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Ormond Beach Celebrates Independence Day



In 1777, 13 gun salutes were fired during the nation's first Independence Day celebration honoring the original 13 colonies whose people had signed the documents releasing our United States from Great Britain's rule.

There's no place better to celebrate our nation's 239 years of freedom than beside the beautiful Halifax River in Ormond Beach. Citizens and visitors can enjoy entertainment and

fun-filled activities with no admission fee.

Entertainment will stretch from City Hall Plaza across the Granada Bridge to Rockefeller Gardens.

Rockefeller Gardens will feature "UpTUIT" and City Hall will feature "Brad Yates & Mo'Mentum" both playing from 7:00 p.m. – 9:15 p.m.

Kids' activities will be in Rockefeller Gardens (North Lawn) from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Kids' activities include a rock climbing wall, a moon walk, an obstacle course, a giant slide, and more! New this year, there will be a photo booth! Other entertainment includes a juggler, a magician, balloon twisting, a stilt walker, and of course, special appearances by Abe Lincoln and Ben Franklin!

The finale of this celebration will consist of one of the area's best fireworks displays! The fireworks begin promptly at 9:30 p.m. on the Halifax River just south of the Granada Bridge. This is the 18th year the event has been held on the corners of the Granada Bridge and it now attracts visitors from other states.

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Ormond Beach Celebrates Independence Day (cont'd.)

For 40 years, Santore has provided the anxiously awaited fireworks show in Ormond Beach exciting all the spectators and reminding us of the history we are celebrating on the fourth of July.

Those with handicapped parking permits may park in the lot near Bailey Riverbridge Gardens (where Pilgrim's Rest Church is located), on the northeast corner of Granada Boulevard and North Beach Street. Public parking includes the lot behind City Hall and The Casements parking lot.

Please be aware that the parking area on South Beach Street adjacent to Cassen Park will be closed at 1:00 a.m. on Monday, July 4th, and will remain closed until 1:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 5th.

Cassen Park piers and boat docks will be closed at 7 p.m. on July 4th.

North Beach Street will be closed from Granada to Lincoln Avenue; South Beach Street will be closed from Granada to Division Avenue; and, Grove Street will be closed from Tomoka Avenue to Division Avenue. Other side streets within the event area may be detoured or closed for the event.

Free shuttle service will be available from 7:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. to assist guests in getting back and forth across the Granada Bridge. Pick-up and drop-off locations are at Beach Street and Granada Boulevard on the west side of the bridge, and at Riverside Drive and Granada Boulevard on east side of the bridge. We encourage you to get to your fireworks viewing location prior to the end of the shuttle service.

Please understand that following the fireworks display, traffic will be heavy and you will experience congestion for at least 15 minutes and we encourage you to be patient.

We would also like to remind you that this is an alcohol free event. Personal fireworks are prohibited.

For more information, please contact Community Events at 676-3241 or visit the City's website at www.ormondbeach.org.

This is a celebration you don't want to miss!





Youth Empowerment Day

Ormond Beach PAL (OBPAL) YDC members were invited by New Smyrna Beach PAL to attend a Youth Empowerment Day featuring Mel Williams, Chief/Director of Security Bethune Cookman University, where he spoke about Impression – “What People Think of You,” Perception – “How You Present Yourself” and Bullying 2016. Stan Harrison of State Farm Insurance came from North Carolina to present “Life Decisions, School Goals and Character/Reputation – What You Do Sticks with You!”

The youths were entertained by Rapper Mr. T, the Babe James Steppers and Educator/CEO of TriEclipse, Inc. Publishing Company Vincent Taylor. Mr. Taylor is the author and creator of the Cornbread Book Series, and introduced his books and Cornbread himself! Together they were reading, rappin’ and having fun with the children. The youths had the opportunity to engage in questions and answers with each presenter.

They all came home with a head full of things to think about! The event was successful and everyone who participated was empowered.



Weekly Police Stats

Calls for Service - 1,509 Arrests – 26
 Citations Issued - 89
 Reports Written - 175 Traffic Stops - 143



Weekly Fire Operations Stats

167 INCIDENTS
 95 - EMS 6 - Motor Vehicle Accidents
 6 - Fires 4 - Fire Alarms
 50 - Public Assists 6 - Hazardous

POLICE BICYCLE OPERATIONS CLASS



Ormond Officer Austin Graves

The Ormond Beach Police Department recently hosted a 16-hour Police Bicycle Operations class that consisted of slow speed riding drills, two endurance rides, off road terrain riding, apprehension methods, and team/column riding.

Day one events included bicycle fitness, nomenclature, bicycle safety and laws, practicing slow riding techniques through cones simulating pedestrians and road debris. The day ended with a 12-mile endurance ride

throughout the city.

Day two consisted of an 18-mile endurance ride which included riding back and forth over the Granada Bridge, stair riding, and shooting a firearm under stress.

The class consisted of nine police officers, five from the Ormond Beach Police Department and four from the



Ormond Officer Jake Howard



Titusville Police Officers

Titusville Police Department. The class was instructed by Sergeant Mike Pavelka who is a certified Police Bicycle Operations Instructor and Officer Amber Michaelis who holds a Bachelors Degree in Physical Fitness.

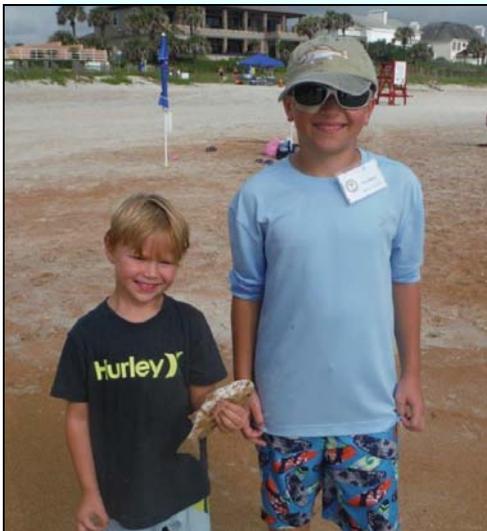


REEL in the FUN!

The Department of Leisure Services hosted its Reel in the Fun Kids' Fishing Tournament on Saturday, June 18th at the Neptune Beach Approach. Over 30 boys and girls ages 4-12 were registered for this great event. All of the kids did a great job and over 50 fish were caught and released.

We appreciate our community volunteers who helped make this event a success. Our thanks go to our generous sponsors - Ike Leary and his family from Granada Bait & Tackle for providing the first place fishing poles, free bait, hotdogs, chips and water; Chick-fil-A provided coupons and handed out the mini cows, Eagle Claw's donations for the goody bags, and Fish Florida who donated for this family fun event.

Be sure to save the date for our next REEL in the FUN Kids Fishing Tournament on September 10th at Bailey Riverbridge Gardens.



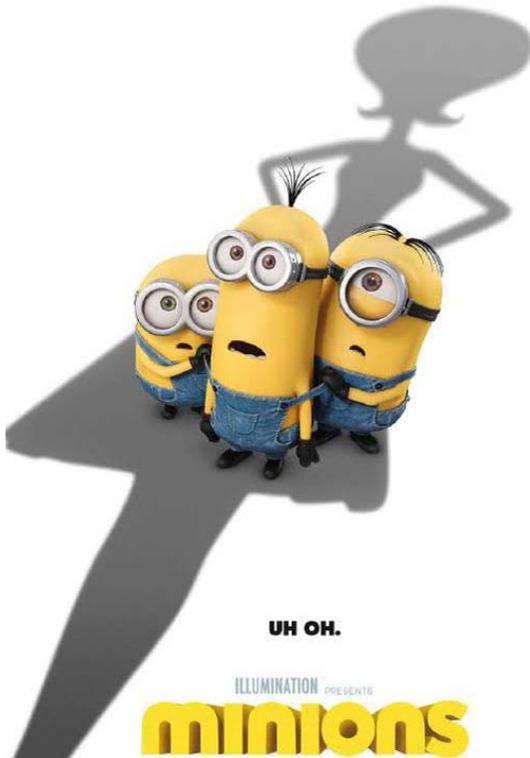
PARKS

The Leisure Services Parks staff repaired bollards in Rockefeller Gardens. They also installed two new grills in Riviera Park and one at the Birthplace of Speed Park. Holes were filled in by the seawall at Ames Park.

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



Minions at the Movies!



On **Friday, July 1**, at **8:30 p.m.**, the City's Leisure Services Department and The Casements Guild will present "Minions" in Rockefeller Gardens.



Bring a lawn chair or a blanket and come out and enjoy the movie with your friends and family! Refreshments for purchase will be available.

Moving Rating: "Minions" is a PG rated movie. Parental guidance is suggested as some material may not be suitable for children.

Down to a Science



The second week of Enviro Camp got a bit messy as the young budding scientists learned about the weather, explored chemistry and physics and had fun while using household items to do experiments.



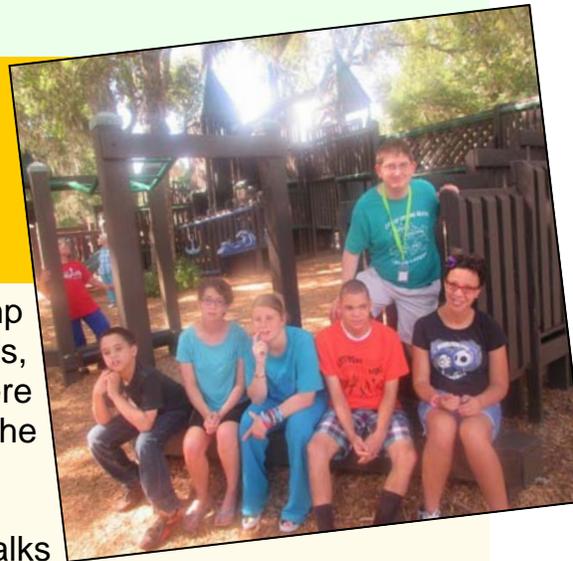
In addition to all the lessons learned, the campers enjoyed another day of fishing in Central Park. This year, Enviro Camp was the recipient of a grant of spinning wheel fishing rods from Fish Florida. Each camper coming through the camp this summer will get a chance to use the fishing pole and keep it at the end of the camp. We hope that we are making learning fun, and at the same time, creating a lifetime of fishing fun!



Camp T Rec Begins



Camp T-Rec, a summer camp for children with special needs, started Monday, June 20. There are 25 children registered for the first three-week session.



The children will take daily walks around the park, be creative with arts and crafts, play sports, go swimming, and many other activities. Every day will be a new adventure!

Public Works in ACTION



North Beach St. sidewalk pour



Public Works in ACTION



Pipe repair on Dartmouth Trace



Public Works in ACTION



Removal of two palm trees on River Bluff Dr.



Removal of dead pine on Hand Ave.

