

FRIDAY LETTER
June 18, 2010

Honorable Mayor and City Council Members:

Good Friday to the City of Oviedo, its fine staff and dedicated City Council. The Mayors/Managers meeting was held on Tuesday morning at 7:30 a.m. at the Lake Mary Events Center. If you haven't been to the Event Center, you have missed something. The Lake Mary Event Center is quite the premier facility with a beautiful view of the lake. As a new facility, it is quite impressive. However, I am unaware as to whether it is a revenue generator or to what extent it is cost effective. The first item of interest was a request for each City to contribute \$1000 towards a Seminole County Memorial Day Parade to be hosted by the City of Sanford. Although the idea garnered a good deal of support from the City of Lake Mary and Longwood, there was not strong support from Oviedo, Casselberry, and Winter Springs. There was some discussion that if the event rotated between Cities, that there may be more support for the concept.

Although not on the agenda, the local option sales tax took up a good portion of the discussion period. As you know, the Cities and School Board recently met with the County Commissioners. The County Commissioners did not commit to an extension of the one cent sales tax at that meeting. Accordingly, the School District has decided to pursue going out for a half cent sales tax independent of the County and seven Cities. A half cent sales tax would approximately double the amount of revenues that the School District receives under the current L.O.S.T. allocation. The concern for the Cities is that it will make it more difficult for the Cities and County to extend the current L.O.S.T. Although I predicted that the School District would proceed on its own, I think that there was an opportunity lost to proceed in a united front.

Some of my activities this week included:

- Staff Meeting
- Budget Meeting with Mayor Andrews
- Budget Meeting with Councilman Schenck
- Budget Meeting with Councilman Henken
- Mayors and Managers Meeting
- Meeting with Chief White

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

PUBLIC WORKS:

The new potable water interconnects for the Oviedo Water System Improvement project were cleared for use Monday, June 14, 2010 by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.



The new mains were designed by CPH Engineers and constructed by Blue Ox as the first phase of this project. The new mains are designed to allow greater water flow to move from the Mitchell Hammock Water Plant service area to the AM Jones Plant service area. Residents may notice some slight pressure differences as AM Jones is converted to a repump station in the next phase of this project. Overall, water quality will improve as the Mitchell Hammock's high quality water will dominate the system. Specifically, residents may notice less odor from the water, as the Mitchell Hammock water plant state-of-the-

art air scrubbing towers remove 99.9 percent of hydrogen sulfide in the City's source groundwater well. The AM Jones water treatment facility will be phased out completely by the end of this year.

On Tuesday, June 15th, City utility staff provided a presentation to the Oviedo/ Winter Springs Government Affairs Committee on the Alafaya Utilities purchase referendum. With the assistance of Terry Zaudtke of CPH Engineers, staff provided the presentation and follow-up responses to technical questions from committee members to assist them in making informed recommendations on the ballot question regarding Alafaya Utilities. This item will go before the Oviedo/Winter Springs Chamber Board for approval on July 20th.

HUMAN RESOURCES:

This week, HR Director Connie Collins attended the Public Risk Management Conference and Board of Directors Meeting from June 16th to 18th. She attended the following Conference sessions: Health Care Reform-A Case Study of How Reform will Affect the Average Florida Employer; Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act and Healthcare Analytics.

At the Board Meeting, Mrs. Collins reviewed and approved the minutes from the last Board meeting held on March 12, 2010 and the Treasurer's Report. She reviewed the Broker's Report, including an analysis of the Property Insurance Renewal and an update on the world insurance market. Mr. O'Keefe, an auditor representing O'Keefe, Moore, Stephens and Lovelace P.A., presented an independent report on the consortium's broker World Risk Management and Karen Font, CPA, presented the Financial Statements for Year End 9/30/09 to the Board. Mr. Peacock with Merlinos and Associates reported on allocations and insurance rating methodology.

The City of Oviedo extends a warm welcome to the participants of the Workforce of Central Florida's Re-Employment Program who began their assignments on Monday.

Ms. Natalie Arnold will be assisting the Human Resources Department and the City Manager's Department by serving as a back up to the City Hall lobby receptionist and as a clerical support assistant in HR. She has an extensive background in insurance billing/collection and customer service. She has been employed as a medical analyst, insurance collector, customer service representative, reimbursement specialist, and direct bill account representative over her career.



Mr. Martin Osborn will be assisting the IT Department as a PC technician. Mr. Osborn has been self-employed since June of 2001 manufacturing stained glass products for residential and commercial customers. Before embarking on this business, he worked for IBM as a Senior Technical Manager where he coordinated activities between AT&T's software development group, hardware and software vendors and end-user groups. Mr. Martin holds an MS degree from Robert Morris University in Pittsburg, PA in Computer Information Systems.



The City is very fortunate to have their assistance! Please welcome them when you have an opportunity to meet them.

On Thursday, Crystal Hanson, HR Assistant, conducted a conditional offer of employment to a lifeguard candidate.

Next week, Keith Straw, Risk/Benefits Coordinator, will be presenting employees with the training, "Proactive Safety Attitudes." Training will be held on June 22nd, 23rd, and 24th. The

mandatory training will take a look at the importance of safety equipment, safety habits and will encourage all employees to take a proactive role.

RECREATION AND PARKS:

Basketball Camp Session I begins Monday, June 21st. Camp activities are being directed by basketball coaches Zack Densberger and Mike Hennessey. There are currently 45 children registered for this session of basketball camp.



The summer is here! The summer pool hours began on Thursday, June 10th, and will continue through Sunday, August 15th. These hours include the Aquatic Facility being open 7 days/week and Riverside Pool being open 5 days/week.

Summer Swim Lessons began this week at Riverside Pool. The first morning session has 71 participants and the first evening session has 73 participants. The Aquatics division will be offering 3 additional morning sessions and 1 additional evening session before the summer concludes.



The Barracuda Summer Swim Team began its practices this week at the Aquatic Facility. The team had 165 participants for the 2010 season.



Registration for summer Archery is now open. This 6-week program will take place on Saturdays, starting July 10th through August 14th. Participants ages 8 and above (adults too!) can enjoy learning Olympic-style archery in a program that develops life skills, such as sportsmanship, self-confidence, and friendship. The Beginner's Level course will be offered from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at the Oviedo Gymnasium & Aquatic Facility. For Archers who have already completed the Beginner's Level, or those with previous archery experience, an Advanced Level course will be offered on the same dates from 10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. Don't miss this great family-friendly opportunity!



Congratulations to three of our Oviedo Babe Ruth Baseball All-Star teams for winning their District Tournaments last weekend! Two 12U teams and one 9U team were victorious in the District All-Star Competition. The 12UA team is coached by Bill Sheridan, the 12U 40/60 team is coached by Kenny Blachcra, and the 9U team is coached by Dan Levenson. The 12U teams will both travel to Palm Beach Gardens to play in the State Tournament, beginning on July 15th. The 9U team's State Tournament will be hosted by the Fishhawk Youth Sports Association, in Lithia, Hillsborough County.

Good Luck to other Oviedo Babe Ruth teams that are competing this weekend in additional District Tournaments! Beginning this past Thursday, All-Star teams from various age groups will compete in Longwood.

Babe Ruth Girls' Softball District All-Star play will begin Friday, June 25th, at the Oviedo Sports Complex.

Parks Maintenance staff is busy at Shane Kelly Park with the start of renovations on Field #1. They have begun the transfer of sod from Field #1 to Field #2. The next step will be sprigging Field #1 with Bermuda.

Preparations for the annual Recreation and Parks Department Independence Day Celebration continue at the Splash Zone. Staff is conducting general maintenance, fertilization, and tree trimming.



At the Oviedo Sports Complex, work continues on the softball fields in preparation of the Babe Ruth Girls' Softball District Tournament, which will take place June 15th through June 27th.

General routine maintenance continues with cuttings of Friendship Park, River Woods Park, the Memorial Building, and the common areas at the Oviedo Sports Complex and Shane Kelly Park. Staff continues regular work request completions and daily activities.



HVAC UPDATE: With outside temperatures soaring at record breaking levels, we would like to remind all departments to please not set thermostats any lower than 72 degrees. Equipment will not be able to cool areas any lower than that without the risk of freezing up the equipment. Frozen equipment will result in loss of air conditioning for 24 to 48 hours while the equipment is thawed and repaired. Thank you for your cooperation.

Exterior painting and repair of the Gymnasium and Aquatic Facility was completed on Thursday, June 17th. The scope of the project included:

- Pressure cleaning the exterior completely, removing all dirt, mildew, mold, and foreign debris.
- Hand tool and power tool clean any and all deteriorated substrates where necessary.
- Replacing and/or repairing deteriorated wood fascia on the south side of the entrance.
- Repairing existing stucco damage.
- Caulking all open joints and seams.
- Repairing all stress cracks with elastomeric patching compound.
- De-glossing all surfaces.
- Applying one coat of primer/sealer, followed by two coats of 100% acrylic premium grade paint to the stucco, wood ceilings, and fascia.
- Applying one coat of primer/sealer, followed by two coats of 100% acrylic premium grade oil-based semi-gloss paint to the metal doors and frames.
- Applying two coats of premium grade 100% acrylic paint to the columns.



Superior Painting Service was the contractor selected for the project.

FIRE/RESCUE SERVICES:



Congratulations to Tim Koepsell, Division Chief Training & EMS for the Fire Rescue Department, for **23 years** of loyal service. Tim has progressed through the ranks achieving his current position and oversees training, emergency medical services, serves as the city wide infectious control officer, and other duties as well. Thank you Tim for your service to the Oviedo community!



Congratulations to Paul Lamons, Lieutenant for **19 years**, of loyal service to the Oviedo community. Paul also holds paramedic certification and assists in the coordination of our self contained breathing apparatus maintenance and testing program. Thank you Paul for reaching this mile stone in your career.



Progress Energy continues to coordinate the tree trimming of vegetation that due to over growth may cause damage to above ground power lines in preparation of our hurricane season. This project has been ongoing for last year and this year with contractual tree services working in the North region of the community the past several weeks. This area was discussed with Progress Energy as a potential problem area.



The Deepwater Horizon Disaster continues to leak oil in the Gulf region. Last week's containment operations were thought to have yielded some positive results however this week is concluding with higher estimates of oil release estimated between **35,000 to 60,000 barrels per day**. This is significantly higher than the previous estimates. Current statistics include the following:

- Date of Occurrence: April 22nd, 2010
- 35,000 to 60,000 barrels leaking per day.
- 355,810 feet of oil containment booms deployed along Florida Coastline.
- 1,298,000 gallons of dispersant have been utilized.
- 6,490 response vessels in operation.
- 17 staging locations in place among 4 states.
- 29,000 workers (collectively) attending to the disaster.
- Claims submitted from Florida to BP: 8,217
- Wage loss claims from Florida to BP: 4,454
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The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) have announced the following recalls:

- McNeil Consumer Healthcare recalls 4 product lots of Benadryl, Allergy Ultratab Tablets, Extra Strength Tylenol Rapid Release Gels. Products were omitted from the previous January recall and the products may be less effective due to a chemical break down from packing and storage.



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

- Chicology Roll-Up Blinds. May result in strangulation to children. Sold at Bed Bath Stores and internet sales from various vendors as well. Manufactured in Taiwan. A retro-kit is available. Call 866-999-6188 for details or visit www.chicology.com
- Succulent Plant-Shaped Decorative Candles in a Pot. Sold by Crate and Barrel Stores in 2010. Wax melts too quickly and can overflow container resulting in a fire. Manufactured in China. Call 800-451-8217 for recall details.

- Target recalls Boy's and Girl's Cherokee and Circo belts due to belt buckles containing excessive lead.



Chief White attended the following:

- City Manager Staff Meeting
- Fire Chief of Seminole County Group Meeting
- Budget Meeting with City Manager and Budget Director
- Meeting with Hospitals, Law Enforcement, and Fire Rescue Agencies Concerning Blood Draws and Legalities
- Meeting with Radio Vendor Assessing Oviedo Repeater System for Future Replacement

POLICE:

Chief Chudnow attended the following events this past week:

- A fish fry fundraiser for the Washington Heights/Johnson Hill Outreach Association
- The monthly OCIA meeting
- The monthly Seminole County Law Enforcement Association meeting at Sanford Police Department
- The Oviedo Police Explorer Award Ceremony
- A presentation for Helping Hands
- The quarterly Boys Town Board of Trustees meeting

Oviedo Police Communications implemented the Senior Emergency Notification Information On Record (S.E.N.I.O.R.) bracelet program in April, 2008. Currently 60 participating individuals are enrolled and have bracelets assigned. The program is designed to provide emergency services "first responders" with immediate access to the wearer's important medical information, as well as the person's emergency contacts.

Recently a doctor from Florida Hospital East contacted Oviedo Dispatchers regarding a patient wearing an Oviedo S.E.N.I.O.R. bracelet. The patient was being admitted to their hospital for chest pains and the doctor requested information about current medication the patient was taking (which was updated in May). Oviedo Police Communications personnel were able to provide all the necessary information which assisted the doctor and expedited the administration of care.

Oviedo detectives actively are working to solve numerous cases. The past week's crimes include:

- Several vehicle burglaries in the Alafaya Woods subdivision. Four cases with leads have been assigned. Cases that have positive latent prints are being processed.

A detective attended the Domestic Violence Quarterly Meeting and the Fatality Review Committee for Domestic Violence.

Community involvement personnel assisted with end-of-year patrols at Oviedo High School, Lawton Chiles Middle School and Jackson Heights Middle School. The unit was assisted by various patrol and traffic units. The additional patrol resulted in a successful and safe dismissal of students at all schools involved.

The community involvement corporal completed the initial phase of the new Business Watch program and section personnel have begun to make contact with the managers of city businesses. The program is modeled after Neighborhood Watch and encourages business participation,

cooperation and communication. Once set up, participation in Business Watch will offer business members safety and employee training to address current local concerns and provide proven crime prevention techniques.

INFORMATION TECNOLOGY:

This past week, the GIS User Group held an Open House for staff on Tuesday June 9, 2010 which proved to be a great success with all department representation. Darlene Jordan gave a brief presentation about the accomplishments of GIS. Year one (FY 07-08) consisted of building GIS critical infrastructure, application development, and initial database design. Year two (FY 08-09) established a GIS User Group that meets every Fourth Thursday at 10:00 in the E-learning Center. A Web Portal providing public access to GIS data was established. This GIS Web Portal is located at www.cityofoviedo.net. GIS staff is continually developing new business processes, applications and Public Work infrastructure.

Presentations provided attendees with a glimpse at how the City is using GIS to manage their resources and facilities. The real power of GIS comes from our GIS power users. Michelle Thorne commended all the GIS Power Users and Analytical Users on their accomplishments. Over the past two years, they have attended over 1200 hours of training to develop the skill set necessary to enter, manipulate, analyze, and present information enabling them to perform their jobs more effectively. Police department's power user Betty Kelly utilizes GIS to locate persons in distress by utilizing the E-911 addressing features. Fire department's power user Sharon Carr utilizes GIS to locate the nearest hydrant and what equipment is needed to use at each hydrant. Development Services' power user Melissa Dunklin utilizes GIS to update the Zoning and Future Land Use layer. GIS allows the Finance and City Clerk Department to respond more quickly to citizen requests.

Demos from Laura Feldman revealed how US Census 2010 and GIS achieve an accurate assessment of the number and location of the people living within the City. Ms. Feldman also spoke about how addressing helps the Census enumerators to identify the hard to count sites. The facts gathered in the Census helps shape decisions for the rest of the decade about public health, neighborhood improvements, transportation, education, senior services, workforce, state and federal funding.

Genoveva Fruet, Development Service's power user, spoke about how GIS assisted Development Services on submitting the Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR) which is due every five years. The City of Oviedo Comprehensive Plan (CPA) is evaluated and rewritten to update the blueprint for the next twenty years. Ms. Fruet showcased the EAR Report which included Map Series (10) elements: Land Use, Transportation, Wastewater Sub, Solid Waste Sub, Drainage and Groundwater Aquifer Recharge Sub, Potable Water, Conservation, Recreation and Open Space, and Public Schools Facilities.

Mike Dawson, Geographic Technologies Group, presented the Public Work initiatives that included NaviLine interfaces to Work orders for road repairs, stormwater and utilities. Ms. Amanda Kortus maintains street light, road repairs and stormwater layers. Mr. Dawson, along with Ben Williams, presented the Water Geodatabase Network. Also, there was a demonstration of the Disaster Assessment and Response Tool (DART). This tool is a semi-customizable GIS application that will assist with the collection of information during and after a disaster. The DART application is a mobile based application that is meant to be taken into the field for rapid data entry.

Other IT News:

- Staff is taking advantage of the Document Management System (DMS) by assisting Code Enforcement with the creation of a new DMS Server. Code Enforcement is utilizing DMS to produce code violation letters and reports.
- 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, June 21, 2010	Executive Session	5:00 p.m.
Monday, June 21, 2010	Regular Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, June 29, 2010	Budget Work Session (5 Year CIP and Budget Update)	5:30 p.m.

Sincerely,



Richard Gestrich
City Manager