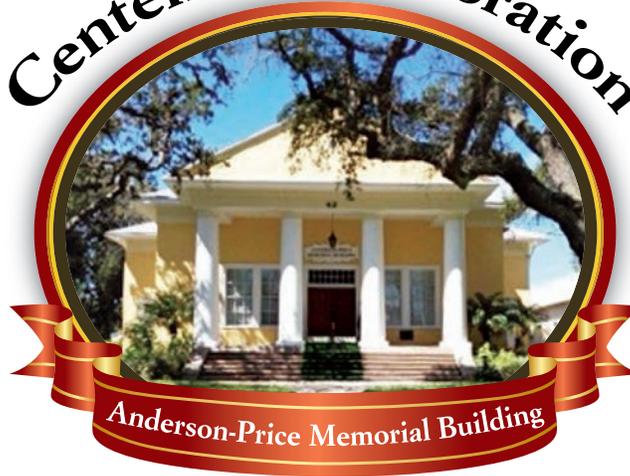


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The 100th Birthday of the
Anderson-Price Memorial Building*

Centennial Celebration



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*Sunday, May 15, 2-4 p.m.
Free Admission • Family Fun Open House*

Enjoy 100 free balloons and coloring activity for the children! Cake, ice cream, punch and champagne! Proclamation by Mayor Ed Kelley

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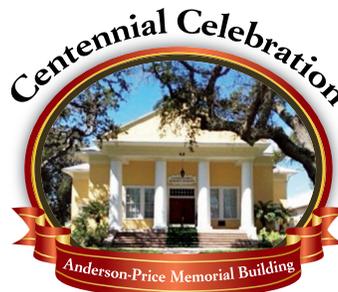
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President's Letter

It seems that 2016 will be a great year for the Ormond Beach Historical Society and the community. Our annual meeting and dinner in January was well attended and started us off on a positive note, enjoyed by our mayor Ed Kelley, with his wife and some 60 others attending. Discover our History presentations are often "standing room only", and our recent "Speakeasy" party was a blast – wonderful New Orleans jazz, including dancing and a buffet.



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This is the 100th anniversary of the Anderson-Price Memorial Building! We hope you can attend our free community Birthday Party for the historic building on May 15 ... there'll be cake, ice cream, punch and champagne. You can learn more about our building and the Historical Society, so bring your friends. The event will include a proclamation by our mayor – what more could we ask for! Please RSVP to Office@OrmondHistory.org or 386-677-7005 if you'll be attending.

Our parking problems at the Anderson-Price Memorial Building will soon be solved. The city has purchased

additional land behind the building, including the church thrift shop. The project will hopefully be complete by November.

Also, things are looking promising for Ormond Beach's MacDonald House. This iconic structure, built in 1900, was home to the Billy MacDonald family, and now is home to the Historical Society and the Ormond Beach Welcome Center. There were over 1,700 visitors last year! The city is progressing with the study of restoring our historic buildings.

Community support is increasing for the historic building, and there has been over \$2,000 donated to the "Save the MacDonald House" fund, which OBHS recently started. Please contact our office at the MacDonald House if you would like to contribute or help.

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Don't miss the 100th Birthday Party for the Anderson-Price Memorial Building on May 15!

The APMB opened in 1916 as the town library and community center. Find out more about this historic building, home of the Ormond Beach Historical Society, and our passion for preservation and education, which promotes Ormond Beach's past and contributes to growth and prosperity for the future. Bring the whole family and your friends!

Hotel Ormond Memories

Materials from the old Ormond Hotel may be seen at **Woody's Barbeque**, 593 North Nova Road in Holly Hill.



The bricks in the restaurant, built in 1994, and the wood for the tables were recovered from the hotel. The boilerplate from the hotel is mounted on the wall to the right of the cash register.



Three Chimneys and More ...

Springtime is an ideal time to visit the Three Chimneys site on Granada Boulevard, along with the other historic sites on the Historical Society's scenic bus tour. Our tour guides give a first-class presentation about our community's history, and the Three Chimneys tour provides a visit back into Florida's colonial history. There's quite a story to tell.

The Three Chimneys is a designated State Archaeological Site that is on the National Register of Historic Places. As an educational resource in the heart of our community, the Ormond Beach Historical Society's Preservation Committee is proud to maintain and promote the site and to keep it presentable year-round for tours.

Site tours of the Three Chimneys are available by contacting the Historical Society's office at 386-677-7005.

If you are interested in joining the Preservation Committee, or serving on the monthly Three Chimneys service crew, please contact Dr. Shapiro at pjsdpm@yahoo.com.

What's Happening with the MacDonald House?

At a recent event, over 60 folks signed a paper indicating their interest in saving the MacDonald House, so there certainly is community interest in saving it.

While the City of Ormond Beach, which owns the iconic building built in 1900, is reviewing its options, the Historical Society is continuing with plans to remodel the building and create Ormond Beach's first history museum.

Readers who want to join the cause to save our historic "Mac House" can email us at www.OrmondHistory.org, or call us at 386-677-7005.

Membership

Membership consists of all the people or things that belong to or are part of an organization or group, whereas a member is one of the individuals composing a group.

We begin life as a member of a group called a family; later in school we're a member of a class. And we can join groups of our own choosing – scouts, sports teams, music groups, and more. Although we may automatically be part of groups such as Floridians or Southerners, we continue to choose the groups that we wish to belong to.

OBHS is a group that you've chosen to join to help fulfill some of your needs. The programs are interesting, the parties are fun, other members are welcoming, and there's always something interesting going on. Plus, you can learn more about, and help preserve, area history.

We at OBHS thank you for being a member of our organization, and we hope to keep you informed. We provide information through our newsletters, our History Happenings upcoming events email, our website www.OrmondHistory.org, and our office at the MacDonald House.

Have you visited the MacDonald House lately? Our merchandise items are always changing, and you can hear about our plans to remodel the building to be Ormond Beach's first history museum.

Spread the word to your friends; we're always looking to add more members!

OBHS does not recommend candidates for office, but FYI, **Heather Post, running for Volusia County Council District 4**, has stated on her Facebook page, "As a County Councilwoman, I will strongly support the preservation of our historic landmarks, like the Anderson-Price Memorial Building and the MacDonald House, for generations to come! The preservation of our past is very important to remember as we look to building the future."



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New Flags at Oakridge Cemetery



Oakridge cemetery, 160 S. Nova Road, received new American flags recently, donated by an area resident. These flags are to honor the memory of Mary Washington Summerall, long-time overseer of the cemetery, who passed away last year and is buried in this predominately black cemetery.

Oakridge is still an active cemetery; burials occur there several times a year. Oakridge cemetery was created in the 1940s when Gethsemane cemetery, located on South Orchard Road in Ormond Beach, filled up. The City of

Ormond Beach cuts the lawn and trims in Oakridge Cemetery several times a year.

Oakridge Cemetery also contains the grave of “Miss Tomoka”, remains of an African slave found in Tomoka State Park and buried in Oakridge Cemetery in 2012. The young woman perished in that area, site of a sugar plantation and mill, some 300 years ago.

Sources: “Valiant Pioneers” by Alice Strickland, “Cicely on the Old Plantation” memoirs By Anna Dummett, “Sweet Cane” by Lucy Wayne, “History of the Confederate Monument” by Herbert Greenleaf, The Great Floridians 2000 website and St. Francis Inn website.

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Here's an article by Gordon Kipp, One of OBHS's Historians Emeriti, now deceased. Gordon was a wealth of knowledge, a hard worker, and a true lover of area history.

Old Bill *by Gordon Kipp*

One of the earliest residents of the Halifax area colony known as New Britain was named "Old Bill."

He, she or it was a mule.

There were erroneous reports that Old Bill was an escaped army mule.

Loomis Day, in his memoirs, said that was a mistake. According to Loomis, Daniel Wilson, representing his employer, Philip Corbin of New Britain, Connecticut, bought the mule to work in several acres of orange groves being set out. One of those groves belonged to that same Philip Corbin.



In order, the first residents of New Britain in Florida were Daniel Wilson, George H. Millard, Loomis Day and Old Bill.

Old Bill, according to Loomis' account, was noted for his efficiency as a worker and his dependability when there was hard work to be done. He drew the plow for breaking the land. He pulled the cultivator when the trees were growing.

But, as Loomis reported, Old Bill was "full of old Adam all of the rest of the time."



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Open the Doors to Ormond Beach's Historic Treasures!

The Ormond Beach Historical Society invites you to take a tour, hear a lecture, see the sights of the "Birthplace of Speed," where early 20th century race cars competed on the beach, 18th and 19th century sugar mills turned sugar cane into molasses and rum, and 17th century Native Americans lived amid the natural splendor of east central Florida.

Visit Us!

At the MacDonald House, Ormond Beach's Welcome Center and Museum

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Open 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday

See historical photographs and literature, visit our Merchandise Shoppe offering a selection of DVDs and books on local and Florida history, postcards, Birthplace of Speed T-shirts, caps, and more for purchase.

Don't miss our 20-minute local history video, Ormond Discovery

Scenic Bus Tours

Ride in an air-conditioned bus to discover the hidden historical gems of Ormond Beach. Our tour includes 30 sites on the route – the Ormond Scenic Loop, Fairchild Oak, Three Chimneys Sugar Mill Ruins, Ormond Indian Burial Mound and historic homes along the way, and lasts about two hours, guided by a friendly, knowledgeable Historical Society volunteer tour guide.

Tours are offered 2-3 times per month.

Adults \$20; OBHS members \$18; Children (5-12) \$7

Reservations required, space is limited;

Call the MacDonald House, 386-677-7005, for dates and times.

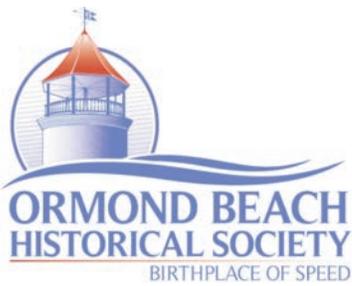
Hotel Ormond Cupola

Visit the remaining portion of the Hotel Ormond in Fortunato Park (northeast corner of the Granada Bridge) to see pictures and memorabilia about the hotel. No charge. Open Saturdays and Sundays, 2-4 pm, September through May.

Anderson-Price Memorial Building

This historic building at 42 N. Beach Street is owned by OBHS and can be rented for weddings, receptions, luncheons, business meetings, etc.

Call the MacDonald House, 386-677-7005, for reservations or questions.



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Mark Your Calendars – EVENTS TO ATTEND

Discover Our History and Back in the Day presentations are at the Anderson-Price Memorial Building, 42 North Beach Street, Ormond Beach. Call the MacDonald House, 386-677-7005, with questions, or check our website, www.OrmondHistory.org.

Saturday, May 14 – 9:30 a.m. – *Back in the Day* Lecture Series – A Winter in Ormond – 1905, by local historians Ron and Alice Howell

Sunday, May 15 – 2-4 p.m. – Anderson-Price Memorial Building Open House – 100th Birthday Party for our Building!

Thursday, May 19 – Scenic Historical Bus Tours – 9:45 a.m. – Leaves from The Casements. Reservations required, OBHS members \$18, non-members \$20.

Saturday, June 4 – Scenic Historical Bus Tours – 9:45 a.m. – Leaves from The Casements. Reservations required, OBHS members \$18, non-members \$20.

Thursday, June 16 – Scenic Historical Bus Tours – 9:45 a.m. – Leaves from The Casements. Reservations required, OBHS members \$18, non-members \$20.