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37th Annual Art In The Park Festival

From as far away as Zambia, London, Washington, Wisconsin and Miami they came and assimilated in a single cause among others from Ormond Beach, Orange City, Port Orange, Deland and neighboring cities, to participate in the 37th Annual Art in the

Park Festival at Fortunato Park.

Many had traveled a circuitous route that began years earlier when they first left their place of birth. Art, like their journey, is often a lifetime pursuit.



The treasures they had prepared for Festival at Fortunato Park were as diversified as many of their origins.

Customs, culture and experiences are the hidden nuances that give every artist's work its distinction. Artist's stories added to the joy of patrons visiting the show and to the knowledge of those, young and old, who listened.

As cultures blended, thermometers climbed to near record heights Saturday and Sun-



day for the steady stream of visitors in Ormond Beach. Saving grace was the constant flow of breezes off the Halifax River along the site.

More than 80 artists and crafters participated in the juried show where prizes totaling \$3000 were awarded.

Crafters:

1st Place – Mary Miller –

Jewelry

2nd Place – Susan Harvey –

Jewelry

Judges Choice - Carol Lahy –
Fused glass

Fine Arts:

1st Place – Dan Phillips –

Painting

2nd Place – Don Nedobek –

Painting

Judges Choice – Leland Williams –
Painting



Volusia County Economic Development Update

Performing
Arts
Center 

May 9 - 7 pm
24K Gold Music Shows

May 15 & 16 - 7:30 pm
CMT presents Grease

May 16 & 17 - 1 pm
CMT presents The Trial of Alice in Wonderland

May 18 - 5 pm
Wyotech Graduation

May 23 - 7:30 pm
The Platters

May 26 - 7 pm
Commissioner Gillooly,
Zone 1 Town Hall Budget Meeting

May 31 - 2 pm
Miss Florida USA Pageant

Joe Mannarino, Director of Economic Development attended the Volusia County Department of Economic Development's quarterly local economic market update on Friday, May 8 at the Daytona Beach International Airport. The presentation included updates on the Volusia County employment, housing, and commercial permitting data for the first quarter of 2009. Comparisons were made with similar data for Florida and the US as well.



The workforce in Volusia County grew at a rate of 1% year-to-date from 1st quarter 2008 to 2009 to 254,484. There were smaller growth rates for both the State (.7%) and United States (.5%). Unemployment in Volusia County increased from 5.2% in the first quarter of 2008 to 10.4% in the

first quarter of 2009. The number of unemployed was 26,651, which is a loss of 10,416 additional jobs from the 1st quarter of 2008. In comparison, Ormond Beach's unemployment rate was one of the lowest in the County at 8.1% in March of 2009. Comparing 1st quarter data year to year, the number of commercial building permits across the County decreased from 25 in 2008 to 19 in 2009. The cost of construction also decreased for the same period from \$94 million to \$27 million. Residential permits and construction values experienced a decrease as well when comparing 1st quarter year-to-year data. There were 291 residential permits at a construction value of \$69 million in the 1st quarter of 2008 compared to 124 permits and construction value of \$34 million in 2009. Foreclosures have increased significantly from 1,715 homes in the 1st quarter of 2008 to 2,465 for the 1st quarter of 2009. Additional economic detail is presented in the Volusia County report and will be provided to the City Commission.

Victim Advocate Volunteers

The Ormond Beach Victim Advocate Volunteers, Sandy Stone, Maria Kretschmayer, and Sally Panella received the Carol L. Sheridan Award for Outstanding Victim Services Program, in Tallahassee. Present at the award ceremony was Governor Crist and Attorney General Bill McCollum.

Victim Advocates represent the rights and interests of crime victims. The Florida Constitution guarantees the rights of a victim, including the next of kin of a homicide victim, to be informed, to be present, and to be heard, when relevant or at all crucial stages of criminal proceedings, to the extent that this right does not interfere with the constitutional rights of the accused



Capital Improvements In Progress

Assisting with Drainage Problems—*Public Works in Action*

The Street Section Concrete crew at work assisting the Engineering Section with a troublesome drainage problem at 38 Pebble Beach Drive. The homeowner was experiencing heavy debris accumulations after heavy rainfall events. The Engineering Section set



the grade of the driveway slope and the Street Section Concrete crew installed 8 yards of concrete to complete the job. The concrete crews will return early next week to remove the form boards and complete the restoration



Division Ave. Roadway Construction

Staff met with the Contractor at the site last week to develop a contingency plan for water and reuse mains during jack and bore operations. Part of the plan was to shut off the 4 inch reuse main and bleed pressure via sprinkler activation prior to the jack and bore activities to prevent undermining of the road if the main were hit. The reuse main was minor due to the prior planning.



Thompson Creek Road Pedestrian & Parking Improvements

The construction phase of the Thompson Creek Road Pedestrian & Parking Improvements began on January 26, 2009. The project provided for a new sidewalk and seating areas along



with the addition of parallel parking and a new bus stop terminal for Votran. The project was a component of the Downtown Master Plan Update approved projects. The construction



is schedule for completion on May 15, 2009. Votran will start utilizing the new bus terminal on June 7, 2009.



Thompson Creek Roadway nearly complete.

City Employees Honored



Police Officer Ormond Beach **Police Officer David LaBrie**, who is also a Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Reserve was honored at the May 5th City Commission meeting.

Officer LaBrie recently returned from a one year deployment to Kandahar, Afghanistan with the 221st Ordinance Company. While overseas, Lt. LaBrie served as a Platoon Leader and Executive Officer for a group whose mission was to distribute, receive, retrograde, ship and maintain approximately \$88 million worth of ammunition and small arms to all Army groups operating within the region in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Officer LaBrie has been a police officer with the Ormond Beach Police Department since April



2007. While serving he was awarded with the Afghanistan Campaign Medal with campaign star, the Army Commendation Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Overseas Service Ribbon, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal with device and the NATO medal.

In the Proclamation the Commission declared May 5, 2009 as a day to pay tribute to David LaBrie and commend him for his service to our country and welcome him back to our City.

Ken White, Information Systems Specialist, was recognized as the Employee of the Quarter for the 2nd quarter of FY 2008-09 at the April 21st City Commission meeting. Ken has been with the City since November 1992 when he began working in the Planning Department. He joined the Finance Department in 1993 as a Computer Operator and has been an Information Systems Specialist in the IT Division since 1999. Thank you and congratulations, Ken!



TOWN HALL BUDGET MEETINGS

The City of Ormond Beach is beginning to develop its budget for fiscal year 2009-10. Given the current economic conditions, significant declines are expected in the revenue available to support City services. As a result, program and service reductions may occur.

Mayor Fred Costello suggested that each City Commissioner host a zone workshop and take suggestions and input from citizens and business owners on service priorities at a series of town hall meetings. Please consider providing input into the budget process by attending one of the following meetings:

Zone 1
Commissioner Gillooly
 Date: Tues., May 26, 2009
 Time: 7:00 p.m.
 Location: Performing Arts Center
 399 North US 1

Zone 2
Commissioner Kent
 Date: Thur., May 21, 2009
 Time: 6:30 p.m.
 Location: Bailey Riverbridge Gardens
 1 N. Beach Street

Zone 3
Commissioner Kelley
 Date: Tues., May 12, 2009
 Time: 6:30 p.m.
 Location: Trails Homeowners Assoc.
 201 Main Trail

Zone 4
Commissioner Partington
 Date: Mon., May 18, 2009
 Time: 6:30 p.m.
 Location: Senior Center Ballroom
 351 Andrews Street

Dancing Dogs Own the Stage

The Performing Arts Center hosted the second annual

literally dance in choreographed movement with their trainers to music. Trainers may dance too, but much more emphasis is placed on the dog achieving graceful movement in a variety of ways in very precise fashion so that the dog's movements cor-

respond specifically to the music.

several places almost simultaneously. The show consisted of over 30 dogs from a variety of different breeds, dancing with their proud owners to music ranging from the 50's to to-



SOLD OUT Dog Dance show, presented by The Obedience Club of Daytona on Wednesday, April 29th.

There have certainly been trained "dancing dogs" in the past, but canine freestyle as a sport and art began in the late 1980's and early 1990's. A few early trainers are credited with demonstrations they gave of the form, but invention seems to have occurred in

day. The show ended with a standing ovation and a meet and greet afterwards in the lobby. The producers of the Dog Dance show have already booked the Performing Arts Center for the 2010 show.



The Obedience Club of Daytona hosts canine freestyle lessons and produces this show as a "graduation" for those classes. Dog Dancing is an extension of and deviation from dog obedience training. In this sport, dogs

Splash Pad Leak Repaired



The location of a small leak that has affected the SONC Splash Pad over the past month has finally been found. The splash pad contractor hired a leak detection company that located a small leak next

to the storage tank.

The contractor came out and made the repairs and has reassured the City that he will stand behind his work. The progressive monitoring of the splash pad will continue to make sure that the issue is 100% resolved.



Congratulations !



Coach Chelsey Godbey has been accepted to the University of Florida and has earned a spot on their cheer team. Best Wishes Coach Godbey!!

This past weekend Level 4, 5 and 7 girls competed in the AAU State Meet held at Disney's Wide World of Sports along with other teams from all over Central Florida. One of our Level 7 girls captured first place on the balance beam. All our girls did a terrific job with four of the girls scoring very well with over 30 points. Congratulations to all.



Mid-Eastern Annual Softball Championships

The mid-Eastern Athletic Conference, along with Bethune-Cookman University, is hosting the annual Women's Softball Conference Champion-



ships at the Dale Buttleman Softball Quad, Ormond Beach Sports Complex located on US #1 and Hull Road. There are eight teams competing from the north and south divisions which consist of the top four finishers of each division during the regular season. They are Maryland Eastern-Shore, Howard, Florida A&M, North Carolina A&T, Delaware State, Hampton, Norfolk State,

as well as Bethune-Cookman University. We are expecting between 500 - 800 spectators each game day.

The event started on Wednesday May 6th, with all eight teams practicing between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. There were eight games on Thursday starting at 10 a.m, with the last game starting at 7 p.m. Friday's schedule started at 9 a.m., with the last game starting at 5:30 p.m.

There were a total of five games on Friday. Only the championship game(s) will be played on Saturday starting at 1:00 p.m If the "loser's bracket" winner wins at 1 .pm., giving each team now a loss, there will be a second game played at 3:30 p.m. The winner qualifies for the upcoming NCAA championships.

The City's field maintenance staff will be prepping the fields between each game and handling



any trash duties. The Athletic Supervisor and staff will also be attending and assisting in many different ways.

The City will be compensated approximately \$3,000 for the three-day event for use of the fields, lights, and field maintenance staff.

Keetch-Byram Drought Index

Even though the drought index has improved, Ormond Beach is still under a burn ban. Until we start receiving regular afternoon showers, citizens should still be cautious disposing of cigarettes and be sure grills are monitored and properly extinguished when finished cooking.

