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Future Council Meeting Dates:

- August 1, 2016 Regular CC Meeting 6:30pm
- August 15, 2016 Regular CC Meeting 6:30pm
- August 29, 2016 Budget Work Session 5:30pm
- September 8, 2016 Budget Regular CC Meeting 6:30pm

All Oviedo City Council meetings are held in Council Chambers at Oviedo City Hall, 400 Alexandria Boulevard. As always, the public is invited and encouraged to attend the meetings.

Do you have a request for the City? You can go to the City Website at the address below and let us know your request.
<http://www.cityofoviedo.net/node/1223>

NOTICE

CHLORINE FLUSH OF THE DRINKING WATER SYSTEM, Begins June 1, 2016 and ends on July 27, 2016.



The City of Oviedo will be performing a maintenance chlorine flush of the City's Drinking Water Distribution System. During this period, the City's Drinking Water Distribution System will use a "free" chlorine residual in the water instead of the usual "chloramines" disinfectant.

Some residents may notice a slight chlorine taste and/or chlorine odor in the water. Fish owners and individuals on kidney dialysis need to take necessary precautions during the chlorine flush of the system.

If you have questions, please call the Public Works Department, Utilities Division, between the hours of 7:00 AM and 3:30 PM at 407.971.5692. For after hours, nights and weekends please call 407.971.5675. We thank you for your cooperation during this chlorine flushing period.

A promotional poster for "The I-4 Comedy Tour". It features three comedians: Tiffany Antonescu, Rahn Hortman, and Brenda Lamberty. The poster includes logos for the Oviedo City Council and Gregoria Media Group. Text on the poster includes "Featuring TIFFANY ANTONESCU • RAHN HORTMAN • BRENDA LAMBERTY", "Friday JULY 22nd", "Tickets only \$15", "DOORS OPEN AT 7PM, SHOW BEGINS AT 8PM", "OVIEDO CENTER LAKE PARK AMPHITHEATRE AND CULTURAL CENTER", "PURCHASE TICKETS AT CULTURAL CENTER BOX OFFICE OR EVENTBRITE.COM", "FOOD TRUCKS ON SITE • FOOD AND DRINKS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE", and "FOR MORE INFORMATION 407-971-5590".

Annual Conversion to Free Chlorine & Fire Hydrant Flushing Program Frequently Asked Questions

1. What are chloramines?

Chloramines are a disinfectant used in drinking water to remove bacteria and viruses. Chloramines are a better long-term disinfectant option because they remain in the water distribution system longer and produce lower levels of disinfection by-products. Chloramines are formed by blending ammonia and chlorine.

2. What is free chlorine?

Free chlorine is a more aggressive disinfectant than chloramines, making it ideal for addressing more resistant bacteria and viruses.

3. What is the purpose of converting from chloramines to free chlorine each summer?

The City follows the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) best management practice of converting to free chlorine annually, as a temporary basis, to help prevent bacteria from developing in the system and maintaining a healthy distribution system. The water that the City of Oviedo provides its customers is treated by the West Mitchell Hammock Water Treatment Facility. The City water is disinfected with chloramines the rest of the year.

4. How long will free chlorine be used in the water system?

Typically, free chlorine is used for two months during the summer. The City notifies residents of the chlorine flush annually prior to the event by mail and posting on the City website.

5. Will my tap water taste different while free chlorine is used in the water treatment process?

Some customers may notice a slight chemical smell similar to that of water in a swimming pool. Each individual customer has their own sensitivity level to the taste and/or odor of free chlorine. The utility does not add additional chlorine. The utility simply turns off the ammonia used to create the chloramine disinfectant.

6. Is water treated with free chlorine and/or chloramines safe?

Yes, both are safe and effective. Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) is in regular communication with the Florida Department of Health (FDH) and strictly adheres to the FDH guidelines on minimum and maximum chlorine levels allowable. Both forms of chlorinated water are safe for people and animals to drink, cooking and bathing, watering the garden, and all other common uses. However, precautions must be taken to remove or neutralize chloramines and or free chlorine during the kidney dialysis process, in the preparation of water for fish tanks and ponds, and for businesses requiring highly processed water.

7. Will chloramines or free chlorine affect household plumbing, pipes and/or water heaters?

Some older household plumbing and water heaters may incorporate rubber materials and parts, which can degrade over time. Ask for chloramines/chlorine-resistant parts, which are readily available at hardware supply stores or from your plumber, when replacing rubber plumbing materials. Chloramines-resistant parts will be effective regardless of the type of chlorine used.

8. Why are free chlorine and chloramines harmful for dialysis patients?

Both free chlorine and chloramines may harm kidney dialysis patients during the dialysis process if it is not removed from water before passing into the bloodstream. The FDH can inspect and certify that dialysis facilities in the service area are prepared prior to the conversions to free chlorine and chloramines. Like everyone else, dialysis patients may drink water treated with either free chlorine or chloramines because the digestive process neutralizes these chemicals before they can enter the bloodstream.

9. How can I remove chlorine from my water?

Chlorine can be removed by boiling water, adding a bit of lemon juice, or filling a container with water and leaving it to vent. Some water treatment devices such as carbon filters and water softeners reduce chlorine levels too.

10. Will pool owners need to treat water differently?

Pool owners must maintain their chlorine level in pool water with either free chlorine or Chloramines to prevent algae and bacterial growth. Pool supply stores can provide pool owners with more information.

11. What does “hydrant flushing” mean?

The utility water distribution crews will forcefully draw the chlorinated water through fire hydrants. The flushing allows sediments and minerals that collect in the water mains to be washed out. Additionally, the flushing process is part of the City of Oviedo’s annual hydrant exercising program to maintain hydrant’s for firefighting use. Note: Hydrant flushing usually takes place concurrent with the free chlorine, but hydrant flushing may occur year round. No public notice is required to flush hydrants to keep the water distribution system in optimum condition for water delivery.

12. Will I see a drop in water pressure due to the flushing?

Most customers will not see a drop in water pressure because a majority of the water system is looped. If a change in pressure does occur, it usually lasts for 30 minutes or less.

13. Will hydrant flushing in my area cause cloudiness or sediment in my water?

The flushing process can stir up sediments and minerals in water mains, occasionally resulting in some short-term cloudy water conditions. If you encounter such conditions, please flush the water from tap until the cloudiness dissipates. If you experience this condition for an extended period of time, please contact the City of Oviedo, Water Distribution Supervisor, David Pardo, at 407-971-5695.

14. Where can I get more information?

For more information, please contact the City of Oviedo, Water and WW Superintendent, Stephen E. Medeiros, at 407-971-5684.

Did You Know?

Oviedo Center Lake Park received a 2016 Award of Merit from the Florida American Society of Landscape Architects. This distinguished award is given to those projects that demonstrate a thorough use of landscape architectural practices.



At the July 18, 2016 City Council Meeting, the City of Oviedo donated \$21,000 to the American Cancer Society from the Seventh Annual Relay For Life Golf Outing and fund raising efforts throughout the year.



Hurricane season began **June 1st**. Are you ready? Here's some tips to help make your preparation effortless. A few simple steps can assure your family is well prepared for a hurricane and make your family's recovery from the storm much easier.

Things to do:



- **Before the Storm**

- Monitor weather updates
- Assist family and neighbors with storm preparations
- Make arrangements for pets
- Take care of medical/personal needs—Medications for a minimum of 2 weeks, first aid kit, baby diapers, bar soap & shampoo, personal toiletries, paper towels & paper plates, plastic eating utensils, mosquito repellent and CASH
- Install Storm Protection on the exterior of your home— This may include applying shutters to windows, strengthening garage door, trimming trees around home, securing objects from outdoors, acquiring tarps, plastic rolls, nails, wood strips for covering roof after damage occurs, acquiring portable generators and reserve fuel for backup power.
- Gather necessary supplies for a 7 day period— An estimated 1 gallon of water per day per family member, non alcoholic beverages, canned foods and dried foods, snacks, fruit, snack bars, peanut butter and jelly, crackers, cereal, baby food and formula, special dietary foods, ice and pet food.
- Other items that you may need: insurance paperwork, manual can opener, weather alert radio, battery power radio, portable grill, flashlights and spare batteries, matches, fire extinguisher, portable cooler, ice
- Stash your stuff in something that will stay dry, a large plastic tote with a good fitting top
- Evacuate to a shelter or stay with family/friends if you reside in a mobile home

- **During the Storm**

- Monitor weather updates
- Relocate to secure area of your home
- Do not attempt repairs to your home during the storm
- Stay away from windows
- Books and games/toys for the kids
- Evacuation at this point is not possible

- **After the Storm**

- Monitor weather updates and special emergency management information
- Avoid going outside until public safety personnel can survey the areas for hazards such as down power lines and dangerous leaning or falling trees.
- Stay off roads
- Comply with curfew restrictions
- Document damage to your home
- Contact your insurance carrier
- Begin home repairs only if they can be performed safely
- Assist family and neighbors, Utility restoration is a high priority
- Power outage survey and damage assessment will be underway
- Be patient there are lots of folks in this situation with you



RECREATION & PARKS DEPARTMENT

Gym & Athletics:

- * **Indoor Cycling** - Tuesday and Thursday, 6 - 7pm. Daily rates apply. Packages of 20 visits or an unlimited annual option are available for purchase.
- * **Adult Flag Football** - Registration begins August 1st through September 2nd or until filled. Season begins September 11th.
- * **Adult Basketball** - Registration begins August 8th, with games beginning September 18th.
- * **Youth Flag Football** - Registration is open and will continue through August 17th. Games begin on September 17th.

Riverside Park:

Family Bingo - Friday, August 12th at Riverside Park. Games start at 7pm. Cards are \$3 each with a 5 card maximum. Space is limited and all players are admitted on a first come, first served basis. Concession stand will be open for snacks and such.



Summertime SNAP Pool Day - This program is specifically designed for teens to adults who are mentally and physically challenged. Pool time is from 2pm to 3pm and social hour from 3pm to 4pm. The fun takes place at the Riverside Park Pool, 1600 Lockwood Boulevard on Wednesday, August 10, 2016. Cost is \$5/Oviedo City Residents, \$6/Non-Resident Members, and \$7/Non-Residents. For more information call (407) 971-5575.

Poolside Splash Zone Birthday Parties 2016

Love visiting the Splash Zone? Why not celebrate your birthday poolside! Oviedo Aquatics is now taking reservations for Poolside Birthday Parties. Act soon as reservations fill up fast!! Check the city website for party availabilities: www.cityofoviedo.net.

Location: Oviedo Aquatic Facility
Reservations: Now Open!
Dates: July – September 2016
Times: Friday Nights 6-8:30pm
Saturday Mornings 9-11:30am
Saturday Nights 6-8:30pm
Sunday Mornings 9-11:30am
Fees: Packages range from \$130 - \$374
Contact: 407-971-5567 Head Guards

Poolside Splash Summer Hours **May 27 — Aug 9**

Location: Oviedo Aquatic Facility
Times: M-F 12pm-4pm
Saturday 12pm-5pm
Sunday 12pm-6pm

Swim Lesson registration **has begun!**

Class schedule can be seen online or at both the Riverside Park or the Oviedo Aquatic Facility. Please contact Pedro at 407-971-5582 for any questions!



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www.cityofoviedo.net Questions or comments?
 trodriguez@cityofoviedo.net

July 28th • 5-9 pm
 Center Lake Park at Oviedo on the Park
 357 Center Lake Lane



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SEASON PRESENTED BY:
 HOLLANDS ROOFING INC.
 OVIEDO, CENTRAL FLORIDA



Sat. July 30, 2016 – 7:30pm

City of Oviedo Night
 Tickets are only \$15

- Benefits Include:
- Meet and Greet with Predators Players & Dancers after the game
 - Recognition on the Jumbotron
 - FunSpot Drawstring Bag for all kids in attendance
 - Portion of each ticket sold will be donated to Relay for Life

TO PURCHASE TICKETS VISIT

WWW.ORLANDOPREDATORS.COM/OVIEDO



OrlandoPredators.com | 407-355-2200



July 22, 2016

8:00 am to 11:00 am

**Townhouse
 Restaurant**

139 N. Central Ave
 Oviedo, FL 32765

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 OFFICERS FOR COFFEE AND
 CONVERSATION!**

No agenda or speeches, just a chance to ask questions, voice
 concerns, and get to know the officers in your neighborhood!

For more information contact: Sgt. Wade Weaver 407-971-6707

**OVIEDO POLICE
 DEPARTMENT**



A Celebration of Latin Music and Culture

Friday
AUGUST 26th

7 - 11 PM, DOORS OPEN AT 6 PM

OVIEDO AMPHITHEATRE & CULTURAL CENTER
 Food and Beverage available for purchase



Tickets

\$15 if purchased before August 19th | \$20 if purchased after August 19th | \$25 day of event
 Purchase tickets online at eventbrite.com or at the Cultural Center
 VIP tickets \$40 | 6 - 8 PM Food & Drinks

407-971-5590 FOR INFORMATION