



CITY OF ORMOND BEACH

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FRIDAY LETTER APRIL 24, 2009

Honorable Mayor Costello and City Commissioners:

SHADE MEETING – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING
May 5, 2009
5:30 p.m. – Training Room

- **Upcoming Beach Access Workshop**

Please check your calendars for your availability on Tuesday, June 16th (prior to City Commission meeting) in the Training Room for a Workshop relating to Beach Access. A light meal will be provided. Jackie will contact you by email/phone the early part of next week for your responses.

- **Speaking Engagements**

I had the pleasure of speaking at the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association on Monday and the Kiwanis Club of Ormond Beach on Wednesday. I provided information to both groups on the Organizational and Financial Overview of Ormond Beach and talked about, among other things, the upcoming Town Hall Budget Meetings and encouraged each and every member to attend.

- **Royal Floridian Armoring Issues**

As part of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) permit, the Royal Floridian is being required to raise an existing buried seawall to the east (beach ward) of their property and provide significant beach vegetation between the property boundary and the beach. The adjoining property owner, Mr. and Mrs. Woodard, have raised objections to the improvement based on the belief that their property would lay between two armored properties that would cause a gap for ocean water to enter during storm events. Royal Floridian is

attempting to complete the FDEP scope of work prior to turtle nesting season that begins in May and runs through October. No work on the beach is permitted during this timeframe. The scope of work is outside the jurisdiction of the City of Ormond Beach and requires FDEP and Volusia County permits.

On Friday, April 17th, Planning staff met with the Royal Floridian, the Woodard's, County and state officials. The Woodard's expressed concerns that the state required improvements would negatively impact their property and would result in a gap of armoring. The Woodard's requested that either the wall not be put in place or that Royal Floridian pay to extend the wall across the Woodard's property. Royal Floridian representatives were willing to provide the Woodard's the construction drawings for the armoring wall but were unwilling to pay the cost to extend the wall the full length of the Woodard's property. Planning staff will monitor FDEP and Volusia County permits for this property as they are issued. The Royal Floridian is finalizing City site plans based on certain FDEP requirements.

• **S.R. Perrott Site**

City Engineering and Planning staffs have been monitoring the status of the site improvements at the S.R. Perrott site at 1280 North Highway US1. The project was issued engineering permits for site construction permits and commenced site clearing and utilities preparation. The project has stopped work and there have been issues with erosion control particularly with wind carrying over dirt onto US1 and Ormond Lakes. City inspectors have issued four different letters to the property owner advising them of their responsibility to maintain their site. The last letter was also sent to the St. Johns River Water Management District advising that the site is in non-compliance of their St. Johns permit. The project originally had a site restoration letter of credit that would allow the City to contract out and draw down the letter of credit. The letter of credit has expired.

The property owner has acknowledged that site construction has stopped and has agreed to re-establish the grass on the site. To date, no work has been performed to seed and mulch the site. City staff is in the process of issuing a Notice of Violation to the property owner

and scheduling the issue before the Special Master to gain compliance.

- **190 Coquina Court Parking Lot**

During the process of the Vining Court streetscape improvements, the property owner of 190 Coquina Court approached staff with the concept of leasing the existing 92 parking space lot and also wrote a proposal to the mayor regarding the parking lot. City staff presented the concept to the Ormond MainStreet Design Committee and Board on April 14th and 20th. The Design Committee believed that the concept was good and needed additional investigation through an appraisal to determine the dollar amount for lease of parking spaces or purchase. The Main Street Board also believed that the concept was a good one, but strongly preferred the option of buying property rather than leasing property. Some members believed that the lot could be used for off-beach parking and the funds to finance the lot should come from sources other than the Tax Increment Financing district.

Based on the comments to date, staff is seeking estimates from the City's continuing contract appraisal services for cost of an appraisal to determine a purchase and lease value. The results of the appraisal would be presented to the City Commission in a discussion item to determine what the Commission desires to do at this location.

- **OBPAL Youth Selected as National PAL Youth of the Year**

I am pleased to announce that a member of the Ormond Beach Police Athletic League program has received the 2009 National Police Athletic League Youth of the Year Award. Gregory Berry, a senior at Seabreeze High School, was selected for the award which is given to youth who exemplify community leadership through academic excellence and community volunteerism. Gregory received the State PAL Boy of the Year award in 2008.

Gregory joined OBPAL when he was five years old and has participated in numerous OBPAL programs. In 2002, he joined the Youth Director's Council (YDC) and was elected President in 2004.

Mr. Berry's dedication to the continued growth of the community is shown through his participation in Habitat for Humanity volunteer programs and community projects through the Ormond Beach Police Athletic League. These projects include delivering meals during the 2002 Community Feast, clearing brush in the 2006 Central Park ECHO clean-up, volunteering in the art classes for the 2007 Summer Art Program, and assisting with the 2006 and 2007 Martin Luther King, Jr., breakfasts. Mr. Berry's accomplishments were honored by the City of Ormond Beach through a proclamation read by Mayor Costello on January 15, 2008.

While devoting time to the enrichment of his community, Mr. Berry continues to maintain and reach high academic standards. His academic achievements have allowed him to attain the goal of membership in the National Honor Society. Mr. Berry is dedicated to his school community and participates in numerous school activities such as band, track and field, and cross country.

Mr. Berry will receive his award during the National Police Athletic/Activities League Association annual awards banquet to be held at Albany, N.Y., on May 29, 2009.

- **Gymnastics**

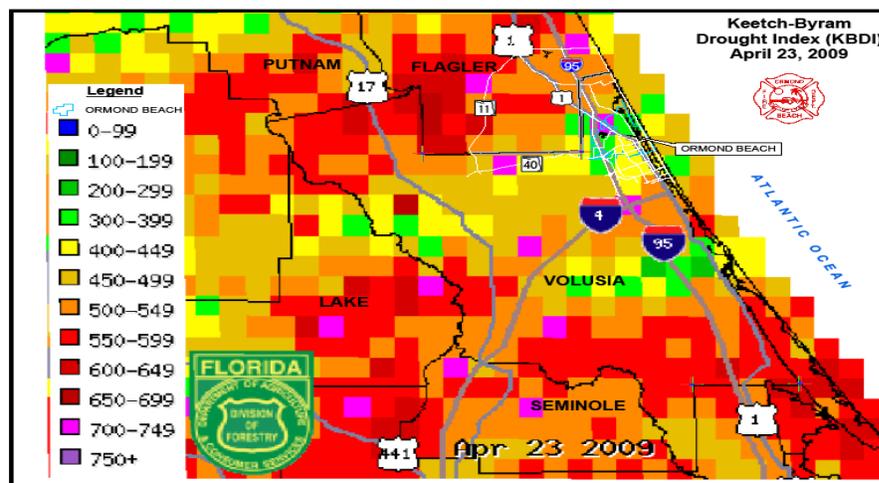
The Annual Daytona International Cheer Competition held last weekend was an enormous success with over twelve to fifteen thousand boys and girls competing. Ormond Beach gymnasts, the Ormond Beach Flames, competed as a newly-formed team looking to do well and gain experience. Despite the hot weather, the confusion, the stress, and even when the music stopped, our team persevered and put on an amazing performance. They managed to take second place in their category! The girls worked extremely hard and it certainly paid off. We are very proud of the dedication, enthusiasm and sportsmanship these fine, young people have demonstrated.

The program will only continue to grow from this experience, making the gymnastics center that much better.



- **Rains Reduce Drought Index**

Recent rains have reduced our drought index numbers (see map). This reduced fire risk will be short lived due to the lack of forecast rain for the next week. Higher temperatures and increased winds will quickly dry out the vegetation and soils in our area. Citizens should continue to properly dispose of cigarettes and promptly report any unattended fires. A burn ban remains in effect for Volusia County and the City of Ormond Beach.



- **City Manager's Second Field Day**

Today, I was out in the field with the Leisure Services Athletic Field Maintenance staff. They provided me with the opportunity to work at the Nova Community Park where I cleaned out the racquetball courts and repaired a gate. At the OB Sports Complex I learned how to do

line painting at the soccer field, and to do field preparation at the baseball and softball fields. This was another great opportunity for me to work alongside our employees and perform a myriad of tasks.



- **Public Works Activities This Week**

Earth Day

This year's Earth Day Event was the largest participation event since we began celebrating Earth Day. The participant crowd was estimated at 300+. This year's event was a total success in the City's goal of raising environmental awareness.



Concrete Work

Early morning concrete pour on Lincoln Ave. at Thompson Creek to avoid traffic congestion from Winn Dixie and the Children's Workshop Day Care.





Concrete crews continue their work on N. Beach St. with apron and driveway repairs



ROW Maintenance

Street Maintenance crews working on the Tomoka River bridge for FDOT MOA compliance.



Urban Forestry

Start to finish in 57 minutes, was the work of the morning for this tree on Coolidge Avenue. A routine inspection by Street Section crews revealed this decaying tree, prompting its timely removal to avoid any damage from falling into the roadway. The 57 minute began at the time the Street Supervisor viewed the tree to the final picture of a full dump truck of tree debris.





- **Art in the Park**

The 37th Annual Art in the Park Festival will be held on May 2nd and 3rd from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Fortunato Park. Over 80 exhibitors will showcase their paintings, pottery, jewelry, wood carvings, sculpture, photography, stitchery, wearable art and more. Musical entertainment has been arranged for Saturday featuring modern jazz and classical music and on Sunday Dixieland and swing will be featured. There will be a variety of food vendors at the event as well as many children's activities to choose from, making this a great outdoor weekend event for everyone.





- **The Casements Guild 30th Anniversary**

At the City Commission meeting on Tuesday evening, April 21st, the Mayor presented several members of the Guild a proclamation claiming Wednesday, April 22nd to celebrate The Casements Guild 30th anniversary.

Also, on Wednesday I, along with over 50 guild members, attended a special luncheon held in their honor on at The Casements. Commissioner Kelley did a welcoming address and the lunch was provided and sponsored by Amber Jewel's Catering.

Three members of the Guild were presented with 5 year service pins, and Elsa Weidemann was acknowledged for continued service to this organization for the past 30 years. The Casements Guild has contributed over 5,700 volunteer hours to the City this year alone, a savings of over \$41,100.

The Guild announced at the luncheon that they would assist in the outfitting of the new "Carriage House" that will be part of the new renovations scheduled to begin in May. Another project that they will fund is the installation of a new security system throughout the home.



- **The Casements Temporarily Closing for Renovations**

On Friday May 15, 2009, The Casements will close to the public for extensive interior and exterior renovations. This project, funded in part by a Volusia County ECHO grant, will not only enhance the historical elements to the home but update the interior facilities to ADA standards.

It has been determined for the public's safety that the building is to remain closed to the public during the renovation process that is projected to take up to eight months until completion.

Where appropriate, certain staffing and programming will be relocated to other Leisure Services departments. The Casements staff may still be reached by telephone at 386-676-3216 during renovations.

MEETING SCHEDULE

DATE	MEETING/EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
May 5, 2009	Shade Meeting	Training Room	5:30 p.m. Light meal
May 5, 2009	City Commission Meeting	Chambers	7:00 p.m.
May 19, 2009	Workshop Goals Review	Training Room	5:30 p.m. Light meal
May 19, 2009	City Commission Meeting	Chambers	7:00 p.m.
June 2, 2009	Workshop Capital Improvements Program	Training Room	5:30 p.m. Light meal
June 2, 2009	City Commission Meeting	Chambers	7:00 p.m.
June 16, 2009	City Commission Meeting	Chambers	7:00 p.m.
July 7, 2009	City Commission Meeting	Chambers	7:00 p.m.
July 20, 2009	Workshop Operating Budget	Training Room	5:30 p.m. Light meal
July 21, 2009 (if necessary)	Workshop Operating Budget	Training Room	5:30 p.m. Light meal
July 21, 2009	City Commission Meeting (Millage)	Chambers	7:00 p.m.
August 5, 2009 **Wednesday**	City Commission Meeting	Chambers	7:00 p.m.
August 18, 2009	City Commission Meeting	Chambers	7:00 p.m.

REMINDERS

8TH ANNUAL VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK BREAKFAST

Hosted by: Victims' Services Coalition of the 7th Circuit

April 27, 2009

8:30 a.m. (breakfast starts)

Indigo Lakes Golf Club Conference Center, 400 Indigo Dr., DB

Please let Jackie know if you plan to attend

37TH ANNUAL ART IN THE PARK

May 2nd – 3rd

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Fortunato Park

40TH ANNUAL MAYOR'S GOLF TOURNAMENT

Hosted by Ormond Beach Chamber of Commerce

May 8, 2009

12:00 p.m. – Registration

1:00 p.m. – Shot gun start

Halifax Plantation Golf Course

Please let Jackie know if you plan to attend

TOWN HALL BUDGET MEETINGS

Zone 1

May 26, 2009, 7:00 p.m., Performing Arts Center – 2nd Floor

Zone 2

May 21, 2009, 6:30 p.m., Bailey Riverbridge Gardens

Zone 3

May 12, 2009, 6:30 p.m., The Trails Community Center

Zone 4

May 18, 2009, 6:30 p.m., Sr. Center – Ballroom

**FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES AND FLORIDA ASSOCIATION
OF COUNTIES ECONOMIC STIMULUS SUMMIT**

May 15, 2009

10:00 a.m.

Orlando World Center Marriott

This event will provide an opportunity to hear directly from state agencies on the various funding programs available to cities and counties in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

More details will soon be provided.

Please let Jackie know if you plan to attend

DOUG THOMAS WAY DEDICATION EVENT

Saturday, May 16, 2009

10:00 a.m.

Sports Complex

MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION

May 25, 2009

9:00 a.m.

City Hall Plaza

CENTER FOR BUSINESS EXCELLENCE'S BUSINESS SUMMIT

May 27, 2009

7:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Daytona Beach Hilton, 100 N. Atlantic Ave., DB

Please let Jackie know if you plan to attend

LIVING SHORELINE WORKSHOP

By Volusia County Environmental Management

May 28, 2009

Time TBA

Port Orange Chamber of Commerce

Please let Jackie know if you plan to attend

**VOLUSIA LEAGUE OF CITIES 2009 ANNUAL AWARDS
BANQUET**

May 28, 2009

6:00 p.m. Reception

7:00 p.m. Dinner

Spruce Creek Country Club

1900 Country Club Dr., Pt. Orange

Please let Jackie know if you plan to attend

VCARD ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

June 11, 2009

6:30 p.m.

Sunset Harbor Yacht Club

861 Ballough Rd., DB

Please let Jackie know if you plan to attend

NLC 17TH ANNUAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

September 10-12, 2009

Louisville, KY

Please let Jackie know if you plan to attend

STATE OF THE CITY LUNCHEON

October 8, 2009

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Location TBD

Please let Jackie know if you plan to attend

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**FLC 2009 ADVANCED INSTITUTE FOR ELECTED
MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS**

October 23-24, 2009

Panama City Beach

Please let Jackie know if you plan to attend



Have a good weekend

Joyce A. Shanahan
City Manager

JAS/jpb