

FRIDAY LETTER
July 9, 2010

Honorable Mayor and City Council Members:

Good Friday and hopefully a quiet weekend to the dedicated staff and City Council at the City of Oviedo. I understand that there is some confusion over the events of the last two weeks. As you know last week, I wrote that Mayor Andrews had resigned. This week, the Mayor attempted to rescind her resignation. However, the City Attorney had previously advised that the rescinding of the resignation would be against public policy and ineffective and has now confirmed, in a formal legal memorandum and opinion, that Mayor Andrew's resignation cannot be rescinded. Accordingly, Mayor Andrew's final day as Mayor is set at July 31, 2010. The City Attorney's legal memorandum on the subject is available in PDF format for distribution and review.

In compliance with the City Attorney's determination, and in accordance with the City Charter, effective August 1, 2010, Deputy Mayor Persampiere will be serving as Mayor for the remainder of the Mayor's term. This will create a vacancy in the Deputy Mayor position and in the Councilmember for Group 4. Since there will be less than six months before the next regular City General Election, the City Council, by a majority vote of the remaining members, may choose a successor to serve until a newly elected Councilmember for Group 4 is qualified. I will be attaching a copy of the City Attorney's legal memorandum under the City Attorney's Report for our July 19, 2010 regularly scheduled City Council meeting.

Finally, Congratulations to Recreation and Parks for a great fireworks display. Despite the incessant rain, the fireworks display was the best I have seen in years.

Some of my activities this week included:

- Conference Call with Mike Tierney (Actuary)
- Meeting at Fire Department
- Meeting regarding Police negotiations

Please see the informational items for the week as reported by City Departments:

FIRE/RESCUE SERVICES:



Fire Rescue provided Fire & Medical Services at the Recreation & Parks 4th of July Fireworks Special Community Event. Chief White & Fire Inspector Lilly Sexton performed code and safety inspections during delivery, setup, and launching of the Fireworks show. No injuries were reported and only a small handful of Fireworks were required to be rendered inert following the presentation.



Live Oak Fire Follow Up Report. OFD and the State Fire Marshal Office have concluded the Live Oak Fire investigation which took place several weeks prior. Further

investigation has revealed that lightning struck the home and traveled into the water heater via the electrical system. The fire was the result of arching via the electrical system. The water heater plumbing also exploded as the result of the lightning damage, causing flooding inside the home. The fire has been determined to be accidental due to weather.



Fire Rescue contained an extremely hot fire in a duplex in the Shady Oak Duplexes complex. The owner occupied space at 135 Shady Oak Lane was heavily involved in fire in the garage which was later determined to be the result of placing a charcoal grill back in the garage after use. The grill heat radiated to wall cabinets and destroyed everything in the garage including a vehicle. The fire was investigated by Oviedo Fire Marshal Sharon Carr and Chief White. An aggressive attack saved the adjacent tenant living space.



Fire Rescue assisted Seminole County with a residential house fire on Lowery Drive off Carrigan Avenue this week. The fire was the result of improper use of fireworks by children which resulted in major fire damage to the garage. Chief White was near the area as the fire call was received and ran command operations. The fire was brought under control by Oviedo FD units in 10 minutes and the fire was halted from spreading into the living space as well. Several pets were rescued and one required oxygen.



Congratulations to Fire Rescue members Scott Forrest-Battalion Chief for completing 20 years of service, Laurie Dickens-Battalion Chief for completing 19 years of service, John Miller-Lieutenant for completing 20 years of service, and Stefan Young-Lieutenant for completing 14 years of service. We appreciate these employees for their service commitment to the Citizens of Oviedo in service through the Fire Rescue Department. It's hard to quantify how many lives have been impacted by their years of service.

Donations Needed

Fire Rescue is seeking grant donations to replenish the "Free Smoke Detector" program as funds have been depleted. This program provides a free smoke detector to residential customers and is recognized as the early warning device that alerts occupants of a fire situation. The program has been in place for 20+ years and has demonstrated success for past fire occurrences however the department has experienced a short fall in donations to support the program and seeks financial assistance. Please forward any potential contacts to Chief White.



Chief White attended the Local Mitigation Strategy Mitigation Group meeting as well as Tom Radzai and Ben Williams from Public Works-Engineering. Oviedo has submitted a

project for potential grant funding for the storm water pond on SR 426 at Lake Jessup Avenue. The project is estimated at \$349,478.00 which includes a permanent pond drainage system in order to remove the temporary pump that has been in place for numerous years.

Chief White participated in a meeting with the GIS Vendor along with IT Director Darlene Jordan as they study potential GIS based damage assessment software for use following a weather related disaster.



The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) have announced the following recalls:

- Ready Pac Foods announces the recall of Baby Spinach Temptations which may contain the Escherichia Coli contamination. Call 800-800-7822 for recall information.



The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission has announced the following recalls:

- Campus Cruisers LLC., recalls Eastside Fix Model Bicycle. Front frame may crack or break. Manufactured in China. Contact 877-260-2721 for recall information.

POLICE:

Chief Chudnow and Lt. Beavers met with UCF Chief Beary and Deputy Chief Zelanis to discuss investigative assistance provided to UCF PD by the Oviedo Police Department. Chief Chudnow met with Debbie Moody from the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation to discuss an upcoming review conducted of the USF Police Department.

Chief Chudnow attended the monthly meeting of the City County Investigation Bureau. Chief Chudnow and members of the command staff attended the Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony at the Seminole County Sheriff's Office

Chief Chudnow and Bryan Cobb met with Germaine Crow Graham, Ph.D, Assistant Director for Student Leadership Development LEAD Scholars at UCF, to discuss Cornerstone Project participation in ION.

Chief Chudnow, Commander Coleman, and members of the Traffic Unit attended the Florida Law Enforcement Challenge. The Challenge relates to the "Click It or Ticket" buckle up campaign. Oviedo Police are finalists in the challenge that helps to save lives and prevent serious traffic accident injuries by ensuring that drivers and passengers obey seat belt laws.

When you have information about a felony crime anywhere or about a person wanted on a felony warrant, a reward of up to \$1,000 is available by calling CRIMELINE . . . **No names, No faces, No hassles** . . . at 800-423-TIPS (800-423-8477).

CRT officers continue to investigate citywide complaints and tips from the public concerning suspicious conduct or behavior that indicates criminal activities. Help keep your city safe. Complaints about local crimes of any kind can be called into the Oviedo Police Community Response Line at 407-971-5723.

Community On Patrol (COP) uniformed volunteers donated 24 hours of patrol time this past week in addition to assisting Code Enforcement with collecting unlawful "snipe signs" during the holiday weekend. Volunteers In Policing (VIP) helped staff the C.O.P.S. Center and conducted

FREE fingerprinting services for city residents. For information on local police volunteer programs, FREE crime prevention training or other FREE services, call 407-971-5707 or email kmojica@cityofoviedo.net

The Oviedo Police Crime Prevention Officer now provides a “Crime Report Summary” to review selected crimes that recently occurred in Oviedo. The purpose of the report is to update residents and business people about exactly how easily crimes can happen. Learn how to avoid becoming a victim of crime. Here are examples of how some crimes start . . .

- Do you really know who your child brings into your home? Your child may not know either.
- Lock it or lose it. How many recent crimes involved unlocked vehicles?
- Why not leave garage doors open? It’s so convenient—for criminals.
- Can identity theft really happen in Oviedo?
- Doesn’t everybody leave valuables unattended in bars?

For answers to the above questions, and more, email grobertson@cityofoviedo.net to be placed on an email list so you will receive the “Crime Report Summary.” For a more comprehensive list of all crimes and accidents that have occurred in Oviedo, go on the Internet to www.crimereports.com (*click on Florida, scroll down to Oviedo and click*).

PUBLIC WORKS:

The Lockwood Blvd. Trail/Sidewalk Project is underway. The Contractor, M.J.S. Concrete, will be laying out the trail/sidewalk in three phases. For the first phase, the contractor has begun the site work and grading swales, beginning just north of Ashland Trail. Next week, forming and pouring concrete are anticipated. The total length of the project is approximately 7,200 linear feet, with the three phases proportioned accordingly. Currently, the contractor is on schedule.

The award winning **H2Oviedo Conservation Incentive** Program continues to create water stewardship in The City of Oviedo. In the second year, 27 applicants have successfully entered the program. Currently 22 of these residencies’ have completed water-wise renovations; 12 landscape retrofits are completed and in the 90 day water budget monitoring, 5 private wells have been completed, and 5 inside usage audits completed. Below is one of our City’s water steward’s successful Florida-friendly renovations.



Staff anticipates this year’s participants will meet and exceed last year’s average of 40% water use reduction. These residents serve as examples to their community that water stewardship not only saves water, but also enhances the aesthetics of the community.

RECREATION AND PARKS:



On Sunday, July 4, the Recreation and Parks Department hosted the Annual Independence Day Celebration. Live entertainment was provided by Janell Wheeler of American Idol, Simulcast, 506 Crew, Heartbeat Boys, and Mandy Brooks. Other highlights included inflatable games, great food, contests, craft vendors, and of course, a wonderful fireworks display.

The small shade structure for the picnic area was installed this past week, with the large shade structure due for delivery today. Installation of the large shade structure has been scheduled for next week, followed by the last of the infrastructure and landscaping being completed in the next three weeks.

There is limited availability for sessions 2 and 3 in both volleyball and basketball camp.



Registration begins tomorrow, Saturday, July 10th, for the upcoming Fall Youth Basketball and Volleyball Leagues. The following is a breakdown on the percentage increase of participation for the leagues for the current year:

- Fall Basketball: Increased 16%
- Spring Basketball: Increased 9%
- Summer Basketball: Increased 48%
- Fall Volleyball: Increased: 9%
- Spring Volleyball: Increased 8%
- Summer Volleyball: Increased 41%

Overall participation increased 21% for the current year.



Summer camp at Riverside Park this week participated in exercises instructed by Jazzercise instructor Jodi Goodroe. Campers also took field trips to Firkin Kegler, Wekiwa Springs, Daytona International Speedway, and the bowling alley. Activities and games continued in-house at Riverside throughout the week.

Good luck to the Oviedo Babe Ruth softball and baseball teams that are competing in State Tournaments the next few weekends. Here are the dates and locations:

Babe Ruth Baseball

- 9A and 10A: State Tournament beginning July 15th in Fishhawk
- 11A: State Tournament beginning July 8th in Jupiter
- 12A and 12B: State Tournament beginning July 15th in Palm Beach Gardens
- 13A: State Tournament beginning July 22nd in Jupiter

Babe Ruth Softball

- 8U and 12U: State Tournament beginning July 7th in Ponte Vedra

Adult Softball and Adult Flag Football continue their summer seasons with a few weeks remaining until post-season tournaments begin. Come out and watch the exciting softball action every Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights at the Oviedo Sports Complex and football games every Sunday morning at Long Lake Park.



Over the July 4th weekend, chemical pretreatment and hot water/steam pressure cleaning of the City Hall Complex took place. The cleaning included the Annex building as well as the Police and Fire Station building. These areas are now sparkling clean.

On Saturday, July 10th, the carpets at City Hall will be cleaned by Oviedo Carpet and Upholstery.

HUMAN RESOURCES:

This week, Connie Collins, HR Director, attended the following:

- A teleconference with the City Manager and Assistant City Manager;
- A meeting with the Crowne representative to discuss disability, dental, vision and life insurance FY 2010-11 insurance renewals;
- Two meetings with the Public Works Director;
- Consulted on two disciplinary meetings; one with a department director and one with a division supervisor.

This week, Crystal Hanson, HR Assistant, conducted a final offer of employment to Lifeguard Steven Cobert. Last week, Crystal Hanson headed up the first meeting for the employee recognition team. The team will be working over the next few months to revitalize the Employee Recognition Program.

The Human Resources Department closed the recruitment for the position of Police Officer. During this 2 week recruitment, a total of 59 pre-screener applications were received. Of those 59 applicants, 33 are being reviewed by the Police Department.

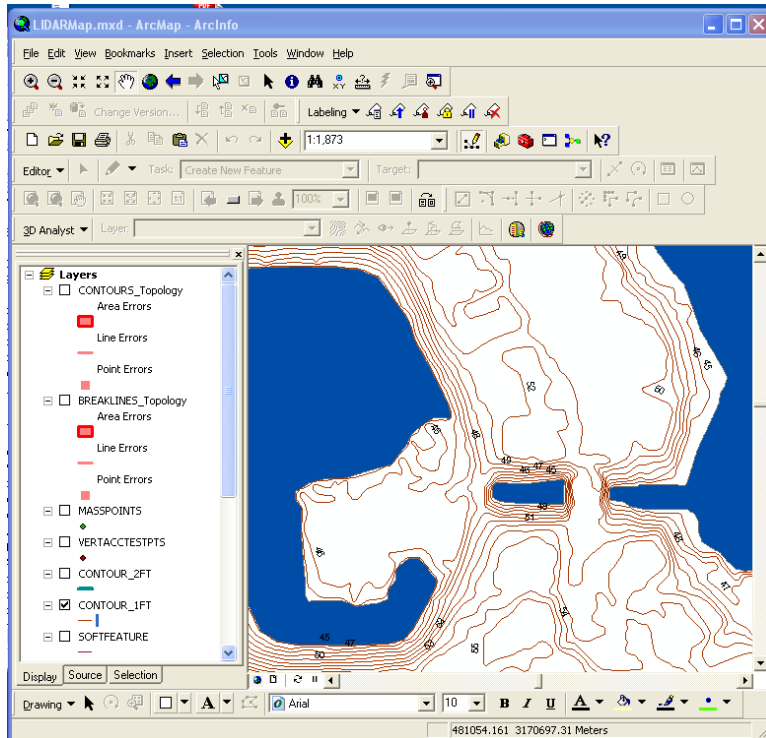
The City is still in the process of recruiting for the position of Budget/Accounting Manager; to date we have received 51 applications.

This week interviews and skills testing were held for 6 candidates for the Accounting Clerk position.

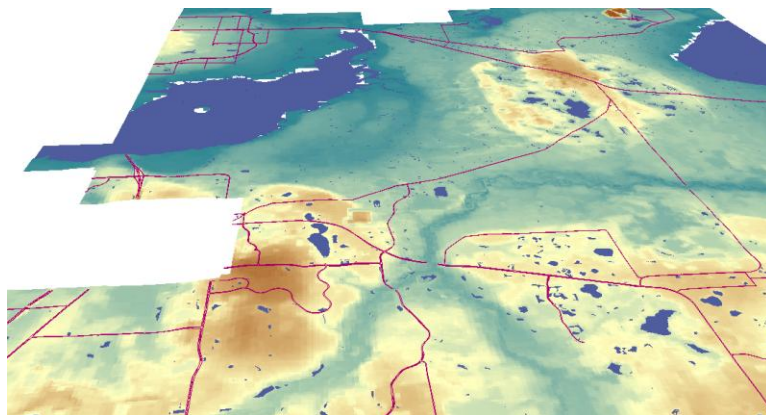
The CareHere Health Coach Rhonda Livers taught Class 5 of the “Freedom From Smoking” Workshop last week. There were 3 participants. The total utilization for 6/27/10 through 7/3/2010 totals 84.9% of available appointments. This week, 41 employees and 4 dependents and retirees visited the Health Center.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY:

This past week, GIS staff has been working on the LiDAR network. LiDAR uses laser light to measure distance similar to RADAR, but using light rather than radio waves. These points are synced to GPS resulting in the ability to produce accurate, detailed surface models quickly.



The LiDAR data shown above in 2-D view was put together by the City’s IT/GIS team using February, 2009 LiDAR files supplied to us by Seminole County Engineering’s GIS staff. A complete description of this dataset is available in the Minimum Technical Standard submitted to the St. Johns River Water Management District. The layers shown above are now in the City’s library of data layers. The new GIS map is available for use by the GIS Power Users and Analytical Users. Note that LiDAR data points are massive files and not the type that can be copied and pasted at will. When it comes to GIS, this is a great example of the cooperation between the City of Oviedo, Seminole County, and SJRWMD.



This Digital Elevation Model (DEM) is a depiction of the eastern portion of Seminole County. The DEM was produced by the St. Johns River Water Management District from the February 2009 LiDAR data. The City’s GIS/Team projected it using 3-D Spatial Analyst ArcScene software. The different colors and shading represent elevations. Darker browns are high points, as the elevations decrease; the colors turn paler tan to light teal to darker teal. The water body layer and road break lines are also turned on for the purpose of orientation.

Aerial LiDAR is accepted as the most efficient and cost-effective means to create accurate digital elevation and terrain data. It has become the standard for flood mapping and many other applications requiring fast, accurate, and other geospatial features used by Public Works.

Other IT News:

- Staff conducted several on-demand training sessions. All employees are encouraged to request on-demand classes and/or one on one training sessions. **Open Lab is available for any employee.** Please submit a help ticket to schedule.

Please note the following meetings and work sessions.

Upcoming Meetings		
Monday, July 19, 2010	Regular Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Monday, July 26, 2010	Special Session	5:30 p.m.

Sincerely,



Richard Gestrich
City Manager