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City of Ormond Beach

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Lunch Bunch Club



Richie Wendland

The Lunch Bunch Club (LBC) meets at the Nova Community Center every Wednesday from 10 am to 1 pm. The LBC has grown over the last year to ten participants with various disabilities. Each week they plan and cook lunch while spending time together. Each week has a different theme so the group can try different foods and learn new things.

Last year, the LBC started a project with a goal of collecting 200 pounds of plastic bottle lids and caps to recycle them into a bench.

Although the whole group worked on the project, Richie Wendland made collecting the caps his pet project. Richie grew up in the City's special population programs and was one of the first campers of Camp T-Rec. He has never met a stranger, and everyone he meets is his new best friend. He shared the information about the project, and he

quickly had neighbors, his mother's gym, Chick-fil-A, and Houligan's (which he affectionately calls his second dining room), collecting plastic caps for him.

Each week, Richie would bring in 10-25 pounds of plastic caps. The group would then weigh and separate the lids. They kept a tally in the lobby to encourage people visiting the Nova Community Center to bring in their lids and to show the group their progress. They surpassed their goal by March and continued the project. They received the bench this week, and Richie was the first person to see it. The next step in the project is to find a great place outside the Nova Community Center to share the bench with the community so they can further enjoy the park.



Lunch Bunch Club members

Thank you Richie, and the entire Lunch Bunch Club, for your commitment to our environment and the Nova Community Center!

Employee Appreciation Day

Each year, the Florida League of Cities designates a week in October as *Florida City Government Week* which is part of the Florida League of Cities' ongoing effort to raise public awareness about the services that cities perform and to educate the public on how city government works. In conjunction with *Florida City Government Week*, and in the spirit of recognizing City employees for all their hard work and dedication, the City Commission proclaimed Thursday, October 24, as City of Ormond Beach Employee Appreciation Day. The event was held at Nova Community Center, and Mayor Partington, Commissioner Selby, Commissioner Persis, and Commissioner Littleton were on hand to help employees celebrate the day. The Mayor thanked employees for their hard work and a delicious lunch was provided by Pig Stand. Boxed lunches were brought to employees who were unable to attend the luncheon as they were hard at work keeping the City running. Employees who were celebrating 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 and 35 years were recognized.

"Above and Beyond" awards were presented by City Manager Joyce Shanahan to employees who were identified as going above and beyond their normal work assignments. Congratulations to the following employees:

April Martti, Engineering Projects Coordinator Engineering Department

April Martti not only plays a role in coordinating every Engineering project, but is also relied upon daily by many other departments. Consultants and contractors constantly share their appreciation of her thorough methods and how much they enjoy working with her. April does whatever is necessary to ensure all details and deadlines on these projects are taken care of. But above all, her greatest impact has been the time and care she takes with new employees to make sure they are successful engineers and project managers.

Rob Hart, Customer Service Supervisor Finance Department

The City's transition to a new utility billing system required a year long commitment, including countless hours of data conversion and training. Implementation was a major undertaking and created significant challenges, but will ultimately provide better service to our utility customers. As a result of the team's hard work and the great leadership shown by one of our project managers, Rob Hart, the new utility billing system was successfully implemented on October 1.

Charles Davis, Maintenance Worker IV (Streets) Dan Edmonds, Maintenance Worker IV (Streets) Public Works Department

From design and fabrication through installation, Charles Davis helps complete complex signage projects that would otherwise require contractors, and always does so with a helpful and positive attitude.

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Dan Edmonds has been the go-to-guy when special streets and signage projects need extra assistance. Jumping right in, Dan provides the technical know-how to get the job done in a timely and professional manner.

During the first week of October, Charles and Dan kick-started the City's Traffic Calming Program. In two days, they completed a project that had been planned for a long time and would otherwise have required outside assistance to complete.

Chris Walter, Building Inspector Planning Department

Chris Walter exceeded all expectations by rapidly obtaining all of his required building and fire inspector licenses.

He went above and beyond by obtaining his Plans Examiner license, which enabled him to assist with plan review during this time of high volume.

Chris has a great attitude and is always willing to help out wherever and whenever needed.

Denise Roeper, Office Manager Public Works Department

When Leisure Services was down a full-time employee who'd handled a high volume of purchase orders, Denise Roeper of Public Works, without being asked, called the Leisure Services Director and asked if she could step in and assist with anything. Denise took over the purchasing process until their new employee is trained, and the process has been running smoother than ever. This is in addition to Denise's regular duties as Office Manager in Public Works where she works tirelessly, providing excellent customer service.

In addition, Denise did a phenomenal job preparing for Hurricane Dorian, always remaining her pleasant, patient, and organized self.

Jeremy Smith, Police Officer Police Department

Officer Jeremy Smith is very involved in the Field Training and Evaluation Program for new police officers, consistently providing high quality training, assisting individual officers, and helping to improve the program.

Jeremy has also been involved in re-activating the Explorer Post and spends extra time training the Explorers.

Officer Smith accomplishes all this while still working a patrol shift, handling calls, and making arrests. He is a credit to the Agency.

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Joe Dupree, Fire Driver/Engineer
Kevin Holt, Firefighter
Fire Department

Firefighters Kevin Holt and Joe Dupree recently stepped up for an assignment to the Police Department's Special Response Team (SRT), serving as tactical medics. Since October of 2018, they have participated in SRT tactical training, and have served as instructors in Tactical Medical Care, otherwise known as "Care Under Fire." They exhaustively seek out the latest and greatest training and equipment to provide the utmost level of safety and preparation for the SRT team.

Kevin generated a lesson plan for Tactical Medical Care designed not only for SRT, but also for all police officers during annual in-service training.

Joe and Kevin provided classroom instruction and practical exercises during live Simunitions drills, which challenged all of our sworn officers to perform simulated downed officer rescues, and apply "Care Under Fire" in the most realistic way possible.

The Police Department is truly grateful to Firefighter Holt and Driver/Engineer Dupree in their mission to install the confidence for them to perform under the worst of circumstances.

Bob Preis, System Maintenance Supervisor
Mark Abramajtis, Maintenance Foreman
Christina Ladurini, Maintenance Worker III
Wastewater Collection/Reuse Division
Public Works Department

You may recall this past July the sewer main break that caused a cave-in at the intersection of Granada and Clyde Morris. The crew of Bob Preis, Mark Abramajtis, and Christina Ladurini were challenged with coming up with a temporary fix of the 12" pipe that had been corroded beyond repair. With the help of a contractor, the crew worked long hours through the night and fashioned a robust patch. They were aided by the Streets team, who provided traffic control during the event and street repair afterward. The tribute to this crew is based on their relentlessness to develop a very nontraditional temporary pipe repair that did not impact customers.

Mike Spruill, Tradesworker
Leisure Services Department

As the only HVAC technician in the City of Ormond Beach, Mike Spruill covers a lot of ground on a daily basis, responds to emergency HVAC calls, supports the building maintenance team, and keeps the airport lights working, all while reporting to work with enthusiasm, a great attitude, and a willingness to help.

Early this summer when we had issues with the A/C system at City Hall, Mike systematically went throughout the building, addressing a multitude of complex issues, and sought any necessary as-

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sistance to fix the problems and complete the job. The employees at City Hall appreciate the work Mike did and continues to do to keep that building a comfortable place to work.

Carrie Davis, Fire Captain Fire Department

Fire Captain Carrie Davis has a long history of professional achievements, including having graduated from the National Fire Academy's Managing Officer Program, but her personal achievements are just as impressive. Carrie holds an International Diplomacy in Humanitarian Aid awarded from Fordham University. She has volunteered internationally, including working in remote medical outposts.

As the Founder and President of the Ormond Beach Firefighter Charities, Carrie and her fellow firefighters have been involved in the community by sponsoring and participating in numerous local charity events. Most importantly, the charity has been able to donate to community members during their most dire time of need after a loss.

Captain Davis embodies the Fire Department's motto of Courage, Compassion and Commitment, and we are proud to call her one of our own.

Clay Walden, Part Time Recreation Leader Steafon Jenkins, Recreation Leader South Ormond Neighborhood Center Leisure Services Department

For Clay Walden and Steafon Jenkins, working at the South Ormond Neighborhood Center is not just a job -- it's an avenue for making the community they live in a better place for everyone. They've been helping for so long, the grandparents of the kids they are coaching now remember them, and Clay even coached and mentored our own Liviston "Stretch" Edwards when he was in junior high.

Clay and Steafon have mentored thousands of children, fed them when they were hungry, and inspired countless to stay in school, go to college, stay out of trouble, and volunteer. They've helped many of our basketball teams reach regional and state championships, but their emphasis has not been to create winning teams, but rather to help others become better individuals through positive influence, nurturing and patience.

Both Clay and Steafon are much greater men than their title of Rec Leader; they are Community Leaders.



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Employee Appreciation Day



30 Years of Service



25 Years of Service



20 Years of Service



15 Years of Service



10 Years of Service



5 Years of Service

Youth Basketball

The Leisure Services Department is taking registration through November 8 for Youth Basketball. To register, please contact the Registration Office at 399 North US1, Ormond Beach, or call 386-676-3250. For more information please call Coach Jimmy Hagen at 386-679-3624.

Listed below are the fees and schedule:

5-7 Years Old

\$60 Ormond Beach Residents
\$90 Non-Ormond Beach Residents

8-16 Years Old

\$75 Ormond Beach Residents
\$112.50 Non-Ormond Beach Residents

Skills Assessment

November 9

Nova Community Center
440 North Nova Rd.

8-9 years old: 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
10-11 years old: 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
12-13 years old: 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
14-16 years old: 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

(Make up assessment November 11, 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.)

Coaches Clinic: November 15
Practices Begin: November 18



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Weekly Police Stats

Calls for Service - 1,528 Arrests – 16
Citations Issued - 151
Reports Written - 15 Traffic Stops - 301

Weekly Fire Operations Stats

160 INCIDENTS
80 - EMS 11 - Motor Vehicle Accidents
0 - Fires 10 - Fire Alarms
58 - Public Assists 1 - Hazardous

Parks

The Parks staff has been making repairs at the Magic Forest playground. At the Limitless Playground repairs were made to the pavers. Two park benches were formed at Misner's Trail. The block wall at the Birthplace of Speed Park was fixed. At the Skate Park, staff installed a silt fence and made repairs to the fence behind the Skate Park.



Fire Extinguisher Training

This week, the Fire Department provided fire extinguisher training for the Public Works and Facilities Maintenance employees.



Road Closure

North Beach Street will have daytime road closures between Dix Avenue and Wilmette Avenue beginning Monday, October 28, 2019, to Friday, November 1, 2019, to allow for the cleaning and inspection of gravity sewer mains. Closures are expected to occur from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm, and the road will be reopened to traffic each night after work is completed. During this closure, through traffic will be detoured. Please carefully follow the signs for detours. Once work is completed, the roadway segment will be opened and traffic will be permitted to resume.



Road cone

If you have any questions regarding this closure, please contact the City of Ormond Beach Engineering Division at 386-676-3269.

Public Works in ACTION



Repairing sign at West Granada Blvd.



Sidewalk replacement in Forest Hills





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.

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.

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National Rx Drug Take Back Day

Saturday, October 26, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., in the lobby of the Ormond Beach Police Department, 170 West Granada Boulevard. Drop off expired, unwanted or unused prescription medications or pharmaceutically controlled substances for proper disposal. Sponsored by the Drug Enforcement Administration.

Movies on the Halifax

Friday, November 1, 7:00 p.m. in Rockefeller Gardens at The Casements, 26 Riverside Drive. Feature film is Star Wars: The Last Jedi. Free admission. Movie rating PG-13, parents strongly cautioned as some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

Veterans Day Celebration

Thursday, November 7, from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Ormond Beach Senior Center, Building B, 351 Andrews St. The Veterans Day celebration will honor our veterans with lunch and entertainment. **Reservations required, limited seating.** Veterans are FREE, tickets for all others \$7.00.

Tickets on sale Monday through Friday, through November 4, (or until event is sold out) from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Leisure Services Office, 399 North U.S. Highway 1, (386) 676-3250. For additional information call Sonja Johnson, Community Events Coordinator at (386) 676-3257.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event

Friday, November 8, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Ormond Beach Public Works, 501 North Orchard Street. Residents may drop off old paint, solvents, automobile and household batteries, pool chemicals, pesticides, motor oil, gasoline, other household chemicals, and up to 10 fluorescent lamps. Only unmixed household hazardous waste will be accepted. Insulin needles will be accepted in approved containers; the containers will not be returned. Businesses are not eligible for free disposal.