experienced as he and the other chaplains attempted to

bring relief and comfort to the injured and dying serviceman.

The raising of the flag was proudly done by American Le-



gion Post 267 of Ormond Beach. *The National Anthem* and *America the Beautiful* were sung by Ed and Lynn Perkins.

Delivering the Memorial Day address was Captain James F. Kirstein, Chaplain U.S. Navy (Ret.) who served 25 years on

a c t i v e duty until statutory retirement in 1992. His service consisted of 13 duty stations, seven of w h i c h were with operational Marine units. He served a total of 26 months in combat in Vietnam. He received 14 decorations, including the Legion of Merit. Chaplain Kirstein spoke of some powerful memories "They were brought into triage in bloody pieces - life ebbing"...."the last moments of their lives and the first moments



of their death were spent wrapped in my arms."

The Daytona Beach Concert Band performed patriotic music throughout the program. The Fly-by and Missing Man Formation was executed by the Spruce Creek Gaggles Flight. Daytona Pipe and Drums played *Amazing Grace* while the Laying of the Wreath was done by Captain James F. Kirstein. PO1 Mike Wolohan U.S. Navy (Ret.) tolled Eight Bells to remember those who paid the ultimate price for the love and honor of our country.

A Twenty One Gun Salute sounded in honor of our fallen heroes courtesy of the Volusia County Sheriffs' Department; Cliff Williams, (CDR). Taps was played by SMSgt. Doug Mierzykowski; U.S. Air Force (Ret.)

At the end of the program, the laying of flowers took place as

everyone in attendance passed by the Memorial Flame.

**" T h e y fought together as brothers-in-arms... They died together and now**

**they sleep side-by-side, To them, we have a solemn obligation."**

Those who made the supreme sacrifice were honored by the veterans and guests who, by their service and their presence, are true witnesses of the real price paid for freedom.

# Town Hall Budget Meetings — Zones 2 & 4



At Left: Commissioner Troy Kent, Zone 2 and at right Commissioner Bill Partington, Zone 4.



Town Hall Budget meetings were held recently in Zones 2 and 4. Commissioners Bill Partington of Zone 4 held his meeting on May 18th and Commissioner Troy Kent of Zone 2 met on May 21st. Both events were well attended and Commissioners fielded many questions from residents. Also in attendance was Mayor Fred Costello. It was explained to the citizens that attended these meetings that the goal of the meeting was to receive feedback, comments and suggestions from residents on the FY 2009-2010 budget.

they would mostly likely support reductions in. Finally, residents were asked if they had an additional funds to spend, what, if any, would they spend and on which services. The information obtained from the meetings will aid the Commissioners as they begin the budget discussions in July.



Finance Director Kelly McGuire presented residents an overview of

City finances and the financial projections for FY 2009-10 which anticipate declining real estate values and state shared revenues. Residents were than asked to provide feedback on services

## ZONE 1 TOWN HALL BUDGET MEETING

Zone 1  
Commissioner Gillooly  
**New Date: June 8, 2009**  
 Time: 7:00 p.m.  
 Location: Performing Arts Center  
 399 North US 1

# Ormond Beach Civil Air Patrol

## Scores High Marks

A special team of evaluators from the United States Air Force awarded the Florida Wing of the Civil Air Patrol a rating of "outstanding," the highest possible, following an intense and comprehensive search and rescue exercise conducted at the Ormond Beach Municipal Airport on May 16th.

Every two years, the Air Force conducts an extensive evaluation of each state CAP Wing for the purpose of assessing mission readiness, safety, and the capability to respond to multiple mission taskings under adverse conditions. Every functional area of a mission is graded, and this year the Florida Wing exhibited no functional areas that scored below a grade of "excellent," and many areas earned an individual grade of " o u t s t a n d i n g . "



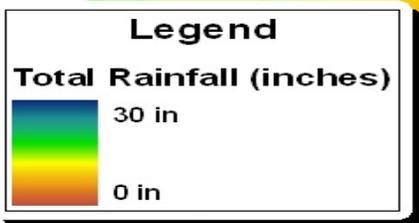
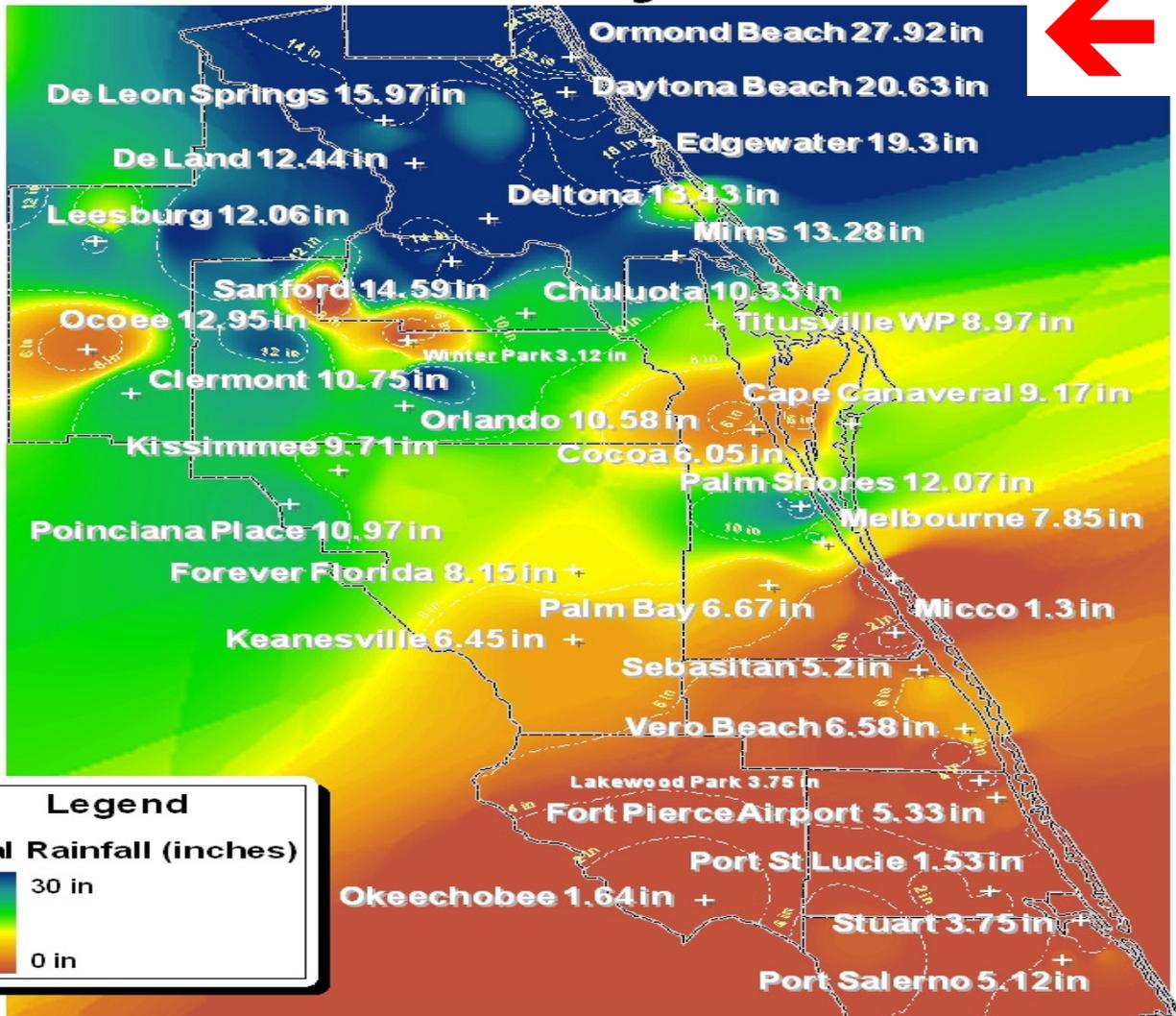
The exercise began on the evening of Friday, May 15th, when the Air Force evaluators gave the CAP a scenario that included an aircraft reported as overdue, while at the same time the fictitious hurricane "Chris" was coming ashore, requiring numerous simultaneous dis-

aster relief missions. As the simulated storm cleared out on Saturday morning, the tasks did not stop coming in, and included a second missing aircraft, multiple non-distress emergency locator transmitter (ELT) activations, and aerial impact assessments of the damage caused by the storm. While the air and ground crews were busy executing these missions, the mission base staff was kept busy with everything from a distraught parent of a missing aviator to a power outage, when the entire mission base facility had to quickly switch over to generators for electrical power.

CAP members from all over the state of Florida participated in the exercise, including some who never got to the base in Ormond Beach, but rather conducted remote missions and reported their results back to the Ormond base by radio or computer link. By the end of the second day, more than 1,400 man hours had been invested, and 9 CAP aircraft had flown over 27 hours in support of the exercise.

The Florida Wing Commander, Colonel Christian Moersch, conducted a tour of the mission base and the flight line for Ormond Beach Mayor Fred Costello, who expressed appreciation and support for the public service provided by the volunteer members of the Civil Air Patrol. CAP pilots recently took the Mayor on an aerial reconnaissance flight to observe the effects of heavy rains and flooding in the areas in and around Ormond Beach.

# Precipitation Totals 17-23 May 2009



**Weekly Police Stats**  
Week of May 21-May 27

Calls for Service - 1,434 Arrests- 14 Citations Issued - 164  
Reports Written - 153 Traffic Stops - 237



**131 INCIDENTS**

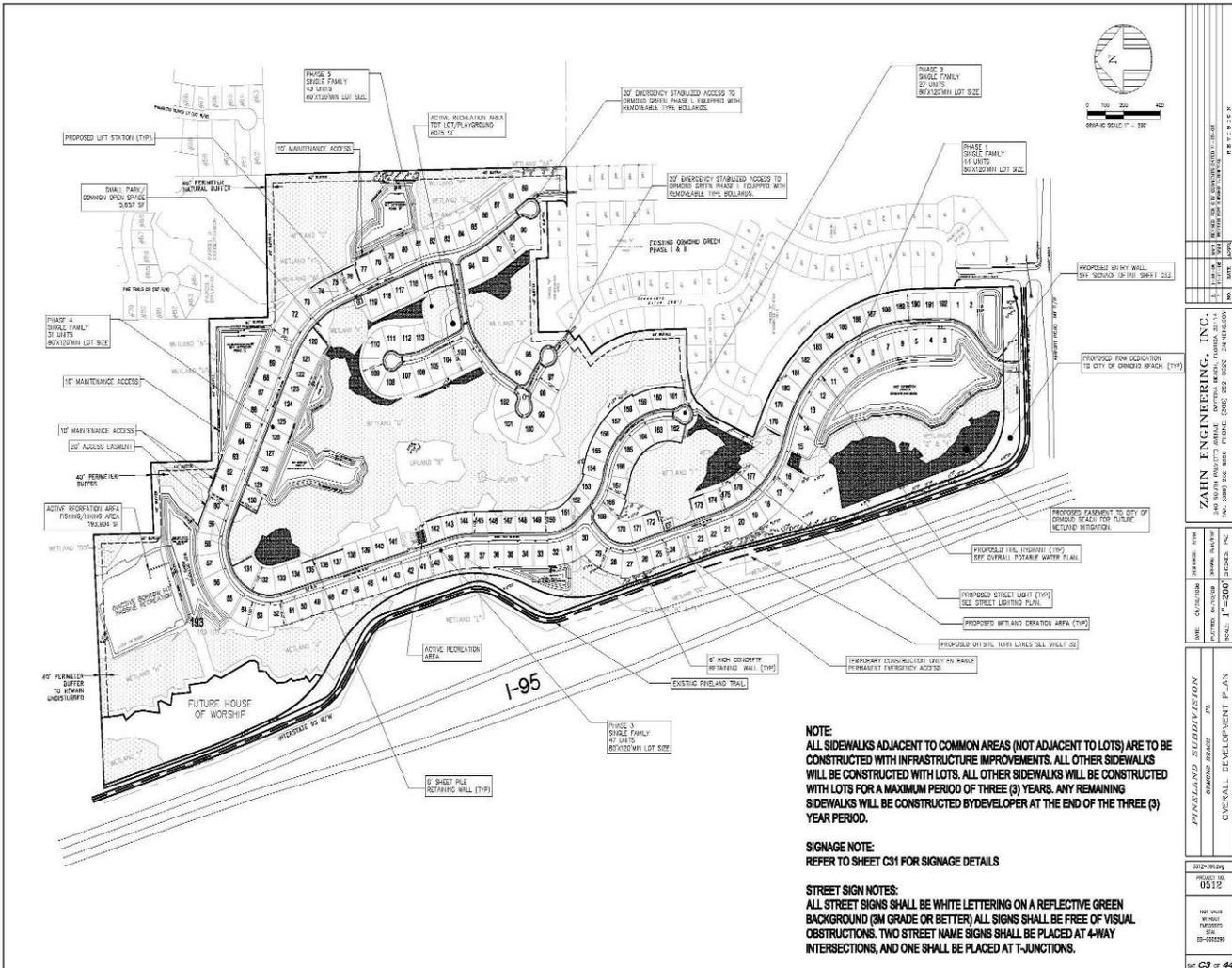


35- Basic Life Support	27- Advanced Life Support
0- Fires	6 - Fire Alarms
6- Motor Vehicle Accidents	35 - Public Assists
12 - Water Rescue	10- Hazardous

# Pineland PRD Entrance Modification

The Pineland Planned Residential Development (PRD) development team has approached City staff with the concept of re-locating the subdivision entrance half-way between Ormond Green Boulevard and the turn of Pineland trail. The re-location does not utilize Ormond Green Boulevard as required by the City Commission Development Order. As part of the review process, the Planning Director is requiring a neighborhood meeting to assist in the determination if the

change is minor (staff approval) or major (requires amending the PRD with public hearings). The applicant has scheduled a neighborhood meeting on Tuesday, June 9, 2009 at 6:30 P.M. at the cafeteria of Pine Trail Elementary. Based on the input of this meeting, the Planning Director will issue a determination if the modification of the subdivision entry point is a minor or major amendment.



# Wheels of Progress Turn at Rockefeller Gardens



Casements staff, local residents and visitors have been keeping track of the progress of the Rockefeller Gardens project for the past several

months.

During the past few weeks some of the walkways and ramps have taken shape, as well as the 50-foot stage that will be the centerpiece of the park. A terraced



seating area has been formed at the north end of the park, and a pond feature has been added on the south end.

Despite the heavy rains and cloudy skies, a new feature was added to Rockefeller Gardens. A wooden water wheel was placed at the south end of the garden area just east of the pond. Due

to the wonderful exposure of the park, the progress hasn't gone unnoticed, and has become a source of wonder and excitement for what is yet to come!



## Safety First...



Not only did the storms bring on the rain, but the strong winds caused limbs, trees, and other debris to fall throughout our City parks.

The Leisure Services staff coordinated with contracted parks maintenance service, Servello and Son, Inc., to perform immediate clean up of all our City parks to ensure the safety of our citizens which is always the number one priority.

Servello and Son, Inc. hauled away several trailer loads full of fallen debris from our City Parks. Leisure Services staff will continue to closely monitor the parks especially as we enter the rainy season.



# Just Golden at the Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center!

The Performing Arts Center hosted the 24K Gold music show on Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. This marks the sixth consecutive month the Florida-based traveling show group has utilized the PAC. The group has committed to eight shows per year through 2012.

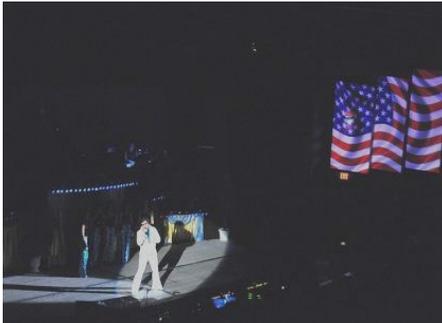


80's. 24K Gold strives to make every show as different as possible, using different songs, dances, and costumes, etc.

The group performs close to 500 different songs. The songs performed in each show are

selected especially for that specific show. Many hours are spent determining the best variety of songs for that particular program. This is a high-energy performance with the occasional beautiful ballad of the past strategically placed throughout the show.

The 24K Gold music shows are a non-profit Florida corporation (Time Travel Tunes, Inc.). The shows are dedicated to the preservation and appreciation of the song hits from the 50's and 60's in particular, and they also perform a song or two in some shows from the 30's and 40's, as well as the 70's, and



The shows feature romantic ballads, rock 'n' roll from the 50's and 60's, doo wop, harmonizing renditions similar to the original "crooners", peppy tunes, foot-stomping favorites, Elvis arrangements including an Elvis' gospel song in some shows, and in some acts they perform older country music as

well. The performances don't forget the disco era and some of the very big hits from singers such as Whitney Houston.

Most of the songs include choreographed dancing, and all shows feature many costume changes, using the highest-tech



fabrics and specialty designs available today. It is those special costumes that cannot be fully portrayed in photos, and that is why people often speak of the 'bling' or 'glitz' they love to see in these performances.

The Performing Arts Center will be pleased to have the 24K Gold Group return to their stage on August 8th at 7:00 p.m.

## Prom Night Special Populations



Each year in May, the City of Ormond Beach's Special Populations Division co-sponsors the Prom with the Special Populations Activity and Recreation Council (SPARC). Each year in May, the City of Ormond Beach's Special Populations Division co-sponsors the Prom with the Special Populations Activity and Recreation Council (SPARC).

This year the participants enjoyed the added fun of karaoke along with dancing to the music of DJ Ryan Knox at the Nova Community Center gym. Dinner and having their pictures taken added to the festivities. Each of the 140 participants (developmentally,



cognitively, physically or emotionally challenged) had a wonderful time along with the 20 volunteers who assisted with serving food, taking pictures, dancing and helping in various other ways.



The event has always been well received by not only the Ormond Beach community, but throughout Volusia and Flagler counties.

## Something's Always Cookin' At South Ormond



As the sun comes back out, so do the people. This time of year at the South Ormond Neighborhood Center it seems like one never-ending cookout. There are hosts of receptions and parties scheduled over the next several few weekends.

The lazy days of summer are upon us, so that means it's grilling time. It seems we work to shed the pounds in time for summer, yet who can resist some tasty barbequed ribs and chicken, burgers, hotdogs, corn-on-the-cob smothered in but-

ter, baked beans and some potato salad? Add to it fun with family and friends, and it doesn't make for a better day!

While it's not the ideal time to think about a diet, the South Ormond Neighborhood Center offers a wonderful setting to host receptions, reunions and family parties at a reasonable cost. With a pavilion, picnic area, meeting rooms, outdoor grills, a splash park and restroom facilities, the Center is able to accommodate most large groups.



After the barbeque, if you'd like to burn off some of those extra calories, you can take a stroll along the walking trails or shoot some hoops on the basketball court.

The personnel at the South Ormond Neighborhood Center, along with the entire Leisure Services staff, are here to serve the members of our community and help you and your family make the most of your summer!



## Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center Hosts a Hitman!

The PAC hosted the Wyotech graduation services on stage Monday, May 18th with special guest, William "Hitman" Heitmann giving the commencement speech to over 90 graduates of this nationally recognized, post-secondary school.

William Heitmann started "dyno" tuning in 1996 on marine big blocks and snowmobiles. He started tuning road race motorcycles in 2000, and his business became one of Dyno Jet's first tuning centers with both snowmobile and motorcycle dyno tuning capability. Since then, he has tuned carbureted and fuel injected bikes for every major motorcycle racing organization in the United



States. His goal for the future is to continue to provide record breaking and race winning tunes for all. Heitmann has worked for AMA Prostar, AMA Super Bike, NHRA Pro Stock, Central Road Race Association, AHDA Top Fuel, CCS Track Addix, and GP Super Bike.

WyoTech's Daytona campus was established in January 1972, imagined as a school that would be "private" in its structure and "public" in its impact. Using this basic concept, classes began in a one building classroom-shop. WyoTech's Daytona campus, originally named American Motorcycle Institute, Inc., grew from this

small physical structure to what it is today. The Motorcycle Division



of WyoTech currently offers advanced specialized training on BMW, Ducati, Harley-Davidson, Honda, Kawasaki, Suzuki, and Yamaha motorcycles. WyoTech graduates approximately 80 students every six weeks and has committed to having all of the graduations here at the Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center.

# Way to Go Doug Thomas!

For months the Community Events staff had been preparing for the Doug Thomas Way Dedication. At last, the trailer was loaded with the stage, podium, and the bunting to place on the fence. Invitations were out, speakers were lined up, and the program was complete. A street sign "DOUG THOMAS WAY", framed by former Leisure Services Director David Abee, was ready to be unveiled at the event. It was time for the ceremony to honor this



truly deserving individual to begin.

The Doug Thomas Way Dedication Ceremony took place on Saturday, May 16, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at the Ormond Beach Sports Complex on Hull Road. This street renaming was done to honor Doug Thomas for his "Years of Great Service" that so many young children have been able to benefit from and will be able to enjoy for years to come.

Rick Boehm, Leisure Services Advisory Board Chairman, emceed an excellent program with his first-hand knowledge of those who have done so much for youth and other citizens in Ormond Beach. Rick introduced participants, Harry Wendelstedt, Jr., Pastor John Gill and Mayor Fred Costello.



Mr. Wendelstedt addressed the large audience to honor Doug Thomas. Harry spoke of the many projects that he and Doug had done together. One of those projects included the clearing of land that is now known as the Harry Wendelstedt Ball Fields at the Ormond Beach Sports Complex., located off the new Doug Thomas Way. Mr. Wendelstedt greeted Mayor Costello as the Mayor came to the podium with a proclamation and a key to the City to be given to Doug.

In his speech, the Mayor stated that while Doug was known as a "bridge builder" when groups were at momentary odds, Doug could always stir the pot and get

things done. Doug, with humility and genuine appreciation, accepted the proclamation and the key to the City from Mayor Costello, as the Thomas family members and friends looked on.

Mr. Thomas addressed the large crowd attending the dedication. He told the crowd, "There would be no "WAY" without his wife Sally." His wife appreciated the compliment and the hugs that followed. Doug left the podium during the program because he wanted Sally by



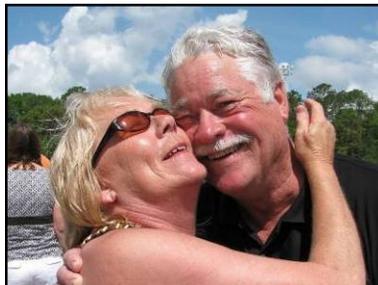
his side. Doug also spoke of how thrilled he was that grandchildren like his, A.J. and Madison, can use the facilities that took years of love and labor to bring into being.

A brief shower emerged while Doug was speaking, and forced everyone to seek nearby shelter. The shower did not last long, and the crowd returned to the stands for the remainder of the program.

Doug threw in the first pitch of the game between two Ormond Golden Spikes baseball teams. Some watch played Doug build, left to go ception held at Doug Thomas Way. Doug Thomas helped and others to the re- that was Houligan's Restaurant on Granada Boulevard in his honor.



A great day...great crowd and a very humble and dedicated honoree who told all who were present: "Ormond Beach is a caring City where people give back." Thomas should know - he has done just that for over 30 years.

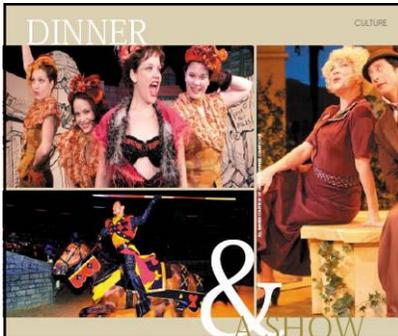


**"THANK YOU, DOUG THOMAS" for all that you have given for the Community!**

# Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center Featured in Magazine!

The Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center was one of five theatres state-wide featured in the May/June issue of Florida Travel & Lifestyles Magazine. The theatre is praised for being an affordable "after din-

Golden Apple Theatre in Sarasota, the Laffing Matterz in Fort Lauderdale and the Venice Theatre in Tampa. A follow up article is being prepared by the magazine for the July/August editions.



ner" entertainment option. The PAC is the only theatre in Central Florida that made the list of places to visit for an affordable, alternative evening out for entertainment.

The Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center joins the Asolo Repertory Theatre in Riddle Key, the



## "After Dinner Shows"

Nestled in the heart of Ormond Beach, just north of Daytona, the 23,000-square-foot Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center hosts national, regional and local theatrical troupes, schools, dance programs, concerts and seminars.

Featuring various national acts including concerts, musicals and Broadway-style shows, the Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center also plays host to dance recitals, socials, corporate workshops and local performance troupes.

The facility, which is equipped with a professional sound, stage, lighting and back-stage equipment to serve general performance needs, is fully accessible to patron with disabilities and offers hearing assist devices free of charge.

With numerous nearby fine restaurants and carefully planned show times, visitors can get reservations for dinner and wrap up their day with an enjoyable live performance.

In addition to its performing arts center, the theatre is also equipped with a 3,000-square-foot studio that offers an area for weddings, birthdays, show rehearsals, meetings, theatrical workshops, dance classes and a full service kitchen complements the room for added functionality. For information, reservations and upcoming performances visit their website.

[www.ormondbeach.org/pac](http://www.ormondbeach.org/pac)

## In Ormond Beach...Grease is the word!



The Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center hosted the Children's Musical Theatre Workshop production of **Grease** May 15th - May 17th. Rydell High's spirited class of '59, the hot-

rod loving greasers known as the T-Birds, and their wise-cracking girls, the Pink Ladies, sang and danced their way across the stage. When hip Danny Zuko met wholesome Sandy Dum-browski, it was electrifying! *Grease's* eight-year run made Broadway history, and its great songs like "Summer Nights," "We Go Together" and "Greased Lightning," have made it one of the most popular musicals ever. A cast of 20 teenagers fill the parts of these iconic figures in a rip-



Also presented was "**The Trial of Alice in Wonderland.**" Featuring over 60 children ages 3 to 11, the show consisted of a re-written version of the classic tale of Alice in Wonderland. The children spent the last four months learning lines and "blocking" techniques as part of their introduction to theatre/drama.