

Sand

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Scoops

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Life is better here

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Saws were buzzing and plenty of compost, dirt and plants were laid out for a brand spanking new addition to the **Hugh S. Branyon Backcountry Trail** on Saturday as the first true workday was held on highlight of the work tackled the new hummingbird garden picnic pavilion on the The colorful added split rail fencing, one hundred flowering new citrus trees all the butterfly, ladybug aid in pollination efforts Just to help out, over were released into the some eager youth



Caroline Grimes, Marie Knight, Abby Grimes, Kelly Barrett, Cora Ellis releasing Ladybugs in the new garden.

The was the team who butterfly and adjacent to the Catman Road Trail. landscaped section grass sod, close to plants and some designed to attract and hummingbird to throughout the trail. 4,000 ladybugs garden thanks to volunteers.

It's time to put out that American flag and crank up the grill for backyard fun as **Memorial Day** is here and its time to grill. Remember to mark your calendars that City of Orange Beach services and offices will be closed in honor of Memorial Day on Monday, May 26.



Jamaika Beck-Shank

Students across **Baldwin County** wrap up this school year on Thursday as the bell rings for the final time and Summer is officially here. As hit the streets, beaches eye for you drive f o r full of youngsters parks and pools and keep a close them while and watch excited kids e n e r g y . Families will be hitting the interstates for those vacations starting next week and as gas prices reach peak prices, staying close to home around Orange Beach may be the most popular vacation spot for many.

Orange Beach, Alabama



Effective June 1, City of Orange Beach dental coverage will change from Assurant to Blue Cross Blue Shield. Check with your supervisor to verify dentists available in the new plan. Details will follow.

The month of June is open enrollment for **Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama**. This is the only time during the year that employees can add dependents, unless there is a life changing event (birth, marriage, adoption, etc.). Employees wishing to change to family coverage must come by City Hall and complete an enrollment application as soon as possible. Employees reaching their 3 year anniversary prior to June 1, 2008 and wish to add family members should contact Cathy Constantino at City Hall at 981-6979.



BlueCrossBlueShield
of Alabama

Buy Local & Buy Fresh
June 13th & July 11th
7:00 - 12:00 PM
"Gulf Coast Green Market"
Lake Shelby at Gulf Shores Park
is coming to the Island!
Featuring Local Fruit,
Vegetables, Honey,
Bread, Shrimp, Flowers,
and more.

BROUGHT TO YOU BY: The Bay Title Foundation, Gulf State Park,
The City of Gulf Shores, and the City of Orange Beach

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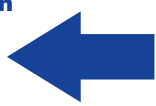
City Services
Closed Monday,
May 26, 2008 for
MEMORIAL DAY



Camps, camps, camps! The City of **Orange Beach Recreation Center** is excited to offer a large variety of special programs and camps for area youth this summer. There will be three sessions of the returning favorite, **Junior Marksmanship Program**. This camp is for kids ages 10- 15 years old. Utilizing NRA guidelines and a certified instructor, participants will learn marksmanship and four basic shooting positions; standing, kneeling, sitting and prone. Basic rifle safety is stressed throughout the instruction. Precision air rifles are provided. There are three sessions to choose from, June 9th-14th, June 23rd-28th or July 21st-26th. Camp is 12:00-3:00pm, Monday-Friday with an 8:00am-12:00pm live fire on Saturday. Fee is \$50 for residents and \$80 for non residents. **Eco Rangers** also returns. This **Science Camp** is for kids ages 8-11yrs old. The young scientists will learn about the area's environment through hands-on experiments and hikes. There are two different sessions: June 2-6 is "**Living Things**" which includes a field trip to Coastal Wonders at Camp Beckwith and July 7-11 is "**Wet and Wild**". Both sessions are Monday through Thursday, 9am-12pm and Friday, 9am-1pm. Registration fees are \$40 for residents of Orange Beach and \$60 for non residents and include camp, daily snack and t-shirt. **Kid's Culinary Camp** is a new camp that offers junior chefs ages 10-13 yrs old the opportunity to learn about kitchen safety, cooking skills and yummy recipes. Kids are encouraged to be creative and have fun in a safe environment. The **Kids Culinary Camp** will go on a field trip to the grocery store and have take home snacks and recipes at the end of the week. Session 1 is "Basic Meals", June 16-20 and Session 2 is "Around the World", July 14-18. Both sessions are Monday through Friday, 9am-12pm. Registration fees are \$40 for residents of Orange Beach and \$60 for non residents and include camp, food/supplies and t-shirt. Also new this summer is Intro to **Sports Camp**. Kids going into Kindergarten through 4th grades will learn basic skills and fundamentals while having fun and playing games. Campers will learn teamwork and techniques used in various sports and then they will be able to practice these skills in games and activities. Sports focused on will include football, basketball, soccer and more. The first session is for kids going into Kindergarten and 1st grade and will be held July 14-18. The second session is for kids going into 2nd through 4th grades and will be held July 21-25. Both sessions are Monday through Friday, 9am-1pm. Registration fees are \$40 for residents of Orange Beach and \$60 for non residents and include camp, daily snacks and t-shirt. You can register for all these camps at the **Orange Beach Recreation Center**, 4849 Wilson Boulevard. All participants must be pre registered. For more information, call 981-6028. If art and creativity is your thing there are also plenty of camps and classes planned for this summer at the **Orange Beach Art Center**. Classes in pottery, acrylics and much more are starting up with various schedules to fit your busy work week. Call Wanda Price at 981-ARTS to get class information. Last for now, don't forget about golf lessons down at the Orange Beach Golf Center by calling 981-GOLF.



Register to receive the free online version of the OB Community News. The City is transitioning from a printed, mailed City Newsletter to a digital online version in coming months.



Looking for Garrett . . . This week about 7:30am, on Monday a "football" had washed up on the bank in the Terry Cove area behind the Harbor Cove Condominiums, located on Canal Road, in Orange Beach, AL. The small "PEE WEE GAME BALL", was signed with good wishes by Coaches and team players, as well as a note stating: **Garrett Get Well Soon!**



Garrett's Football

"Garrett" who would most likely appreciate having this "special gift" back. Please forward any inquires claiming to be the "owner" of this football to debbielanahan@yahoo.com. Thank you for your assistance in helping to locate the Pee Wee football player who has been ill named: **Garrett**.

Parents and grandparents take note that several local **Day Care** opportunities are now available. **Discovery Island Child Development Center** is taking new applications as well as adding Saturday day care to their offering. Call Melissa Moody for information at 974-5488 or log onto www.discoveryislandcdc.com. Another option is at **Orange Beach United Methodist Church** as it kicks off its Bright Beginnings Preschool by calling the church office at 981-6751 or log onto www.orangebeachumc.org. **Christian Life Church** is offering several youth programs for the summer starting with the CLC Summer Day Camp running Monday through Fridays from 7am to 6pm starting May 27 through August 8th with a cost of \$100 weekly. Another daily service is the Preschool Park for ages 3 months to five years weekdays from 8am to 1pm or all day long. Christian Life Church's Kidz Camp 2008 will be held for first through sixth graders from June 22-25 and the cost is \$150. To register for any program at Christian Life Church call 967-4840. Camp OB Outfitters and The Bridge is coming the first two weeks in June at First Baptist Church Orange Beach. Camp OB is for students finishing K-4th grade and The Bridge is for students completing 5th -8th grades. Call 981-4288 or log onto www.firstbaptistorangebeach.com. Don't forget **Orange Beach Parks and Recreation** has a full slate of summer camps for students of all ages.

The Orange Beach Citizens Association will hold a public forum on May 27 at 6 p.m. at the Orange Beach Adult Activity Center on Canal Road. The group wants Orange Beach citizens to understand the platforms of all candidates who will be entering the local election and to encourage more citizens to vote in the August 26th municipal election. All candidates and residents are invited to the May 27 forum.

Employee Classified

- City Employee Discount 25% off entree' - Flippers
- City Employee Discount \$2 off adult ticket Dolphin Cruise on Cold Mil Fleet
- City Employee Discount 25% DISCOUNT - COSMO'S
- City Employee 10% of Entire purchase - FISHTALE'S at the Wharf
- 10% off - PACK & MAIL

Items for sale? Send to kgrimes@cityoforangebeach.com:

- Merle Carroll . . . (981-3188) 2 full size 18 cubic ft refrigerators, great for garages. . . . \$50 each
- Jason Whitlock . . . (971-6296) Sauna for sale
- Jason Fikes . . . (747-1667) 2005 Honda CBR600RR Red 18K miles, asking \$6,200
- Bruce Nelson . . . (970-0145) JBL Competition Magnum spear gun \$100
- St.Croix 8wt rod & reel with case \$100
- Rick Facey (955-1308) Fort Morgan Beach House Weekly Rentals
- Jim Bizjak (234-9901) Springdale by Keystone Camper Trailer, 29.8ft wide slideout. Bunkhouse special, bunk on one end, Queen bed on other. Sleeps 8 - 10 comfortable \$14,900
- Denise Poozer . . . (747-2616) 1998 Buick Park Avenue, Good Condition, White V6 3.8 Liter, automatic FWD, A/C front & back, Power steering, windows, seats and door locks, Tilt wheel, Cruise control, AM/FM Stereo, Cassette & CD player, Dual front air bags, ABS (4 wheel), Leather, Dual heated seats, keyless entry, New tires and large trunk, Current mileage is around 104,400 \$4,600
- Glenda Beech . . . (980-2867) wanted, Washer & Dryer in good condition