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Oviedo Fire Department sets eyes on future

TIM FREED
The Voice

As the city of Oviedo prepares for the upcoming transportation improvements to State Road 426 in the city's historic downtown, the Oviedo Fire Department is making preparations of its own.

The Oviedo Fire Rescue Emergency Management Department plans to establish a new fire station within the next few years in response to the potential purchase of the existing Fire Station 44 and the neighboring Memorial Building by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), a decision ratified during Monday night's Oviedo City Council meeting.

The new station, currently in the planning/due diligence stage, will be established a mile south of the existing station inside a decommissioned water plant located at Boston Hill Park. The space will house both Engine Company 44 and Engine Company 46, which is currently located off of Alexandria Boulevard.

"It actually looks like some of the areas in the city will be responded to quicker with the location on a main highway, rather than tucked back here on Alexandria like it is now," said Oviedo Mayor Dominic Persampiere, referencing research done by Oviedo Fire Chief Lars White.

Fire Chief White expressed excitement at potentially updating the fire department's accommodations.

"It has so many opportunities, because we're replacing two older facilities," White said. "The old downtown station is our oldest fire station."

One potential advantage that the new fire station could present is an easier route for fire engines to leave the building and pursue calls.

"The old fire station at the city hall complex is so nestled into the unique circumstance that it's actually a little challenging for us to get out," White said. "We don't have a front driveway pad on Alexandria; we actually come out of the back of the station."

"Dumping out on State Road 434 really, for that fire station, significantly makes some improvements."

Though the new station would accommodate two engine companies and leave the city with two fire stations instead of three, White assured that the fire department would not be lacking in manpower or equipment to serve the city of Oviedo.

With Engine Company 46 expected to vacate its current station, the Oviedo Police Department occupying the same building will then receive an extra



PHOTO BY TIM FREED — THE VOICE

Oviedo's oldest fire station may be bulldozed and the Memorial Building may also be razed to make room for a new road in the city's old downtown. The fire station would be consolidated with another to make one large fire house.

11,000 square feet of space to expand its operations.

"If the scenario plays out, which I know has been a topic of discussion, it would almost double the size of the police department as it currently is, which would allow us to expand our property and evidence section, which currently is very crowded and almost busting at the seams," said Lt. Mike Beavers of the Oviedo Police Department.

"It would allow us to spread out a little bit more, which would hopefully allow us to be a little

more efficient and effective in our jobs."

While Fire Station 44 and the Memorial Building are being acquired by FDOT, they have agreed to lease both buildings back to Oviedo for zero dollars until December 2015 while the city plans the construction of the new fire station.

"They would like for us to be vacated by that point in time. If not, we can do a month to month zero dollar lease with them," White said. "We suspect that's a good time frame to accomplish

this project."

White concluded that the city will select an architectural firm within the next few months to design the building and hopefully choose a construction company by late summer to early fall of this year.

"Getting into a new facility that is up to current fire and building codes and prepared for disasters is of great benefit. It gets out firefighters into a newer environment," White said. "Its location is going to serve the citizens very well."

Northern schools to be rezoned in Seminole County

TIM FREED
The Voice

The feeling in the air at Seminole County Public Schools' Educational Support Center was somber and enthusiastic Monday as board members gave permission to advertise the rezoning of the North Phase in Seminole County, a decision that fights back against overcrowding, yet will relocate hundreds of northern Seminole County students.

Passed by the Seminole County School Board by a vote of 3 to 2, the rezoning plan was called for by Superintendent Walt Grif-

fin in order to cut down costs and overcrowding, and will impact 11 North Phase elementary schools in Winter Springs, Lake Mary, Longwood and Sanford.

Though the rezoning is said to have its benefits, many parents were up in arms during the public input portion of the meeting.

"The biggest issue I have is transportation," said Toni-Ann Ranta, a Winter Springs parent of children who walk to Winter Springs Elementary and would be bused to Layer Elementary. "I feel that down the road, give or take four or five years from now, I will be standing at this podium



PHOTO BY TIM FREED — THE VOICE
Parent Toni-Ann Ranta took the podium to protest school rezoning.

again with the same argument with transportation."

"You've taken a lot of students away the past couple years from Winter Springs Elementary

that were walkers. It's just very heart-wrenching as a mother, as a person who was rezoned when I was a child."

Winter Springs parent Michael Tallman expressed a similar concern.

"All of our kids who walk to school together will now be bused," said Tallman, who has two children at Winter Springs Elementary. "It doesn't seem financially sound to spend more money to bus them somewhere else."

While most parents pushed back against the plan, some par-

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What's goin' on?

Seminole County will honor "The Senator," the fifth-oldest tree in the world which burned down in 2012, with a replanting of a clone tree at a ceremony this weekend.

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Opening this week: 'JACK THE GIANT SLAYER'

Jack, with his sights on a princess, accidentally opens a gateway to a world of giants.



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THIS WEEK

THIS WEEK in history

March 1, 1692 —

In Salem Village in the Massachusetts Bay Colony, three women are charged with the illegal practice of witchcraft after two young girls experienced fits and other mysterious maladies. During the next few months, area residents incriminated more than 150 women and men.

SCHOOLS | Some parents support improving the diversity in schools by rezoning students to new areas

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ents saw the rezoning as a chance to break away from neighborhood schools and encourage diversity.

“What I’m afraid of with these neighborhood schools is you’re

not going to have diversity,” said Carmen Garcia, a Sanford parent with two children in Idyllwilde Elementary School and one child in Millennium Middle School. “They need that. You don’t want to wait until college to see there’s

a new world out there; do it now while they’re young. Please continue with this.”

Other parents said that it’s all for the good of the school district.

“We’re here to balance capacity and we’re here to balance diversity, and so this plan has taken care of that problem,” said Aamena Kanji a Lake Mary parent with a child at Crystal Lake Elementary. “I think our problem is really solved. As for everything extra, we’re going to have that. The number of students that are

being rezoned are too large for us not to have those little issues, but I think we should look at the bigger picture here.”

Following both the uproar and praise from parents attending the meeting, the School Board assured everyone that their decision reflects what is best for students.

“My vote is based only on one factor: how do I believe we can best serve the academic needs of the students who attend the schools in our North Phase,” School Board member Tina Calde-

rone said.

“I trust in the wisdom of this board and pray that, as a community, each of us would put personal perspectives aside and work to serve our students. At the end of the day, we are here for our students.”

Griffin mentioned that an alternative would have been much more drastic.

“I think the parents understood that we have to rezone the schools. The alternative would be closing a school on one side of the county, only for me to come back in two years and build one in the northwest,” Griffin said. “It was the fiscally responsible thing to do. I think most people understand that.”

“At the end of the day, we had to rezone the schools to balance enrollment. That, without a doubt, was the real factor as we worked on the plan.”

There will a public hearing and a final vote made about the plan on April 1.

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INTERESTS



THIS WEEK in human history

March 7, 1876 —

Twenty-nine-year-old Alexander Graham Bell receives a patent for his revolutionary new invention — the telephone. Bell's patent filing beat a similar claim by Elisha Gray by just two hours.



PHOTO BY BRITTON JOHNSON — THE VOICE
Steve Beres is showing others how to adapt and thrive after sight impairment.

Blindness not stopping ex-cop

BRITTON JOHNSON
The Voice

The cold air blasts across Steve Beres' face as he speeds down the slope; his ski poles prick the firm snow, his skis gliding him through turn by turn — no bunny slopes for him. It's all about the adrenaline rush, beating the hill, he says.

It's the same for many athletes and adventure seekers. It's about pushing limits. But when Beres pushes limits, like bungee jumping off the Stratosphere or riding out the most intense white water rapids for fun, there's just one more element that changes his experience — he's blind. But it doesn't hold him back. He calls it more of an inconvenience than a disability.

"There's really not much that you can't do," he said.

So when Beres skis, there's a guide right behind him telling him which way to dive and dodge through the snow. He was less frightened than his seeing counterparts as he took the plunge off the edge of the Stratosphere Tower in Las Vegas, and so were the group of blind veteran friends he took with him. He wants to show them what's possible. It's just one of the ways he contributes to a community he was suddenly thrown

into 11 years ago.

Beres wasn't always blind. The Winter Springs resident was in the Army and was a sergeant in the Milwaukee Police Department for years, when a terrible accident happened while he was on duty. His face, from his eyebrows to his top lip, was gone, now a gaping hole.

"I woke up that morning not knowing that I had seen my kids for the last time," Beres said. "I went from perfectly sighted to totally blind in a millisecond."

The doctors said he was lucky to be alive. And he could've been brain damaged, not

able to be left alone with his children ever again, who were 2- and 4-years-old at the time of the accident. He felt like being blind, out of all those possibilities, was the best thing that could've happened to him.

"Being just blind isn't all that bad," he said. "Life is not over after you lose sight. It just changes."

He knew he would either have to, as he puts it, hang from the rafters or move on. And he chose to move on, especially for his wife and now three children.

It was about two years, after many sur-

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geries, that he felt like his life was getting back to normal. Looking for a reboot, he started taking classes online at The Hadley School for the Blind, which is a distance education school that helps educate those who are vision impaired and blind, their families, and blindness service providers.

He's studied everything from learning to walk again with a cane, to using Excel and Word. In his first class he learned to use raised markers to label household items. He became more diligent with using his marker skills after he microwaved a can of crushed pineapple instead of soup for his kids. There's nothing that tastes

worse, he said with a laugh.

Now Beres has taken more than 100 classes, and was a member of the school's focus group held to learn more about visually impaired veterans and their needs. Because of his dedication, Beres recently won the Outstanding Veteran Award from the school.

"His passion in life is service to his fellow mankind," said Chuck Young, president of Hadley.

It was hard for Beres to let go of his life of service and that accompanying uniform. So he's found new ways to help others in the blind community. He's worked

for the Department of Veteran Affairs in Michigan, and served as the adult rehabilitation service program manager for Lighthouse Central Florida – an Orlando organization that provides education, independent life skills and job training for those with sight impairment.

"He's a person with a no-excuse approach to life," said Donna Esbensen, vice president and CFO for Lighthouse. "He has an inner compass that directs him ... to be a statement of capability instead of disability."

"It goes right to the heart of our clients," said Lee Nasehi, presi-

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dent and CEO for Lighthouse.

Now, he's an assistant vice president at Regions Bank and Service Member Civil Relief Act manager, helping to ease the financial and legal burdens of those in the military during active service. With 70 percent of blind people being unemployed, it's another one of the many examples of how Beres has continued to beat the odds.

"I may have lost my sight, but I have never lost my vision," he said.

"He's a person with a no-excuse approach to life."

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MARCH 2

Seminole County will honor "The Senator" with a **planting of a clone tree** at Big Tree Park. It's at 10 a.m. March 2 at 761 General Hutchinson Parkway in Longwood. The first 200 people entering the event will receive a Bald Cypress Sapling, limited to one per household. For additional event information, please call 407-665-2180.

MARCH 3

Pancakes are on tap from 8 a.m. to noon on Sunday, March 3, at the Rotary Club of **Oviedo annual Pancake Breakfast**. Proceeds from the event support local scholarships and charities. It's at Canterbury Retreat & Conference Center, 1601 Alafaya Trail, in Oviedo. For tickets or information, contact Harold Davis at 407-595-8508.

Calendar

MARCH 1

Join Together Every Animal Receives Support for its second annual **Sit, Stay Sip... & Save a Life wine event** from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. March 1 at Park Place at Heathrow Center in Lake Mary. Tickets are available at tearsofseminolecounty.org and each advanced ticket will also receive one free raffle ticket.

MARCH 7

Musicians Michael Andrew and more present "Voices of a River" celebrating the Mike Barr Environmental Education Center at Wekiva Island. Performances are March 7 and 8, with two shows each evening starting at 6:30 and 8 p.m. All proceeds from the concerts will benefit the Wekiva Wilderness Trust and Keep Seminole Beautiful. Also watch the Wekiva Paint Out at the same time. To purchase tickets go to wekivapaintout.com/event-details.php#concert, or contact Mary Sue Weinaug at 407-463-3363.

MARCH 8

Celebrate **St. Patrick's Day** early on March 8 with the Art & Music in the Park and The Food Truck Bazaar in Casselberry's Lake Concord Park featuring The Forefathers from 6 to 9 p.m. The event, sponsored by the city of Casselberry, is located at 95 Triplet Lake Drive behind Casselberry City Hall. For more

information visit the city of Casselberry website at casselberry.org, or call 407-262-7700, ext. 1507.

MARCH 9

It's the 19th annual **Taste of Oviedo** at the Oviedo Mall. The annual culinary event brings together food and entertainment in one place. Bring the kids and an empty stomach to the Oviedo Mall from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. March 9, followed by fireworks.

Visit www.seminolevoice.com/events/search for more details. Send submissions to ibabcock@turnstilemediagroup.com

Notes

Hiccup cure?

A California inventor has created the Hiccup Stick, which is purported to **cure hiccups instantly**.

New restaurant

A new Japanese restaurant, **Yuki Hana** Japanese Fusion, has opened in Oviedo at 3635 Aloma Ave.

Honor roller

Darryl Ramgoolam of Oviedo is on the Dean's List for the fall 2012 semester at Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wis. Ramgoolam is pursuing a BS in biomedical and biocomputer engineering.



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ATHLETICS



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Wilt Chamberlain scored an incredible 100 points in a single NBA game. Chamberlain accomplished the feat while playing for the Philadelphia Warriors in a 169-147 win over the New York Knicks, earning a single-game record that still stands today.

Hagerty storms back to final four

ISAAC BABCOCK
The Voice

The Hagerty Huskies had one year to think about their 63-46 loss to Hialeah Gardens at the boys basketball state championship last season. Come Saturday, they're hoping to turn that into a bump in the road.

The Huskies (26-5, 11-1) are back into the final four this

weekend following a wild 54-53 double-overtime thriller on their home court Feb. 23. It was the last that many Hagerty fans would see of the Huskies before they hit the road to Lakeland for the state championship tournament.

And in that wild run up to a shot at redemption they've changed their game to beat strong teams, going from a high-scoring team with a tendency to give up a

lot of baskets to a hunkered-down gamer that's stopped key shots.

Two road games greeted the Huskies as they entered the playoffs with a 59-54 loss to DeLand in the district tournament lingering in their memories. In Jacksonville they edged Sandalwood 52-49 in the first round.

Then they got revenge on DeLand in a 66-52 blowout on DeLand's own court in the regional semifinal. That game was Hagerty's from the start, with DeLand never coming close to a comeback after the first quarter.

Against Wekiva, it was a different story, though it didn't look that way from the start. The Huskies pulled out to nearly a double digit lead in the first quarter before the Mustangs reeled them back in with strings of unanswered points before tying the game just as the clock ticked down to halftime.

In the second half the game got away from the Huskies, whose energy collapsed as they watched the Mustangs take control. Hagerty's Logan Hovey seemingly lost his supernatural sense for finding the ball and putting it in the



PHOTO BY ISAAC BABCOCK — THE VOICE

Luke Doyle, right of center, celebrates after firing the winning shot that sealed Hagerty's regional championship victory over Wekiva on Feb. 23.

basket. But the Huskies slowly clawed their way back and took the lead in the fourth quarter. But the Mustangs wouldn't give up, constantly threatening until they knotted the score just before the clock expired.

The Huskies pulled out a narrow lead in the first overtime, but the Mustangs' Ruben Monroe scored in the final seconds to force a second overtime.

After missing key free throws that could have cost the game, Hagerty's Luke Doyle appeared to have a new resolve in the second OT, taking the ball to the hoop himself on several risky

drives, most of them paying off. With less than 10 seconds left Doyle charged into double coverage in the paint and let fly a wild hook shot as he was fouled. The hook landed, and so did the deciding foul shot that gave the Huskies their second straight regional championship.

After the game Doyle said he wasn't going to let his team lose.

They have two games to go until his promise is fulfilled for the season. It all starts at 8:30 p.m. March 1 at the Lakeland Center against Deerfield Beach. If they win, they'll be in the championship game Saturday.

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Regional Chamber of Commerce

Upcoming Events

March 7th- Monthly Luncheon

11:30am-1:15pm, Oviedo Mall Community Room, Oviedo, FL
Join the Chamber as we welcome Pinklon Thomas, former WBC Heavyweight Champion of the World for an inspirational discussion. Lunch will be served from TJ's Seafood Shack, and the event is sponsored by L.A Boxing.

March 9th- Taste of Oviedo 2013

11am-7pm, Oviedo Mall, Oviedo, FL 32765



Save the date for the 19th Annual Taste of Oviedo, a celebration of Oviedo businesses, talented locals and city traditions. Enjoy an array of food from the city's best vendors, while mingling with local businesses.

March 13th- OBN's Night Out

5:30-8:00pm Tim's Wine Market, 1890 County Road 419

Ladies, join the Chamber and OBN for a fun night out at Tim's Wine Market in Oviedo.

March 26th- Chamber Lunch and Learn

11:30am-1:00pm, 815 Eyrie Drive Suite 4 Oviedo, FL 32765

Join the Chamber and Chatter Buzz Media for a Lunch and Learn about the Power of Pinterest Blogging, and how it can help your business! Sponsored by Oviedo Meeting Rooms.

March 28th - Bagels and Business

8:00- 9:30am, Oviedo Mall Community Room

Join the Chamber at the March Bagels and Business for networking, coffee, and an informative discussion from Success Coach Marty Ward .

Connect with local businesses!

For more info and to register for events go to: www.OviedoWinterSprings.org

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VOICES



THIS WEEK in political history

March 4, 1933 —

At the height of the Great Depression, Franklin D. Roosevelt is inaugurated as the 32nd president of the United States. In his famous inaugural address, Roosevelt told Americans, "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself."

Regional garden choices

Our gardens are not tiny farms. Miniaturized industrial agriculture does not transmute to neat, short rows of wheat, corn and cotton in our backyards.

The economy of scale that affords factory farms the socially subsidized network of itinerant labor, Frankenstein's crop selections, and gargantuan technology will not translate from an Iowa cornfield to a suburban cottage garden.

The legacy of a locality's farms can help indicate what foods have been successfully raised in the past, but in my neighborhood that was pinesap for turpentine and free-range Cracker cattle. (Oviedo's legacy of celery farm-

ing created such an environmental disaster that Lake Jesup is still considered a cesspool.) In our personal space, the attention required to grow regionally non-compliant crops is not impossible; it just lacks any affordable justification.

I am sure good intentions abound, but the pound of lima beans that did not get shelled last week is nevertheless languishing in the back of the fridge's produce drawer. Our social currency that has both husband and wife working, the older generation off on a five island cruise, and the kids glued to a video game does not create the cultural processes to shell pods for tonight's dinner. Even with a tilled plot in the backyard, the construction of a trellis to plant pole beans is still on the list of good intentions. As an alternative, plant bush snap beans. They produce a crop in less than two months, do not

need an engineered structure, provide an edible pod that does not need shelling, and taste great. My favorites are green 'Provider,' yellow wax and purple heirloom.

Florida's sandy soil is not made of the organic materials that hold moisture, plant nutrients, and the biological legacy that endows the consistent growth for solid heading crops of cabbage, blocky bell peppers, or bulbing onions. Find a native gardener and their love of collard and mustard greens, bunching scallion onions, and jalapeno peppers will be apparent. Put some South in your mouth! Fire up the cast iron skillet, sauté the onions and peppers, then add a pile of de-stemmed greens.

As much as my Upick customers long for cucumbers, watermelons and yellow crooknecks, the pest problems that persevere beyond all my efforts to grow cucurbits would require an



inexplicable price in comparison to commercially grown imports. Squash family plants are susceptible to every weather anomaly, soil disease, leaf mildew, pickleworm and stem borer that exists. (Our lack of a real winter is my excuse.) If your cousins up North are bragging on their bumper crop of zucchinis, have them mail a few down.



Tom Carey
From my garden to yours

WHO IS CAREY

Tom Carey is the owner of Sundew Gardens, a you-pick gardening business in Oviedo. Visit the Sundew Gardens Facebook page and e-mail him at sundewgardens@gmail.com

Between the CELERY Stalks By Janet Foley

Hunting chickens

You wouldn't believe the thoughts and opinions I have received on my last article "Oviedo's lost chickens." Our citizens are saying the chickens are part of Oviedo's history and culture. We have many visitors who come into town and they are amazed seeing the chickens walking around. You know they are a big attraction at the Town House. The Oviedo Woman's Club uses the rooster on its Great Day Banners. OK, now where are they hiding? They just don't decide to go on a vacation out of town. I also heard that they may be over in the

Aquatic Center area. If so, there is a lot of nice open and woodsy space for them. I would love to hear your thoughts.

This Saturday, March 2, is the Oviedo Historical Society's Farmers Market from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. They have added some new vendors - Chef's Edge Knife Sharpening and second time new-vendor Blessed Bean Coffee, and All From Scratch. It's all the more reason to come see and meet your friends while there.

Also this Saturday, March 2, is the Memorial and Clone Dedication of "The Senator."

The event will begin at 10 a.m. in Big Tree Park, located at 761 General Hutchison Parkway in Longwood. This is to honor a tree cloned from "The Senator" coming home to Big Tree Park. Join the Highlands Elementary School Choir and members of the Florida Youth Symphony Orchestra for an uplifting and engaging performance. Admission is free.

My son, Jim, is a bike rider and marathon person, and each Sunday he rides from our Oviedo Trail to "The Senator" area and back. A lovely outing, and I get the pleasure of seeing him and he gets lunch.

I know we have been looking forward to this year's Taste of Oviedo coming up from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday, March 9, at the Oviedo Mall. This is their 19th annual Taste of Oviedo, which will feature local food, vendors, businesses, entertainment and children's activities. The Oviedo Preservation Project will have a citrus and celery cook-off for best recipes using

citrus and/or celery. Fireworks will be displayed around 7 p.m. Admission to the event is free. Make sure to come early to find a parking space.

Coming up on Wednesday, March 13, is the Oviedo Woman's Club's annual Tasting Luncheon from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. at 414 King St. (located between the high school and the First United Methodist Church). Delicious dishes are being prepared for our guests and the recipes of the dishes will be included in the Woman's Club's new cookbook, which may be purchased at the door along with a ticket. Tickets are \$7. Remember to sign your ticket, as we will be raffling off gift baskets as door prizes. If you have questions, call our clubhouse at 407-365-9420.

The next St. Luke's Concert Series is coming up Sunday, March 17, at 3 p.m. at the St. Luke's Lutheran Church, located at 2021 W. State Road 426 in Oviedo. The Lutheran Cantata Choir and Chamber Ensemble

will present "Light and Dark," an inspirational collection of sacred choral and music from traditional and contemporary repertoires, featuring J.S. Bach's Cantata No. 6. Admission to the event is free. For more information, please call 407-365-3408.

Just a quick note: You may want to sign up for the new adult classes offered at the Artistic Hand in silver clay, glass and mosaics and an additional clay class on Thursday nights starting March 25. For registration and information, call Del Seaman at 407-365-7882 or email artisticchandler@gmail.com

A thought: "There are two types of people - those who come into a room and say, 'Well here I am!' and those who come in and say, 'Ah, there you are.'" - Frederick L. Collins

TALK TO JANET

Send word to Janet Foley about events and let her know what's going on around town by e-mailing jwfoley@att.net

Spring into March with Oviedo events

March in Florida brings spring, and with it the activities that take us outdoors to enjoy the weather and events around the city. The city in partnership with the Oviedo-Winter Springs Chamber of Commerce and the Oviedo Mall present the 19th annual Taste of Oviedo. Taste is a celebration of Oviedo businesses, talented locals and city traditions that will take place on March 9 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Oviedo Mall. Admission is free for the event. You can enjoy tasty food from the city's best vendors and mingle with local businesses.



OVIEDO CITY TALK

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Mayor Dominic Persampiere



While you're there, check out the children's activities and the live entertainment - especially the fireworks display at dusk.

On Saturday, March 30, at 10

a.m. the Easter Bunny will visit the Oviedo Sports Complex for the annual Marshmallow Drop. Mr. Bunny will drop hundreds of marshmallows from his helicop-

ter. The children collect them and trade them in for treats. Other fun, including inflatable games and activities for the kiddies, will be provided. Refreshments will be available to purchase for the hungry and thirsty marshmallow hunters.

Are you interested in learning about the inner workings of the city? You can do just that by registering for the Community Police Academy hosted by the Oviedo Police Department. The academy will meet one night a week for 11 weeks beginning on April 9. Citizens will be

introduced to all the city departments and will learn a variety of information relating to basic laws, investigative techniques, defensive tactics, and have an opportunity to operate firearms at a gun range. Applications will be available for those who are interested and can be obtained at the Oviedo Police Department, the COPS center at the Mall, as well as on the city website.

More information on these events can be found on our website under "events" on the left side of the main page at cityofoviedo.net

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