

FRIDAY LETTER
July 2, 2010

Honorable Mayor and City Council Members:

Good Friday to the City of Oviedo and its dedicated staff and City Council. This has been a busy week. Unfortunately, Mayor Andrews is resigning and will end her term on July 31, 2010. I want to thank Mayor Andrews for all the time she has spent serving the City, all the Mayor/Manager meetings she attended, all the regular, special and work sessions of Council that she chaired, and the plethora of local groups that she greeted, met with, and listened to. Her presence, perseverance and giving nature will be missed at every level of our City.

On a related note, the joint meeting with Winter Springs was cancelled due to the inability to get everyone in attendance. Barbara Barbour is working diligently on setting up a makeup date. Right now, she is concentrating on Wednesday, September 22nd and Wednesday, September 29th. Hopefully, after all the dust settles, we will be able to resume our joint meetings.

Finally, we resolved the Covington Club litigation matter at our special meeting of July 1st. The purpose of the meeting was a continuation of the hearings considering amendments to the Preliminary Plan, Permit, and Development Agreement. With some revisions, all were approved last night as amended.

Some of my activities this week included:

- CIP and Budget Work Session
- Executive Session
- Public Hearing Special Meeting
- Meeting with Connie Collins
- Meeting regarding Little Creek

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

RECREATION AND PARKS:



On Sunday, July 4th, the Recreation and Parks Department will host their Annual Independence Day Celebration. Enjoy live entertainment from Janell Wheeler of American Idol, Simulcast, 506 Crew, Heartbeat Boys, and Mandy Brooks. Other highlights include inflatable games, great food, contests, craft vendors, and of course a wonderful fireworks display. Join us from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Oviedo Gymnasium and Aquatic Facility, 148 Oviedo Boulevard. All entertainment and games are free. Tickets may be purchased at the Oviedo Gymnasium and Aquatic Facility or Riverside Park. For more information, please contact (407) 971-5575 or (407) 971-5568. Check the website (<http://www.cityofoviedo.net/node/1465>) for more information on Recreation and Parks programs for summer camps and other sporting activities.



The Adult Basketball League all-star skills challenge will take place tomorrow, July 3rd, from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. Staff will be coordinating a three-point competition and a timed skills challenge. Awards will be distributed to the winners in each category.



The Splash Zone closed on Wednesday, June 30th, due to maintenance work on the water slide pads. The project was completed on the same day.



This past week kicked off week #3 of summer camp at Riverside Park. Field trips for the campers included trips to Daytona Lagoon, Semoran Skateway, RDV Sportsplex, and the Oviedo Bowling Alley. Today, campers prepared for the Riverside World Cup. The World Cup award ceremony, as well as the Campers of the Week ceremony, took place today. This will end another successful week of camp.



Congratulations to the 8U and 12U Oviedo Babe Ruth Softball teams for advancing to the State Playoffs after last weekend's District Tournament at Oviedo Sports Complex! The 12U team won the District Championship and the 8U team finished runner-up. Both teams will compete at the State Tournament in Ponte Vedra, starting on July 8th.

Congratulations to the Oviedo Babe Ruth 10B baseball team that won the State Championship in Ocala last weekend!



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 Oviedo Sports Complex and football games every Sunday morning at Long Lake Park.



Parks staff is working on preparations for the Annual Independence Day Celebration. Last weekend's girls softball tournament at the Oviedo Sports Complex went well. Work continues with the renovations of Field #1 at Shane Kelly Park. Staff continues to complete regular work requests and daily activities.



Chemical pretreatment and hot water/steam pressure cleaning of City Hall, Police/Fire Station building and the Annex building has been scheduled to take place over the three-day holiday weekend. At City Hall, the pressure cleaning will include sidewalks, walkways, signs, eaves and the roof. Pressure cleaning at the Annex Building will include the perimeter of the building and the eaves. At the Police Department and Fire Station 46, the sidewalks, roof, and perimeter of the building will be cleaned.



Andrea Roebuck, Recreation Program Coordinator, was voted full-time employee of the month, and Gaby Munoz, Lifeguard, was voted part-time employee of the month. Congratulations to both!

FIRE/RESCUE SERVICES:



Chief White participated in the pre-bid mandatory meeting for a disaster debris company. Bids are due July 13th by the potential bidders followed by a selection and recommendation to City Council on the most appropriate disaster debris company. Public Works/Engineering and Purchasing have been working hard on this important item as we are aware of the changes from FEMA specifying they are likely going to protest financial reimbursement for those governments who piggy back other bids. Our debris sites have already been DEP approved, which include the undeveloped portion of Shane Kelly Park, the Stubbs Property at Long Lake Park, and the North Lockwood and Evans Street property.



Chief White attended the City Council Budget Workshop this week and the Executive Session. The Fire Rescue Department also worked on completion of the Incident Action Plan for the Oviedo Recreation & Parks 4th of July Celebration Special Event. Any special event of this magnitude must have an IAP in place addressing public safety items of concern and particularly important when fireworks are part of a special event. These items are too important to provide a minimum level of safety. The fireworks vendor will undergo a detailed inspection during setup and the actual fireworks show as well.



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

- Kellogg Company Voluntary Recall of Select Packages of Corn Pops, Honey Smacks, Froot Loops, and Apple Jacks. Product recall due to off-flavor and smell. To determine recall UPC Codes contact 1-888-801-4163.
- Proctor & Gamble Voluntary Recall of 4 Hour Decongestant Nasal Spray under Trade Name as VapoSpray 4 Hour Nasal Spray or Sinex Nasal Spray. UPC Code 3 23900 00082 7 and 3 23900 00085 8. Contact 1-877-340-8853 for recall information.
- Scope Original Mint Mouthwash recalled by Proctor & Gamble due to failure to meet child-resistant closure requirements. Involves 1 Liter size. Approximately 35,000 bottles. Sold at drug stores, grocery chains, and other retailers January 2010 to June 2010. Call 877-340-8825 for details.
- Feline's Pride Raw Food for Cats/Kittens. Contains possible salmonella. Obtain recall info at 716-580-3096.



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

- Radio Systems Corporation Voluntary Recall of Power Adapter for Heated Pet Beds, Model K12-800, sold since 2006. May arch and result in fire or burn hazard. Manufactured in China.

POLICE:

Chief Chudnow and Commander Coleman attended the Florida Police Chief's Association 58th Annual Summer Training Conference held in Miami, FL.

The Youth Service Officer (YSO) has been instructing at the Law Enforcement Explorer Academy for teens and young adults the last two weeks. CRT officers and the Lieutenant attended the Central Florida Intelligence Exchange (CFIX) open house in Orlando.

Due to the recent increase in vehicle burglaries, members of CRT conducted surveillance at locations around the City to catch those responsible.

Starting in June, Oviedo Police crime prevention efforts included the release of Public Service Announcements like this one to quickly remind the public how to avoid becoming victim of the most common type crimes. Because an increasing number of vehicle burglaries are to unlocked autos with valuables left in plain view, this first PSA has been released to local print media to get the message out at a moment's glance, rather than hoping an entire news article might be read. Future PSAs will address open garage doors, identity theft and more. Oviedo's PSAs are emailed to Community Associations, Business Watch members and others on request. For additional crime prevention tips, send questions to AskOviedoPolice@CityOfOviedo.net or email the crime prevention officer at groberson@cityofoviedo.net

What does your vehicle shout out to thieves?



Why gift-wrap your property?

Lock your doors. **Hide your valuables.**

e-mail: AskOviedoPolice@CityOfOviedo.net or go to: www.CrimeReports.com

Over 200 businesses have been contacted so far this summer by Community Relations personnel as part of the Business Watch Program. Community On Patrol (C.O.P.) volunteers also have been trained and have begun to make contact with even more area businesses. A new Business Watch tri-fold brochure was prepared by the Community Relations Corporal and is being used as part of the program to bring businesses together to safeguard themselves and reduce crime. For more on the Business Watch Program, email Corporal Kim Mojica at kmojica@cityofoviedo.net

A media release on the upcoming Rape Aggression Defense (R.A.D.) class was distributed by the police public information officer announcing that the class will be held the next four Tuesday evenings (July 6, 13, 20 & 27) from 6 to 9:30 p.m. in the C.O.P.S. & Volunteer Center at Oviedo Marketplace. To request information on attending future R.A.D. women's personal safety classes, call 407-971-4882 or email rvanheusen@cityofoviedo.net

As part of other summer community outreach initiatives, Oviedo's D.A.R.E. Officer and School Resource Officers are doing extra patrols in the Johnson Hill-Washington Heights and Round Lake Estates neighborhoods. The increased presence in those neighborhoods is in support of the Oviedo Citizens in Action "Improving Oviedo Neighborhoods" (I.O.N.) Action Plan.

PUBLIC WORKS:

The upcoming intersection improvements for Mitchell Hammock Rd. at Katie Jean St. will eliminate left hand turns onto Mitchell Hammock from Katie Jean. With that construction work approaching in the next couple of months, staff has been reviewing the possibility of a traffic shift from Katie Jean to Pauline as motorists attempt to turn left (north) along Lockwood Rd. to get to CR419. With the possibility of increased traffic along Pauline as a result, the concern becomes safety at the Pauline/Lockwood intersection. To address this item, staff has developed a plan which should address the issue by keeping the intersection open. The Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) provides specifications for intersection markings which essentially keep the intersection open. By means of striping and signage, staff is preparing to designate openings within the Pauline/Lockwood intersection to keep it open; basically a "do not block

intersection” design. With the assistance of the Police Department to enforce the new configuration, staff hopes to establish a safe means of egress from Pauline for those individuals heading north on Lockwood. More information will be provided as we proceed.

The Lockwood Blvd. Trail/Sidewalk Project began on Monday, June 28th. The contractor, M.J.S. Concrete, Inc., has completed installing the silt fence. Site work and grading of the swales is to take place next week.

The Old AM Jones water plant has been taken off-line as a water treatment facility. Effective July 1, 2010, the AM Jones Water tanks and pump system will be operated as a manual repump facility until the raw water main is converted into a potable water main over the next couple of months. The new potable water interconnects for the Oviedo Water System Improvement project paved the way for this interim project phase. The project was designed by CPH Engineers and is being constructed by Blue Ox. The AM Jones 1,000,000 gallons of storage will be manually back-filled daily with potable water from the Mitchell Hammock plant. The AM Jones water tanks and pumps will be used to sustain pressure for high irrigation demand periods and emergencies.



Residents may notice some slight pressure differences in the water system during this interim phase. However, water quality is greatly improved as the Mitchell Hammock’s high quality water will be delivered to the whole City. Residents will notice fewer odors from the City supplied water. The Mitchell Hammock water plant has state-of-the-art air scrubbing towers that

remove 99.9 percent of odors hydrogen sulfide naturally found in the City’s source groundwater wells.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES:

Code Enforcement Manager Shawn O’Rourke taught two classes for the Florida Association of Code Enforcement at their recent 21st Annual state wide Training Seminar. The first class was on the opening day of the seminar and had almost 200 attendees. The 2nd class was a “break out” session on the third day of the seminar and had over 75 attendees.

The Conference and Training seminar also saw Shawn’s six year tenure on the F.A.C.E. Board of Directors come to an end as he passed the role of Immediate Past President of F.A.C.E. to his good friend from Alachua County, Terry Suggs. The new incoming Board and President did appoint Shawn to a special committee to address the Association’s fee structure and membership, so he will still have an active role with the Board of Directors and the Association.

Code Enforcement Officer Monica Anderson also attended the Training Seminar in her capacity as a member of the F.A.C.E. Certification Committee, working the conference and attending training classes.

The newly elected Sergeant at Arms has asked Code Enforcement Officer Jim Orioles to be a member of her committee and he has accepted that role so he will be attending F.A.C.E. Legislative and Judicial Review committee meetings throughout the upcoming year.

We are proud of the fact that our City Code Enforcement personnel are valued members of the State Association and dedicated to furthering the professionalism of our organization.

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	6:30 p.m.

Sincerely,



Richard Gestrich
City Manager