



# **CITY OF ORMOND BEACH**

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## **FRIDAY LETTER FEBRUARY 6, 2009**

**Honorable Mayor Costello and City Commissioners**

**Please note the following important meetings/workshops/events**

**DAYTONA BEACH/HALIFAX AREA  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
BUILDING DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP  
2009 FAM TOUR**

Welcoming Reception and Working Dinner  
Friday, February 13, 2009  
Sunset Harbor yacht Club  
6:30 p.m. – Reception

**OPENING DAY OF BASEBALL AND THE NEWLY  
RENOVATED BASEBALL FIELD 5  
RIBBON CUTTING**

March 7, 2009  
9:30 a.m.  
Nova field 5

**SPECIAL POPULATIONS SHINING STARS PAGEANT  
AND FASHION SHOW**

March 7, 2009  
2:00 p.m.  
Performing Arts Center

**FOCUS WORKSHOP**

March 10, 2009  
5:30 p.m.  
Training Room

**VOLUSIA COUNTY STATE OF THE COUNTY ADDRESS**

March 23, 2009  
12 noon (doors open 11:30 a.m.)  
Ocean Center  
101 N. Atlantic Ave., DB  
Please let Jackie know if you plan to attend

**BIRTHPLACE OF SPEED CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION**

March 25th  
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Beach Parade  
Cardinal-Harvard ramp (weather & tide permitting)

12:30-3:30 p.m.  
Vehicle car display, public reception, entertainment  
\*Fortunato Park

2:00 p.m.  
Awards presentation  
\*Fortunato Park

\*Note: event held at Fortunato Park  
due to construction at Rockefeller Gardens

**FLC LEGISLATIVE ACTION DAY**

March 25, 2009  
Tallahassee  
Please let Jackie know if you plan to attend

➤ **Airport Noise Abatement Initiative**

An effort to be more proactive in addressing the issue of aircraft noise at the Ormond Beach Municipal Airport has been put into action by the Airport Manager, Steven Lichliter. An investigation of current and past noise complaints from area residents revealed a pattern indicating a possible root cause of most such complaints. Flight schools that use the airport follow a cycle of training that regularly introduces a new population of student pilots into the airspace above Ormond Beach. Recognizing that these novice aviators may be unfamiliar with noise abatement procedures established for operations in Ormond Beach, Mr. Lichliter has engaged all of the flight schools in the area in order to ensure that their pilots are thoroughly familiar with these procedures. In a letter addressed to the chief flight instructors and senior staff members of all area flight schools, Mr. Lichliter detailed the specific noise abatement procedures that pilots are to use when operating in and around Ormond Beach. Mr. Lichliter will also personally contact each flight school in order to answer any questions about the procedures, and to further ensure that Ormond Beach noise abatement procedures are always included in their flight training curriculum. (Attachment 1)

➤ **Volusia County Economic Development Update**

Joe Mannarino, Director of Economic Development attended the Volusia County Department of Economic Development's quarterly local economic market update this morning at the Daytona Beach International Airport. The presentation included updates on the Volusia County employment, housing, and commercial permitting data for the fourth quarter of 2008. Comparisons were made with similar data for Florida and the U.S. as well.

The workforce in Volusia County grew at a rate of 2.1% year-to-date from 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2007 to 2008 to 256,278. There were smaller growth rates for both the State (1.2%) and United States (0.6%). Unemployment in Volusia County increased from 7.6% in October to 8.6% in December in 2008. The number of unemployed was 21,941, which is a loss of 4,026 additional jobs from the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2007. In comparison, Ormond Beach's unemployment rate was one of the lowest in the County at 6.7% in December. Comparing 4<sup>th</sup> quarter data

year to year, the number of commercial building permits across the County increased slightly from 25 in 2007 to 29 in 2008. The cost of construction also increased for the same period from \$25 million to \$62 million. However, these numbers are much lower than previous quarters, such as the second quarter of 2008, which had 56 permits and a construction value of \$114 million. Residential permits and construction values experienced a relatively large decrease when comparing 4<sup>th</sup> quarter year-to-year data. There were 253 residential permits at a construction value of \$60 million in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2007 compared to 185 permits and construction value of \$45 million in 2008. Foreclosures have increased significantly from 4,295 homes in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2007 to 7,671 for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2008. Additional economic detail is presented in the Volusia County report and will be provided to the City Commission.

➤ **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) FY 06-07  
Street Improvement Project**

At the City Commission meeting of October 7, 2008, following discussion, the consensus for the use of the FY 2006-2007 CDBG excess funds in the amount of \$50,665 was to provide for the installation of Sabal Palmettos on the north side of Ormond Parkway and the north side of Arlington Way and to provide for irrigation of the trees. Further, the consensus was to provide for the installation of two (2) paver sections and then later provide for the remaining two (2) in the FY 09-10 CDBG funding, or in other excess CDBG funding should it become available. At the City Commission meeting of November 18, 2008, the City Commission formally approved the redirection of CDBG FY 06-07 excess funding for the planting of Sabal palms on Ormond Parkway and Arlington Way, with irrigation, and the installation of pavers on the east and west ends of Valencia and Magnolia. At the City Commission meeting of February 3, 2009, this item was discussed by the Commission due to the January 21, 2009, Neighborhood Improvement Advisory Board meeting at which some residents voiced opposition to the tree planting portion of the project and the Board forwarded a request for the City Commission to reconsider the tree planting. The Commission reiterated its support for this project. At the County Council meeting of February 5, 2009, there was brief discussion with the County Council approving the project as

submitted by the City. Since the amendment has received final County Council approval of the City's requested amendment, as required before any funds can be expended on a project, staff will move forward with completion of design, receive bids/quotes, and implement the project.

➤ **American Reinvestment and Recovery Act**

On Monday morning I attended a meeting of most Volusia County City Managers, the County Manager and several elected officials including Commissioner Kelley, with Congresswoman Suzanne Kosmas to discuss the federal economic stimulus initiative. County Manager Dinneen presented the Congresswoman a letter written on behalf of all the jurisdictions expressing concerns about potential restrictions and obstacles to getting these funds to the local jurisdiction if the regular federal funding channels are followed. (Attachment 2)

The Congresswoman also was presented with a booklet that contained a summary of all the projects, County wide, which had been submitted for consideration.

Congressman Kosmas was very receptive to the concerns expressed and promised to keep everyone informed as the programs take shape and are implemented. I will keep you informed of further developments.

➤ **Deep Freeze**

Public Works and Leisure Services staff took several actions to weather the hard freeze warnings this week and there were no significant problems as a result of the unusually cold weather. Below are photos of one of those precautions:



Stormwater crews prepare the Bennett Lane Stormwater Pumping Station for the hard freeze.

➤ **Leisure Services Irrigation Division**

The Irrigation Division staff is shown making a repair in the irrigation at Memorial Gardens recently. Due to the freezing temperatures this past week, they were kept busy turning off the irrigation systems city-wide.



➤ **US 1/ Wilmette Avenue Striping**

Commissioner Kelly called to staff's attention the fact that the striping on Wilmette Avenue just west of US1 had eroded to the point where motorists were failing to maintain the proper lane. This week the striping was renewed with traffic paint as a temporary fix as the area will be resurfaced in late spring of this year, at which time thermoplastic striping will be applied.



Staff has had the area east of the Railroad tracks on Wilmette Avenue restriped for safety.

➤ **Emergency Repair: 8 Inch Water Main – Nova Road**

On Tuesday morning, January 27, 2009 Water Distribution crews responded to a call reporting a water main break in the vicinity of Nova Road (SR 5A) and Moreland Boulevard - Fernery Trail. A leak detection consultant was contacted for assistance in locating the leak to minimize disruption to traffic and pavement demolition activities along this State roadway facility.

The main break was accurately determined to be located under the southbound lane of Nova Road closest to the median. Water Distribution crews located and closed valves in the area to isolate the

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area of the break and were able to do so without loss of service to adjacent customers. Crews also established traffic control set up and initiated pertinent roadway excavation activities. Upon excavation and location of the leak, it was observed that no cover "or clearance" was provided between the City's 8 inch PVC water main below and an 18 inch corrugated metal pipe (CMP) culvert crossing above at this location. A metal rib wrapping along the exterior of the CMP was found to be resting on the punctured crown of the water main at the location of the actual leak. It is assumed that earthwork loads and compaction activities during construction or intermittent traffic loads occurring since roadway construction completion caused the drainage pipe above to deflect or settle into the PVC piping below.

Repair options were discussed and it was determined that replacement with a like-sized section of 8 inch diameter ductile iron pipe (DIP) at this location would provide a long lasting and prompt solution. The DIP product would not puncture as readily as the existing PVC material and the couplings installed at either end of the repair would provide additional deflection properties than what was provided by the existing configuration. Crews completed piping replacement activities, performed backfill and compaction operations and coordinated performance of compactive effort testing by Nodarse and Associates, a geotechnical consultant. City Streets Division crews assisted with delivery of earthwork materials, coordination of specialty paving contractor activities by P&S Paving for the asphalt restoration and final maintenance of traffic and road clearance activities.

Thanks to Public Works Utilities Division staff for the prompt and expert repair of the main and support provided by the City's Streets Division for their valued assistance. Additional thanks for the prompt and professional responses provided by Nodarse and Associates, Inc and P&S Paving.



Tuesday Morning (1/27/09): Nova Rd. & Moreland Blvd. (View South)  
Notification of Evidence of Water Main Break  
Note location of evidence of leak vs. actual location of leak in SB lane  
nearest median.

Leak detection activity was effective in minimizing roadway impacts.



Tuesday Noon (1/27/09):  
View from bottom of excavation – 18” CMP Culvert above 8” PVC  
Water Main

Note: No vertical separation is provided between pipes.



Tuesday Noon (1/27/09):  
Close Up View: 18" CMP Rib (above) puncturing 8" PVC Water Main  
(below)



Tuesday Afternoon (1/27/09):  
8" Ductile Iron Water Main Repair (View – Top)  
Note Material Change (DIP vs. PVC) and adaptor couplings.



Tuesday Afternoon (1/27/09):  
Nova Road Inside Lane (View – South)  
Water Distribution Crews compacting limerock base material

➤ **Volusia County/City of Ormond Beach Partnership**

City staff has been working with the County of Volusia over recent months. The Volusia County Beach Patrol played a big role in helping facilitate the location of the recent beach volleyball court near the Granada Boulevard beach approach.

In the process of working closely with Volusia County for the volleyball court, relationships were built in a manner that will facilitate a partnership between the City and County on other events. The Birthplace of Speed 2009 Event is one such event.

At the Volusia County Council meeting this week the County committed to partner with the City of Ormond Beach for the Birthplace of Speed Event by waiving the beach approach fees and the permitting fees for the event. The event will be considered as an event for Volusia County and the City of Ormond Beach.

The plan is to make several announcements during the event recognizing Volusia County as a partner as well as placing the

County's logo along with the City's logo on flyers, and Birthplace of Speed Event programs, etc.

➤ **Memorial Bench at Birthplace of Speed Park**

A few months ago the marble memorial bench at the Birthplace of Speed Park was damaged by vandals. Methods to repair the broken bench seat were sought without success other than to replace the marble bench at a high expense to the City.

Creative thinking by City staff resulted in the idea of removing the marble slab from the ground that the broken bench was resting on and using it as the bench seat. The broken seat was then placed into the ground, surrounded by a concrete pad and used as the base. The two legs were replaced with three new legs which will provide added support to the bench.

Thinking out of the box provided a great solution to the problem. The memorial to Justin Kastner remains at Birthplace of Speed Park and his memorial bench will continue to allow many to enjoy the beautiful ocean view.



➤ **OBPAL Begins Winter Programs**

The Ormond Beach Police Athletic League started two winter educational programs on February 3, 2009. Current school budgetary cuts have limited the availability of after school programs for youth in

our community. The programs offered by OBPAL provided an opportunity for our youth to increase their academic skills and enjoy a positive after school experience.

**Science on Patrol** (SOP) is offered in partnership with Ormond Beach Middle School. SOP provides an avenue for youth in 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade to increase math and science skills through the resolution of crime scene scenarios. Members of the Ormond Beach Police Department work directly with youth in the program. The popularity of SOP program has grown and enrollment has doubled since the programs implementation in 2006.



Crime Scene Investigator Mike Haller working with OMBS youth during 2008 program.

**R.E.A.D., Reading, Exploration, Adventure and Discovery** (R.E.A.D.) is offered in partnership with Ormond Beach Elementary School. R.E.A.D. is an arts-based educational program designed to increase reading skills in the areas of fluency, comprehension and vocabulary. Youth in the program are currently reading below standards and are selected by teachers for participation. During the program youth work with storytellers and professional artists, as well as members of the police department, to create one of a kind books. The completed books are exhibited in partnership with the Ormond

Memorial Art Museum in the City Hall Atrium. READ began in 2005. Reading tests conducted before and after the program by school administration have shown that youth in the READ program increase their reading skills by an average of 200 points. Currently 30 youth are enrolled in the program.

➤ **Dinner with Congressman Mica**

Skip Irby, Acting Fire Chief, had dinner Thursday evening with Congressman John Mica and his wife Pat at Gene's Steak House. Congressman Mica invited the Fire Chiefs that are within his portion of the Volusia County District. His District line runs from Daytona northward. The Fire Chiefs present at the dinner were Gary Hughes, Daytona Beach; Ron Spencer, Holly Hill; Barry Baker as the retiring Ormond Beach Fire Chief and Skip Irby.

Congressman Mica stated he just wanted to show his appreciation for the work of the Fire Chiefs and their department members. He did ask for input on the cities' needs and they suggested the needs for improvements at the I-95 interchanges at US1 and I-4. Those in attendance also asked him to help where possible to keep the funding up for emergency services especially with Florida being prone to disasters such as wildfires, tornadoes and hurricanes.

The evening was very relaxed and enjoyable. Everyone shared their life experiences and learned new things about each other.

➤ **Meeting with Division of Forestry**

Representatives from each of the Volusia County fire departments as well as the Division of Forestry met at the county agricultural center on Thursday to discuss the current Wildfire season. Forestry gave an update on the conditions for this season which is calling for drier than normal conditions; in fact, we are already drier than this same time in 1998. The most recent cold snaps as well as the lack of significant rainfall will continue to raise the risks. The remainder of the discussions involved response plans and equipment & personnel readiness. As the Volusia County Coordinator for the State Emergency Response Plan (SERP), Skip Irby, Acting Fire Chief, reviewed the plan with the attendees as regards requesting outside

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resources and the deployment of resources in response to requests from outside of our county.

➤ **Spring Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event**

Volusia County is in the process of scheduling the Spring Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event with the City of Ormond Beach the beginning of April. When the date is finalized with the County and Contractor we will get out a press release, follow up with the media, and have the press release put on the website.

➤ **Riverside Drive Road Closure**

From February 9th through February 13th Riverside Drive from Granada Boulevard/SR40 south to Casements Drive will be closed due to construction at Rockefeller Gardens. The residents of Riverside Drive will receive a notice at their door of this street closure and a well marked detour will be provided.

## MEETING SCHEDULE

DATE	MEETING/EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
February 10, 2009 CANCELLED	Shade Meeting Fire Negotiations	Training Room	5:30 p.m. light meal
February 17, 2009	Workshop CDBG Program	Training Room	5:30 p.m. light meal
February 17, 2009	City Commission Meeting	Chambers	7:00 p.m.
March 3, 2009	Workshop Financial Trends	Training Room	5:30 p.m. light meal
March 3, 2009	City Commission Meeting	Chambers	7:00 p.m.
March 10, 2009	Workshop Focus	Training Room	5:30 p.m. light meal
March 17, 2009	City Commission Meeting	Chambers	7:00 p.m.
April 7, 2009	City Commission Meeting	Chambers	7:00 p.m.
April 21, 2009	City Commission Meeting	Chambers	7:00 p.m.

## REMINDERS

### **ORMOND BEACH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

#### **ORMOND BEACH CARNEVALE**

First Annual Signature Event for the Ormond Beach Community  
February 5th through February 8th  
Destination Daytona, 1635 N. US Highway 1

### **UNITY IN OUR COMMUNITY MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL**

February 7, 2009  
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
The Casements

### **VCARD & VLOC THE ECONOMIC DOMINO EFFECT**

February 18, 2009  
11:00 a.m. registration  
11:30 a.m. luncheon  
12:00-1:00 p.m. panel discussion  
The Clubhouse at LPGA International  
1000 Champions Dr., Daytona Beach  
Please let Jackie know if you plan to attend

### **NLC CONGRESSIONAL CITY CONFERENCE**

March 14-18, 2009  
Hilton Washington Hotel & Towers  
Washington, D.C.  
Please let Jackie know if you plan to attend

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**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



Joyce A. Shanahan  
City Manager

JAS/jpb