

**FRIDAY LETTER**  
**July 16, 2010**

**Honorable Mayor and City Council Members:**

Some of my activities this week included:

- 2 Meetings regarding Alafaya Utilities
- Meeting with Deputy Mayor Persampiere
- Network Services Evaluation Committee Meeting
- Meeting with Evelyn Cloninger
- Staff Meeting

Good Friday to the dedicated staff and City Council of the City of Oviedo. This week I attended two meetings in preparation for the Alafaya Utilities Acquisition. The Monday meeting included myself, PRMG, Dianne Holloway, Bob Bentkofsky, and Tony Segretto. The purpose of the first meeting was to discuss and review the City's utility system, Financial Forecast and Feasibility report for the proposed 2010 bond issuance which is contingent upon the August 24<sup>th</sup> referendum. The Financial /Feasibility Report will be crucial in our pursuit of a favorably rated and affordably priced bond issuance. In conjunction with the Engineering Analysis, the Financial/Feasibility Report will be a cornerstone document to be evaluated by and among prospective bond buyers.

Following our Monday meeting with PRMG, I held a Wednesday meeting with the full acquisition team including; our Public Finance Advisor PFM, CPH Engineers, PRMG, our Acquisition Attorney Brian Armstrong, Bond Counsel George Smith, City Attorney Lonnie Groot, and Disclosure Council Steve Millar, as well as staff. The purpose of our Wednesday meeting was to direct a time table and responsibilities for a series of tasks in preparation for the proposed bond issuance. The current provisions of the Purchase Agreement with Alafaya Utilities call for a closing date of September 15, 2010. With the referendum election scheduled for August 24, 2010, our team will be working with a very tight time frame. We will also be dealing with the Labor Day holiday weekend which may not be the most conducive to a bond issuance.

Accordingly, our Acquisition Attorney, Brian Armstrong, will be attempting to extend the closing date with Alafaya Utilities. However, in the interim, we are moving ahead in strict accordance with a very tight schedule. We have a follow up meeting scheduled for July 21, 2010, followed by an Acquisition Team meeting on July 28, 2010. It is anticipated that prior to and certainly by our July 28<sup>th</sup> meeting we will have a Preliminary Official Statement disclosing the needed financial, engineering, and legal information regarding the bond issue. It is also our intent to have the senior bond underwriter and co-manager on board and ready to begin at that meeting.

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

**POLICE:**

**Police: Administration**

Chief Chudnow and his command staff attended a variety of meetings this week including:

- UCF Cornerstone presentations as part of our possible partnership with UCF for ION projects with Bryan Cobb of Development Services.
- A meeting with Michelle Saunder, Director of Community Services for Seminole County Government, regarding grant funding for ION.
- With Pastor Perkins of Mission Road Baptist Church regarding their summer program and continuing youth programs.
- Along with Commander Coleman, they met with Jeff Griesmer, President/CEO of Child Rescue Network, to discuss their planned community walk sponsored by the Child Abuse Prevention Task Force on July 23<sup>rd</sup> in the Johnson Hill area.
- Attended a Communication Rebanding meeting at the Seminole County Sheriff's Office with Commanders Jacobs and Coleman. The meeting was held to discuss the pending public safety radio frequency rebanding program as well as negotiations with cellular phone companies, including equipment and timing issues.
- Commander Beaulieu coordinated with administrators from Seminole County Public Schools regarding issues relating to the 2010-2011 school year which starts in August.

### **Investigations & Community Response Team (CRT)**

- CRT officers completed a criminal investigation with the execution of a search warrant in the 2800 block of Spring Heather Place. The CRT operation was supported by the Special Response Team and Patrol. Two residents at the house were arrested for misdemeanor drug charges.

### **Community Relations, C.O.P.S. Center & Volunteers**

Oviedo's D.A.R.E. and School Resource Officers continued making contact with local business owners, managers and employees to expand the Business Watch crime prevention program. Approximately 150 business contacts were completed during this past week.

"Eddie Eagle" has arrived in Oviedo! In response to a past grant submission by the Police Community Relations Section, this week Oviedo Police received an "Eddie Eagle" costume from the NRA. The "Eddie Eagle" suit, valued at \$2650 was obtained at no cost through the grant to help volunteers and officers publicize the local availability of Eddie Eagle Gun Safety classes for children. The program is designed to reduce the potential for deaths and injuries that can occur when unsupervised children find firearms that are not properly secured as required by law. To schedule youth groups to attend an "Eddie Eagle" gun safety class, call the Oviedo Police C.O.P.S. & Volunteer Center at Oviedo Marketplace at 407-971-5708.

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

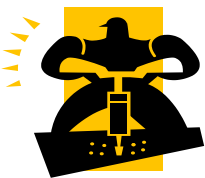
On July 1, 2010, the City of Oviedo disconnected water treatment chemicals from the A.M. Jones water treatment facility. Removal of the chemicals from this facility is part of the City's master water plan to be a greener city. Specifically, removal of chlorine gas cylinders used in the water treatment process at this location eliminates a chlorine gas hazard near the Stenstrom Elementary School and local homes to make this facility a good neighbor.

The distribution system service areas that were receiving potable water treated at A. M. Jones will now receive water from our Mitchell Hammock water treatment facility. A.M. Jones will operate as a storage and re-pump facility on an interim basis during the remainder of the water system improvement project. Since its recent conversion, the AM Jones facility has only operated during high irrigation demands, typically during the early morning hours. The AM Jones re-pump station will be fully automated later this year as part of the existing project.



The 2010 water improvements will require intermittent detours along Clonts Street to perform required water main modifications (the water main is under part of Clonts from South Central Ave. to Forest Trail). Effected residents in this area have been notified and detour signs will be posted appropriately. Upon completion of the water main construction activities the City Public Works Division will

restore the road. The reconstruction project intended for Clonts St. will be scheduled later this year following completion of all water main work along Clonts.



The Public Works Fleet Facility Renovation Project is set to advertise for bids this weekend. The Project includes the remodeling of the existing Fleet Facility to accommodate the City's Operations staff more efficiently. The improvements include demolition of existing office spaces with new interior architecture, crew training spaces, improved storage, increased vehicular access to the work bays and a new roof.

Bids are scheduled to be received on August 16, 2010.

**RECREATION AND PARKS:**



Friendship Park Phase II construction continued with the installation of the large shade system as well as decorative concrete curbing. Additional site work and site landscaping will be completed soon.



Registration began last Saturday, July 10<sup>th</sup>, for the upcoming Fall Youth Basketball and Volleyball Leagues.



The Oviedo Barracudas visited Tuscowilla Country Club for a swim meet against the Tiger Sharks on Wednesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>. Approximately 145 Barracudas participated, making Oviedo proud!



The third session of morning swim lessons began this past Monday, July 12<sup>th</sup> at the Riverside Pool, with 72 children registered. At the half-way point of the summer session, 298 swimmers registered for lessons.



Congratulations to the Oviedo Babe Ruth 12U All-Star Softball and 11U All-Star Baseball teams! Each won a State Championship last weekend. The 12U Softball All-Stars defeated a tough Creeks team, 2-1, in Ponte Vedra to take home the title. They will now compete in the Southeast Regional Tournament, beginning July 20<sup>th</sup>, in Altamonte Springs. The 11U Baseball All-Stars defeated Jupiter, 10-9, in Jupiter to win their State Title. They will now travel to Semmes, Alabama for the Southeast Regional Tournament beginning July 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Good luck to the other Oviedo Babe Ruth All-Star teams that are competing in State Tournaments over the next few weekends. Here are the dates and locations:

**Babe Ruth Baseball:**

- 9A & 10A: State Tournament beginning July 15<sup>th</sup> in Fishhawk
- 12A & 12B: State Tournament beginning July 15<sup>th</sup> in Palm Beach Gardens
- 13A: State Tournament beginning July 22<sup>nd</sup> in Jupiter



Oviedo Little League All-Star teams are also competing in District and Sectional Tournaments this week. For the latest scores and schedules, please go to [www.oviedolittleleague.com](http://www.oviedolittleleague.com).



Adult Softball Leagues 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 night at the Oviedo Sports Complex.



The Summer Adult Flag Football league has completed the regular season, with team “Hooray” winning the regular season championship. Teams will now compete in a postseason tournament, with games beginning on Sunday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, at Long Lake Park.

**HUMAN RESOURCES:**

Connie Collins and her staff attended the following meetings this week:

- 3 disciplinary meetings this week
- made final recommendations for insurance renewals for FY 2010-11
- meetings with both the IT Director and the Finance Director to discuss recruiting methods and advise on selection choices regarding their open positions.
- reviewed three standard operating procedures for various liability management policies
- met with the Public Works Director to discuss the Utilities, Inc. acquisition and the related personnel expenses.

**FIRE/RESCUE SERVICES:**



Fire Rescue Emergency Management has begun receiving the recently distributed Gated Community Right of Entry Agreement from local Homeowners Associations. This emergency management objective will facilitate the ability to enter gated communities for debris and other disaster services following a storm event. FEMA traditionally will not pay for debris and other services in gated communities absent an agreement so, in a proactive measure, we elected to establish an agreement with each HOA.



Chief White attended the Central Florida Fire Academy Board of Directors meeting, met with a Hagerty High student to discuss fire service career opportunities, and an accident investigation training session.



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

- Marjon Specialty Foods Inc. of Plant City recalls cases of sliced apples which tested positive for *Listeria Monocytogenes*. These may cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in children, the elderly and others with poor health conditions. Call 813-752-3482 for recall details.



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

- Pottery Barn Kids recalls Drop Side Cribs due to entrapment and suffocation hazard. About 82,000 sold between 1999 to 2010. Manufactured in Canada, Malaysia, China, Taiwan, Vietnam, Indonesia and Italy. Call 877-804-3847 or visit [www.potterybarnkids.com](http://www.potterybarnkids.com) for recall details.

**Please note the following meetings and work sessions.**

<b>Upcoming Meetings</b>		
<b>Monday, July 19, 2010</b>	<b>Regular Meeting</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Monday, July 26, 2010</b>	<b>Special Session</b>	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Monday, August 2, 2010</b>	<b>Regular Meeting</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Wednesday, August 11, 2010</b>	<b>Town Hall Meeting</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>

Sincerely,

Richard Gestrich  
City Manager