



City Awarded Additional Funding for SR 426/CR 419 Road Widening

The City's #1 priority - the widening of SR 426 and CR 419 from Pine Avenue to Lockwood Boulevard received an additional \$3 million boost from the Florida Department of Transportation's (FDOT) Regional Incentive Program (known as TRIP). The City received official notification of the additional funding in a letter from FDOT on February 19th.

This brings the grand total of TRIP funding provided by FDOT for this project to \$9.5 million, which will be allocated for the right-of-way acquisition necessary to construct the following "Phase I" improvements:

- ◆ Added turn lanes and increased capacity at the SR 434 (Central Avenue) intersection
- ◆ Abandonment of the one-way pair configuration
- ◆ CR 426 realignment for increased capacity and longer turning lengths

Total funding of \$23.5 million has been secured for the Phase I improvements, including \$8 million from the City of Oviedo; \$6 million from Seminole County and \$9.5 million from TRIP. The City and County share is funded from the One Cent Local Option Sales Tax levied in Seminole County.

The City's design consultant, Inwood Consulting, will be making a presentation to the City Council at a workshop on April 28, 2008 to review various alternatives for the SR 434 widening including the limits of construction for the Phase I improvements. The workshop is open to the public and will be held in City Council Chambers at Oviedo City Hall, 400 Alexandria Boulevard.



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Improvements to Mitchell Hammock Road Underway

Your Local Option Gas Taxes are at work! As you know by now, the reconstruction and resurfacing of Mitchell Hammock Road from SR 426 to Lockwood Boulevard started last month. *The entire project will be constructed during night time hours in order to minimize impacts to traffic.* The road reconstruction (where pavement base is in need of full replacement) will take place along portions of Mitchell Hammock Road from Lockwood Boulevard to Norma Avenue (next to Tuffy Auto). The entire length of MH Road will then be resurfaced from Lockwood to SR 426 and will include enhanced road striping and traffic signage. Completion of the \$1.5 million project is expected before the end of April.

The City Council has also approved a series of intersection and signalization improvements along Mitchell Hammock Road that will improve traffic flow, safety and turning movements. Design and permitting is underway for westbound turn lanes on MH Road at Eastbridge Drive and on MH Road at Katie Jean Street. Traffic signals will be installed at Eastbridge Drive & Henson Court and City staff is evaluating safety and operational improvements at the Kingsbridge West/Lake Rogers intersection.





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New Economic Development Committee Formed

On March 18, 2008, the Oviedo City Council confirmed its final appointment to the newly created Economic Development Committee (EDC), which replaces the former Economic Development Task Force. Over the past 2½ years, the Task Force was instrumental in completing an Economic Development Strategic Plan for the City, preparing an impact fee incentive ordinance to entice new investment in the City, and in building stronger relationships between City government and the Oviedo business community.

The newly formed EDC is comprised of nine (9) members, five of which were appointed directly by the Oviedo City Council. The Oviedo~Winter Springs Regional Chamber of Commerce, the University of Central Florida, Seminole Community College, and the Seminole County Chamber of Commerce each nominate one member comprising the other four. These four nominations have all been confirmed by the City Council.

The duties and responsibilities of the EDC include promoting recruitment of potential businesses, increasing the City's commercial tax base, enhancing employment opportunities within the City, building partnerships with agencies such as the Chamber of Commerce and various County and State economic development agencies. The initial organizational meeting of the EDC is scheduled for April 8th at 8:30 AM. in Council Chambers at City Hall.

April Is Water Conservation Month



At the March 17th City Council meeting, Mayor Mary Lou Andrews and the Oviedo City Council proclaimed April as *Water Conservation Month*. This designation is particularly important as our City, Central Florida and the State of Florida face the challenge of protecting existing water supplies while ensuring there is an adequate supply of water for future generations. This effort involves conserving limited supplies of water, developing alternative water supplies for irrigation purposes and asking all residents to conserve.

The City of Oviedo, the State of Florida, Water Management Districts, and the Seminole Soil and Water Conservation District are all working together to increase awareness about the importance of water conservation. Here in Oviedo, we know that every business, industry, school and citizen can help by saving water and thus promote a healthy economy and community.

“Water Conservation Month” calls upon each citizen and business to help protect our precious resource by practicing water saving measures and becoming more aware of the need to save water.

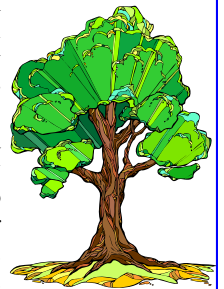
During the month of April, the City's water conservation activities will include:

- ◆ Give-a-way of 400 low water flow showerheads that will be distributed from City Hall @ 100 per week on a first come, first serve basis (one per resident with ID).
- ◆ Water conservation displays and Florida-friendly yards will be shown on recurring video located at the City Hall lobby and the Community Center in the Oviedo Marketplace Mall.
- ◆ Utility staff will be promoting water-wise practices at an educational booth that will be available at the *Taste of Oviedo* on April 12th.

Arbor Day Is April 19th

**SUPPORT THE ENVIRONMENT
AND PLANT A TREE!**

The City will recognize and celebrate Arbor Day on Saturday April 19, 2008 beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the City Hall municipal complex (east side of City Hall on 400 Alexandria Boulevard). More than 900, 3-gallon trees will be given away to city residents with a maximum giveaway of two trees per household while the supply lasts. City staff will also be available to answer questions about planting, maintenance, trimming, and selection. The selection of trees will include Red Bud, Crape Myrtle, Bottle Brush, Southern Magnolia, Sweet Bay, Live Oak, Red Maple, American Elm, and others.



A Message from the City Manager:

By Eugene Miller, Interim City Manager

As many of you know by now, former City Manager Gerald Seeber accepted the position of General Manager of Tampa Bay Water and his last day with the City was February 25, 2008. Prior to Mr. Seeber leaving, I was asked by several City Council members if I would be interested in serving in an interim capacity while the City recruited for a new City Manager. Being familiar with Oviedo from my experience as interim City Manager from November 2003 through June 2004, my reaction was, yes - I would be honored to assist and serve the City once again!

I have a long history of more than 45 years in the City Management profession and served as City Manager in six different states. After I retired as City Manager of Ormond Beach in December, 2000, I served as interim City Manager in Orange City, Oviedo, Sanford and Casselberry.

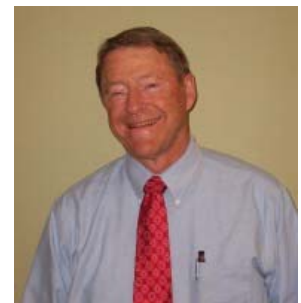
I can say with confidence that the City has progressed in many positive ways since I was here in 2004. The City Council is united in its priorities to move the City forward; an excellent and very competent City staff serves City residents; and there are a number of exciting initiatives underway that will change the face of Oviedo as we know it today.

- ◆ *The City's number one priority - the widening of SR426/CR419 is being designed and the City recently received an additional \$3 million from the Florida Department of Transportation's (FDOT) Regional Incentive Program (known as TRIP) that will fund the Phase I improvements. Total funding of \$23.5 million has been committed by FDOT, the City, and Seminole County.*
- ◆ *Development of Oviedo on the Park - the City's new town center - is underway as construction of roads and utility lines and other private development should begin this month.*
- ◆ *The City is ready to start construction of its new Public Works Maintenance facility and by May or June construction will begin on the new Fire Station #48 located on CR419.*
- ◆ *The City is committed to an aggressive schedule of resurfacing and reconstructing City roads. With Lockwood Boulevard now completed, the City has moved on to the resurfacing and reconstruction of Mitchell Hammock Road and additional intersection and signalization improvements are planned for the City's main corridor.*

With respect to the City Manager recruitment, the schedule set forth by the City Council is ambitious and should result in having a new City Manager on board by mid-June or July. The Council is scheduled to interview a short list of candidates beginning May 16th. Once the new manager is selected, I will be available to help with the transition and provide any assistance that the City Council needs.

It is once again my pleasure and honor to serve this fine City and I look forward to working productively with the City Council, staff and citizens during the next several months.

Sincerely,

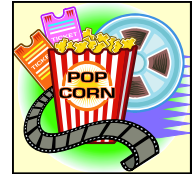


Oviedo Recreation & Parks Calendar of Events: Fun for Everyone!

The City of Oviedo Recreation and Parks Department presents events, sports and exercise for the entire family. Check the City's website at www.cityofoviedo.net under Recreation & Parks and Events for additional offerings.

March 31 through April 4 - Fun Days at Riverside Park. This fun filled program is for students in K - 6 grade. Activities will include swimming, arts and crafts, games, and outdoor fun. Program time is 8:00 AM - 5:30 PM. Cost is \$25 for residents, and \$45 for non residents.

April 26 - Movie in the Park Enjoy a FREE night at the movies. Riverside Park will be showing the Bee Movie on an outside giant movie screen. The movie will begin at 8:00 PM. Bring a chair or blanket to sit on. Popcorn, candy, chips, hotdogs, ice cream and soda will be available for purchase.



April 25 - 5th Grade Dance at Riverside Park from 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM. Participants will dance the night away with radio friendly music from DJ Frankie C. The concession stand will be open for items to purchase. Tickets go on sale Sunday, April 20 at 10:00 AM. Tickets cost \$6 for residents and \$9 for non residents.

For further information on any of these fantastic programs please contact Sal Rovetto at (407) 971-5579 or email srovetto@cityofoviedo.net

***NOTE: Events are subject to change of date or cancellation.**

Aquatics Programs

Swim Lessons

Oviedo offers both group and private swim lessons. Lessons are taught by certified American Red Cross instructors.

Group lessons are offered March - October at Riverside Pool. All swimmers must be tested by a swim instructor before registration so they may be placed in the correct level. Registration is held at Riverside Park. Contact Liz Perry at (407)971-5582 or lperry@cityofoviedo.net with any questions.

April Lessons:

Registration: Begins March 29th until classes are filled 8AM - Residents 10AM - Non-Residents

Lessons: April 7th - April 24th

May Lessons:

Registration: May 3rd 8AM - Residents 10AM - Non-Residents

Lessons: May 5th - 22nd

Summer Lessons:

Registrations: May 31st, June 21st, June 28th, July 5th, July 19th and August 2nd

Lessons are offered mornings and evenings throughout the summer.

Please check our website or pick up a flyer for the schedule of class times.

Private lessons are offered September - April at Riverside Pool and the Aquatic Center. Private lessons are geared toward the individual swimmer. They are also scheduled according to the swimmer and instructor's availability. Please contact Donny Wood at (407) 971-5567 to schedule lessons.

Splash Zone

The Splash Zone will open for the Season on April 5th!! Come and join the fun!

Splash Zone Hours April 5th - June 6th

Sunday: 12 PM - 6 PM General Admission

Mon - Fri: Closed

Saturday: 10 AM - 12 PM Oviedo Residents
12 PM - 6 PM General Admission



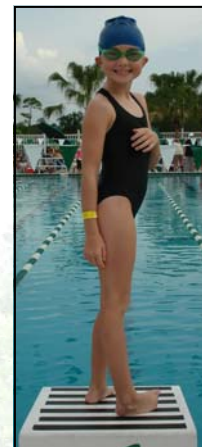
Aquatics Programs - Continued

Birthday Parties

We offer poolside birthday parties at both the Aquatic Facility and Riverside Pool. We offer a variety of brand new packages you can choose from! In order to have a party at the Aquatic Facility, the birthday child must be turning at least 4 years old. To have one at Riverside Pool, the birthday child must be turning at least 5 years old. All birthday parties are not private rentals; therefore, there may be more than one party at the same time. Reservations for 2008 parties are now underway. Splash Zone Parties will be offered from April 4th - September 27th. Questions or to make a reservation: Contact Lori Hickey at (407) 971-5570 or lhickey@cityofoviedo.net for the Aquatic Facility and Liz Perry at (407) 971-5582 or lperry@cityofoviedo.net for Riverside Pool.

Summer Barracudas

Barracudas Summer Swim Team is designed for the novice swimmer. We practice several days a week and compete in meets on Saturdays. The swimmers will work on their strokes, distance swimming, starts and finishes, and relays. The meets are against other local summer teams. The swimmers will receive a team t-shirt, team swim cap, meet ribbons, season award and year end season party. All swimmers must complete a try-out prior to registration. Summer Registration is May 17th at 8 AM for Residents and 10 AM for Non-Residents at the Aquatic Facility. Please contact Lori Hickey at (407) 971-5570 or lhickey@cityofoviedo.net for more information.



Training Cudas

The Training Cudas swim from September - May at the Aquatic Facility. This team is designed to maintain endurance and technique in the off-season. Practices are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-7 PM OR 7-8 PM at the Aquatic Facility and combine stroke technique and endurance sets. Swimmers must be at least 6 years old and pass a swim test prior to registration. Registration is ongoing until May 1st. Please contact Lori Hickey at (407) 971-5570 or lhickey@cityofoviedo.net for more information.

Scout Days at the Pool

Come join us for a morning at Riverside Pool to work towards your aquatic scouting goals. The aquatics staff will be working with local scouts towards the requirements of your choice. We offer both Girl Scouting and Boy Scouting badges. Contact Liz Perry at (407) 971-5582 or lperry@cityofoviedo.net with any questions.

Registration: Begins January 14th at Riverside Park
(Each Scout must have a signed City of Oviedo Scout Day registration form)

Girl Scout Days: April 19th, May 3rd
Boy Scout Days: April 26th, May 10th

Stroke Clinics

Stroke Clinics are designed to help refine the strokes of young swimmers. They are offered Saturday mornings at Riverside Pool during the month of April. Each clinic focuses on one stroke incorporating kick and stroke drills. Stroke clinics are not meant to be swim lessons, and all swimmers must pass a swim test prior to registration. Contact Donny Wood (407) 971-5567 with any questions.

Registration: Begins February 25th at Riverside Park
Program Dates: April 5th - Backstroke; April 12th - Breaststroke; April 19th - Butterfly; April 26th - Starts & Turns

Water Aerobics

Water Aerobics is a great way to get regular exercise, meet new people and have fun all at the same time! Our class is taught by certified Aquatic Exercise Instructor that uses the resistance of water to form a low or non impact workout.

Class Schedule:
Monday - Friday 8:30-9:30 AM Deep Aqua Fit Aquatic Facility

City Council Strives for a Better “Look” through Architectural Standards

In January and again in February, the Oviedo City Council conducted work sessions to discuss the City’s architectural standards and expressed their concerns over the “look” of certain developments within the City. Although most of the buildings constructed since the adoption of current architectural standards have been a step above the minimum corporate architecture (known as “Anywhere USA” architecture), City Council concluded that the standards should be improved and that the improvements will result in noticeably better architectural design.



To achieve what City Council was describing during its discussion, City staff proposed amending the Land Development Code so that it provides for an urban development pattern that creates relationships between land-based and architectural façade regulations; the project site and the street; and the project site and the surrounding area.



The City is being assisted in this effort by Land Design Innovations, Inc. LDI has presented some alternative development concepts intended to promote an urban development form and a pedestrian-oriented, walk-able community.

Highlights of these standards include:

- ◆ Focusing on the physical form of the development, with a less focus on the use within the building;
- ◆ Addressing the relationship between building façades and the public realm, the form and mass of buildings in relation to one another, and the scale and types of streets and blocks;
- ◆ Establishing building setbacks based on adjacent roadway design or speed limit with smaller setbacks on roads with lower speed limits and vice-versa for roads with higher speed limits;
- ◆ Emphasizing mixed-use development and a mixture of housing types;
- ◆ Paying greater attention to streetscape and the public realm;
- ◆ Promoting architectural styles in designated areas to create community character.

The next step in the process will be to develop more detailed architectural standards and revisions to the Land Development Code consistent with those standards. During 2008 and 2009, City Council, in conjunction with various business interests and interested citizens, will be focused on the review of the proposed standards.



Urban Design Pattern (desired)

Cable TV and the Switch to Digital Broadcasting: How it May Affect You

In the 1990's, Congress determined that broadcast stations must transition from analog television broadcasting to digital television broadcasting. Prior to this mandate TV signals have been changing to digital signaling for more than fifty years. This transition will free up parts ("bands") of the scarce and valuable spectrum allowing these bands to be used for improved public safety communications in cases of emergency. The intended benefit to the customer is better picture and sound quality, as well as more channels and programming choices.

On February 1, 2006, Congress mandated that the last day for full-power television stations to broadcast in the analog format is February 17, 2009. Over-the-air TV broadcasts will be in digital only format after that date. Consequently, electronic retailers are now required to sell only televisions with digital tuners. By law, beginning March 1, 2007, all television reception devices (including TVs, VCRs, DVRs, etc.) imported into the U.S. or shipped in interstate commerce must contain a digital tuner. Retailers may continue to sell analog-only devices from existing inventory, but must prominently display on or near the analog-only device a consumer alert advisory.

Cable TV networks current requirement to switch from analog to digital only applies to full-power broadcast TV stations, which use the public airwaves to provide free over-the-air programming. The Federal Communications Commission has ruled that cable subscribers with analog televisions must be able to view broadcast television through February of 2012.

In order to comply with FCC regulation, Bright House Cable Networks moved SGTV Channel 9 to Channel 199 on its digital tier on January 19, 2008. Bright House is currently offering converter boxes to all residents for a \$1 per monthly charge. However, if a resident already has a digital television or cable box, they can continue to view OVTV that currently resides on channel 199.

In response to this change by Bright House, the Oviedo City Council, on March 17th, adopted a resolution asking that Bright House Networks make the Public Education and Governmental (PEG) conversion available to basic tier customers and others at no additional cost to the consumer, and restore SGTV to channel 9, its original tier. It remains to be seen how Bright House will respond to this request and whether it will be honored.

In an effort to assist consumers with digital television transition, the Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), has established the *Digital-to-Analog Converter Box Coupon Program* to assist all consumers in receiving over-the-air-broadcast television programming when full-power television stations cease analog broadcasting after February 17, 2009. Each U.S. household is eligible to receive up to two coupons worth \$40 each toward the purchase of digital-to-analog converter boxes. The estimated retail price for a converter box is \$50.

Residents can apply on line to <https://www.dtv2009.gov/ApplyCoupon.aspx>
Call the Coupon Program 24-hour hotline 1-888-DTV-2009 (1-888-388-2009)
Mail a coupon application to: PO Box 2000, Portland, OR 97208-2000
Fax a coupon application to 1-877-388-4632

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Growing in the Right Direction!



Questions or comments related to **Crossroads** may be directed to the City Manager's Office 407-971-5555 or via e-mail,



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SPRING IS IN THE AIR.....

So Mark Your Calendar for the 14th Annual Taste of Oviedo!!

When: Saturday, April 12, 2008

Where: Alexandria Boulevard

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

