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City of Ormond Beach

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U.S. Census Ormond Beach 73%!

What you need to know about the 2010 Census:

It's Quick and Easy—This year's census is the shortest in history - 10 questions, less than 10 minutes to complete.

It's Confidential—Census forms are confidential for 72 years and cannot be shared with anyone, including welfare and immigration agencies. There are harsh penalties for anyone who discloses information that can identify a respondent. Census Bureau workers who disclose information can be fined, jailed or both.

It's Important—The Census data is used to establish state legislative districts, determine the number of seats each state has in the U.S. House of Representatives, and assists in determining the allocation of more than \$400 billion to states and communities. The data obtained through the Census will stick with us for ten years!

It's the Law—Residents are required by law to complete and return the questionnaire by April 1st. Census takers will only visit households that did not return their form, and this will occur in May, June, and July, and they will be properly identified. They will not ask personal questions such as bank account numbers, etc. You can avoid a visit by a Census taker by sending in your form promptly.

An undercounting of even 1,000 residents can cost cities and counties millions of dollars which could be used to provide important services. Census data is used to allocate funding for education, public safety, housing, roads, public transportation and other community services.

In 2000, Ormond Beach's response rate

was 72%. All U.S. residents must be counted - citizens and non-citizens. We want all of Ormond Beach's residents to be accounted for in the 2010 Census.

We encourage each household to fill out the form when it is received and mail it back as soon as possible.

Updates—The U.S. Census Bureau is posting updated mail participation rates for each city, county and state at about 4 p.m. every day. **The national rate is 64%, Florida's rate is 62%, Volusia County is 67%, and Ormond Beach is 73%.**

Below are the return rates for the cities:

- Daytona Beach 60%
- Daytona Beach Shores 56%
- DeBary 73%
- DeLand 67%
- Deltona 69%
- Edgewater 66%
- Holly Hill 64%
- Lake Helen 70%
- New Smyrna Beach 64%
- Oak Hill 66%
- Orange City 70%
- Ormond Beach 73%**
- Pierson 59%
- Ponce Inlet 68%
- Port Orange 69%
- South Daytona 65%

If you want to track the results, you can go to <http://2010.census.gov/2010census/take10map/>

For more information:

- 2010Census.gov
- www.volusiacounts.org
- www.volusiacuenta.org
- www.ormondbeach.org



Summer Camp Registration

Pre-registration packets to enroll in the City of Ormond Beach Leisure Services Department summer programs can be picked up beginning April 12, 2010, at the Leisure Services Registration Office, 399 N. US #1, Ormond Beach. Packets may also be downloaded from the City's website www.ormondbeach.org.

Parents are to bring completed packets beginning on registration day, Thursday, April 22, to the Leisure Services Office.

Registration will be done on a first-come, first-served basis until filled.

The programs will be for children ages 6 through 13 (age as of 9/1/10) and will be held at the Nova

Community Center and South Ormond Neighborhood Center. This year there will be two 4-week sessions of **Summer Connection Day Camp**: June 14 – July 9 (no camp on July 5) and July 12 thru August 6 (no camp on August 3 at Nova Community Center). Each four week session will be \$155.00 for City of Ormond Beach residents (proof of residency required); and \$233.00 for non-residents.

For more information, please visit the City's website www.ormondbeach.org and click on Leisure Services or you may contact the City of Ormond Beach Leisure Services Department, located at 399 N. US #1, Ormond Beach, at 386-676-3250.

Back to the Future!

Tonight at 8 p.m. we welcome the community to another great "Movies on The Halifax" featuring the movie "Back to the Future."

This will mark our fourth movie for the year, and we are excited to continue this event each month! We appreciate our loyal followers who have braved the cooler weather, but we know that this Friday is sure to bring nice weather and a larger crowd to the movie!

Grab your blankets, chairs and dinner and come down into the park to enjoy this great family event!

This monthly event is sponsored by The City of Ormond Beach and The Casements Guild.

We look forward to seeing you at the movies! For more information, please call The Casements at 676-3216.





Cassen Park Boat Ramps Improvements

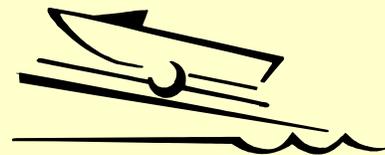
Beginning on Monday, April 12, 2010, through Friday, April 16, 2010, both Cassen Park boat ramps will be closed.

Cassen Park is located at the southwest corner of the Granada Bridge, at the corner of South Beach Street and Granada Blvd., and directly across the street from the Ormond Beach City Hall and Library. The ramps, which are over 25 years old, will be extended four feet with end ramp rumble stops installed which will advise boaters that they are at the end of the ramp. In addition, in efforts to minimize erosion due to prop washout, rocks will be

added for shoring the embankment beyond the ramp.

For other area ramp locations, please visit: http://www.sailmiami.com/Fishing/Boat%20Ramps/boat_ramps_volusia.htm.

If you have any questions, or need additional information, please contact the Engineering Division at 386-676-3269.



Weekly Police Stats

Calls for Service - 1,265 Arrests - 11
Citations Issued - 185
Reports Written - 94 Traffic Stops - 258



Weekly Fire Operations Stats

107 INCIDENTS
73 - EMS 6 - Motor Vehicle Accidents
4 - Fires 6 - Fire Alarms
14 - Public Assists 4 - Hazardous



Three Chimneys Family Day and Historical Marker Dedication

On Sunday, March 28, 2010, the Ormond Beach Historical Society held its fourth annual open house at the Three Chimneys Sugar Mill Plantation site at 715 West Granada Blvd. This is a once a year opportunity for the general public to see this priceless piece of Colonial architecture and industrial history in their own backyard. During the rest of the year, access to the ruins is through the Society's Historical Bus Tours which includes a stop at Three Chimneys.

Over 100 people attended the State Historical Marker Dedication with Ormond Beach Mayor Fred Costello, Ormond Beach Historical Society President Mrs. Bobbi Coleman, and Preservation Committee Chairman Dr. Philip Shapiro being the speakers for the event. There were guided tours of the sugar mill and rum distillery ruins as well as discussions about the history and living conditions during the Colonial era.

The Three Chimneys site is believed to be the first built and oldest successful British sugar plantation, sugar mill and rum distillery in the State of Florida and in the continental United States. It was a part of a 20,000 acre grant awarded to Richard Oswald by King George III in 1764 under direction of the King's Florida Governor James Grant. Oswald was a wealthy and influential Scotsman and in his time, the Three Chimneys was known as the Swamp Settlement. Originally, the Swamp Settlement consisted of 300

cleared acres and several substantial buildings, including the overseer's house, grain houses, sugar house and distillery works, and sugar mill.

Richard Oswald lived in Virginia and never visited Florida. Three Chimneys operated 1768-1783 under Oswald. He was in London during the Revolutionary War and then was the British delegate to the peace negotiation. He worked with Benjamin Franklin, John Jay and others to draft the British terms of peace for the American colonies. The Treaty of Paris of 1783 established the Mississippi River as the western boundary for the United States.

After the war, Britain ceded Florida back to Spain and Oswald's and other British plantations were completely abandoned by late 1785. The Spanish granted land to several English in order to repopulate Florida rapidly. In 1803, Henry Yonge was awarded 850 acres, including Three Chimneys, on the Mosquito (now Halifax) River. He worked for six years, but abandoned the area in 1809. The Three Chimneys area again became overgrown, and wooden structures deteriorated rapidly. Spain ceded Florida to the United States in 1821 and Florida became a state in 1845. After the Civil War, early settlers to the area saw the three old brick chimneys which were thought to be remains of early Spanish missions.

In 1914, Billy Fagan, half brother of Hotel Ormond builder John Anderson, constructed a house on the remains of the sugar boiling facility. He set up a tourist attraction known as Camp Fagan. It included a small museum and a couple of alligators to entertain guests from the Hotel Ormond. It also included a tree stand where visitors could climb up and look east and view the Atlantic Ocean.

In May 2003, the State of Florida acquired the 7.59 acres around the Three Chimneys and fifty year lease was negotiated with the Ormond Beach Historical Society to manage and care for the property. The Society plans to develop the site into an interactive park.

In 2007, a Volusia County ECHO Grant of \$26,500 was awarded to the Ormond Beach Historical Society to provide for the emergency stabilization of the sugar boiling facility along with sealing the bricks at both the sugar boiling and distillery structures to prevent moisture intrusion. Through donations from local businesses and individuals, the required matching funds were raised and the restoration project was completed in December 2007.

To schedule a bus tour, please contact the Ormond Beach Historical Society at 677-7005. The Society is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.



Join the Fun at South Ormond

Springtime is here and residents of all ages are out in full force taking advantage of the outdoor amenities at the South Ormond Neighborhood Park. With the children off from school last week combined with the beautiful weather, many took the opportunity to visit the playground, cool off at the splash pad, have a picnic, or get some exercise in one of the athletic fields.

It's always a great day at the South Ormond Neighborhood Park. Please come out and visit.





All That Jazz

Jazzercise for special needs participants met on Thursday at Nova Community Center. All the participants enjoy Miss Adrienne's choreography and music. After having two weeks off for spring break, they began their new season on April 8th.



Spring Break Day Camp at Nova

Last week the Nova Community Center and Special Populations held their spring break day camps throughout the week. Campers enjoyed a variety of activities including arts and crafts, soccer, dodge ball, games, puzzles, basketball, movies, the playground and the game room.





Another Opening of Another Show... Ormond Beach Follies

The Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center hosted the Ormond Beach Follies on stage March 26th - March 28th with their annual benefit show for the Performing Arts Center.

The show is comprised of approximately two hours of skits, dancing, singing and more. The Follies have once again broken attendance records for the weekend-long production total of just over 2,000 total attendees. You never know who or what you are going to see on stage when you come to see a Follies production, you just know that for the next

two hours you're going to laugh, cry and applaud till your hands hurt.

The Follies consists of over one hundred total cast members who are involved with all aspects of the show. Cast responsibilities range from set design, marketing, advertising, costume design, sponsorship and craft services (food) during the production. The Ormond Beach Follies is a 501(c)3 organization which utilizes the PAC for 11 months in preparation for their annual March production.



Tennis Court Renovation at South Ormond

The poles for the fencing around the tennis courts at the South Ormond Neighborhood Center are being replaced in preparation for new fencing. The tennis courts will receive a new color-coating shortly and be ready for play.





Eggstravaganza 2010!

Last Saturday the First United Methodist Church presented their annual Eggstravaganza event; their Easter gift to the community. The event took a hiatus last year due to renovations but didn't skip a beat this year.

just behind the stage area on the south end near the picnic tables.

Members of the church came out in full force to help with the egg hunts, face painting, fun inflatables, and the picture opportunity with the giant Easter bunny himself!



The event ended at noon; however, the church members were on hand for clean up efforts until nearly 3:00 p.m.

We enjoy partnering with First United Methodist Church for this worthwhile event and look forward to another great year in 2011!

The event began at 9:00 a.m., and throughout the morning there was nothing but smiles, Easter dresses, Easter bonnets and baskets to be seen! The gardens were full of spectators watching the young

children participating in the egg hunts that are separated by age group. This year, for the first time ever, the special needs children were included with the entire group. Their designated area was located



Thompson Creek Dedication

The Thompson Creek Dedication was held on Thursday, March 18th, 2010. The Thompson Creek Project is a revitalization plan in the area between Granada and Lincoln Avenue and is a joint effort between the City of Ormond Beach, Ormond MainStreet and Volusia County.

A new bus stop has been installed and brush cutting and general maintenance of the area has taken place to give it a much-needed clean and fresh look with the help of the Leisure Services Maintenance staff. The Leisure Services Community Events staff assisted with the set up of the dedication ceremony.



Public Works in ACTION



Landmark Circle Tree Removal



Paver Block Repair on Old Kings Road



Public Works in ACTION

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Lincoln Avenue Tree Trimming



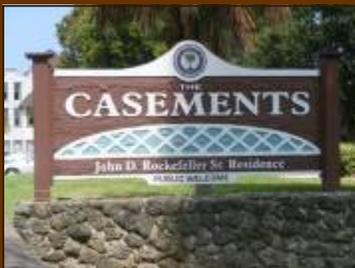
Installation of Pedestrian crosswalk signs on Riverside Drive at the Casements





Irrigation Maintenance

Each day the Leisure Services Irrigation staff is out repairing, testing and maintaining the sprinkler systems for our City's properties. The staff does an excellent job to ensure the landscaping is irrigated in an efficient manner while still maintaining the proper requirements for the plant life.



An Artistic View

Last week, young artists from the Ormond Memorial Art Museum's Spring Break Art Camp visited The Casements for a private tour. Guild members took the curious group around the home and told them all about the most famous Ormond Beach resident, John D. Rockefeller, Sr.

The youngsters walked from the Museum to The Casements and enjoyed a walk around Rockefeller Gardens as well. The impromptu field trip helped inspire the young artists with their creative projects during the week-long camp!

Birthplace of Speed Celebration

Tuesday, March 16th, 2010



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