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Recycle More!

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Changes in Store for City's Recycling and Garbage Collection Services

RECYCLING MADE EASY!

When the Oviedo City Council recently approved a new exclusive solid waste franchise agreement with Republic Services, Inc. the City's recycling program was expanded so residents can recycle a greater variety of paper and plastic products. By now, all City residents should have received their additional recycling bin along with an educational flyer.

The normal residential recycling day will not change with the second bin delivery. The second recycle bin simply provides more space so more recyclable items can be collected. In turn, this will significantly reduce the amount of regular waste that would otherwise be placed in the garbage container. As residents recycle more, less garbage will need to be disposed of at the Seminole County Landfill. In turn, the City will save on garbage disposal costs currently set at \$33.17 per ton by Seminole County.

"Residents will be surprised at how much can now be recycled in Oviedo" said Mayor Mary Lou Andrews. "The more residents recycle, the less garbage will need to be disposed of at the landfill which saves our nation's resources and can also save on future disposal costs".

The new bins are the same as the existing green bins and will be delivered with a recycling informational flyer and bin decals to help City customers identify and take advantage of new recycling opportunities. The "**Recycle More!**" informational flyer can also be found on the City's web site at www.cityofoviedo.net on our home page.

In addition to the items that can now be recycled, there will be a number of additional items that can be placed in the recycling bin such as:

- * Glass jars (clear, green and amber) plus aluminum and steel cans
- * Plastic containers marked with #1 to #7 on bottom
- * Cardboard boxes, newspaper, junk mail, food and cereal boxes, phone books, magazines and office paper.

Because of the added paper that can be recycled, residents are encouraged to use a two bin system, placing all paper and cardboard in one bin and all plastics, cans and bottles in the other bin.

AUTOMATED GARBAGE COLLECTION

No, automation doesn't mean we have come up with a way to eliminate taking out the garbage, but there will be a few changes that will affect how garbage is disposed. In February, all residents will receive a new 96 gallon garbage cart for regular once a week garbage collection. As residents become accustomed to recycling items that were previously placed in the garbage can, they will find once per week collection with the 96 gallon cart to be sufficient. The new cart will allow Republic Services to use an automated garbage truck that can be operated by one employee. This is an important feature of reducing labor and insurance costs that often cause rates to increase.

Answers to frequently asked questions about garbage collection services can be found on the City's website by logging onto www.cityofoviedo.net. The FAQ's are on the home page under "get the facts on garbage collection."



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BULLYING PREVENTION PROGRAMS TO BE PRESENTED AT FOUR PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS IN OVIEDO

On October 20, 2008, the Oviedo City Council approved funding to support bullying prevention programs at four elementary schools in Oviedo. Recognizing the serious consequences of bullying, its effect on individual students and its national connection to escalating school violence, the Oviedo Police Department proposed a partnership to local elementary schools and PTAs to help reduce bullying and its long-term effects.

This effort goes beyond bullying awareness training, counseling and the distribution of bullying prevention materials during the 2008-09 Seminole District school year. The Oviedo Police Department and local elementary schools and PTAs have agreed to share the cost of sponsoring in-school bullying prevention programs by Florida's premier puppetry theatre company, *MicheLee Puppets*. In addition to their exciting, educational and entertaining age appropriate productions, *MicheLee Puppets* is providing activity guides to assist teachers in continuing ongoing bullying prevention activities that meet Sunshine State Standards.

Two separate bullying prevention programs are being presented at each Oviedo elementary school. "*Pancake the Pig: A Good Day for Pancake*" is appropriate for Pre-K through 2nd grade; "*BSI: Bully Scene Investigators*" is appropriate for 3rd to 5th grades. Each program includes students interacting with the performer and puppets to learn how to recognize and deal with the ever-present problem of bullying.

Bullying may be the most common and disruptive early childhood experience. Children who are bullied often become bullies themselves when an opportunity presents itself. Bullying can be physical, emotional and even criminal. Bullying can occur in person, by excluding others, by telling lies and among older children through the use of the Internet, text messages and social websites. Whether it is physical bullying or "Cyber-

bullying" it potentially can be harmful to a young person's self-image. In many cases children who are victims of bullying simply do not know what to do. They often feel ashamed and will not tell anyone what is happening to them.

Bullying prevention programs can teach children about bullying, as well as what to do when they see bullying or are the victim of it themselves. That can help all our children. With each child helped the cycle of bullying is broken and that child then can help others avoid becoming either a victim or a bully.



School Resource Officer Diane Duffy, who is assigned to Oviedo's four elementary schools and conducts the Jeffrey Johnston Act training sessions in all seven Oviedo-area schools, reports that there already are positive effects of the training. More students are reporting incidents of bullying, but the incidents currently being reported are still minor, rather than having become major problems or severe cases requiring police investigation.

The City will fund half or \$1,200 of the total cost of the MicheLee Puppets bullying prevention presentations at the four elementary schools (Evans, Lawton, Partin and Stenstrom) that serve approximately 3,200 students. The schools or their PTAs will pay the other half of the program costs. The City's cost share will be derived from State drug forfeiture monies that are remitted to the City from law enforcement investigations and seizures resulting from criminal activity.

A Message from the City Manager:

By Richard Gestrich, City Manager

As many of you may know by now, Oviedo on the Park - the City's signature project - is temporarily on-hold due to events outside the City's control. The developer of record - Broad Street Partners - is no longer involved in the project due to the untimely death of the company's President, which has since resulted in a variety of legal and financial complexities that are currently being resolved through the probate process. We have received many inquiries about how these events have affected the project and the City's plans for developing a new town center, so let me address some of the most frequently asked questions:

Q. Did the City lose any money or is any of the City's money at risk?

A. No. Since construction never started, the City did not pay for any public improvements. The bond proceeds from the original General Obligation Bond issue passed in 2003 have been preserved.

Q. What is the status of the project and future construction?

A. The building plans and permitting that were previously approved for the mixed use development can be utilized by a new developer. The design plans for the "public infrastructure" that includes roadways, utilities and landscaping/hardscaping have been completed and can be utilized by a new developer.

Q. Has any interest been shown in the project by other developers?

A. Yes - the City has received a number of inquiries about the project and I continue to provide interested parties with information on the project.

Q. Will the amphitheatre and Community Park become a reality one day?

A. Yes - those facilities will still be constructed as planned. Any future development will be based on the Downtown Master Plan crafted several years ago that envisioned a mixed-use development of residential, retail and other commercial space coupled with a community park, amphitheatre and related amenities.

Q. Will a new developer be required to share in the costs to construct the "public infrastructure" (i.e. roads, utilities, landscaping/hardscaping and Community Park)?

A. Yes. The total estimated costs for all infrastructure including, engineering/design, roadways, utilities, landscaping and hardscaping upgrades (to the road network), Community Park and amphitheatre is estimated at \$15.2 million. The new developer will be expected to fund approximately 40% of those costs based on the previously approved cost sharing agreement.

Despite being sidetracked by events out of the City's control, I am confident that a new private developer will "step up" and see the great potential in this exciting project and I am optimistic that Oviedo on the Park will become a reality.

Sincerely,



Richard Gestrich,
City Manager



Oviedo On The Park
Aerial view looking Southwest from Oviedo Blvd.

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.

Winterfest at Snow Mountain On December 13th 2008, it will snow in Oviedo for one day. The City of Oviedo Recreation and Parks Department is hosting their annual Snow Mountain Winter Fest. Participants will enjoy sled rides down the mountain, carnival games, bounce houses, pictures with Santa, and much more. We will bring a winter wonderland to the Oviedo Gymnasium and Aquatics Center on Saturday, December 13, 2008, from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. This very special event offers families the opportunity to experience real snow in Central Florida. Surely a cherished experience they will never forget. **Buy your tickets in advance by Dec.11 for half off**, or the day of the event for \$10 City of Oviedo Residents / \$12 Non City of Oviedo Residents. Tickets provide unlimited rides while snow lasts!!! Purchase your advance tickets at Riverside Park or the Oviedo Gymnasium.



Fun Days — December 22, 23, 24, 29, 30, 31 and January 2 When school is out, Riverside Park is in! Children ages 5 - 12 can swim, play indoor/outdoor games, and do arts and crafts. Program times are 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Cost is \$25 for residents, and \$45 for non residents. Contact (407) 971 - 5575 for more information.

Holiday Lighting Contest Get into the Holiday spirit. Decorate your home and win great prizes. Categories include Best Holiday Theme and Best Griswald. Holiday Lighting registration ends December 19th. Judging will take place December 22nd. This event is for city residents only. Lights must be on by 6:00 p.m. Enter by e-mailing Sal Rovetto at srovetto@cityofoviedo.net or call (407) 971-5579.

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.

Poolside Birthday Parties

Looking for somewhere fun and exciting to have your birthday party this year? We have the place for you!! The City offers poolside birthday parties in the Splash Zone pool at the Aquatic Facility with a variety of packages you can choose from! In order to have a party, the birthday child must be turning at least 4 years old. All birthday parties are not private rentals; therefore, there may be more than one party going on at the same time. Splash Zone Parties will be offered April 17 - September 26, 2009. Reservations for 2009 parties will begin on January 26, 2009. If you have questions or would like to make a reservation, please contact Lori Hickey or Emily Waitt at 407-971-5570. Contact by email also: lhickey@cityofoviedo.net or ewaitt@cityofoviedo.net.



For Recreation and Parks Month, the Annual T-Shirt Contest Winner

In recognition of Recreation & Parks Month this past July, the Recreation and Parks Department conducted the second annual T-shirt design contest for all youth who utilize City programs and facilities. The theme of the contest was “How Recreation and Parks Makes Oviedo a Better Community”. Awards were given in three categories: Overall, Under 10, and Most Oviedo-riffic. The winner of the Overall Contest had their design emblazoned on a t-shirt which the City Council and Recreation and Parks staff received to wear. The winning artwork is displayed at the Gymnasium and Aquatic Facility.

- **Overall winner** – Stephanie Steedle, age 10
- **Under 10** – Deborah Park, age 9
- **Most Oviedo-riffic** – Odelia Huang, age 9

Congratulations



The Oviedo City Council congratulates Stephanie Steedle and her family on her winning design.

Athletics Programs



Basketball League

- Registration: October 18th – January 9th or until full
- Season: January 31st – April 11th
- Cost: \$85 Residents, \$105 Non-Residents
- Ages: Boys & Girls 5-15
- Where: Oviedo Gymnasium & Aquatic Facility
For More Information Call (407) 971-5568



Volleyball League

- Registration: October 18th – January 9th or until full
- Season: February 2nd – April 13th
- Cost: \$65 Residents, \$85 Non-Residents
- Ages: Boys & Girls 7-17
- Where: Oviedo Gymnasium & Aquatic Facility
For More Information Call (407) 971-5568



Kids Rock

- Crag Crawlers – 6-8 years old
- Thursday 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm
- Starts Oct 2nd
- Cliff Hangers – 9-12 years old
- Wednesday 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm
- Starts October 8th
- Cost \$30.00 / month (Residents)
\$45.00 / month (Non-Residents)

For more information, call (407) 971-5571



City Council Adopts A Temporary Sign Ordinance

On October 20, 2008, the Oviedo City Council adopted Ordinance No. 1457 that provides for temporary signage opportunities for Oviedo businesses, residences and property owners. The Ordinance received a 2nd reading and adoption on Monday, October 6, 2008. The ordinance expires six (6) months after adoption.

Briefly, the ordinance will allow businesses to get a permit for a small freestanding sign of six (6) square feet or less per frontage, or a wall sign of one (1) square foot per tenant unit front foot for a period of seventeen (17) consecutive days with a maximum of one (1) time per quarter. There are also height and setback requirements for these signs. A City issued sticker must be affixed to each sign.

Permits for on-site temporary signs for businesses will be applied for and obtained through the Code Enforcement Division. Code Enforcement will also issue the sticker and conduct the required field inspection.

Temporary Signs for residential open houses, garage sales, yard sales, estate sales, and other residential events in the various residential zoning districts will be permitted through the issuance of a special event permit. Please contact the Planning Division at 407-971-5780 for a special event permit application or go to www.cityofoviedo.net under "The Latest in Oviedo" to print an application.

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Home Fire Safety Tips for the Holidays

Did you know a structure fire occurs every **31** minutes **55** seconds in Florida which resulted in **198** civilian fire deaths and **750** injuries in 2007? Across the nation residential fires account for the greatest likelihood of fire loss resulting in **2,895** civilian fire deaths and over **14,000** injuries!

You can reduce the likelihood of a fire occurring in your home by arranging for a Home Fire Safety Inspection from your **Hometown Fire Rescue Department** or conducting the inspection on your own. This 15-30 minute fire safety inspection will also offer life saving tips on how to successfully escape a fire and insure you have the proper alerting methods in your home.

The **City of Oviedo Fire Rescue Emergency Management** needs your active participation in an effort to maintain a zero fire death record for the Oviedo community. Please consider scheduling a Home Fire Safety Inspection by contacting the **City of Oviedo Fire Prevention and Education Division at 407-971-5611** or downloading your own Home Fire Safety Inspection Checklist from our city web site at www.cityofoviedo.net. The department also offers **"free"** smoke detectors to those residents who do not have the financial means to maintain a working detector.



Home Fire Safety Tips:

- House number should be visible from street (mailbox & house)
- Place smoke detectors on each level of the home and inside each bedroom
- Place a carbon monoxide alarm on each level of the home
- Create a fire escape plan and practice with the entire family
- Teach all members of the family how to properly dial 911
- Keep matches, lighters, candles away from children
- Keep portable heaters minimum 3' away from combustibles
- Inspect all holiday electrical decorations before use
- Live Holiday trees should be kept watered daily & use low voltage lighting
- Do not leave candles burning unattended
- Replace ac/heat unit filter monthly
- Clean lint from clothes dryer after each use
- Use spark screen on fireplace
- Have chimney cleaned/inspected each year
- Avoid overloading electrical outlets
- Avoid use of extension cords
- Use UL approved equipment & appliances
- Never leave cooking unattended
- Use barbeque grill outdoors only
- Store household cleaners up high away from small children
- Store flammable liquids in proper containers
- Store pool supplies in proper containers & in safe cabinets
- Evaluate your homeowners or renters insurance for fire loss

R.O.C.K. Scholarship Program (Recreational Opportunities for Community Kids)

Purpose

The R.O.C.K. Scholarship Program is designed to provide supplemental financial assistance to youth who may not otherwise be able to participate in youth activities. The program is intended to be a resource after other available sources of funding have been utilized.

Eligibility

- Youth, up to 18 years of age and/or through high school.
- If the program is intended for disabled youth, the program may serve youth no older than 20 years of age.
- Participants must live within the city limits of Oviedo.
- Children must be currently enrolled in school. A copy of the most current report card will be needed at time of application, in order to verify academic progress.
- Participant family members are currently receiving one or more of the following forms of public assistance:
- Food Stamps (have a current card)
- WIC (Women, Infants & Children) program (must provide documentation)
- Free or reduced lunch program from public schools (must provide letter)
- Foster Children (must provide documentation of foster care)

Families must provide a copy of the most recent 1040 Income Tax Form.

The table to the right outlines the scholarship award amounts for each portion of the scholarship, if a child is selected:

Annual Income	Scholarship %
\$0 - \$9,999	60 %
\$10,000 - \$16,999	40 %
\$17,000 - \$23,999	30 %
\$24,000 - \$31,999	20 %
\$32,000 - \$65,000	10 %
School Grades	Scholarship %
Straight A's	50 %
A-B Student	40 %
B Student	30 %
All Others	20 %

Awards

Scholarships will be awarded based on a family's financial status and a child's school grades. Fifty percent of the scholarship will be based on the financial status of each family, and will be reviewed on an individual basis. The other fifty percent of the scholarship will be based on the child's school grades. For example, a child may be awarded 50% of the scholarship for having straight A's, but only receive an additional 30%, based upon the financial status of the child's family. In this example, the child would receive 80% scholarship, based on the two criteria.

Questions:

If you have questions about the scholarship application or process contact:

Recreation & Parks Scholarship Committee
Paul Belden (407) 971-5566

2008 Santa Run Underway

The holiday drive is underway to collect new, unwrapped toys and gifts for the annual law enforcement "Santa Run."



To make the 2008 "Santa Run" a success, new unwrapped gifts of all kinds are needed for teenagers, pre-teens, children, toddlers and infants.

Collection boxes are located at the Oviedo Police Department at 300 Alexandria Boulevard, as well as at city police stations in Winter Springs, Altamonte Springs, Casselberry, Lake Mary, Longwood and Sanford. Collection boxes also can be found at all Seminole County Sheriff's Office substations, the Sheriff's main headquarters at 100 Bush Boulevard in Sanford, the Altamonte Springs Police COPS Center in the Altamonte Mall and the Oviedo Police C.O.P.S. & Volunteer Center at Oviedo Marketplace (by Dillard's).

The 2008 "Santa Run" by motorcycle officers from each of the eight law enforcement agencies in Seminole County benefits infant to teen girls and boys served by *Boys Town Central Florida*, especially the displaced youngsters living in residential homes at the *Boys Town* Demetree Campus in Oviedo. This year more than ever these children are depending on people across Seminole County and Central Florida to open their hearts to give them a holiday season to smile about!

Now 90 years strong, *Boys Town* provides abused, abandoned and neglected children with a safe, caring, loving environment where they gain confidence to get better and learn skills to become productive citizens.

Boys Town Central Florida and its Demetree Campus is the second oldest and largest *Boys Town* location outside of *Boys Town, Nebraska*. In 2007, more than 1,300 children and 191 families received help from *Boys Town Central Florida's* Treatment Family Services, Intervention and Assessment Services, and In-Home Family Services.

Co-hosted this year by Winter Springs Police and Oviedo Police, local officers are joined by members of the Oviedo Optimist Club, who are community partners with both Oviedo Police and *Boys Town Central Florida*. Oviedo Optimists participate in the "Santa Run" every year, donating gifts as well as helping to deliver the collected presents to the children of *Boys Town*.

"Santa Run" donations must be delivered to a collection location by Monday, December 15, 2008.

On December 18, 2008 a large contingent of law enforcement motorcycles from agencies across Seminole County will escort a motorcycle-riding Santa Claus, the Optimists and the many wrapped presents for the children starting from the Winter Springs Police Department and ending at the Oviedo Campus of *Boys Town Central Florida*.

For more donation information contact the Oviedo Police C.O.P.S. & Volunteer Center at 407-971-5705.



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Growing in the Right Direction!



Questions or comments related to **Crossroads** may be directed to the City Offices at 407-971-5555 or via e-mail, receptionist-ch@cityofoviedo.net.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS



Your

Oviedo City Council

*Wishes you and your family
a happy and safe
Holiday Season!*

*Mayor Andrews Deputy Mayor Persampiere
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