



City Seal

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City of Ormond Beach

DECEMBER 20, 2019

Holiday Parade

The streets of Ormond Beach lit up on Saturday evening, December 14, as the 29th Annual HOME for the HOLIDAYS nighttime parade began on US1, then headed onto Granada Boulevard and ended on South Beach Street in front of City Hall. This year's theme was "Once Upon a Holiday."

Our City Commission rode in trucks provided by Ritchey Cadillac Buick GMC while passing out candy to spectators who lined the streets. This year's Parade Grand Marshal was Doug Wigley. Over 90 parade entries, with more than 3,000 participants, delighted the crowd with their creative floats, vehicles, and performances.

The parade would not be possible without the hard work of the parade committee, local volunteers and businesses, parade entrants, and generous sponsors. A special thank you to President and Parade Committee Chairman Brian Daly for all his efforts and organization working on the Parade Committee for over 20 years.

Judges found it hard to pick a winner from the spectacular group of entrants in this year's parade. Congratulations to this year's winners! Awards will be presented at the City Commission meeting on Tuesday, January 21, 2020.



Santa's sleigh float

*The City of Ormond Beach
Department of Leisure Services*

**29th Annual
HOMe for the HOLIDAYS
Nighttime Parade**

Winners

Best of Show

Osceola Elementary

Ormond Beach MainStreet Cup

Ormond Beach Historical Society

Floats

1st – Beach Bucket

2nd – Tomoka Elementary

3rd – Ormond Beach Elementary

Vehicles

1st – 7Up Snapple

2nd – Walmart

3rd – A Team Moving

Walkers

1st – Ormond Beach Pop Warner Football and Cheer

2nd – Delta 5 Fit Kids

3rd - Salty Church



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Lunch Bunch Club

The Lunch Bunch Club had two special visitors on Wednesday. Santa and Mrs. Claus took time out of their busy schedule to come say hello during their "Pancakes and Pajamas Party."



The Club members continued to party with a snowball fight, a ring the reindeer antlers game, and decorating their friends like Christmas trees. As one of the members said, "We are partying because it is the last Lunch Bunch of the year as well as the decade."

The Club wishes everyone a "Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah, and Happy New Year. "

Weekly Police Stats

Calls for Service - 1,587 Arrests – 16

Citations Issued - 81

Reports Written - 115 Traffic Stops - 208

Weekly Fire Operations Stats

132 INCIDENTS

75 - EMS 8 - Motor Vehicle Accidents

2 - Fires 4 - Fire Alarms

41 - Public Assists 2 - Hazardous

RIGHT WHALES

On Saturday, December 14, Frank Gromling with the Marineland Right Whale Project presented a very interesting program at the Environmental Discovery Center (EDC) on the biology, behavior and species status of the North Atlantic Right Whale. At one time, the population of Right Whales was thought to be about 10,000. Hundreds of years of hunting them dramatically reduced the number to 100 in 1935. International treaties in the 1930's and again in 1970 established them as a protected species. Despite those efforts, there are still only about 400 Right Whales known to exist today. These whales feed and mate

off the coast of Massachusetts. They then travel south along the east coast to the ocean waters off the Carolinas, Georgia and Northeast Florida including Volusia, Flagler, and St. Johns counties to birth their calves.



Class attendees

Prior to making their journey south, a Right Whale eats 1-2 tons of copepods, which are small crustaceans, per day so they have enough energy and to prepare to give birth. A newborn Right Whale calf weighs approximately 2,000 pounds and doubles its weight within the first month. Frank noted that Right Whales move much

more slowly than other whales and can only reach speeds of 10 mph for brief periods of time. Their inability to get away quickly is one reason they were almost hunted to extinction. Right Whales have a very large curved bottom jaw and large tongue which allows them to scoop up and swallow their prey.

Today, the biggest threats to Right Whales are entanglements with fishing tackle and being struck by large commercial ships. Those threats, along with the fact that a female Right Whale bears a calf only every 5 to 10 years, has resulted in a continuing decline in their numbers. In 2018, there were no confirmed births of Right Whale calves and 17 confirmed deaths of adult Right Whales. In 2019, seven calves were born and there were nine confirmed deaths.

Frank provided the attendees with brochures and other printed information on how they can be involved in helping to protect this endangered and protected species and how they could become part of the volunteer Right Whale watching group that helps spot and track these unique creatures along the coast of Volusia County.

Archaeology Works

On Thursday, December 12, Emily Jane Murray with the Florida Public Archaeology Network, led a group of five participants at the Environmental Discovery Center (EDC) in a program that explored how pottery artifacts help archaeologists discover clues to the way of life of ancient peoples.

By looking at how pottery and its styles have changed through time and running high-tech tests on them, archaeologists can figure out the age of the pottery. Participants were able to view and touch some of the pottery artifacts found here in Florida that were 4,000 years old. By using digital techniques, archaeologists can determine what type of foods were on the pieces of plates and bowls discovered in archaeological sites.

The participants then had an opportunity to create their own clay pot.



Thank you to Emily for an incredible and informative program at the Environmental Discovery Center in Central Park.

Little Learners



On Friday, December 13, the Environmental Discovery Center (EDC) presented a program about White-tailed deer for children ages 3 to 5. Twelve children along with seven parents learned about the biology and behavior of White-tailed deer. Basic facts were first reviewed, such as deer are herbivores that eat grass, acorns, corn, and small branches. These deer can run 30 to 40 miles per hour and jump up to 8 feet high. When these deer feel scared, they stomp their feet, bob their head and may make a snorting sound. Then they run and “flag” their white tails as a warning signal to other deer. They typically have 1-3 fawns

in the spring. White-tailed deer and reindeer are part of the same family. However, reindeer are bigger and can live where it is colder. The class was also provided with basic facts about the Florida Key deer, which is an endangered deer that lives only in the Florida Keys.

The group put on antlers they made then went outside for an activity called “Deer Talk.” They practiced being deer using head bobbing and foot stomping to communicate nearby danger from a predator. Lastly, the children went back inside and completed a Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer craft.

Christmas Concert

Providence Church presented three Christmas concerts at the Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center on Friday, December 13, and Sunday, December 15. The free concerts were open to the public and featured the forty voice Providence Church Choir in a program of contemporary and traditional Christmas music.

Prior to the concerts, the Providence Church Bell Choir performed in lobby.

The music brought the joy of holiday season to everyone in attendance.



Little Feet Academy

Little Feet Academy of Ormond Beach held their Christmas Pageant at the Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center on Tuesday, December 17. Little Feet Academy is a day care pre-school program for children two and three years of age, and a VPK for children four and five years old. During the pageant, the preschool children sang holiday songs, and the pre-kindergarten children performed "A Charlie Brown Christmas," for an enthusiastic audience of families. The parents enjoyed the opportunity to see their children on the Performing Arts Center stage.



Public Works in ACTION



Overbrook Drive storm pipe repair



Laurel Oaks Circle concrete patch after utility repair



Public Works in ACTION



Traffic cone

Trimming for visibility issues on New Britain Ave.



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Crime Stoppers of Volusia & Flagler Counties 1-888-277-TIPS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Please join us, along with the Ormond Beach Police Department on

Wednesday, January 15th, 2020, from 2:00-4:00pm.

At Hershey's Ice Cream (1474 W. Granada Blvd) Ormond Beach



Ice Cream with a Cop logo

Customers can sit down with officers and ask questions or share what's on their mind.

Free ice cream is provided by Hershey's Ice Cream.

Released by: Officer Keith A. Walker, Public Information Officer

Date Released: December 18, 2020



Noteworthy News

Christmas and New Year's Yard Waste Collection Schedule

There will be no yard waste collection on Christmas Day December 25, 2019, and New Year's Day January 1, 2020. Make-up days for yard waste will be Saturday, December 28, 2019, and Saturday, January 4, 2020.

The garbage and recycling collection schedule will remain unchanged.

For any questions or concerns please call Waste Pro at (386) 788-8890.

Closures

City Hall and all non-emergency facilities will be closed on Wednesday, December 25, and Thursday, December 26, for the Christmas holiday and on Wednesday, January 1, 2020, for the New Year's holiday. There will be no weekly review or staff report during the holidays.

Fire Prevention Tips - Home Heating

According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), heating equipment caused an estimated 56,000 home fires and caused 470 deaths between 2009 and 2013. Learn how to stay safe with these simple tips: Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet from heat sources; **Never** leave a space heater unattended, turn it off when leaving a room or sleeping; **Never** plug a space heater into an extension cord; **Never** use a space heater or any appliance with a damaged cord; Place heaters on level, flat surfaces on the ground; **Never** use a cooking stove to heat your home or to dry clothes; Have a qualified service professional inspect your heating system annually; Install and maintain carbon monoxide alarms.

2020 Hometown Heroes Military Appreciation Program

The City of Ormond Beach has started collecting applications for its 2020 Hometown Heroes Military Appreciation Program. There is no cost to the applicant. If you are interested in becoming part of the program or renewing your application, please visit the Leisure Services Department at 399 N. US Highway 1 for an application. You may also download the application online at <https://fl-ormondbeach2.civicplus.com/925/Hometown-Heroes>.



Upcoming Events

Open Gym Gymnastics

Fridays, January 3, January 10 and January 24, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., cost is \$10.00 per participant. Ormond Beach Gymnastics Center, 432 North Nova Road. Open gym format. Open to citizens between 8-21 years of age, beginner or experienced. Waiver is required, parents must sign waiver for participants under 18. Coaches will be on the floor at all times with only LIGHT spotting. For questions, call Coach George at 386-676-3282.

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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.

Kids Holiday Crafts

Saturday, December 21, 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Children can create holiday themed crafts. Presented by EDC staff and volunteers.

Kids Winter Crafts

Saturday, January 4, 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. presented by EDC staff and volunteers. Children can create wonderful winter themed crafts.

Little Learners: River Otters

Friday, January 10, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Presented by EDC staff and volunteers. For children 3-5 years of age with hands-on activities. Discover otter behavior and biology.

Florida Black Bears

Saturday, January 11, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Presented by Janelle Musser, FWC Bear Biologist. Learn about black bears' biology and behavior.

Owls: Unique & Special Birds

Saturday, January 18, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Presented by Joan Tague, Halifax River Audubon and Master Naturalist. Learn about owls most likely to be seen in Florida.

Elementary Explorers: River Otters

Wednesday, January 22, 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Presented by EDC staff and volunteers. For elementary school aged children with hands-on activities. Discover otter behavior and biology.