

**FRIDAY LETTER**  
**September 3, 2010**

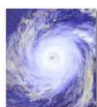
**Honorable Mayor and City Council Members:**

Some of my activities this week included:

- DRC Meeting
- Lunch Meeting with Mayor Persampiere, Winter Springs Mayor Bush and City Manager Kevin Smith
- Staff Meeting
- Meeting with Chief White
- Conference Call with Brian Armstrong regarding Alafaya Utilities
- Executive Session
- Meeting with Matthew Schwartz (City Council candidate)

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

**FIRE/RESCUE SERVICES:**



The week's activities included closely monitoring and analyzing the tropical weather threats as they approached the Florida East Coast. Fortunately, none of which took a path across Florida. Several additional tropical depressions are under monitoring at this time which is anticipated to continue for the next several weeks. Emergency management notifications were distributed accordingly.



Fire Rescue has been requested by the Seminole County School Board and Oviedo High School to continue providing medical standby service at the varsity football games. Apparatus and personnel are assigned accordingly and this service has been provided for at least 25 years.



As a representative of the Florida Fire Chief's, Chief White provided support material for A Safe Haven for Newborns-Gloria M. Silverio Foundation as other states have inquired on establishing the same in their region. The foundation provides support in consideration of the Florida Surrendered Infant Law. The support material was designed to address the concerns of public safety organizations.



Chief White attended the City Manager staff meeting, a Fire Department staff meeting, and a meeting of the Development Review Committee.



The FDA announces the following recalls:

- The FDA has announced the recall of Good Taste Noodle MFG Egg Noodles and Wonton Skins due to possible health risk. The product has the potential to become contaminated with salmonella. Call 312-842-8980 for recall information.



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

- Slow Cookers recalled by Sensio due to fire hazard. Sold exclusively at Kohl's Department Stores. Model number WJ-5000DE. Manufactured in China. Contact 888-296-9675 or [www.acbpromotions.com/sensiorecall](http://www.acbpromotions.com/sensiorecall).
- 32 Inch Sharp LCD-TV's recalled by Sharp Electronics Corporation. Support bracket may break and result in tip over hazard. Sold in most major retail stores nationwide. Manufactured in China. Contact 800-291-4289 or [www.sharppusa.com](http://www.sharppusa.com).
- Toshiba recalls T Series Notebook Computers due to burn hazard. Model Satellite T135, T135D, ProT130. Sold worldwide. Manufactured in China. Contact 800-457-7777 or <http://laptops.toshiba.com/about/consumer-notice>.

### **POLICE:**

Chief Chudnow met with the new Principal of Lawton Chiles Middle School, Dr. Maggie Gunderson, and the new Principal at Stenstrom Elementary, Dr. Sharon Tanner. They discussed various concerns, such as traffic flow and any programs and assistance that the schools will receive from the Police Department. The Chief also met with Jackson Heights Middle School Principal, Mr. Bailey, to discuss the new school year, the School Resource Officer, and the continuing school/police partnership.

The Chief and Lt. Cockcroft attended the pre-construction meeting regarding the improvements to Mitchell Hammock Road.

Commander Coleman and Chief Chudnow attended the monthly Central Florida Criminal Justice Association meeting, as well as the monthly City/County Investigative Bureau meeting. Additionally, they both attended a free two-day seminar, Franklin Covey Diversity Centered Leadership for Law Enforcement at the Winter Springs Police Department.

The Department is actively looking for a new K-9 to replace K-9 Flash, the German Shepherd that was recently retired due to disability. Commander Coleman and Chief Chudnow observed a demonstration of a K-9 that is a prospective replacement for Flash.

On 08/30/10, Detective Cpl. Genao was contacted by Officer Graham and Lt. Ziegler regarding information on a burglary to a residence scheduled to take place later that day. An anonymous source advised Officer Graham that a juvenile was planning to commit a burglary to a residence located at Strand Circle in Oviedo at approximately 0900 hours. Based on this information, Cpl, Genao, Det. Regan, Det. DePanics, Det. Weaver, Officer Lubrido, and Officer Snyder conducted surveillance of the area.

At approximately 0837 hours, a white male juvenile on a bicycle approached the house. The subject parked his bicycle at the rear of the residence against the fence. As officers surrounded the residence, it was noted that the rear sliding door had been removed off its tracks. A short moment later, the suspect exited through the same rear sliding door with a bag in his hands. As he attempted to jump the fence, he was immediately apprehended. The juvenile had in his possession several items taken from inside the residence, valued over \$300.00. Post Miranda, the juvenile stated he was looking for valuables that he could later sell to support his drug habit.



New Business Watch street signs were ordered and received. The signs will be used as part of the Business Watch Program where businesses wish to have Business Watch signs posted at the entrances to their business. The signs are similar to the Neighborhood Watch signs currently in use in neighborhoods.

## **PUBLIC WORKS:**

A pre-construction meeting was held for the Mitchell Hammock Road Intersection Improvement Project this week. This is an American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funded project. The contractor, Barracuda Building Corp., anticipates starting construction October 4<sup>th</sup>. Oviedo Police were in attendance at the meeting for MOT discussion since the project includes three main intersections on Mitchell Hammock Road, including, Katie Jean/Manigan, Eastbridge Drive/Henson Court, and near S.R. 434 in front of Wendy's. The Project will be substantially complete by the beginning of February 2011.

The City received the Local Agency Program (LAP) Agreement from FDOT for funding in the amount of \$60,000 for design of the SR434 Sidewalk Project. Funding was recommended by Metroplan Orlando's Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) and was approved by the Metroplan Board.

The proposed project includes design and construction of 550 linear feet of concrete sidewalk (5' wide) along the existing right of way on the east side of SR 434 (Central Avenue), from approximately Clonts Street to Mitchell Hammock Road. Associated improvements include, grading, driveway removal and replacement (ADA required), and sodding.

In addition to sidewalks for pedestrian conductivity, the design will include hardscape improvements such as stamped asphalt pavement for pedestrian cross walks (increasing pedestrian safety), and hardscape amenities such as directional signs, benches, recycling/trash receptacles, bicycle racks and two Lynx bus shelters. Associated improvements include asphalt milling, signage, striping, and median landscaping.

The LAP Agreement will be presented to City Council on September 20<sup>th</sup> for approval.

Utility staff attended the Little Creek community HOA meeting last week on Tuesday, August 24<sup>th</sup> to discuss the H2Oviedo Program. Staff has been active with local HOA's to assist them in rewriting bylaws to reflect the City's Land Development Code to allow H2Oviedo landscape improvements and Senate Bill 2080 that allows residents in a HOA Community to incorporate Florida-Friendly Landscaping. The President of the Little Creek HOA is a water steward in the H2Oviedo program and is using his home improvements as a model for his community. Staff has met with 15 of the local HOA's over the last year in an effort to incorporate more Florida-friendly aspects into their communities.

## **RECREATION AND PARKS:**



The Aquatic Facility hosted the first high school swim meet of the season on Wednesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>. Oviedo High School hosted Hagerty High School and Bishop Moore High School. Approximately 130 swimmers were in attendance.

The Aquatic Facility will continue to host high school meets on Wednesday afternoons throughout swim season.



Fall Youth Flag Football registration is open until Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. Oviedo NFL Flag is the premier youth football league for boys and girls; ages 5-14 (age as of October 2, 2010). This recreational program provides young players a fun and exciting opportunity to engage in non-contact, continuous action while learning lessons in teamwork. Four age groups are offered: 5/6, 7/8, 8-11 and 12-14. Games will take place on Saturday mornings, beginning October 2<sup>nd</sup>. We are always looking for energetic volunteer coaches to lead our teams. Don't miss this rewarding opportunity!



Fall Youth Cheerleading is now registering at Riverside Park until Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. This recreational program provides participants the opportunity to learn the basics of cheering and root on our youth flag football teams during their games on Saturday mornings. The program is open to those between the ages of 6 and 14. Participants will receive a full cheerleading uniform and pom-poms.



Family Archery class is now registering for the fall session. This six-week program will take place on Saturdays, September 11<sup>th</sup> through October 16<sup>th</sup>. Participants ages 8 and above (adults too) can enjoy learning Olympic-style archery in a program that develops life skills, such as sportsmanship, self-confidence, and friendship. The Beginner's Level course will be offered from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at the Oviedo Sports Complex. For Archers who have already completed the Beginner's Level, or those with previous archery experience, an Advanced Level course will be offered on the same dates, from 10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. Don't miss this great family-friendly opportunity.



The exterior and interior painting of City Hall and the preparation and painting of the handrails at City Hall is scheduled to begin during the month of September. This project is sure to improve the aesthetics of the building.



Work at Shane Kelly Park continues with field renovations. Yesterday, installation of sprigs on Field #1 began. Field work also continues at the Oviedo Sports Complex. Final work is being completed at Friendship Park in preparation for its grand re-opening. Throughout the parks, routine maintenance, regular work requests and daily activities continue.

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY:**

On the 17<sup>th</sup> of August 2009, the Oviedo City Council adopted a Proclamation which states that whereas, every ten years, as mandated by our Constitution, all persons living in Oviedo are called upon to participate in a Census. As the foremost method of gathering information about the people who live in our City, the census plays a crucial role in maintaining our democratic form of government.

In recognition of the importance of achieving a complete and accurate population count in the 2010 Census, the Seminole County 2010 Decennial Census Complete Count Committee was formed. The first meeting of the entire committee was held October 19, 2009 and they met once a month thereafter. The committee's main objective was to create Census awareness. Oviedo's Complete Count Committee Member was Laura Feldman from the Information Technology Department. Mrs. Feldman also served on the Government/Education subcommittee which met twice monthly to formulate strategies to use. The City of Oviedo utilized our GIS system, Internet web site, government television, utility billing, public building displays, message boards, printed cards, digital bill boards, and the Lynx bus stop signs to make our citizens aware that their Census form was coming soon. The slogan Census 2010 Don't Delay, Mail Today, Be Counted was broadcasted all over the City.

Our investment in the GIS system enabled us to provide a comprehensive address list to the Census Bureau. This resulted in an 80% Mail Participation Rate.

2010 Census Participation Rates – April 27, 2010

	2000 Response Rate (%)	2010 Participation Rate (%)	Percent Increase/Decrease (+/- % Rounded)	Numeric Change (+/-)
Altamonte Springs	70	70	0	NC
Casselberry	73	72	-1.4	-1
Lake Mary	80	77	-3.8	-3
Longwood	75	75	0	NC
Oviedo	79	80	+1.3	+1
Sanford	64	68	+6.3	+4
Winter Springs	80	78	-2.5	-2
Seminole County	74	74	0	NC
Florida	63	72	+14.3	+9
United States	67	72	+7.5	+5

The Census enumerators began a door to door campaign to reach the people who did not mail back their forms, residents that used Post Office Boxes or others that never received a form. Utilizing our GIS LX records and Pictometry's aerial photography capabilities, we were able to assist and direct the Census Enumerators to find the hard to access residences. The final numbers for Oviedo's participation results will not be known until the spring of next year. The results are being compiled now and will be forwarded to President Obama in December, 2010 for signature. Additional analysis of the data will continue until results are published in April, 2011.

We want to thank our Oviedo City Council and residents for their participation in the Census 2010. **Oviedo, we've been counted!**

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

<b>Upcoming Meetings</b>		
<b>Thursday, September 9, 2010</b>	<b>CRA Board Meeting</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Thursday, September 9, 2010</b>	<b>Regular Meeting &amp; 1<sup>st</sup> Budget Public Hearing</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Monday, September 20, 2010</b>	<b>Regular Meeting &amp; Final Budget Public Hearing</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Wednesday, September 29, 2010</b>	<b>Joint Meeting with Winter Springs</b>	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Monday, October 4, 2010</b>	<b>Regular Meeting</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>

Sincerely,



Richard Gestrich  
City Manager