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Arbor Day Ceremony



For the fifteenth consecutive year, the City of Port Orange will be recognized with the Tree City USA award by the National Arbor Day Foundation. In conjunction with the City's 16th Annual Arbor Day Ceremony, the Tree City USA award will be bestowed upon the City at 10:00 a.m. on April 24. The ceremony is scheduled to be held at Veterans Memorial Park, on the northern side of City Center Circle, with Mayor Allen Green presiding over the ceremony. In addition to the Tree City USA

award, Port Orange will receive its fourth Growth Award in four years from the foundation. This prestigious award is presented to cities that exhibit vision and commitment in the areas of Plan Management and Landscape Beautification. The ceremony is open to the public.

**the City will
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prestigious
Growth Award...**

ON THE DRAWING BOARD

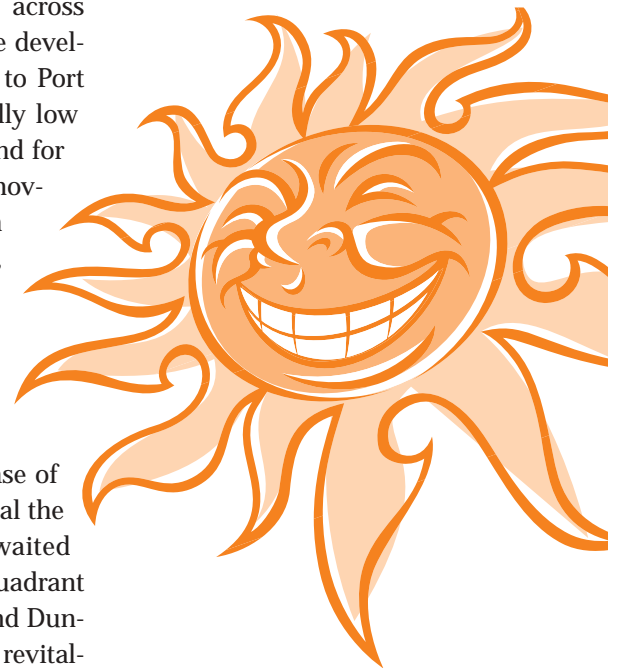
By the time this newsletter is released, the big news should be that the new Wal-Mart SuperCenter is under construction at the southeast corner of Dunlawton Avenue and Clyde Morris Boulevard. The new 203,000 square foot SuperCenter will be the largest commercial project ever constructed in Port Orange and is expected to trigger significant spin-off development in the area between City Center Parkway and Interstate 95. City staff worked with Wal-Mart for over a year to design a project that would comply with the City's architectural, landscaping, and sign regulations. The new supercenter will be the first in Florida to have a special architectural design. A grand opening is expected at the beginning of November, 1998.

Following on the heels of recent commercial growth within the City, a variety of office projects are slated for the Dunlawton corridor. West of Clyde Morris Boulevard, three projects are or will be under construction in the near future: an 8,400 square foot office building between Dustin's Restaurant and SunTrust Bank; a 4,000 square foot office just west of the new Walgreen's; and a 30,000 square foot medical office building at the northwest

corner of Dunlawton and Yorktowne Boulevard. Other office projects east of Clyde Morris include 8,000 square feet next to SouthTrust Bank at Village Trail; a new office center on Woodbriar Trail across from the Hospice; and a 3,400 square foot multi-tenant building across from the Moose Lodge. New office development has been slow in coming to Port Orange; however, with exceptionally low vacancy rates and a pent-up demand for speculative space, developers are moving forward to fill the void with more than 50,000 square feet, bringing high quality, job-creating projects to the community.

The recent demolition of the former Riverview Apartments building and the City's intended purchase of the Halifax Mobile Home Park signal the commencement of the long-awaited redevelopment of the northeast quadrant of the intersection at Ridgewood and Dunlawton Avenues. As a long-term revitalization plan, the goal is to provide a downtown waterfront for Port Orange residents with restaurants, shops, offices,

and housing opportunities. Lastly, residents will be excited to hear that plans have been submitted for the reopening of the former Bill Knapp's as a Lone Star Steakhouse. Lone Star is a full-service restaurant with a bar. The exterior of the



building will be changed to look like a saloon in the Old West. A summer opening is planned.



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Council Chambers 7:00 p.m.
- 7 City Council Meeting
Council Chambers 7:00 p.m.
- 14 Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
City Hall 6:00 p.m.
- 15 Construction Regulation Board
Council Chambers 4:00 p.m.
Environmental Advisory Board
City Hall 7:00 p.m.
- 16 Golf Course Advisory Board
Cypress Head Golf Club 5:30 p.m.
- 20 Employee Pension Board Meeting
City Hall, 2nd Floor Conference Room #2 11:00 a.m.
- 21 City Council Meeting
Council Chambers 7:00 p.m.
- 23 Planning Commission
Council Chambers 7:00 p.m.
- 27 Coalition of Port Orange Homeowners Assoc.
Council Chambers 7:00 p.m.
- 28 City Council Meeting
Council Chambers 7:00 p.m.

MAY

- 5 City Council Meeting
Council Chambers 7:00 p.m.
- 6 Code Enforcement Board
Council Chambers 7:00 p.m.

- 7 Library Advisory Board
Port Orange Regional Library 7:00 p.m.
Police Pension Meeting
Port Orange Chamber of Commerce 2:30 p.m.
- 12 Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
City Hall 6:00 p.m.
- 18 Employee Pension Board Meeting
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- 21 Golf Course Advisory Board
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- 23 Arts & Craft Show
(Port Orange Association for the Arts, Inc.)
Municipal Complex 9:00 a.m. -6:00 p.m.
- 25 Coalition of Port Orange Homeowners Assoc.
Council Chambers 7:00 p.m.
- 26 City Council Meeting
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- 27 Neighborhood Budget Meeting
Port Orange Senior Center,
3738 Halifax Drive 6:00 p.m.
- 28 Planning Commission
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- Mayor Allen Green
- Councilman George Steindoefer
- Councilwoman Mary Martin
- Councilman Jim Meadows
- Councilwoman Dorothy Hukill

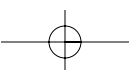
City of Port Orange Telephone Numbers

- Mayor and Council.....756-5494
- City Manager.....756-5201
- City Attorney.....756-5206
- Human Resources.....756-5223
- City Clerk.....756-5212
- Finance Department.....756-5239
- Utility Customer Service.....756-5224
- Other Financial Information.....756-5239
- Community
Development Department.....756-5250
- Parks and Recreation
Department.....756-5390
- Public Works Department.....756-5366
- Public Utilities Department.....756-5378
- 7 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
Water/Sewer Repairs.....756-5383
- After Hours
Water/Sewer Emergency.....756-5380
- Police Department
(Non Emergency).....756-5333
- Fire Department
(Non Emergency).....756-5401
- Port Orange Regional Library.....322-5152

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Celebration of the Arts: Lakeside Jazz Festival

Opening of the City Amphitheater March 27th

Preparations for the inaugural Lakeside Jazz Festival and the dedication of the City's new amphitheater are nearly complete. During the weekend of March 27, our community will host a "Celebration of the Arts" which promises to be a magnificent three day event of music, drama, and dance that revolves around a day-long competition of high school jazz bands from around the state (Lakeside Jazz Festival). Commencing on the morning of Friday, March 27, and concluding on Sunday, March 29, sounds of voices and instruments will fill the air. Prior to Friday night's opening ceremony, the day's agenda is loaded with performances by the host bands (Atlantic and Spruce Creek High School Jazz Bands) and improvisational workshops and clinics. On the bill for the opening ceremony at 7:00 p.m. is a surround-sound presentation



by the sponsoring bands, followed by a performance from the U.S. Naval Academy Choral Singers. Known as the "Skivs" and renowned for their delightful blend of musical talent and showmanship, this men's glee club has performed around the world and extensively throughout the U.S. The Skivs are being brought to Port Orange by the Port Orange Association for the Arts, Inc. and Navy League. Immediately afterwards, dancers from the Academy of Fine Arts and

Silver Sands Middle School chorus will perform at the amphitheater dedication. Locally recognized Big Band musician Sal Ronci with Linda Cole will be the headline performer for the evening.



On Saturday, March 28, the inaugural Lakeside Jazz Festival continues with the performances and adjudication of competing high school and middle school jazz bands in morning and afternoon sessions. Slated for competition are thirteen talented jazz bands from across the state of Florida. Lakeside Jazz Festival sponsors are Atlantic and Spruce Creek High School Band Parent Associations. The remainder of Saturday evening will be devoted to the festival's featured performers: the Stetson University Jazz Band, University of North Florida Jazz Band, the Bethune Cookman College Jazz Band, and the United States Navy Jazz Band from Jacksonville. Around 7:30 p.m. that evening, the winners of the Lakeside Jazz Festival will be announced. Sunday, March 29, will continue the Celebration of the Arts theme of music, drama, dance, and choral performances. The public is invited to come out, bring your lawn chairs and enjoy the events scheduled during the three day "Celebration of the Arts." For a complete schedule call 756-5201.

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THE CITY SALUTES ITS PRESCHOOL

Founded in 1976, the City of Port Orange Preschool has established itself as a leader in the child care industry. Geared toward children ages four and five, this half day Preschool provides a structured learning environment for twenty-five children during morning and afternoon sessions that cultivates an educational foundation which the children can draw upon as they move into their primary school years. Under the direction of Terry Shroyer, Program Director, and Krystal Keyser, participants in the program are engaged in games, arts and crafts, exercise, sing-alongs, and learning center activities that stimulate their physical and educational development. Recently, the News-Journal recognized the Preschool as one of the ten best child care centers in Volusia and Flagler counties. Ranking fourth among 170 licensed

day care facilities surveyed in a comprehensive investigative report conducted by the newspaper, the report assessed the quality of day care in the two county region. Based upon inspection reports from the State's Department of Children and Families between 1994 and 1997, the Preschool was rated on its completeness in regard to paperwork (proper display of its license and activities), cleanliness, and safety (employee to child ratio and proper supervision). The City salutes Terry and Krystal on a job well done! NOTE: Registration for the 1998-99 Preschool Program will start June 1 at the Port Orange Gym. This program is licensed under H.R.S. #121380. Call 756-5294 for more information.

Preschool Summer Camp

The City's Preschool will offer a Summer Camp starting June 15 and ending August 7.

Open to four and five year olds who were born before September 1, these four (4) - two week sessions will run from 8:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. each day. The cost for residents is \$60/two week session and a one-time fee of \$15 will be assessed to nonresidents. Limited to twenty-five campers per session, registration begins May 11 at the Port Orange Gym. Participants must bring their own lunch and drink; however, the Preschool will provide a midmorning snack. Activities planned include arts and crafts, storytelling, exercise, music, and learning center activities. For additional information, call 756-5294. The sessions are as follows:

- Session 1June 15 - June 26
- Session 3July 13 - July 24
- Session 2June 29 - July 10
- Session 4July 27 - Aug. 7

Parks and Recreation Activities and Facilities Summer Playground '98

Once again, the Port Orange Parks & Recreation Department will offer the seven (7) week SUMMER PLAYGROUND program to children ages 6-11 and teens 12-15. Playground '98 will start June 22 and will end August 7. The hours will be Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Children ages 6-11 have the option of attending the program at either Spruce Creek, Horizon, or Sugar Mill Elementary. A revised program for teens 12-15 will be offered at Silver Sands Middle School. Playground attendees are required to bring their own lunch. Snack and soda machines will be available at the different facilities.

The cost of the seven-week program is \$75 for Port Orange residents and \$90 for nonresidents. That fee includes a T-shirt, all the on-site activities such as: arts & crafts, ping pong, flag football, special events day, and the end of Summer Alexander Springs Hot Dog Roast. Also, a trip package to five local attraction parks will be offered; and off-site trips, including skating, bowling, movies, and miniature golf, are planned at an additional fee. Registration will be held at the Port Orange Gym beginning Monday, May 4, and ending Monday, July 6. The Gym will be open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Furthermore, a Satur-

day registration day is planned for June 13, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please call the Recreation Department at 756-5391.

NOTE: Open Playground Policy - Participants may attend the site all day, every day, or choose to come for only the events that interest them. This is intended as a summer supplement of activities for your child. This not a day camp or a day care. We supervise the participants during the time they remain on the trip/activity. Restrictions for leaving the site must be established between the parent and child. You are welcome any time to come and see if your child is following your instructions.

ADULT TENNIS TOURNAMENT

The Port Orange Recreation Department will host an adult doubles tennis tournament on Saturday and Sunday, April 18-19. The tournament will be under the direction of Coach Andy Bacha, Jr. with assistance from the Spruce Creek High School girls varsity tennis team. The entry fee is \$20 per player for one event or \$30 for two events. All players must have a GVTL or USTA rating or the approval of Coach Bacha to be eligible to play. The deadline for all entries is Wednesday, April 15. You may pre-register by

telephone or pay your fees at the Port Orange Gym located on the Municipal Complex. For information on the divisions or if you have any questions, call the Recreation Department at 756-5391 or Coach Bacha at 761-6617.

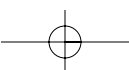
SOCK HOP DANCE

Friday, May 1, from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., the Recreation Department will sponsor a 60's Sock Hop Dance at the Adult Activity Center, located at 4790 S. Ridgewood Ave. DJ Rockin' Roger will provide the music, and a \$3/single or \$5/couple admission fee will be charged at the door. Along with the tunes, light refreshments, contests, and door prizes are planned throughout the evening. Gather up your friends and call the Recreation Department today at 756-5391 to reserve a table.

FREE CONCERT

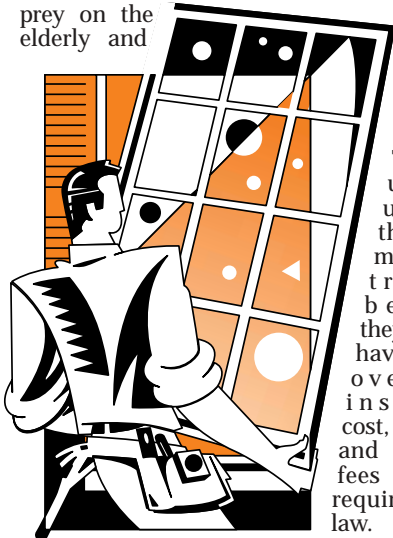
The Altoona High School Band will perform at the new Port Orange Amphitheater located on City Center Circle Friday, April 24, at 7:00 p.m. Guests will be entertained with light classics and marches from these spectacular musicians. On a tour of Florida from Altoona, Wisconsin, the band is also scheduled to perform at Epcot's Future World West Stage. The public is invited to this free concert.

ACTIVITIES	AGES	SEASON	ACTIVITIES	AGES	SEASON
Youth Baseball League	7-14	April- May	Womens Softball League	8-Up	June-August
Youth Baseball Tournaments	7-14	May 26- June 6	Girls Softball Tournaments	8-17	May 26- June 6
Girls Softball League	8-17	April- May	Mens Softball League	18-Up	April- June
Port Orange Tennis Tourn.	Adults	April 12-13	Youth Baseball League	15-17	June -July



HIRING A CONTRACTOR: HOMEOWNERS, BEWARE OF UNLICENSED CONTRACTORS

There are unlicensed contractors operating in the Port Orange, Volusia County area as well as the entire state. If you are planning to have work performed by contractors or someone approaches you to perform a service, please check to be sure they are properly licensed and insured. The unlicensed contractors will prey on the elderly and



other unsuspecting people. They will usually undercut the legitimate contractors because they do not have the overhead, insurance cost, licensing, and permit fees that are required by law.

You, as the owner, assume a substantial financial risk and will have very little or no recourse in the event the unlicensed person does substandard work or skips out on the job. You could be held liable for any injuries the workers incur while working on your property. You could be found guilty of aiding and abetting an unlicensed contractor and subject to substantial fines and/or time in jail. You may end up paying twice for labor and materials used on your job.

BEFORE SIGNING A CONTRACT BE SURE TO DO THE FOLLOWING:

- Read it carefully.
- Fill in all blank spaces.
- Consult your insurance agent to see if the repairs are covered by your insurance.
- Have an attorney review the contract before you sign. Take every reasonable precaution to protect your interest.
- Ensure that the contractor has the appropriate workers compensation coverage.

BE SURE THE CONTRACT CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING:

- Contractor's name, address, telephone

number, and professional license number.

- Precise description of work to be completed and the materials to be supplied.
- Construction completion date.
- Any financing information that is required by law or that is part of the transaction.
- Any warranty agreements.
- All necessary building permits or licenses. Make sure the job site will be cleaned thoroughly and that no debris will remain after the job is complete.

HOW TO FIND A REPUTABLE AND RELIABLE CONTRACTOR:

- Ask to see the state contractor's license. All state-generated contractor licenses come with a wallet card printed on the same paper stock as the main license which the contractor is required to keep with him/her. Check that the license you are shown matches the person showing it. Ask for additional identification if you are still not sure.
- Determine how long a contractor has been in business. An established contractor with a reputation for using quality materials and paying his/her bills is more likely to do quality work for you. Ask for references and check them out.
- Check with the local building division or the State Department of Business and Professional Regulations to see if the license is current and proper for the work being performed. If the insurance or some other required documentation is not current, the contractor will not be able to obtain permits and perform work in Port Orange.

IMPORTANT TIPS:

- Avoid any contractor who requires advance payment. Agree to pay after the work is completed and a final inspection passed.
- Do not sign the work completion certificate until all work is completed to your satisfaction. Be sure all required inspections, including the final, have been approved and signed off by the local Port Orange Building Inspector.
- If the work is valued at more than \$2,500, you need to become familiar with the Florida Construction Lien Law. A notarized release of lien will help ensure that you will not have to pay twice for labor or material or loss of property to unpaid workers or suppliers.

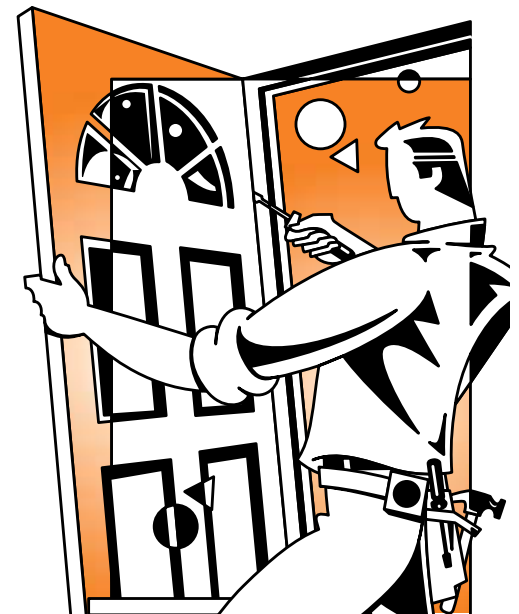
Property owners should be aware that individuals who have a workers compensation exemption certificate under Florida law and are injured on your property can sue you to recover medical costs and any other costs related to the injury they sustained while working for you. Such an action could be very costly and time consuming to you as a property owner. Remember, you do not have to allow someone to work on your property without adequate workers compensation coverage. Each property owner should understand the differences between a contractor who has full workers compensation coverages and those who possess an exemption certificate under Florida statutes and weigh the risks before the job begins.

Finally, property owners can further protect themselves from injury claims by inspecting the job site and removing any known hazards. If you have further questions call:

IMPORTANT NUMBERS:

The Department of Business and Professional Regulations Office of Investigative Services
7960 Arlington Expressway, Suite #230
Jacksonville, FL 32211
Phone # (904) 727-5590
Fax # (904) 727-5596

The Port Orange Community Development Department, Building Division
1000 City Center Circle, Port Orange, FL 32119
Phone # (904) 756-5250
Fax # (904) 756-5267



Participation

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NEIGHBORHOOD (FY 98/99) Budget Meetings



In an effort to incorporate the priorities of its residents, the City of Port Orange is encouraging everyone to participate in this year's Neighborhood Budget Meetings. Scheduled during the month of May, the budget meetings provide the City staff with an opportunity to present an overview of the City's FY 1998-99 budget to the public. Feedback from the meetings will help staff to identify and evaluate the needs of the community and to incorporate those needs into the budget. In order for the staff to achieve this goal, the participation of residents is essential in this process. To accommodate the public, morning and evening meetings have been scheduled.

- Wednesday, May 20 . . . 10:00 a.m.
City Hall - Council Chambers
Port Orange Senior Center
- Wednesday, May 27 . . . 6:00 p.m.
1000 City Center Circle
3738 Halifax Drive

If you have any questions regarding the budget or the budgetary process, call 756-5201.

REPRESENTATIVES MOVE INTO CITY HALL

Port Orange is proud to welcome two important residents to the newly renovated second floor of City Hall, U.S. Congressman John Mica and State Representative Suzanne Kosmas. Congressman Mica relocated his Port Orange office to a new office on the second floor in February of this year. Manned by two aides, the office is open Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Responsible for assisting constituents in this portion of his district, the office can field inquiries related to any federal



program or agency and can assist constituents when dealing with federal agencies. Furthermore, if you need copies of any past or present legislation or information on federal grants, the office will be glad to assist you.

For State Representative Suzanne Kosmas, the opportunity to open an office in Port Orange, in addition to her main office in New Smyrna Beach, increases her ability to assist her constituents. Rep. Kosmas anticipates opening her office in Port Orange around the middle of May after the 1998 Legislative Session in Tallahassee is completed. The Florida Legislative Session runs from March 3 until May 1. Once the office opens, the office hours will be Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. In addition to assisting her constituents, Rep. Kosmas looks forward to making full use of City Hall by holding legislative community outreach meetings on a regular basis. Moreover, she welcomes any inquires or comments. She can be reached in Tallahassee after March 2 at 850-488-6653.

To contact either of the representatives, here are their respective local telephone numbers:

U.S. Rep. John L. Mica
State Rep. Suzanne M. Kosmas
District 7 District 28
904-756-9798 904-427-4466
(New Smyrna Beach)

FACILITIES UPDATE

The City is preparing for the construction of Fire Station No. 4, the renovation of the Police Station, and the expansion of the YMCA. The City's other major construction project, Gateway Park, was dedicated March 17, 1998. Plans for the Police Station include expanding the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and renovating the space within the building to increase storage and workstation space for

Police and Volunteers in Police Service (VIPs) personnel. Construction of the project is set for October, 1998; and the completion date is April, 1999. Construction of Fire Station No. 4, located on Airport Road at Water's Edge, is slated for August, 1998, with the operational date planned for March, 1999. Once completed, Station No. 4 will consist of a 6,000 sq. ft. building with living quarters for four firefighters and office space for police personnel. Vehicle equipment assigned to the station includes a pumper truck and a brush truck.

Funding for the construction of Fire Station No. 4 and the renovation of the Police Station derives from the General Obligation Bond (G.O. Bond) approved by the voters in the September 2, 1997, election. The amount of the bond to fund these two projects is \$1,500,000. Recently, two financial rating institutions rated the City's General Obligation Bonds at the upper medium grade level (A-1, A). The ratings are based upon the City's solid financial condition, current debt burden, and its ongoing residential and commercial development activity. The City Council received bids for the bonds. The Council awarded the bid to SunTrust. SunTrust bid an interest rate of 4.5925% for the 15 year bond.

Finally, by way of a joint venture between Halifax Hospital, the local YMCA Branch, and the City, the expansion of the Port Orange YMCA is projected to be completed in October, 1998. Located on the Municipal Complex, the expansion of the Y will be funded by the City and include an additional 7,000 square feet. The cost of the project will be recaptured through leasing fees from the YMCA and Halifax Hospital. Besides its current features, the newly revamped Y will include additional fitness equipment and a state-of-the-art cardiac rehabilitation center.

HALIFAX/INDIAN RIVER SPRING CLEANUP



In a community-spirited effort to help our waterways, the City of Port Orange will be involved in the 10th Annual Halifax/Indian River Spring Cleanup on Saturday, April 25, 1998. Along with the Halifax/Indian River Task Force, Keep Daytona Beach Beautiful, and other municipalities, the City hopes to make this year's event even bigger. Port Orange's clean-up efforts

will focus on the Halifax River, the surrounding islands, and the Causeway Park. To make the 10th annual cleanup a success, we need volunteers to commit to this worthy community project. Volunteers are guaranteed a Cleanup T-shirt, a picnic (held in Daytona Beach), and a chance to win some prizes for collecting "award winning trash." Bags, gloves, and trash pickers will be provided. If you or your club/organization

would like to get involved in the cleanup, call 756-5201. The Halifax/Indian River Task Force can be contacted at (904) 239-6425.

