

Council Orientation Tour
Wednesday, March 6, 2013 – 3:00 PM - 5:30 PM

The Recreation & Parks Department conducted an orientation tour with four City Council members on Wednesday March 6, 2013. The City Council members attending including: Mayor Charlie Latham, City Council members Chris Hoffman, Phil Vogelsang, and Keith Doherty.

- ✓ The tour started at the Ocean Rescue Station and discussion of Ocean Rescue duties. The lieutenants Nick Wellington, Taylor Anderson, and Tim Klein, discussed the American Red Cross Corp and how they train the annual guards that will staff for the upcoming season. The lieutenants also discussed the difference between the City and ARC and how the Corp staffs ocean rescue on Sunday's and Holidays. The staff reviewed the equipment and vehicles that are used to perform rescues and patrols. Then the staff performed a mock ocean rescue and described to the Mayor and City Council the details of the rescue and the procedures that were being followed.
- ✓ The next stop on the tour was at Carver Center. The Carver Center supervisor Latoya Thomas conducted the tour of the center. Ms. Thomas explained the various programs that are conducted at the center which includes Young Men of Carver and Girls with Goals. The tour included the various rooms throughout the center including the computer lab, classroom area, kitchen and play area. Ms. Thomas also explained the various volunteer groups that support the programs at the Center. Some of these include: Palms Presbyterian, St. Andrews, and Ocean City church. Mr. Meadors explained the funding for the center is supported by a Community Development Block Grant. This grant includes funding for the salaries of the center staff, a police officer, and utility bill assistance program.
- ✓ The next stop on the tour was at Recreation & Parks building and viewing of a power point presentation on the various divisions of the department.
- ✓ The last stop on the tour was the Huguenot Tennis Center. The tennis professional Jim Watford discussed the various programs provided at the tennis center. Mr. Meadors reviewed ideas that are being prepared to change the rates charged at Huguenot Tennis Center. These rates will include an increase in the base membership fees, increase in the daily fee, and a new roster fee for the league players. In addition the contract with tennis professional will be changed to include a modification of the fee paid to the City for revenue from the sale of pro shop merchandise and lessons.
- ✓ Driving back to City Hall, the City Manager discussed his ideas on how to proceed with the downtown paid parking program.

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Recreation & Parks Director

Approved:

/s/William C. Latham

William C. Latham, Mayor

Date: March 18, 2013