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# City of Ormond Beach

OCTOBER 11, 2019

## State of the City 2019

On Tuesday, October 8, the City of Ormond Beach, in partnership with the Ormond Beach Chamber of Commerce, held the annual State of the City address at Halifax Plantation Golf Club. It was a sellout event with approximately 240 people in attendance.

Mayor Bill Partington's video presentation focused on this year's theme, "Boosting the Momentum." The presentation highlighted the economic growth and investment of businesses in Ormond Beach.

This year's ACE (Award for Civic Engagement) recipients were Civil Discourse (Bill Denny and Linda Williams), Richard Cooper, Halifax Health, Dr. Wendy Myers, and David Slick.



Linda Williams, Mayor Partington, Bill Denny

### Civil Discourse - Linda Williams and Bill Denny

Earlier this year, Linda Williams, with the support of Bill Denny, founded the Civil Discourse group here in Ormond Beach with the belief that getting people together to discuss their differing viewpoints, solutions could be achieved for the benefit of the community.

Linda, a career social worker, and Bill, who retired from a 40 year career with the Department of the Army which included active duty, reserves, and civil service as a logistical planner, are both very engaged citizens. They attend City Commission meetings, various City Board and Committee meetings, and Mr. Denny was recently appointed to the City's Human Resources Board and serves as vice chair of Citizens for Ormond Beach.

Linda and Bill were recognized for their commitment to our community in creating Civil Discourse and providing a platform for residents to have friendly discussions on important issues. They are truly role models for citizen participation.

### Richard Cooper

Richard Cooper is the Executive Vice President of Halifax Insurance Partners specializing in Commercial Property and Casualty Insurance. He has



Richard Cooper, Mayor Partington

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been in the insurance industry for nearly 20 years and previously served as a professional firefighter and paramedic for more than 10 years.

Richard is very involved in the Ormond Beach community and in addition to being on the Ormond Beach Chamber Board since 2015, he is currently serving as **Chairman** while also serving on several boards and committees including the Ormond Beach MainStreet Association and Halifax Health Associates. He is a past President of the Rotary Club of Ormond Beach and is proud to have helped launch branches of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library in 3 communities.

Richard often says he is "On a mission to serve and give back to our great communities." And give back, he certainly does. Thank you Richard for your consistent commitment to the Ormond Beach community.

### Halifax Health

Founded by the state legislature, Halifax District Hospital opened with 125 licensed beds in January 1928. Halifax Health is now the area's largest healthcare provider, with 678 licensed beds and more than 500 physicians on its medical staff representing 54 medical specialties. It has been consistently ranked among the top hospitals in the nation for clinical outcomes in heart and vascular, orthopedics, neurosciences, and oncology and is a member of Florida's Safety Net Hospitals that serve a special role in caring for the poor and uninsured.



Mayor Partington, Halifax Health representatives

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In addition to being a premier healthcare provider, Halifax Health is a supportive partner to the City of Ormond Beach. They are the founding sponsor of the City's "Hometown Heroes," a program that recognizes and honors Ormond Beach residents and their immediate family members who are actively serving, have served, or were killed in the line of duty serving our country in the United States Armed Forces. Street-pole banners honoring those veterans will be displayed across the Granada Bridge during November of each year with the program's inaugural recognition beginning this fall.



Dr. Myers, Mayor Partington

The City of Ormond Beach is extremely appreciative of its partnership with Halifax Health over the years and their continued commitment to our community. Jeff Feasel, President and CEO of Halifax Health, was unable to attend the event but Rafael Ramirez, Administrator of Halifax Health, UF Health-Medical Center of Deltona; and Joni Hunt, Director of Government & Community Relations, accepted the ACE Award on behalf of Halifax Health.

### Dr. Wendy Myers

Dr. Wendy Myers recently retired as Chief Executive Officer and President of Florida Health Care Plans. She is a graduate of Florida State University and the University of Florida Medical School, com-

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pleting her internal medicine internship and residency at the University of Maryland. She is a member of the Halifax Health Hospital Medical Staff and a Clinical Assistant Professor for the Florida State University College of Medicine. She has been married for 40 years to Dr. Luckey Dunn and has three grown sons.

Dr. Myers is committed to improving the health and well-being of Florida Health Care members and considers Florida Health Care Plans' WorkForce Wellness program a catalyst for economic development and civic engagement. She is actively involved in offering high quality and affordable health care solutions through an integrated, comprehensive and caring team of physicians and other providers.

Community involvement and service were integral to Dr. Myers' management philosophy, in which she called on her organization to lead the field in community service, just as it has done in health care services.

The City of Ormond Beach is exceptionally grateful to Dr. Myer for her continued commitment to the health and wellness of the citizens of Ormond Beach. We appreciate her vision and leadership in the pursuit of health through offering wellness solutions to employer groups, individuals, Medicare members, and others throughout our community.

### David Slick

David Slick established Command Medical Products in 1985 and in 1987, he relocated it to Ormond Beach where it continues to serve the growing needs in the disposable medical device industry. In addition to running a successful business, David has served on the Board of Directors for Florida's Blood Centers and Chairperson of the Facilities and Capital Planning Committee. He is past Chairperson and current board member for the Florida International Festival and a past President and current member of the Ormond Beach Rotary Club and the Ormond Beach Chamber of Commerce.

David is a founding member of the Ormond Beach Aviation Association, a group of local business leaders working together under his leadership in support of the City's efforts to improve the Ormond Beach Municipal Airport to better serve the general and business aviation needs of the flying public. David was unable to attend the event and Jim Carnall accepted the ACE award on his behalf.

For anyone wanting to view the State of the City video presentation, it is available on the City's website at [www.ormondbeach.org/sotc](http://www.ormondbeach.org/sotc).



Jim Carnall, Mayor Partington



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# Fire Department to the Rescue



Firefighters with oxygen mask on cat

This week, the crew from Station 93 responded to a dryer fire at a residence on Fleming Ave. The house was fully charged with smoke upon arrival. After mitigating the fire and removing the dryer from the residence, the crew searched the house for a missing cat.

The cat was found on the second floor in respiratory distress in a lethargic state.

Captain Carrie Davis and Firefighter Nicholas Nates began resuscitative efforts giving the cat supplemental oxygen using our special animal oxygen mask. After several minutes, the cat began responding appropriately and was left in the homeowner's care.



Close up of cat with oxygen mask

## Weekly Police Stats

Calls for Service - 1,322    Arrests – 15

Citations Issued - 62

Reports Written - 117    Traffic Stops - 122

## Weekly Fire Operations Stats

**163 INCIDENTS**

92 - EMS    6 - Motor Vehicle Accidents

3 - Fires    6 - Fire Alarms

54 - Public Assists    2 - Hazardous

# Bats



Boy with bat craft

On October 5, the EDC presented a program on bats for nine elementary school aged children and six parents. The program started off reviewing some facts about bats. The class learned that bats are very special because they are the only mammals that can fly. Their wings are made of two thin layers of skin stretched over their arm and fingers. They were surprised to learn that bats have a thumb and fingers.

Another fact learned was that bats use echolocation to navigate at night. They make rapid high-pitched squeaks called "ultrasounds." When the sound hits an object an echo comes back. From that echo

the bat can determine what the object is including its size, shape and texture. Bats are important to our environment because they eat insect pests like mosquitos, and they are pollinators of various plants.

There was also an outside activity that allowed the children to practice echolocation. Some were bats and some were moths, both groups were blindfolded and had to find each other by calling out "bat" or "moth" similar to a game of Marco Polo. After this exercise, the children went inside to make a hanging bat craft. The group had a great time learning about these interesting mammals.

## PAC Auditorium Handrails

For the safety and comfort of patrons of the Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center, handrails were recently installed in the auditorium. The handrails will make it easier for audience members to move up and down the stairs to their seats.





Mayor Partington

# Mondays with the Mayor

On Monday, October 21, at 5:00 p.m. Mayor Partington will kick off “Mondays with the Mayor” at Starbucks located at 125 East Granada Boulevard. Complimentary brewed coffee will be provided to attendees.

The City is appreciative to have the support of both Ormond Beach Starbucks locations as they are converting to alternative material straws in support of Ormond Beach's straw ordinance and educational efforts to reduce the presence of one-use plastics in our area.

Mondays with the Mayor are held the third Monday of every month.

Come enjoy a cup of coffee with Mayor Partington and share your thoughts and ideas.

# Autumn Art

On Saturday, October 5, at the Environmental Discovery Center (EDC), instructor Colleen Flannery held a creative and entertaining program on repurposing materials to make art. Ten participants learned how to use recyclable and non-recyclable items together to create art.

Colleen displayed several examples of upcycled art and spoke about how they were created. Then it was time for the attendees to make their own creation using newspaper, cloth, cork, ribbon, tape and other materials to make an upcycled pumpkin. To secure the cloth at the stem of the pumpkin, the participants even got to practice their sewing skills!



Student with artwork

A fun time was had by all, and the class urged us to have Colleen back to the EDC again soon.

# Public Works in ACTION



Traffic cone

## Installation of temporary fencing on Nova Rd.



## Asphalt overlay on Standish Dr.



# ORMOND BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT

Robert J. Godfrey, Chief of Police

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### National Drug Take Back

Date: Saturday, October 26th, 2019

Time: 10:00am – 2:00pm

Subject: National Drug Take Back

The Ormond Beach Police Department will be participating in the 2019 National Drug Take Back Initiative, sponsored by the Drug Enforcement Administration, on Saturday, October 26th, 2019. The times for the take back will be from 10:00am – 2:00pm and will take place in the lobby of the Ormond Beach Police Department.

This initiative will provide an opportunity for the public to voluntarily surrender expired, unwanted, or unused pharmaceutically controlled substances and other medications to law enforcement officers for proper destruction.

**RELEASED BY:** Officer Keith A. Walker, Public Information Officer

**DATE RELEASED:** Tuesday, October 8th, 2019



# Upcoming Events

The events below will be held at the Environmental Discovery Center (EDC) at 601 Division Avenue, Ormond Beach. The classes are free, but space is limited. Please call 386-615-7081 for questions and to reserve your spot.

## Archaeology

Thursday, October 10, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Emily Murray of Florida Public Archaeology Network will present an archaeology program on bones.

## Single Use Plastics

Saturday, October 12, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Suzanne Scheiber of Dream Green Volusia is the presenting speaker.

## Beginners Nature Drawing

Wednesday, October 16, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., instructor Laura Doig.

## Puppet Show

Wednesday, October 23, from 3:00 to 3:30 p.m. EDC staff and volunteers will present a nature themed puppet show. (RESERVATIONS NOT REQUIRED.)

## Birds of Prey

Saturday, October 26, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., Gina Holt of Wild About Birds is the speaker.

## Kids Halloween Crafts

Saturday, October 26, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., EDC staff and volunteers will hold a Halloween themed crafts program for children.

# Low Cost Mobile Pet Vaccination Clinic

Saturday, October 12, 2019

3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**CASH ONLY**



Dog and cat

**Ormond Beach Police Dept.  
170 W. Granada Blvd.  
SPCA Mobile CLINIC**

**Flea Medications, RV/Distemper Combo  
Various prices for vaccines/medications**

**For more information please call 386-676-3262**



**SAVE THE DATE!**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2019**

***29th Annual***

**HOme for the HOlidays**  
**Nighttime Parade**

**Presented by the City of Ormond Beach**

**This Year's Theme:**

***"Once Upon A Holiday"***

**Parade Application Available at:**  
**[www.ormondbeach.org](http://www.ormondbeach.org)**

**Email: [parade@ormondbeach.org](mailto:parade@ormondbeach.org)**

**Parade Hotline: 676-3241**

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**LIMITED ENTRIES**

**Application Deadline: December 2, 2019**

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