

## SR426 Road Widening Project Underway



Earlier this month the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) began the long awaited road widening of SR 426 from Mitchell Hammock Road to Pine Avenue in Oviedo. The \$15.6 million project is expected to take up to 580 days, weather permitting, which puts completion at approximately July 1, 2009. The project will be constructed in three phases to minimize construction related impacts to area businesses and the traveling public. The project phases are as follows:

- ◆ Phase I Widening and construction of temporary northbound lanes
- ◆ Phase II Widening and construction of temporary southbound lanes
- ◆ Phase III Paving and striping the east side of the roadway, install all permanent pavement markings, construct the remaining friction course and open all lanes to traffic

As part of this project, the City of Oviedo is being required to relocate an existing water transmission main that is in conflict with the road widening. The City Council has already approved a payment to FDOT of \$2.9 million for relocating and upsizing the water main and to install a sewer transmission main and lift station that will provide central wastewater services to existing and future businesses along the SR 426 corridor. The City's cost share is being funded from Water/Wastewater Utility reserves and debt proceeds that have been issued for the sewer line construction.

## Congressman Feeney Visits Oviedo

Congressman Tom Feeney (pictured to the right of Mayor Andrews) visited City Hall on Thursday, January 10th and met with Mayor Andrews, City Council Members and the City Manager. Former Mayor Walters was also in attendance.



Council members took the opportunity with Congressman Feeney to discuss the City's #1 priority - funding for the SR 426/CR 419 road widening project. The Congressman was also given an overview of major projects underway in the City - some of which are highlighted in this issue of *CROSSROADS*.

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## Oviedo Councilman Completes Municipal Government Training

Oviedo City Councilman Stephen Schenck has successfully participated in, and completed, an intensive three-day training program for newly elected and veteran city officials titled the Institute for Elected Municipal Officials sponsored by the John Scott Dailey Institute of Government and the Florida League of Cities. Councilman Schenck attended the program in Ft. Lauderdale from October 19-21, 2007.

Councilman Schenck was elected to the Oviedo City Council during a special election in April 2007 to complete the term left vacant by Jim Greer, who now serves as the head of Florida's Republican Party. He completed the 18-hour weekend course of six sessions including: Structure and Function of Cities in Florida; Effective Council Member Techniques; Taxes and other sources of revenue; Accounting and Budgeting for Cities; Intergovernmental Challenges in Florida; and Understanding the Ethics and Sunshine Laws in Florida.

Councilman Schenck feels the training has enhanced his knowledge as a government official, better preparing him to handle the business his constituents elected him to do.

The Florida League of Cities and the John Scott Dailey Institute of Government started this training program in 1992 and offers it three times each year. For more information about the program contact Lynn Tipton, at the Florida League of Cities at 850-222-9684 or Christy Shell at the Florida Institute of Government at 850-487-1870.

## City Manager Appoints New Information Technology Director

On November 20, 2007, City Manager Gerald Seeber announced the selection of Darlene Jordan to serve as the City's Information Technology Director. Ms. Jordan has been employed by the City for seven years, serving as a Network Administrator and a Systems Analyst and more recently, as the acting IT Director following the departure of former IT Director Rob Beach. In addition to her seven years experience with our City, Darlene worked for seven years with the City of Manhattan, Kansas as a PC Network Coordinator and Technician.

Ms. Jordan was selected from a strong field of well qualified candidates; she has exhibited a strong commitment to the City and a very clear understanding of our City's needs at this point in our development. She has a deep understanding of the City's technology systems and the software applications that are essential to daily operations of City government. During her seven year tenure with the City, Darlene has served as the City's in house expert on HTE software - the suite of core software applications used by the City - and has assisted with implementation of those applications and the web based software now available to our residents. She is well respected by her colleagues in our organization and the City was fortunate to have such a strong internal candidate who was ready to move up and accept greater levels of responsibility.

Ms. Jordan, a resident of Orlando, holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Information System Technology from the University of Central Florida.

## A Message from the City Manager:

If you have traveled on Mitchell Hammock Road for the past few months, you may have noticed that site work has begun for Phase I of the *Oviedo on the Park* (new downtown) development. This is the first step in the development of the property which is expected to take approximately twelve (12) to eighteen (18) months to complete. It is also the result of the collaborative work between the developer, Broad Street Partners, Oviedo (BSP) and the City. Over the past twenty four (24) months, the City and BSP have worked together to develop a plan for the mixed-use development in the new downtown. The significant steps accomplished include the following:

- ◆ The City has approved a development agreement and preliminary subdivision plan for Oviedo on the Park.
- ◆ The City has completed construction of Oviedo Boulevard between Mitchell Hammock Road and Broadway (CR419).
- ◆ BSP has completed grading and drainage for the entire area and obtained an environmental resource permit for the mixed use development from the St. Johns River Water Management District.
- ◆ BSP, along with the City Council, has developed a master plan for the new community park that will serve as a focal point for public gatherings in the new development.
- ◆ A Clearing, Grading and Tree Removal Permit was granted by the City in October, 2007.
- ◆ Clearing, grading, and other site preparation work began in November.
- ◆ A site development order for Phase I was issued by the City in January.

Phase I of the development will involve the construction of the internal roadways; two parking garages; surface parking; 429 residential units; almost 50,000 square feet of commercial uses; and the initial development of the downtown community park.

In October, City Council approved a master plan for the downtown community park, titled *Program and Management Plan for Oviedo Community Park*, which was prepared by the City with the assistance of the design firm, Project for Public Spaces. The engineering and landscape architecture design work completed by BSP over the past twenty four (24) months includes the development of public park space around the center lake along with the development of an outdoor performance venue or amphitheater on the north side of the lake. These public space features are an integral part of the Oviedo on the Park development. The higher density residential development and the proposed office and commercial uses within Oviedo on the Park are balanced by the provision of the park around the lake and the incorporation of landscape, streetscape and water features inside the park and along the public rights-of-way.

The estimate of construction costs for the new downtown community park and the public improvements planned in the public right-of-way is well in excess of the preliminary cost estimates. In recognition of these increased costs BSP approached the City earlier this summer and agreed to assume a significant portion of the costs to build the public improvements. The latest construction cost estimates provided to the City by the design team indicate total construction costs in excess of \$15.1 million. BSP will assume a total of \$5.4 million in costs for these improvements or 36% of the total estimated expense for these public improvements. The remaining \$9.7 million in construction costs will be borne by the City, utilizing the remaining proceeds from the 2003 bond issue, impact fees, and a small contribution from an adjacent developer. This collaborative partnership between BSP and the City is what has made this project a success.

We anticipate the construction of the infrastructure to begin in February or March. Building construction should begin in April or May with completion of the Phase I development anticipated in the Spring of 2009.

Gerald Seeber, City Manager




Clearing and grading of Oviedo on the Park looking east from Oviedo Blvd. (bottom left). Center Lake, which will be the focal point of the new Community Park and Amphitheatre, is clearly in view at the center of this photo.

## 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](http://www.cityofoviedo.net) under Recreation & Parks and Events for additional offerings.

**February 15 - Father/Daughter Dance** From 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM at Riverside Park, participants will dance the night away with radio friendly music from DJ Frankie C. Appetizers and light drinks will be provided. Fathers of all ages will get to spend the evening with their special lady. Raffle prizes will be awarded. Tickets go on sale Monday February 4 at 8:00 AM. Tickets cost \$20 per couple, with \$5 for each additional daughter.

**February 18 - 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.

**February 29 - Middle School 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 February 24 at 10:00 AM. Tickets cost \$6 for residents and \$9 for non residents.

**March 14 - 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 March 9 at 10:00 AM. Tickets cost \$6 for residents and \$9 for non residents.

**March 21, 28, 31 - 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.

**March 21 - Moonlight Easter Egg Hunt** - Riverside Park will have a Moonlight Easter Egg Hunt for 5th, 6th, and 7th graders. Time is 8:30 PM - 9:00 PM. Wristbands required for participation can be purchased at Riverside Park beginning March 3 at 8:00 AM. Participants might be asked to limit egg collection based on event size. Wristbands cost \$5 for residents, and \$7 for non residents.

**March 22 - Community Easter Egg Hunt** - The Oviedo Sports Complex will be hosting our annual Community Egg Hunt. This event is free. Besides the Egg Hunts, there will be face painting and jump houses. Make sure to bring a basket to collect eggs. The concession stand will be open for items to purchase. Hunt times will be forthcoming.

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

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



## Free To Be Me!

This program is designed for kids ages 3 through 5 who love to have fun, play games, make crafts, enjoy movie time with friends and much more! Classes are held on select Tuesdays from 11:30am-2:30pm. Children who wish to attend must be toilet trained. Each child must bring a lunch. *Pre-registration* and payment are required.

COST: \$7.00 per class (Oviedo City Residents)     \$20.00 per class (Non-City Residents)

**Upcoming dates:** February 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>  
 March 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> April—8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>

For more information or to register contact the Memorial Building at 407.971.5591



## My Tot & Me Program

This program is designed specifically for children ages 1 through 4 and their parents/guardians. Come join us, pack a lunch, and enjoy the fun. The course is divided into play time and craft time, and occasionally we will adventure out to see some exciting sights! Classes are held on select Fridays from 9:30am – 12noon *Pre-registration* and payment are a must. Space is limited!

**Cost:** \$5 for Oviedo City Residents; \$8 for Non-city Residents

**Upcoming Dates:** February 8, 15, 22, 29 March 7, 14 April 11, 18, 25

For more information call the Memorial Building at 407-971-5591 or email [jdavis@cityofoviedo.net](mailto:jdavis@cityofoviedo.net)

## Oviedo Recreation Presents Florida Super Stars

**Gymnasium and Aquatic Facility 407-971-5568**  
 Monday 5-7 year old 3:30-4:30  
 Wednesday 8-12 year old 3:30-4:30

**Memorial Building 407-971-5591**  
 Monday 5-7 year old 5:30-6:30  
 Monday 8-12 year old 6:30-7:30  
 Monday 13-16 year old 7:30-8:30

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 \$45 A MONTH**

For more information on classes and registration call Florida Super Stars (407) 313-3878  
 Visit them on the web at [www.floridasuperstars.com](http://www.floridasuperstars.com)

## Let's Talk Capital Projects - An Update

The Oviedo City Council has approved an aggressive capital improvements program to enhance and maintain existing "infrastructure" and to expand and build new facilities to keep pace with the City's growth. The capital improvement projects are managed primarily by the Public Works Engineering Division, comprised of 12 technical and administrative staff. In FY 2007-08, Engineering will coordinate and manage almost 40 capital projects ranging in scope from roadway resurfacing and reconstruction to utilities, drainage and facility improvements. Here's the latest status for some of the more prominent projects. If you have any questions or would like further information about these or other projects, please call Engineering at 407-971-5641.

### **SR 426/CR419 Road Improvement Project**

**Design** - The design phase started in October 2007 and will take 24 months to complete the design from Pine Avenue to Avenue B. Once the design is 60% complete, right of way acquisition needs and costs can be identified. The extent of the Phase I intersection improvements that will widen and realign the intersection at SR 434 and SR 426 will be dependent on the amount of funding remaining after right-of-way acquisition is completed.

Additional project information may be obtained from the project website at: <http://www.inwoodinc.com/SR426-CR419>

### **Shane Kelly Restroom/Concession Building**

Most phases of the building construction are now completed. Mechanical and electrical rough-in is complete and fixture installation will follow completion of the exterior windows and doors. The new facility will be available for use when the fields reopen for the CFU soccer season in late winter.

### **Kingsbridge/Lake Rogers Reclaim Water System**

The reclaimed distribution systems in the Kingsbridge West and Lake Rogers subdivisions is substantially complete. These two neighborhoods will be one of the first to have reclaimed water available for irrigation use.

### **16" Reclaimed Water Main Extension**

The 16" main has been installed in the Mitchell Hammock Road median from Kingsbridge West to Oviedo Blvd. This improvement will provide reclaimed service to the Oviedo Boulevard landscaping and eventually, to the Oviedo on the Park project.

### **Lockwood Blvd. Reconstruction**

The reconstruction and final resurfacing of Lockwood Blvd. is expected to be substantially completed by February 8th.

### **Girls and Boys Town Sewer Force Main**

The contractor has installed the sewer force main, starting from Wilson Street traveling along Harrison Street and heading north along Smith Avenue to CR 419. The gravity sewer system and lift station, to be located on private property within the Hammock Preserve development, has been postponed. The Girls and Boys Town development will install a small grinder pump station to pump their on-site waste water into the City's force main installed along CR419.

### **OSC Senior League Field**

The project reached substantial completion in late January. The fields will be available for league play in the late spring once the new sod has been installed and well rooted in the new soil. The ball field fence posts and scoreboard, underground utilities and electrical distribution systems have been installed.

### **Outdoor Basketball Courts**

The construction of the outdoor basketball courts at Round Lake Park and the Gymnasium/Aquatic Center are complete. The new courts are now available for use by the general public and for all youth basketball activities and practices.

### **Stormwater Drainage Improvements**

Design and permitting is underway for drainage and roadway improvements in the area of Clark Street, Lake Jessup, and Graham Avenue. Design proposals are being solicited for stormwater infrastructure improvements for the Alafaya Woods subdivision that include new structures for McKinnon Avenue North and South. Construction proposals are being solicited for the Aulin Avenue South drainage project.

### **Fire Station #48**

By mid to late February, bids will be advertised and solicited for construction of Fire Station #48 and the related Fire Administration building located on CR 419. Once the bids are approved and a contractor selected by City Council, construction should begin in May and take approximately 10 months to complete.

### **Public Works Engineering Building**

Approval of the bids and selection of a contractor by the City Council is expected by February 18th. Construction will commence in April and be completed in approximately 10-12 months. The Engineering/Public Works Administration building represents the initial construction phase of the new Public Works Maintenance Facility located on Evans Streets.

## Protecting Our Water

### FEDERAL CLEAN WATER ACT:

The Federal Clean Water Act was established in 1972 to protect our waterways. This legislation was passed in response to growing public concern for serious and widespread water pollution. As a result, the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) was developed, and our nations waterways have shown an increase in quality. Please participate with us in this work by finding ways that you can help.

### EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION

Sediment is one of the greatest pollutants by volume entering our lakes and streams and is a product of un-controlled erosion.

#### HOW CAN YOU HELP?

\*Plant and maintain vegetation on a bare and sloped area.

\*Route roof drainage to lawns, paved driveways, or collection barrels.

#### WHY CONTROL SEDIMENT AND EROSION?

\* Erosion and sedimentation result in loss of fertile top-soil \* Filling of lakes and streams \* Increased flooding \* Endangerment to plants and animal life \* Damage to streets and roads \* Other pollutants such as pesticides, herbicides, and oil can become attached to eroded soils and enter lakes and streams along with the soil.

### LEAVES AND GRASS CLIPPINGS

Leaves and grass clippings that are able to reach a lake though the storm drain system will decrease the amount of oxygen in the water as they decompose. Released nutrients can cause excessive algae growth which may result in a fish kill. City street sweepers can barely keep up with the leaves that fall naturally. Please don't add to the burden by raking or blowing leaves and grass into the streets.

#### HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- ◆ Start a compost pile for leaves and other yard waste.
- ◆ Invest in a mulching blade for your lawn mower.
- ◆ If you have a lawn service, please be sure they comply with these guidelines.

Oviedo City Ordinance prohibits the discharge of lawn clippings, leaves and branches into natural waters or the storm systems.

### HAZARDOUS WASTE

DO NOT POUR oil or any chemical down any drain or in the street. Dispose of them properly through the Household Hazardous Waste Facility (HHWF) at the Landfill.

#### WHAT CAN YOU BRING TO THE HHWF?

Banned and unwanted chemicals and pesticides such as:

- Oil based paints
- Paint thinners and stripper
- Varnishes and stains
- Household cleaning fluids
- Chemical drain cleaners
- Auto and furniture polish
- Solvents and flammable liquids
- Pool chemicals
- Photography chemicals
- Chemistry sets
- Brake fluid and antifreeze
- Unknown chemicals
- Household, vehicle, and boat batteries
- Waste oil

#### QUESTIONS ABOUT HHWF?

Call Ben Williams, Solid Waste Coordinator at (407) 971-5643

## REDUCE-REUSE-RECYCLE

### We Need Your Eyes on the Street

Report any polluting material that you see being discharged into a street, alley, or storm drain. If you see a violation occurring call Pat Luczak at the Public Works Stormwater Operations Division at (407) 971-5696, and give the location, time, and any other observation you may have witnessed. Photos or video of the violations may also be helpful. After hours call the Oviedo non-emergency number: at (407) 971-5700.

#### Discharge Notification

Public Law 96-510 and Public Law 92-500 (CERCLA) requires immediate notification of the appropriate agency of the United States Government of a discharge of oil or hazardous substance. "Any such person who fails to notify immediately such agency of such discharge shall, upon conviction, be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both." Any owner or operator of a facility who has knowledge of any release of a "reportable quantity" of hazardous substance from a facility must report such discharge to the FDEP State Warning Point at (800) 321-0519.

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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, [gseeber@cityofoviedo.net](mailto:gseeber@cityofoviedo.net).



## Take the Plunge!

### 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. Lessons are offered in the morning, afternoon, and evening. 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](mailto:lperry@cityofoviedo.net) with any questions.

#### March Lessons:

Registration: February 23<sup>rd</sup> 8am - Residents 10am - Non-Residents  
Lessons: March 3<sup>rd</sup> - March 20<sup>th</sup>

#### April Lessons:

Registration: March 29<sup>th</sup> 8am - Residents 10am - Non-Residents  
Lessons: April 7<sup>th</sup> - April 24<sup>th</sup>

#### May Lessons:

Registration: May 3<sup>rd</sup> 8am - Residents 10am - Non-Residents  
Lessons: May 5<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Private lessons** are offered September - April at both locations. Private lessons are geared towards 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.

### 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 will begin January 14<sup>th</sup>. Splash Zone Parties will be offered from April 4<sup>th</sup> - September 27<sup>th</sup>. Questions or to make a reservation: contact Lori Hickey at 407-971-5570 or [lhickey@cityofoviedo.net](mailto:lhickey@cityofoviedo.net) for the Aquatic Facility and Liz Perry at 407-971-5582 or [lperry@cityofoviedo.net](mailto:lperry@cityofoviedo.net) for Riverside Pool.

