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Town Hall Budget Meetings

This week, citizens attended two of four Town Hall Budget meetings that were held for Zone 2, Commissioner Kent, and Zone 4, Commissioner Partington, at Bailey River-bridge Gardens and the Senior Center, respectively. In addition to City staff, Mayor Costello and Commissioner Ed Kelley were present.



Zone 2
Commissioner
Kent

Upon arriving at the meeting, citizens were asked to sit at one of four tables. It was explained to them that after the presentation, they would be asked to share their thoughts on four specific questions. There was a member of City staff at each table to list the citizens' recommendations and feedback.

After the introduction, Finance Director Kelly McGuire and City Manager Joyce Shanahan presented the City's budget information to the citizens. Highlights of the presentation included where a citizen's tax dollars go, how

much of a citizen's tax dollars the City receives, the anticipated changes in revenue and expenditures for the upcoming fiscal year, and potential strategies being considered to balance the upcoming fiscal year budget.

Once the presentation was complete, citizens were then asked to provide their input on four questions:

- 1) How do we grow the economic health of the City of Ormond Beach?;
- 2) What services do you believe are essential to the quality of life of our community?;
- 3) How does the City continue to fund the services you've defined as important to you?;
- 4) Do you believe the City of Ormond Beach is generally headed in the right direction and why?

At both meetings citizens enthusiastically participated in sharing their



Zone 4
Commissioner
Partington

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Zone 1 – Commissioner Lori Gillooly
May 25, 7:00 pm
Performing Arts Center
399 North US Highway 1
Ormond Beach, FL 32174

Zone 3 – Commissioner Ed Kelley
May 19, 6:30 pm
The Trails Homeowners Association
201 Main Trail
Ormond Beach, FL 32174



Bailey Riverbridge and Cassen Park Cleanup

As the sun came up over the horizon, volunteers came together at Bailey Riverbridge Gardens last weekend for the fourth in a series of City park clean-ups scheduled by the Leisure Services Department.

Volunteers from the "Give a Day Get a Day" program and members of the Ormond Scenic Loop & Trail Corridor Management Entity joined forces to complete several projects at both Bailey Riverbridge Gardens and Cassen Park. Mayor Fred Costello and City Commissioner Lori Gillooly were also on hand to volunteer.

Projects included weeding the gardens, trash removal and securing nails on the docks.

The day was a tremendous display of community spirit and pride from everyone who came out to support this project. The Department of Leisure Services, along with the City of Ormond Beach, would like to thank all the volunteers who have supported this community in a variety of positive ways.



Bailey Riverbridge and Cassen Park Cleanup



Tomoka Elementary Students Visit the Splash Pad



Smiling faces from Ms. Nora Price-Jamies' kindergarten class at Tomoka Elementary School took a field trip on Wednesday to the South Ormond Neighborhood Center to visit the splash pad and have a snack at the picnic pavilion. The students had a blast splashing in the water and enjoying the beautiful day.

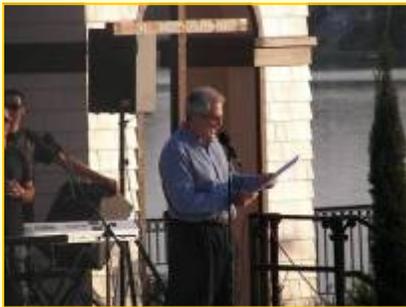




National Day of Prayer

On April 17, 1952, President Harry S. Truman signed a bill proclaiming a National Day of Prayer must be declared by each following president at an appropriate date of his choice. In 1982, a National Prayer committee formed to coordinate and implement a fixed commemorated day of prayer. In 1988, the law was amended so that the National Day of Prayer would be held on the first Thursday of May. A stated intention of the National Day of Prayer was that it would be a day when adherents of all great religions could unite together in prayer.

This year, Rockefeller Gardens was the chosen spot for National Day of Prayer. Music, worship and fellowship was celebrated from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. with many local churches participating. Seating was provided throughout the lawn, although many were standing for the inspirational speakers and music which resonated throughout the Gardens during the evening. Inflatables and face painting were also provided for the children to enjoy.



Children Tour The Casements

This week, The Casements Guild docents had the pleasure of taking two different class groups from Pine Trail Elementary on a tour of the historic home. The groups were accompanied by Marian Tomblin, local historian and author of "Mystery at The Ormond Hotel."

Their field trip began at The Casements and continued on the grounds where Ms. Tomblin continued to share the history of Ormond Beach.

The Casements offers free tours throughout the week from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with the last tour beginning daily by 3:30 p.m. The home is also open on Saturdays with the tours running from 10:00 a.m. to noon with the last tour beginning at 11:30 a.m.

Our friends at the Historic Society have bus tours that run throughout the year that start at The Casements. They also offer a walking tour that comes through the grounds of The Casements and continues on John Anderson Drive.





Coed Volleyball Forms a Summer League

The City's Youth Coed Volleyball Program finished its first ever "Game League" this week on Thursday night. The last night consisted of the final "B" games, with the "A" games finishing on Tuesday. The "A" teams played some "fun" games, and the night was finished off with pizza, desserts, drinks, t-shirts, as well as team and individual awards. Due to the overwhelming response, a summer league is currently being formed for the first time.



Gymnastics Center Tryouts

On Saturday, May 8th, the Ormond Beach Gymnastics Center held tryouts. Several very gifted young ladies came out and were tested for placement on the competitive team in levels 2-5. Those who were unable to attend the tryouts will be tested during the week. Some of the girls have now moved to a higher level, and the team is certainly off to a great start with an enormous amount of talent and energy among them!

Those who have successfully been placed at the competitive level are:

Level 2:

Kennedy Kelly
Leigha Daniels

Level 3:

Lauren Miller
Madison Tse
Eden Neumann
Maggie Bowler

Level 4:

Kylee Howland

Level 5:

Lee Sorensen
Jessica King
Erica Wierzbicki



Granada Beach Approach Gets New look

We are proud to announce the re-opening of the Granada Boulevard Beach Approach this weekend. The project was the culmination of a combined effort between City staff and Ormond Main-Street, resulting in a unique and attractive improvement to the City's main beach approach.

signage, furnishings, landscaping and irrigation. All of the materials were carefully chosen for the harsh salt air environment and to provide years of continuous beauty while requiring little future maintenance.



Come take a look at the new improvements that include a parking area with pedestrian sidewalk, decorative colored paving, architectural features,

So tell your family and friends and pack the car with your favorite beach chair, sunscreen and towel, as the improved Granada Boulevard Beach approach is ready for summer fun in the sun and surf.



Garden Club Luncheon

The Ormond Beach Garden Club held their annual luncheon for members recently at The Casements. The group of 40 plus members held their final meeting of the season and then sat down to a lovely luncheon provided by all the members. The tables were beautifully decorated with small floral arrangements made by several members of the luncheon committee.

vines. This will also qualify as the yearly beautification project that the Enviro Camp completes during the summer.

The club meets the first Wednesday of each month between October and May. During the summer, members are busy assisting with various plantings around the community and helping with summer camp projects.

We appreciate all the work that the Garden Club does, not only for us here at The Casements, but around our community!

This year, members will take part for the first time with The Casements Enviro Camp. The Garden Club has agreed to purchase large decorative planters for the back courtyard of The Casements. These will be purchased before the camp begins, and the children will assist the members in planting seasonal flowers and





Activity Class Ends for the Season

The Activity Class for two through five year olds will end for the season on May 27th. The class is held at Nova Community Center from September through May on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All the children who attend enjoy the creativity and energy that Miss Brenda brings to the class.





Pine Trail Elementary Performs Willy Wonka

On Wednesday, May 5th, students from Mrs. Potash's drama class at Pine Trail Elementary School performed the musical, Willy Wonka, at the Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center. Two matinee shows were held during the day for classes from the school. Parents and families were treated to a special performance that evening.

The entire cast of Pine Trail Elementary students received well-deserved, enthusiastic applause for their fine performances of Willy Wonka. Cast members and their teacher put an amazing amount of effort into the show, and the Performing Arts Center was proud to host their fine production.



VSA 20TH ANNUAL TALENT NIGHT

On Friday, May 7th, the Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center hosted the Very Special Arts 20th Annual Talent Night. This event showcases the talents of students and adults with disabilities, health-related issues and other challenges. Broadway entertainer and emcee Harry Burney, introduced the performers who graced the stage with a wide range of musical talents.

Sister acts Emily and Melissa Barrett, and Ashley and Emily Townsend, performed together. All four of them are now college students and first appeared in the VSA Talent Night while they were in elementary school. The Barrett and Townsend sisters first sang duets, and then performed together as a quartet to the delight of the audience.





New Decking at Central Park II

Thanks to funds the City devoted in the R&R budget, the Leisure Services Building Maintenance staff was able to install new decking material and replace the handrails on the Central Park II fishing dock.



The Casements One Year Ago

Staff members recently stumbled upon on a banner that had been placed on the fence of The Casements just one year ago this week.

The banner was inscribed with the message that the building would be closed starting on May 15, 2009, until completion of the renovations.

A year ago this week, staff was busy taking down pictures and packaging them up in bubble wrap and newspaper to keep them safe during not only the renovation but the hurricane season as well. Guild members pitched in to wrap their china and glassware from the kitchen and help staff take several of the furniture pieces up to a storage room on the second and third floors.

Staff worked with instructors and user groups to find various places to meet during the construction.

The project took seven months, and the building was reopened just five short months ago. It's true that time flies when you're having fun, because we haven't looked back since the doors were opened!

If you haven't had the opportunity to visit The Casements since the renovation was complete, you owe it to yourself to come see the difference. Staff is extremely pleased with the open flow of the first floor and the amazing transformation of the dance room. Some of the changes aren't quite as noticeable as others, but it's fun to remember how things were and see the endless possibilities now.

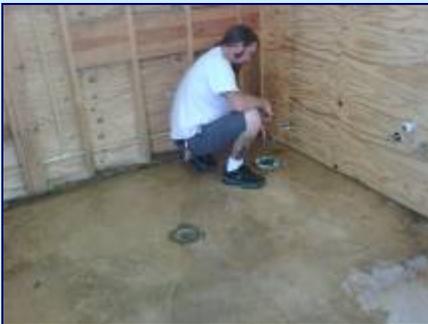
We look forward to seeing you at The Casements!



Softball Quad Restrooms Renovated

A long overdue renovation of the restrooms at the softball quad was completed due in part to funds allocated from the R & R budget. The Leisure Services Building Maintenance staff removed the deteriorated drywall and installed new FRP panels, painted, replaced the partitions, and installed new fixtures.

The bathroom floors were then painted with an epoxy paint surface which was paid for compliments of the Lady Renegades Competitive Softball Team. It is thanks to the generosity of organizations such as the Lady Renegades that projects like these can be completed successfully. We truly appreciate everything they have done for our City. Go Renegades!



Public Works in ACTION



Asphalt crews install a 4 ton asphalt patch at the Water Treatment Plant.



Stormwater crews utilizing reach-out mower on Division Ave.



Public Works in ACTION

(continued)

Sign Shop installs stop bar on Lincoln Ave. at N. Orchard St.



Street Maintenance crew collects newspapers dropped at John Anderson & SR 40.



Sign Shop fabrication of signs placed on airport gates.



**Sterthaus
Drive
Closed
Between
Old Kings
Rd. and
North
Center St.
May 17-23**



Volusia County Economic Development Update

City Manager Joyce Shanahan and Economic Development Director Joe Manarino attended the Volusia County Department of Economic Development's quarterly local economic market update at the Daytona Beach International Airport. The presentation included updates on Volusia County employment, housing, and commercial permitting data for the first quarter of 2010. Comparisons were made with similar data for Florida and the U.S. as well.

The workforce in Volusia County grew slightly .36% year-to-date from 1st quarter 2009 to 2010 to 253,931. The State grew .8% and United States declined by .25%. Unemployment in Volusia County increased from 10% in the first quarter of 2009 to 13% in the first quarter of 2010. The number of unemployed in the first quarter of 2010 was 32,833, which is a loss of 8,058 additional jobs from the 1st quarter of 2009. In comparison, Ormond Beach's unemployment rate was one of the lowest in the County at 10.6% in the first quarter of 2010. Comparing 1st quarter year-to-year data, the number of commercial building permits across the county increased from 19 in 2009 to 30 in 2010. The cost of construction also increased for the same period from \$27 million to \$37 million. Residential permits and construction values experienced an increase as well when comparing 1st quarter year-to-year data. There were 124 residential permits at a construction value of \$34 million in the 1st quarter of 2009 compared to 190 permits and construction value of \$43 million in 2010. Foreclosures have decreased from 2,465 homes in the 1st quarter of 2009 to 2,099 for the 1st quarter of 2010.

Weekly Police Stats

Calls for Service - 1,142 Arrests - 14
Citations Issued - 151
Reports Written - 108 Traffic Stops - 231



Weekly Fire Operations Stats

87 INCIDENTS
59 - EMS 6 - Motor Vehicle Accidents
3 - Fires 4 - Fire Alarms
15 - Public Assists 0 - Hazardous

US 1 (Yonge Street) and SR 40 (Granada Blvd.) Utility Relocation

In advance of the proposed Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) intersection improvements scheduled to begin in September, 2010, the City will be constructing utility improvements. FDOT intends to construct dual left turn lanes for the north and southbound approaches of the US 1 and SR 40 intersection.

Utility improvements will occur along the southbound lane of US 1 from Lincoln Avenue to Tomoka Avenue. This work will begin Sunday May 16, 2010. The outside southbound lane will be closed for construction during this period. This work is scheduled to be completed by July 1, 2010. All work will occur at nighttime from 7 PM to 6 AM.

There will be some inconveniences to businesses on the west side of US 1 during this construction project, mainly with circulation of traffic and some limitations to driveway access during the nighttime construction period of 7 PM to 6 AM. All practical measures will be made to accommodate the access needs of the businesses. All lanes and driveways will be reopened from 6 AM to 7 PM. The City looks forward to providing this improvement for the community and businesses along US 1.

If you have any questions regarding this project, please contact the City's Engineering Department at (386) 676-3269 or Masci General Contractor, Inc., at (386) 322-4500 from 8 AM and 5 PM. Should any concerns arise during the construction period (7 PM to 6 AM), please contact Donny Vick, City Inspector, at (386) 212-

Town Hall Budget Meetings (cont'd.)

opinions. The overriding ideas expressed by those attending the Zone 4 meeting were: Unanimous agreement the City was headed in the right direction; a desire to maintain the high quality of life provided through the City's varied recreational and cultural offerings; and an emphasis on greater code enforcement. Zone 2 attendees also expressed a desire to maintain the City's Leisure Service offerings which greatly enhance their quality of life as well as a desire for greater code enforcement. Many citizens at both meetings indicated a willingness to pay slightly more in taxes to ensure the desired service level could be provided.

We thank the citizens who were able to attend and participate in these meetings. Two more town hall meetings will be held and citizens are encouraged to attend and participate in the budget process.

Thank You to the Sponsors of the 38th Annual Art in the Park

The City of Ormond Beach Department of Leisure Services thanks the following sponsors for their support and commitment to the 38th Annual Art in the Park festival. These organizations have truly shown how much they care about our community and we sincerely appreciate their allegiance.

