



Daytona Beach Police Department Looks To Clean Up Waterways

Through a partnership with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), the police department is hoping to remove these derelict vessels from the Halifax River. The city has applied for \$57,000 in grant funding from FWC, which will pay 100% of the removal and demolition cost of the vessels. To learn more about this initiative, visit www.codb.us and click on "View All News."

One-stop Shop for Housing & Financial Information, April 18

Residents are invited to the city's Fair Housing & Financial Wellness Clinic from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 18, at the Allen Chapel AME Church located at 580 George W. Engram Blvd. Activities include:

- Free financial literacy classes
- Free onsite legal walk-in clinic
- Free credit reports and credit counseling available
- Homeowners can learn about refinancing opportunities and owner-occupied rehab programs
- A budget and credit class will be offered
- Home buyers can learn about available down payment assistance programs, the home-buying process and evaluating mortgage readiness
- New mortgage loan products and housing programs will be showcased



DID YOU KNOW?

The City of Daytona Beach's **BENNETT SWAMP REHYDRATION & CONSERVATION PROJECT**, funded by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the St. Johns River Water Management District, **ENHANCES OUR NATURAL SYSTEMS.**



Wetland Restoration

- Creates a healthy ecosystem for numerous species
- Enhances 1,425 acres of Bennett Swamp wetlands

Water Supply

- Recharges the Sole Source Aquifer
- 6 million gallons of recharge = drinking water for 85,000 people
- Provides 0.11 foot of rebound (8.46% of recovery needed) to the minimum flows and levels of Indian Lake.



53rd Annual Easter Beach Run, April 4

This year the Easter Beach Run will be a week earlier – Saturday, April 4, due to other major special events happening in the area during the holiday weekend. The race begins on the beach behind the Hilton Daytona Beach Oceanfront Resort located at 100 N. Atlantic Ave. Participants of all ages and fitness levels can enjoy a scenic run on the World's Most Famous Beach while traveling out and back for the 4-mile race, 2-mile fun run or health walk. Kids are also welcome to participate in the 1/4-mile race, 100 and 50-yard dash. Following the race, registered participants can head over to title sponsor Bubba Gump Shrimp Company for their world-renowned shrimp and grits. There also will be fun for the entire family with sponsors and vendors with treats and plenty of prizes. Sign up today at www.codb.us/EasterBeachRun!

Mayor's Literacy Initiative Offers Weekly Fun

Youth between the ages of 5 to 7 years old can get help with reading through the Mayor's Literacy Initiative, which meets from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. every Thursday at the Yvonne Scarlett-Golden Cultural and Educational Center located at 1000 Vine St. This free weekly program has volunteers who help youth with their reading skills, as well as fun activities and themed parties to help inspire children to develop a sustained interest in reading and math. To register youth for the program, stop by the city's Leisure Services office in City Hall, which is at 301 S. Ridgewood Ave. For more information, call (386) 671-3401.



Wine & Cheese Walk

1 to 6 p.m.
Saturday, April 4
Downtown Beach Street
Enjoy wine and cheese samples as you spend the day by the river.



St. Patrick's Day Celebration

5 to 10 p.m.
Tuesday, March 17
Downtown Beach Street
Enjoy Irish beer and food with Celtic and Irish rock bands.

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