

FRIDAY LETTER
May 28, 2010

Honorable Mayor and City Council Members:

Some of my activities this week included:

- Joint Work Session with Board of County Commissioners (One Cent Sales Tax)
- Meeting with Recycle Bank
- Meeting with Tracy Crowe (LDI)

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

RECREATION AND PARKS:



The City of Oviedo Recreation and Parks Department will be presenting a free Bike Rodeo in conjunction with National Trails Day. The Bike Rodeo will be centered on the importance of bicycle safety and signature trail awareness for our community. The Rodeo, for ages 6-12, will be held at the trailhead pavilion, located at the Oviedo Gymnasium and Aquatic Facility, at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 5th. The Bike Rodeo will conclude with a 1 or 2 mile bike ride for all ages on the Cross Seminole Trail. Free bike helmets will be distributed while supplies last. Registration is on-site the morning of the event.



Yesterday, May 27th, Seminole County Recreation Council held its annual Seminole County High School Sports Awards Breakfast of Champions and Hall of Fame get-together. This event was attended by Department Director Dru. D. Boulware, along with Mark Litwhiler, David Burgoon, and Patrick Fitzsimmons.



The Health and Wellness Center roof repair has been completed. The damaged wood was replaced, seams were resealed, and new seals were placed around the vents. All artwork submitted for the Employee Art Contest is now on display at the Health and Wellness Center.



The summer Youth Basketball and Volleyball Leagues began their season with practices starting this week. This summer, both leagues broke record numbers in registration with basketball reaching 237 participants and volleyball reaching 311 participants. Games will begin on the 12th of June.



The Gymnasium and Aquatic Facility exterior has begun its make-over this week as Superior Painting is in the process of painting the entire facility. The project began this past Monday, May 24th, with pressure washing the exterior of the building. The painting began Wednesday, May 26th.



Currently the tennis courts are being resurfaced. With the recent inclement weather, construction was delayed for a couple days. We are looking to open next week with new surfaced courts along with new tennis court rules signs.



Adult Softball continues the summer season with 24 teams competing on Monday, 10 teams competing on Wednesday, and 10 coed teams competing on Friday. All games take place at the Oviedo Sports Complex.



Babe Ruth and Little League Baseball and Softball have completed their spring season and have selected All-Star teams to compete in several District Tournaments. These teams have begun practicing at the Oviedo Sports Complex in preparation of the tournament in June.



Adult Flag Football continues play at Long Lake Park every Sunday morning. A total of 10 teams will be competing for the League Championship.



Parks maintenance crew continues work on Friendship Park Phase II, spraying of athletic fields, and field preparation for Boys Baseball District Tournament, June 10th-13th, and Girl's District Softball Tournament, June 24th-27th



Laura Dunlap, Staff Assistant, was voted full-time employee of the month and Jackie Clark, Athletic Assistant, was voted part-time employee of the month. Congratulations to both!

FIRE/RESCUE SERVICES:



Chief White attended the annual Governors Hurricane Conference. The conference affords the opportunity to discover the latest changes implemented by State Emergency Management and Federal Emergency Management which remains an evolving process. Conference attendance has diminished over the past several years due to funding restrictions and Chief White is attending after a 2 year break from the conference.



Oviedo Firefighter David Barsky submitted a “secret recipe” for the Live with Regis and Kelly television show. The contest is a nationwide event seeking the very best Firehouse recipes and David’s video submission was chosen among thousands of entries. Nice job David and good luck!



Recently, another vehicle drove through the downtown parallel pair's traffic diverter adjacent to the Fire Station and was inches away from striking the monument in front of the Fire Station. The monument was repaired just several months ago for the same reason. Seems the path of travel for these incidents is towards the Fire Station.



The Deepwater Horizon Response continues, reaching day 39 since the initial explosion and subsequent oil leak. An estimated 5,000 barrels per day continue to leak in the Gulf, 55 miles Southwest from Pensacola, Florida and 280 miles from Clearwater, Florida. Current statistics include the following:

- 5,000 barrels leaking per day.
- Containment operations at the leak have remained unsuccessful.
- 259,950 feet of oil containment booms deployed.
- 815,000 gallons of dispersant have been utilized.
- 1,200 response vessels in operation.
- 17 staging locations in place among 4 states.
- Florida Emergency Management remains at Level 2 activation.
- 64 small business disaster loan applications have been submitted.
- 2,847 claims filed to BP.
- 1,468 wage loss claims filed to BP.



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

- No significant recalls this week at time of submission.



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

- Lithium Ion Batteries for Hewlett-Packard (HP) and Compaq Notebook Computers. Certain batteries may encounter a rupture, fire and contribute to patient burns. Batteries manufactured in China.



Chief White attended the following:

- COPS Crime Night Out Special Recognition and Planning Meeting
- Governors Hurricane Conference

POLICE:

Chief Chudnow instructed two classes at the Florida Department of Law Enforcement "Florida Leadership Academy." The Chief also attended a seminar titled "*Cyber Insecurity: The Art of Internet Cybercrime.*"

Chief Chudnow swore in two new Police Officers, Deacon Pollard and Edward Genao. Additionally, he conducted a training session with both officers on Ethics.

Chief Brunell (Winter Springs Police), Lt. Egert and Chief Chudnow presented "Kids House" with a check for \$3,647.40, collected during the two agencies' police flag football fund raiser.

Chief Chudnow and Oviedo police officers attended the Sexual Harassment awareness course coordinated by Human Resources. The Chief also attended the Oviedo HOA Presidents' Association meeting to discuss parking and other related issues; the retirement celebration for Longwood Chief of Police Jackson; the quarterly meeting of the Criminal Justice Advisory Board; and the D.A.R.E. graduation at Evans Elementary School.

Chief Chudnow met with detectives from Criminal Investigations as well as representatives of the Community Response Team and Uniform Patrol (Community Policing). Participating officers and supervisors from those sections discussed all aspects of the recent domestic violence-related homicide, from Patrol's initial response to the detectives' on-scene investigation, to the arrest and filing of criminal charges. After-action debriefings of this type ensure that officers benefit from the varied aspects of each unique major investigation.

Members of Criminal Investigations attended mandatory training about Sexual Harassment.

A search warrant was served on Kelly Creek Circle, resulting in two arrests. A second search warrant was served on Gwyn Circle, resulting in one arrest. Members of CRT participated in a Multi-Agency Gang Task Force (MAGTF) operation focusing around Sanford. The CRT Lieutenant also attended a MAGTF Governing Board Meeting. The Youth Service Officer and CRT Lieutenant met with Juvenile Probation Officer Jim Mitchell about joint efforts to monitor Oviedo-area juveniles who are on probation.

The business crime prevention presentation recently conducted at the Oviedo-Winter Springs Chamber of Commerce's May "Lunch & Learn" session is available to local business persons. The presentation addresses the concepts of "Business Watch;" "Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design;" developing a business crime prevention plan; and business crime prevention tips. Positive feedback was received from Chamber of Commerce members and officers. Other Oviedo-area business groups interested in scheduling the training should call Oviedo Police Community Involvement at 407-971-5708.

A Teen Safe Driving Program was held at the C.O.P.S. & Volunteer Center at Oviedo Marketplace. The program, now being presented on a bi-monthly basis, is a cooperative effort of local Allstate Insurance representatives and the Police Department. The program is designed to reduce teen driving accidents, injuries and fatalities by providing information to teens and their parents to help them agree on how and when the family car may be driven. The next program will be held on July 22, 2010. For more information, call 407-971-5707.

The Community Relations Lieutenant was interviewed by FOX TV35 about the "Teen Dating Violence Seminar" scheduled for the evening of May 27th at the C.O.P.S. & Volunteer Center. The 6-minute interview was aired on Fox TV's sister station TV65 on May 22nd at 7 AM on the weekly community information program "O Matters."

Drug Abuse Resistance Education Officer Diane Duffy coordinated a D.A.R.E. graduation for Stenstrom Elementary School recognizing about 150 D.A.R.E. graduates. The ceremony was followed with a student field day including manned displays/demonstrations focusing on K-9; police motorcycles; drug recognition & prevention; Police Communications/Dispatch; drunk driving simulation goggles (DUI prevention) and the SCSO helicopter.



The police D.A.R.E. vehicle “art wrap” was completed in time for last week’s Stenstrom Elementary D.A.R.E. graduation. The new, unique look of the vehicle’s graphics and features has been described by children as “awesome.” The first day the newly “wrapped” vehicle was on the road, Officer Duffy was waved over by another driver. That driver had been moved to compliment the department about the strong anti-drug message displayed on the rear of Oviedo’s D.A.R.E. vehicle, which reads:

30 days in drug rehabilitation.....\$35,000
 Funeral and burial of a loved one... \$11,500
 Living a drug free life.....Priceless

Next to that message on the rear of the vehicle is a picture of Officer Duffy’s brother with “In loving memory” above his photo. As part of the Drug Abuse Resistance Education program, Officer Duffy always reads a poem she wrote to explain why she became a D.A.R.E. Officer. The last line of the poem reveals to her students the loss in her life because drugs killed her brother.

PUBLIC WORKS:

OPC has completed resurfacing on the following roads this week: Terrace Drive, Ruth Street, Lake Charm Drive/Court, Palm Drive/Court, Live Oak Lane, Temple Terrace, and Whipoorwill Lane. Final completion is anticipated for the week of June 14th.

Orange Ave. and Oak Dr. had been scheduled for resurfacing this week but the recent rainfall indentified a high water condition that would have been detrimental to the road base. Accordingly, City Stormwater crews installed underdrains along the north side of Oak Dr. and portions of the east side of Orange Ave. The improvements have already begun to dry up the road and resurfacing of these streets is anticipated for next week.

Unimproved roadway improvements received City Council approval on May 17th. City Staff will be prepping the unimproved roads while OPC will be performing the paving. The following

unimproved roads will be improved: Lawn Street, Oak Street, Fern Street, Clark Street, Foxfire Trail, Citrus Avenue, and Hamilton Avenue. This week OPC completed Citrus Avenue.

Regarding the forthcoming median improvements at the intersection of Katie Jean and Mitchell Hammock intersection, staff has also investigated potential improvements to the Pauline St./Lockwood Rd. intersection. Should traffic divert to the Pauline/Lockwood intersection in an attempt to avoid Katie Jean/Mitchell Hammock, traffic volumes may increase causing delays for those motorists attempting to turn left (north) on Lockwood Rd. To alleviate this concern, City Engineering Staff is looking at implementing a MUTCD approved pavement marking and signage at Pauline and Lockwood in order to improve safe exiting for both north and south bound travelers. The improvements would include installation of a striped box with cross hatched lines on Lockwood Boulevard, in-line with Pauline over the two north bound and two south bound lanes. In addition, "Do Not Block Intersection" signs will be installed in advance of the striped area. This, along with an initial police presence during peak hours, would provide a much safer driving condition at this location. Further updates on this potential improvement will be provided as we proceed.

HUMAN RESOURCES:

This week, the Human Resource Department coordinated the delivery of Sexual Harassment training. The training was presented to 203 employees by Labor Attorney's David Young and Melanie Zaharias from Fisher & Phillips, LLP. Very good reviews were received by attending staff, 96.3 percent of employees felt they could apply the lessons learned in the training to their jobs with the City.

Barbara Faulk conducted the final offer of employments for two Police Officers this week. Edward Genao and Deacon Pollard started their employment with the City on Monday, May 24th. Barbara attended one webinar this week by Primary Executive Solutions, entitled Hiring the Right Employees and Terminating the Wrong Ones. She also attended the City's Sexual Harassment training.

Job audits were conducted for the Utility Technicians in Public Works as well as the Water Plant Operators, the Lead Operator, the Plant Maintenance Specialist and the Backflow Prevention Technician. This concludes the job audits for the Utility Division.

This week, Crystal Hanson, HR Assistant, conducted 7 conditional offers of employment to seasonal Lifeguards. Crystal also conducted final offers of employment to Lifeguard Mariah Oggeri and Lifeguard/Water Safety Instructor Laura Tucker.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES:

Last week, LYNX finished the installation of six (6) bus shelters within the City. The bus shelters are located along SR426 (2), SR 434 (2) and Oviedo Boulevard (2), and are part of LINK 434 route. The shelters include scrollwork and solar power. A bench and a trash can have also been provided with the installation of each shelter. Bike racks are planned to be installed later. Until this date, the Oviedo Marketplace was the only site where bus shelter facilities were provided within the City boundary.

Planning Staff attended the LYNX Regional Working Group Meeting on May 21, 2010, held at the Lynx Central Station in downtown Orlando. The Regional Working Group gathers representatives from all jurisdictions that are part of the LYNX tri-county service area (Orange, Seminole and Osceola). The agenda included LYNX project updates, grant funding opportunities, review of the Annual Update of the Transit Development Plan (TDP) and a presentation by FDOT of the "District 5 Regional Commuter Assistance Program – re-Think". FDOT will be launching this program in July 2010, to assist municipalities, counties and private parties to implement and manage commuter options in Central Florida. The program includes ride

matching (carpooling and vanpooling), employer outreach, commuter outreach and other incentive programs. More information about this program can be found at <http://www.rethinkyourcommute.com/>. This program may assist the City to implement the Transportation Demand Management Program (TDM), which is included in the Comprehensive Plan Amendments recently transmitted to the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) for review.

METROPLAN Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC): Planning Staff also attended the METROPLAN -BPAC Meeting on May 26, 2010, held at METROPLAN in downtown Orlando. The BPAC is formed by representatives from all jurisdictions that are part of METROPLAN (Orange, Seminole and Osceola counties). Among other items, the agenda included the discussion of a Pedestrian Safety Impact Statement, presentation of new project applications, status report on air quality, and a preview of FY 2010/11-2014/15 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The TIP identifies all Federal and State funded transportation projects for the next five (5) years. The TIP is updated annually. The TIP Prioritized Project List for Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects includes the following City projects:

Priority # 6 - Oviedo Town Gateway Project – Construction of sidewalks along east side of SR 434 from Mitchell Hammock Rd to Clonts Street.

Priority #11 – Lake Jesup Ave. Sidewalks - Construction and sidewalks repairs along Lake Jesup Ave, from Mitchell Hammock Road to Artesia Street.

Priority # 20 – Pine Avenue Sidewalks – Construction of new sidewalks along Pine Ave. and vicinity.

At the present time, there is no funding identified for these projects.

Please note the following meetings and work sessions.

Upcoming Meetings		
Monday, June 7, 2010	Executive Session	5:30 p.m.
Monday, June 7, 2010	Regular Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Monday, June 14, 2010	Budget Work Session (5 Year CIP and Budget Update)	5:30 p.m.

Sincerely,



Richard Gestrich
City Manager