



Selfies with Santa at the Downtown Farmers' Market

Kids can get a free photo with Santa from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18, at the Downtown Farmers' Market at 100 Magnolia Ave. between Beach Street and Palmetto Avenue.

City services holiday schedule

We wish you and your loved ones a happy and safe holiday. City offices will be closed Dec. 24 and Dec. 27 for the Christmas holiday, and Dec. 31 for the New Year's holiday. Trash collection services will remain the same during these holidays. Residents with questions can call (386) 788-8890.



Join a City Advisory Board

The city is seeking applicants to fill vacancies on several of its advisory boards and committees. Serving on a volunteer board is a rewarding experience and an excellent way to contribute to the quality of life in your community. The following boards have current vacancies:

- Beachside Redevelopment Board
- Beautification/Tree Advisory Board
- Board of Adjustment
- Board of Building Codes
- Downtown Redevelopment Board
- Historic Preservation Board
- Leisure Services Board
- Mayor's Alliance for Persons with Disabilities
- Midtown Redevelopment Board
- Nuisance Abatement Board
- Peabody Auditorium Advisory Board
- Personnel Board

For more information, visit www.codb.us or call Assistant City Manager Bettye Goodman at (386) 671-8203.

F.R.E.S.H. Book Festival

F.R.E.S.H. Book Festival returns to Daytona Beach Jan. 6-8 for its 11th year of promoting "Literacy as a Legacy." This engaging festival offers a weekend of entertainment with film, book and author presentations, focus groups and music. For more information, visit www.freshbookfestivals.net.



Mayor's Fitness Challenge starts in January

Join Mayor Derrick Henry as he hosts his annual Mayor's Fitness Challenge starting in January. The 10-week program kicks off at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 18, at the Midtown Cultural and Educational Center. The session will feature a weigh-in as well as further details regarding the program.

Registration is only \$20 per person and is open to adults of all ages and fitness levels. Classes will be at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday and 8:30 a.m. Saturday and include yoga, Zumba, line dancing, strength training, walks and a variety of other indoor and outdoor activities. For more information or to register, please call Assistant City Manager Bettye Goodman at (386) 671-8203.



Scholarship established in honor of fallen Police Officer Jason Raynor

A scholarship fund has been established in honor of fallen Daytona Beach Police Officer Jason Raynor. The scholarship fund, which was created with funds donated to Officer Raynor after he was shot in the line of duty on June 23, will assist future sworn members of the Daytona Beach Police Department (DBPD) in paying for their education and training.

"This generous gift ensures that this hero and his story will never be forgotten," said Police Chief Jakari Young. "We hope this will inspire future generations to wear our badge with pride and serve our community as bravely as Jason did."

Officer Raynor fought valiantly for nearly two months before succumbing to his injury Aug. 17.

In the wake of Officer Raynor's passing, his immediate family, who received donations on his behalf, decided to use some of the donated money to establish this scholarship in the hopes it will ease financial pressure for those who wish to become Daytona Beach police officers.

The scholarship will only be used for those who wish to become sworn members of DBPD and graduate from an accredited law enforcement academy. Certain requirements must be met before scholarship funds are distributed.

For those who want to apply for the Officer Jason Raynor Scholarship Fund, contact the Police Department's Recruiting Office at Recruiting@DBPD.us or (386) 671-5407.

Waiving of fees in city's core area

Building permit and inspection fees have been waived until Oct. 20, 2023, for commercial and residential properties within the borders of Mason Avenue to Shady Place and Nova Road to Ridgewood Avenue. Examples of eligible projects include, but are not limited to, interior renovations, replacing or repairing a roof, adding fencing, improving or adding a driveway and adding windows or doors. Ineligible projects include building a new structure separate from an existing building or a new single-family home.

Permit applications can be downloaded at www.codb.us, click on "Permits and Licensing" under "Departments." Applications can also be picked up at the Permits and Licensing office at City Hall. For more information, call Permits and Licensing at (386) 671-8178.



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