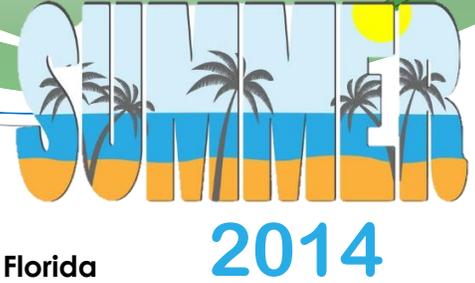




# CITY OF CLERMONT

Official Newsletter of the City of Clermont, Florida



## Clermont Arts & Recreation Center Grand Opening Set for June 6



Amidst great excitement and anticipation, the City of Clermont will hold a grand opening of its new Clermont Arts & Recreation Center on Friday, June 6, at 9:30 a.m. with tours following the ribbon-cutting ceremony until 11 a.m. Tours also will be available the following day from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

The 69,000-square-foot center, formerly the Celebration of Praise, includes a performance hall that seats 1,100, a theater, swimming pool plus two wading pools, a gymnasium for basketball and volleyball that also was built for banquets, expos and other uses.

The Center includes a large, commercial kitchen and a variety of meeting spaces. The pool and gymnasium, as well as the rest of the Center, will be open seven days a week. Call 352-396-9096 for hours and rates.

**GRAND  
OPENING**

**FRIDAY, June 6, 9:30 AM**

The public is invited to the celebration.

## Election 2014 at a Glance

**Which city council seats will be up for election?**

- Seats 1, 3 and 5.

**When is the qualifying period?**

- Monday, June 16, 12 noon - Friday, June 20, 12 noon.

**How long are the terms?**

- Two years.

**When are the primary and general elections?**

- Primary: Aug. 26, 2014. General: Nov. 4, 2014.

**How can I find out how to qualify and other information?**

- Contact City Clerk Tracy Ackroyd at 352-241-7331 or [tackroyd@clermontfl.org](mailto:tackroyd@clermontfl.org).



## EVENTS

### JUNE

- 1 – Farmer's Market
- 6, 7 – **CLERMONT ARTS & RECREATION CENTER – Grand Opening**
- 6 – Food Truck Friday & Music on Montrose
- 7 -- D-Day Remembrance at the Historic Village
- 8,9 – Auditions for Moonlight Players: *Beyond Therapy*
- 14 – Taste of Caribbean & Jerk Festival
- 14 – Park Run 5K
- 14 – Cooper Memorial Library Summer Reading Kick-off
- 16 – Waterfront Bikes & Boards Rentals opens 7 days a week
- 19 – NTC Ultimate Series Lake Louisa Spring Triathlon & Paddle Board Race

### JULY

- 4 – Visit the Presidents Hall of Fame
- 7 – Cooper Memorial Library: Movies
- 13 – Central Florida Soccer Academy Soccer Camp
- 18 – Wine Walk Downtown

### AUGUST

- 1, 2 – Friends of the Library Used Book Sale
- 5 – **NATIONAL NIGHT OUT**

Click "Events" for details @ [www.CityofClermontFL.org](http://www.CityofClermontFL.org)

Email [dteske@clermontfl.org](mailto:dteske@clermontfl.org) for details on Clermont Recreation Summer Programs.

## Holiday Closing



Please note that city offices will be closed on July 4.

## Community Notes

- **Tree disposal.** The City has special requirements for disposing of trees and limbs. Please call 352-241-0178 for details.
- **Fire chief has new board position.** Fire Chief Carle Bishop was recently installed on the Central Florida Fire Chiefs' Association board, representing Lake County. The Clermont Fire Department recently received a \$1.3 million SAFER grant for nine new firefighter positions.
- **Hurricane preparation.** Hurricane season runs from June 1 – Nov. 30. It's a good idea to keep bottled water, flashlights, batteries, non-perishable items, a cooler and emergency weather radio on hand.



It's no secret that Clermont residents care about quality of life and wellness. So, the city's newest event, **FitnessPalooza**, was a natural fit -- and hit! A crowd of about 3,000 enjoyed a variety of sports-related demonstrations, including activities for children. Chris Dudeck, the city's new event coordinator, said he is already planning on hosting the event again next year at Waterfront Park.



Jazzfest '14 ushered in a new era of entertainment in the city. Amazing performances by East Ridge High, Lake Minneola High and South Lake High students, in addition to the John DePaola Quartet, raised funds for the Florida Lakes Symphony Orchestra and the schools' music programs. More than 400 attended the event, which was the first program to debut in the new performance hall at the Clermont Arts & Recreation Center.



Clermont Police Chief Charles Broadway (right) leads dozens of runners during the Clermont leg of the Annual Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics. The run in April included Special Olympics athletes, the public as well as law-enforcement officers and criminal-justice officials from across Lake County. Chief Broadway was picked out of all the law-enforcement officers in the state to carry the torch the final mile into the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex on May 16 for the Special Olympics Summer Games.

Thank you to all the Clermont residents, and especially Chili's in Clermont, for helping the Clermont Police raise money for Special Olympics Florida. We are proud this wonderful organization's state headquarters is here in Clermont.



# City Manager Addresses CHS Grads

City Manager Darren Gray talks about city's many initiatives.

The last Clermont High School class graduated in 1993, but the spirit of the "Highlanders" lives on.

Hundreds return each year to renew friendships and recall memories of Clermont when Waterfront Park was better known as Jaycee Beach. One alumni came from Malaysia.

City Manager Darren Gray was this year's keynote speaker. He shared a video and discussed the city's many new initiatives, including the Lake Hiawatha Preserve, Clermont Boathouse, Clermont Arts & Recreation Center and Splash Pad. Some of the Clermont High alumni who serve the City include Mayor Hal Turville, Fire Chief Carle Bishop and City Engineer Terry Dykehouse.



## Job Openings

The City of Clermont offers great career opportunities. A new online program called NEOGOV makes it easy to check out the details. Go to [www.cityofclermontfl.com](http://www.cityofclermontfl.com) and click on "City Departments" at the top. Then click on "Human Resources"; next "Career Opportunities" and then the NEOGOV logo.



# LiveWell

SOUTH LAKE HOSPITAL CAMPUS

LiveWell at South Lake Hospital has teamed up with the City of Clermont to provide an employee wellness program. The innovative partnership has provided health screenings, educational courses and recently a breakfast and fun fitness challenge that included kickball and other events. Employee wellness programs reduce absenteeism and provide a healthier workforce.

## Clermont Boathouse ready to break ground



The Clermont Boathouse, pictured above in an artist's rendering, will break ground soon. The 5,000-square-foot boathouse will be built just west of the boat ramp on Lake Minneola and will be home to the Lake County Rowing Association. The boathouse is being funded jointly by the City and a grant from Lake County. The rowing club has announced its first regatta is scheduled for Nov. 8-9. Find out more about the club at [www.lakecountyrowing.org](http://www.lakecountyrowing.org).

## Waterfront Bikes & Boards

Open from 9 a.m. – 6 p.m., seven days a week, beginning June 16. Located east of Waterfront Park. Adult and children's bicycles, paddleboards and kayaks for rent. Free demonstration lessons.  
[www.clermontwaterfrontbikesandboards.com](http://www.clermontwaterfrontbikesandboards.com)



## Noteworthy

- Magic Moments Learning Center and Clermont's Public Works teamed up to plant trees at Kaboom Park.
- The City's Dragon Slayer Champions team won the trophy for best time of community teams at the South Lake Dragon Boat Festival races. The Clermont Police Department team won first place in its division.
- The former "Clermont Community Center" has been renamed the Clermont City Center.
- Thanks to Castaldo Studio for their photography assistance.
- Thanks to Sommer Sports for assistance at recent events.



## Clermont FC club donates \$25,000 to help light up Hancock Field



The Clermont FC soccer club recently presented the City of Clermont with a check for \$25,000 to help purchase lights at Hancock Field where the team practices and plays. The soccer club provides programs for more than 600 youth from 5 to 18 years old. For more information about the program, go to [www.clermontfc.com](http://www.clermontfc.com). Thank you, Clermont FC board and volunteers!

### City Officials



**City Manager  
Darren Gray**

City Clerk Tracy Ackroyd  
 Fire Chief Carle Bishop  
 Public Information Officer Doris Bloodsworth  
 Police Chief Charles Broadway  
 Public Works Director Stoney Brunson  
 Information Technology Director Don Dennis  
 City Engineer Terry Dykehouse  
 Economic Development Director Jim Hitt  
 Development Services Director Barbara Hollerand  
 Human Resources Director Susan Irby  
 Environmental Services Director James Kinzler  
 Recreation & Events Director Dave Teske  
 Finance Director Joe Van Zile

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## Clermont City Council

**Mayor Harold Turville**

Seat III

**Council Member**

**Timothy Bates**

Seat I

**Council Member**

**Ray Goodgame**

Seat II

**Council Member**

**Keith Mullins**

Seat IV

**Council Member**

**Rick VanWagner**

Seat V



**City Council Meetings**

are held at

City Hall, 685 W. Montrose St., on the  
 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays at 7 PM.

Agenda and packets are online.

Go to [www.cityofclermontfl.com](http://www.cityofclermontfl.com)  
 and click on "Agendas and Minutes" on the  
 left bar.

**Planning & Zoning Commission**

meets on the first Tuesday at 7 PM.

**Code Enforcement Board**

meets on the third Tuesday at 6 PM.

**Community Redevelopment Agency**

on Tuesdays at 6:15 PM

several times a year.

All of the above meet at the  
 Council Chambers.

For more details, contact the  
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