

FRIDAY LETTER
November 5, 2010

Honorable Mayor and City Council Members:

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

HUMAN RESOURCES:

The Human Resources Department currently has the following positions open; GIS Coordinator (contract), Budget Officer, Financial Accountant, and Head Lifeguard. The position of Payroll/Accounts Payable specialist closed on November 3rd with a total of 55 applications received. They are being reviewed and will be forwarded to the Finance Director for interviews.

This week the HR staff worked on 6 active workers' compensation claims, 1 vehicle accident and 1 liability claim. Connie, Crystal and Doug Rice, the Parks Superintendent, assisted Butch Darab, the Loss Prevention Specialist of PRM with safety inspections at the City Hall complex and the Wastewater Treatment facility. Mr. Darab instructed the safety committee members on hazards to look for when conducting safety inspections. HR will forward recommendations to the Department Directors.

Barbara Faulk, Gail Wright and Debra Pierre attended the Workforce Central Florida Re-Employment Connection Event in Orlando where they were successful in finding a replacement for Monica Picquet, the current Workforce participant whose assignment concludes November 5th. Dorothy "Dee" Odie will begin her assignment assisting the HR staff on Monday Nov 8th. A clerical assistant was also found for the Development Services Department.

The City's Recognition Team will host a Veteran's Day event honoring our employees who have proudly served our country. Certificates will be awarded and coffee and cake will be served in Council Chambers at City Hall on November 11th at 2:30 p.m. Please join us!

FIRE/RESCUE SERVICES:



This week included fire safety education to several school age children's groups, in which the Fire Safety Trailer was utilized, providing a hands on fire safety education experience. The safety trailer will also be utilized at Great Day, as always.



Chief White (alumni!) and Fire Rescue participated in the Oviedo High School Homecoming Parade on Thursday. A Fire Engine included in the parade was a big hit for the road side crowd in attendance. Incident Action Plans were distributed to all the appropriate personnel for both parade events.

Fire Rescue also participated in the Hagerty High School Homecoming Parade on Friday. We wish both schools success in their Homecoming Game and festivities!



Hurricane Tomas continues its trek to the NNE, however prevailing weather patterns continue to steer these tropical systems away from Florida. Thus far, we have been most fortunate this year. The traditional hurricane season concludes the end of November and the tropics should begin calming with less chance of tropical storm development. Weather monitoring was undertaken in the event notifications were needed due to any severe weather from the approaching cold front.



Don't forget to change the battery in your smoke detectors this weekend, November 7th as daylight Saving Time ends. Change Your Clock-Change Your Battery!



Chief White attended a special meeting with city staff regarding a commercial gun retailer, and the owner of a gun retail store locating within the City limits. Chief White was provided a special tour of the new Sanford Public Safety complex.



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

- Haier America Trading LLC recalls the Black & Decker Model ESNM053E White Chest Freezer due to fire hazard. Sold exclusively at Wal-Mart. Manufactured in China. Contact 877-878-7579 or www.chestfreezerrecall.com for information.

PUBLIC WORKS:

The storage tank conversion at the AM Jones facility started this past week. Blue Ox's subcontractor specialist for this project anticipates the work will be complete by the end of February, 2011.



This is the last phase of the approximately \$1 million water system improvement project that began in February of 2010 to improve system water quality and pressures. The aeration trays used to treat raw water are being removed from the existing tanks since they will not be needed for repumping. The aeration trays will be returned to the factory and refinished for reuse elsewhere. A weatherproof vent cover will be utilized to fill the hole where the trays were. The tank influent system is also being relocated to the bottom of the tank to limit exposure to air when filling as the

introduction of air can reduce chlorine residuals. This is one of two tanks at AM Jones. The tanks are rehabilitated one at a time so that emergency "fire" flows are available on demand.

This tank restoration will be essentially invisible to the customers who are now serviced with high quality water produced from the Mitchell Hammock Water Treatment Facility.

The Siemens Radio Read Meter Project conducted meter upgrades in Cycle 4 this past week. Cycle 4 generally covers the Alafaya Woods and Twin Rivers Subdivision areas. Pedal Valve, Inc., reported they had 5 mechanics who installed 1,147 meters of the total 7,548 meter installation project or 15.20%. Meter Upgrades are anticipated to continue in cycle 1 next week. Cycle 1 encompasses the Northwest portion of the City.



METER SIZES: 5/8", 3/4", and 1"

Pedal Valve, Inc. is maintaining a 24/7 customer hotline at 407-276-4123 for this project. The hotline number is on the educational flyer left at each home and on the City web site.

RECREATION AND PARKS:

The Recreation and Parks Department hosted the annual Halloween Carnival of Screams this past weekend. Between Friday and Saturday night, a total of 1,520 participants dared to tour our haunted house at Riverside Park. The carnival included hayrides, costume contests, bounce houses, a pumpkin patch, Radio Disney and various refreshments. Overall, 1,679 non perishable food items were donated to the Hope Foundation Food Bank located right here in Oviedo.

Riverside Pool is officially closed for the season. It will reopen in February for the High School Water Polo season and will begin City programming in March. All High School Swim Teams will finish out their season at the Aquatic Facility. All teams have been training for Regionals which took place yesterday, November 4th, and for the High School State Competition that will take place on November 12th.



The Aquatic Facility is currently in week #2 of the geothermal project. All directional boring has been completed on both the electrical and water lines.

Tonight, November 5th, a Fifth Grade Dance will take place in the Riverside Park Multi-Purpose Room. The dance will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will last until 9:30 p.m. The Riverside Park Concession Stand will be open and music will be provided by DJ Frankie C. Jr.



Skateboard clinics are being offered at the Rippin' Riverside Skate Park. Clinics feature one-on-one instruction at your child's pace and highlight skateboard safety, skate park etiquette, and more much. The clinics are available to children between the ages of 5 and 13. The clinics are offered in four consecutive 30-minute sessions on either Saturday or Sunday. Register at Riverside Park for the next clinic cycle beginning this weekend. These are the last clinics until the next school year.



Adult Softball is finishing up the fall season, with 51 total teams competing in Monday, Wednesday, and Friday night leagues at the Oviedo Sports Complex. Fall Adult Flag Football is also winding down, with 12 teams competing every Sunday morning at Long Lake Park. Registration for the spring season will begin in early January.

Youth Flag Football continues exciting action every Saturday morning at Long Lake Park. The teams are cheered on by our Youth Cheerleaders. Come out and enjoy the games this fall! Registration is now open for the winter season.

Friendship Park has re-opened. The installation of the shade structure over the stage area and repairs to the landing areas under the slides have been completed.

On Field #1 at Shane Kelly Park, the grow-in continues and the grower that provides the sprigging service is supplying the Recreation and Parks Department with additional sprigs and a pallet of sod at no cost.



The Oviedo and Hagerty High School Homecoming floats were in line for each school's Homecoming parade. The floats will remain at each respective school during their Homecoming football games tonight, November 5th.

On Tuesday, November 2nd, supervisory staff participated in the team building exercise, "workout." Under the direction of the Parks Superintendent, Doug Rice, staff helped clean up the closed Splash Zone area by removing weeds, garbage, and other debris. Previously, supervisory staff did a similar "workout" at Friendship Park.



The Recreation Maintenance staff continues to coordinate the Fire Station 46 mold remediation project. This week included dry wall restoration and air conditioning duct installation. Recreation Maintenance staff anticipates conclusion of the project within the next 3 weeks.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES:



Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program Infrastructure Grant awarded to City of Oviedo

On October 28, 2010, the City received a letter from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) informing that the "City of Oviedo/Lawton Elementary School Pedestrian Project" was awarded a grant of \$595,264 (plus \$32,000 for CEI) through the SRTS program for construction of sidewalk improvements in the



vicinity of Lawton Elementary School. The grant was developed as a joint project involving staff from the Development Services Department and the Public Works Department with the support of the Seminole County Community Traffic Safety Team (CTST), Lawton Elementary Administration and PTA, and the Seminole County School Safety Advisory Committee (SSAC). The construction phase will be included in the FDOT work program in FY 2014, and the design phase (\$103,500) will be included in FY 2012. There are no matching local funds required.

The “City of Oviedo/Lawton Elementary School Pedestrian Project” proposes to install sidewalks in the vicinity of Lawton Elementary on ten (10) streets, located less than a ½ mile radius of the school. It also proposes the demarcation of crosswalks and the installation of advisory speed plates along Lake Jessup Avenue. The proposed project will facilitate pedestrian access not only to Lawton Elementary, but also to Friendship Park, two churches and the Public Library. It will also facilitate access to the recently built south leg of the Cross-Seminole Trail.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

This week, the Department held bi-annual Block Training. The one-day training began with an overview of Rachel’s Law, Sovereign Community, in-house software training, and a presentation by the State Attorney’s office to include a discussion of updates in various laws. It was then followed with, baton and taser recertification and then simunitions training. Chief Chudnow and all sworn members of the police department attended Block Training.

Chief Chudnow attended the following meetings:

- a discussion with other staff regarding the proposed Seminole Firearms store possibly being located within the City limits.
- the monthly meeting of the Central Florida Criminal Justice Association accompanied by Deputy Chief Coleman
- the monthly City/County Investigation Bureau meeting accompanied by Deputy Chief Coleman
- a meeting with Steven Dennis regarding the Seminole Firearms and Outfitters
- the weekly Command Staff Meeting, which is held by the Chief

The Chief participated in the Oviedo High School Homecoming Parade.

Deputy Chief Coleman was elected president of the Oviedo Winter Springs Kiwanis Club. An organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world, one community and one child at a time. You can learn more about the Oviedo Winter Springs Kiwanis Club at www.oviedowinterspingskiwanis.org

Detectives and members of CRT participated in Block Training. Lieutenant Capetillo attended Leadership Seminole.

On October 31st the Community Involvement Section held the 3rd Annual Not So Scary Halloween Fall Festival 2010 at the Oviedo COPS and Volunteer Center at the Oviedo Mall. Over a thousand Halloween Safety Tips bags were passed out to children who came through the front door of the Center. Twenty seven volunteers assisted at the event. Participating organizations included the Oviedo-Winter Springs Optimist Club, the police explorers, the Oviedo Womans’ Club Juniores, the COP volunteers, Oviedo Home Depot, Marcos Pizza and the Oviedo Marketplace. Much positive feedback was received from people who attended the

event. The police department would like to thank the Oviedo Parks and Recreation Department for the loan of their Halloween decorations for the event.

Also last week, the DARE Officer and Community Relations Lieutenant assisted with traffic control for Stenstrom Elementary School for their neighborhood Red Ribbon Week Parade. The entire school population marched from the school into an adjoining neighborhood and back to the school.

The Community Involvement Lieutenant taught Verbal Judo as part of recruit orientation class.

The D.A.R.E. Officer was involved in a Narcotics Overdose Prevention Education Program at Seminole High School. Her participation was requested by another police agency due to the lack of availability of their primary instructor. The program brings 11th and 12th graders to an assembly where they are exposed to narcotics overdose issues and testimonials from parents/family members who have lost loved ones to narcotics abuse.

Please note the following meetings and work sessions.

Upcoming Meetings		
Monday, November 8, 2010	419/426 Work Session	5:30 p.m.
Monday, November 15, 2010	Regular Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Monday, December 6, 2010	Regular Meeting	6:30 p.m.

Sincerely,



Richard Gestrich
City Manager