

FRIDAY LETTER
September 24, 2010

Honorable Mayor and City Council Members:

Greetings and Good Friday to the dedicated staff and City Council of our Top 100 City. I had an interesting Mayors and Managers meeting following our regular City Council meeting. Mayor Persampiere was there on his first Mayor Manager meeting. Both Mayor Persampiere and myself advised the School District that while we are supportive of their half cent sales tax initiative that it would have been more advisable for the School District to wait until 2011 and to move in joint cooperation with the seven Cities and the County Commissioners. The School District, for their part, promised to support future sales tax initiatives by the County and the seven Cities.

On another note, Seminole County has allotted a \$100,000 grant to Envision Seminole. The purpose of the grant will be to provide funding for the Development of an Economic Development Strategy headed up by Envision Seminole. Envision Seminole will be putting together a 30-40 person task force to guide the study and the pre-selected consultant. I have requested that Mr. Cobb provide Council with four or five interested residents for consideration by Council. Each City is requested to appoint two representatives.

Some of my activities this week included:

- City Council Meeting
- Staff Meeting
- Meeting with Lonnie Groot
- Meeting with Connie Collins and Dru Boulware
- Mayors and Managers meeting
- Conference Call with David Young
- Meeting with UCF

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

RECREATION AND PARKS:

The Recreation and Parks Department conducted their first job sharing day on Thursday, September 23rd at Friendship Park, with a team building activity utilizing staff from Facility Operations Maintenance, Recreation, and Administration working alongside Parks staff to complete landscaping for Friendship Park Phase II.



The Kiwanis Charity Chicken Race will be held tomorrow, September 25th at the Gymnasium and Aquatic Facility from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Participants will decorate their chicken to a selected theme and then parade and/or race it. Other activities include a chicken decorating contest, chicken “chucking,” chicken education, crafts and games for kids. Food and drinks will be available as well as chicken memorabilia.

Fall Youth Basketball and Volleyball practice began this week. Games will begin on October 2nd.

The Aquatic Facility pool will be closed on Monday, September 27th for electrical work to repair two of the stadium light poles. The power will be shut down to the outdoor areas until the work is complete.



Registration is now open for the fall Adult Wallyball League at Riverside Park. This exciting sport is played on air-conditioned racquetball courts located at Riverside Park.

Teams consist of 3 to 4 players (minimum 1 female) and games will be played on Tuesday nights, beginning October 12th.

Youth Flag Football teams have been formed for the Fall 2010 season and have begun practicing. Games will begin on Saturday, October 2nd at Long Lake Park. Good luck to all of our 20 teams!



At Shane Kelly Park, work continues on the irrigation system. Maintenance of the sprigs has begun this week with the first applications of fertilizers and herbicides.

At Long Lake Park, the irrigation pump is still not operational. Watering through the cross connection on the fire hydrant has continued to be utilized.

Irrigation issues that arose at the Oviedo Sports Complex have been taken care of and all systems are up and running.

The final touches will be given to Friendship Park tomorrow, which includes plantings and sod installation.

Throughout the parks, routine maintenance, regular work requests and daily activities continue.



The new air conditioning unit for the It Server Room has been installed. The cooling capacity of this new unit will be double that of the previous system. Completion of the project is scheduled for next week with the start up of this new system.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Chudnow attended various meetings which included:

- a Drug Enforcement Agency Task Force meeting regarding goals/objectives for the Task Force during the upcoming year
- a Joint Terrorism Task Force Meeting for a review of completed and ongoing Task Force investigations
- a Live Oak HOA meeting to discuss recent traffic issues and auto burglaries
- an open Round Table Meeting for all members of the Department for information exchange and open discussion on topics of interest
- Lorena Quiroz of Royal Press
- Mr. Gestrich and UCF in regard to surveys
- Shawn O'Rourke of Code Enforcement, who will finalize the process for the review and distribution of After Hours Alcohol Sales Permits.

The Chief held a command staff meeting. He and other members of the command staff attended a Public Records Training Class. Chief Chudnow also attended the Central Florida CrimeLine Program 2010 Awards Recognition Breakfast.

A retirement dinner was held for Commander Marc Beaulieu. Commander Beaulieu retires from his sworn officer position on September 25th.

Detectives are working a Robbery/Attempted Murder case that occurred in the business area near the Riverside Subdivision. Detectives have several leads that they are pursuing. One person has been arrested and detectives expect more arrests will be made in the near future.

The Detective Corporal attended a 3-day supervisory class this week.

The Community Response Team conducted an Underage Alcohol Sales Compliance Operation at businesses throughout the city last Saturday night. Of the 15 establishments checked, 2 arrests were made

for selling alcohol to a person under 21. The violations occurred at the 7-11 at Alafaya Trail and Chapman Road as well as at the Sunoco on Geneva Drive.

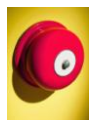
On September 16th Community On Patrol Volunteers and Police Explorers assisted Community Involvement in handling traffic issues related to Parent Night at Jackson Heights Middle School. Every year involves parking visiting cars on virtually every place possible on the school's athletic field. The volunteers' assistance was greatly appreciated by the police officers on scene.

A police planning meeting was held for the Not-So-Scary Halloween event, for preschool and elementary children, to be held in the C.O.P.S. & Volunteer Center at Oviedo Marketplace on Halloween Day (Sunday, October 31st) from 3 to 5 pm. The event will coincide with "Mall-o-ween" activities at the Oviedo Marketplace Mall.

FIRE/RESCUE SERVICES:



We are beginning to carefully track our newest tropical development which reflects some concern for the potential track perhaps mid to late week next week. This newest tropical system is not an immediate threat but requires close observation. Please monitor for daily emergency management notifications as deemed necessary.



Fire Rescue coordinated the annual fire sprinkler and alarm testing over the past two weeks for all city facilities and our systems, with the exception of one location, passed the test and service successfully. The one city facility in question will be repaired asap.



Chief White attended the City Council meeting, City Manager staff meeting, Public Records training class, and a meeting with the IAFF Interim President.



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

- The Gerson Company announces the recall of all 20" Glass Vases which were sold primarily at the Michael's Craft Retailer. The glass vase is known to shatter resulting in a laceration injury. Includes SKU# 405334 and UPC 0-37916-88960-3. Product manufactured in China. Contact 877-461-6298 or www.gersoncompany.com for recall information.
- D & D Distributing wholesale Inc announces the recall of Mood Rings and Necklaces sold primarily in small retail stores nationwide. The product was manufactured in China. For recall details, contact 800-262-9435 or visit www.dddist.com.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Water Stewards wanted! Applications for the H2Oviedo Water Conservation Incentive 2011 Program are currently being accepted.

In 2010, Twenty-two (22) households successfully completed water-wise improvements. Collectively, these participants demonstrated the ability to save 1.46 million gallons of water per year. The City

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CONSERVATION INCENTIVE

Innovative water stewardship program that encourages Florida-friendly yard renovations that save water while improving community esthetics.

2010/11 Applications Available at:
City hall or
on-line at the City
web site:
www.cityofoviedo.net

Typical Florida-friendly renovations reduce irrigation by 40%.

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enacted the program to help reduce existing per capita water use to fulfill the City’s water supply plan. The water supply plan goal is to reduce the average per capita water use to 100 gallons per day, per person, by the year 2030. The City’s unique incentive program is designed to create water stewards’ with “Florida Friendly” homesteads within the Oviedo Community. **Retrofitted homes and yards with this program are demonstrating an average of 40% saving over historical potable water use or more.** By reducing potable water use, these water stewards serve as examples to friends and neighbors on how to save our valuable water resources and money while improving the beauty of their home.

The participants’ typical water savings ranges between 20% to 60% of their historical potable water use. The photographs illustrate a

H2Oviedo property transformation.

Participants are eligible for up to \$1,100 in incentives when they complete improvements and document water savings. Improvements include replaced water intensive St. Augustine lawns with waterwise EMPIRE Zoysia grass and landscape beds with drip irrigation systems to save water.

The residential units in the program group averaged over 147 gallons per capita per day prior to entering the H2Oviedo program. After participation, the new water stewards reduced their water use to 86 gallons per capita per day. That was an average drop of 62 gallons per day of water use. This confirms the City can reduce water use below 100 gallons per capita while improving community aesthetics.

The City of Oviedo participates in FEMA’s National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and the City’s Engineering Department recently received Recertification approval from FEMA of this year’s Community Rating System. The Community Rating System Program (CRS) affords discounts of the federally subsidized flood insurance policies to Oviedo citizens. This annual recertification helps FEMA ensure that the City continues to perform activities above and beyond the minimum requirements of the NFIP. These actions provide a benefit that helps prevent and mitigate flood losses now and in the future. These actions also provide the benefit of lowered policy premiums to residential and commercial properties.

Road striping at the Lockwood Rd. / Pauline St. intersection was delayed last night. Staff anticipates the work to be completed within the next few days.

The Mitchell Hammock Rd. intersection improvements project is scheduled to begin work October 4th. The contractor will be starting at the Katie Jean/Manigan intersection first, moving to the Eastbridge/Henson intersection next and finishing at the Albertsons/Sharon Ct. location. The project duration is scheduled for 120 days.

Please note the following meetings and work sessions.

Upcoming Meetings

Wednesday, September 29, 2010	Joint Meeting with Winter Springs	5:30 p.m.
Monday, October 4, 2010	Regular Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Monday, October 18, 2010	Regular Meeting	6:30 p.m.

Sincerely,



Richard Gestrich
City Manager