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City Manager's Update



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Police Department joins other law enforcement agencies in annual gun buyback event

Gift cards for guns with no questions asked is the simple philosophy Daytona Beach police will use during this year's gun surrender event from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. **Thursday, May 19**, at the Global Prayer Center at 701 Bill France Blvd. in Daytona Beach. All residents have to do is show up and drop off their firearm in order to receive a gift card. Gun owners can remain anonymous. A \$50 gift card will be provided for handguns and a \$100 gift card for rifles and long guns.



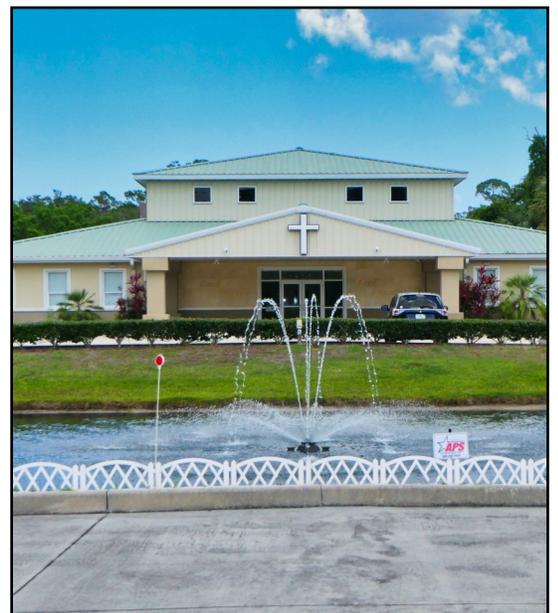
All firearms should be unloaded and safely secured. As a safety precaution, trained officers will retrieve guns from vehicles for gun owners who don't know if their guns are loaded or are uncomfortable unloading their own weapons.

"Owning a firearm is a big responsibility. Guns need to be properly stored to prevent unauthorized access by children, thieves or people prohibited from possessing a firearm. Our department makes it very simple for residents to drop off an unwanted gun and collect a gift card. One weapon off the streets is one less that can get into the wrong hands and be used to threaten our community."



Police Chief Jakari Young

Following Thursday's event, surrendered guns will be destroyed.



The previous gun buyback was in 2019 and not scheduled in 2020 and 2021 due to the pandemic. Organizers anticipate good participation this year with many new residents in the area. This year's event will be at a new location, the Global Prayer Center at 701 Bill France Blvd.

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Police Department honors fallen

This week is National Police Week and on Tuesday Daytona Beach Police held a ceremony to honor and remember its 10 officers who made the ultimate sacrifice, as well as family members, friends and fellow officers they left behind.



Pier remains closed for repairs

Delays in receiving materials have extended the closure of the Daytona Beach Pier's fishing section. The city issued a Notice to Proceed to Construct Co. with May



31 as the starting date. The fishing section of the Daytona Beach Pier remains closed since suffering damage to the piles and cross bracing during heavy surf. It is expected to remain closed through the end of June.

Program ensures fire hydrants have adequate water pressure

Citywide maintenance and testing of thousands of fire hydrants is continuing through the summer months. This week, crews are testing about 200 fire hydrants in Pelican Bay, Cardinal Estates and Cedar Highlands subdivisions.

In most cases, residents will not notice any changes to their water service during the testing procedure; however, due to varying velocities and flow rates in the water system, customers may experience a slight water coloration. If this happens, cold water faucets should be opened for a short time until the water runs clear. This discoloration is not a health hazard; however, natural sediment stirred up during the procedure could cause laundry staining.

Hydromax USA is the company performing the annual maintenance and will be easily recognizable in uniforms and marked vehicles. Crews work from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For more information or if you have questions about your water, call (386) 671-8815.

Orange Avenue Rec Center update

The Orange Avenue Recreation Center Citizen Committee held its first meeting earlier this month and elected Anne Ruby as Chair, Kenneth Hunt as Vice Chair and Steven Pyle as Secretary. Other members of the



committee include Pierre Louis, Bill Chapin, Carolyn Sanders-James and Evans Smith. The committee will meet at 6 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at City Hall. A final report is expected to be presented to the City Commission Aug. 3.



The Peninsula Women's Club is temporarily closed until existing electrical wiring and systems are compliant with current code. Opened in 1923, the Peninsula Club's "cloth wiring" system is thought to be original. Cloth wiring was commonly used before plastic insulation was developed. Over time, the wires become brittle and can become a fire hazard. A contract will be presented to the City Commission for approval at their June 15 public meeting.



Improvements start at Sunnyland

A project to regrade the softball fields, install new fencing, reconfigure the parking area and add exterior lighting is underway at Sunnyland Recreation Center. Located on Washington Street just off of Mason Avenue, the center is home to Bethune-Cookman University's women's softball team and offers many youth activities. The \$150,000 project is scheduled to be complete by early July.

The park remains open; however, the center is closed while the work is being done. The center will reopen June 6.



Bar closing time changes to 2 a.m. starting June 1

Starting June 1, the closing time for Daytona Beach bars is 2 a.m. Eighty business owners with city-issued extended hours permits were notified in writing of the City Commission's action to modify bar closing time, from 3 a.m. to 2 a.m. except for certain holidays and declared major event periods. A copy of Ordinance No. 2022-81 was included in the mailing.



New FOG vehicle to help spread message to businesses about important program

More than 300 restaurants and food service providers call Daytona Beach home. With tasty food being the final product, comes the expected byproduct of fats, oils and grease, known as FOG. Unfortunately, most sewer system blockages can be traced to FOG.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency mandates the city have a FOG program, which is implemented and enforced by Dean May, the city's full-time inspector. Inspector May will soon drive a dedicated vehicle with custom graphics reminding residents and restauranteurs to fight FOG by not pouring fats, oils and grease down drains.



WM at the River work to begin

The Daytona Beach Housing Authority and BGC Advantage are celebrating the start of WM at the River, LP this month. The rehabilitation of the two adjacent high-rise buildings on Beach Street is a \$53 million joint venture addressing the housing needs of seniors and persons with disabilities in the Daytona Beach community.



Since last year, nearly 42 miles of city-owned streets have been improved in all areas of the city. Crews just finished working in the vicinity of South Palmetto Avenue. Starting next month, neighborhood streets bordered by Mason Avenue, George W. Engram Boulevard, Nova Road and Ridgewood Avenue will be resurfaced. Crews will work from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday. There will be temporary lane/road closure during paving operations.



The *Midtown Music Concert Series* is underway at Daisy Stocking Park. Residents enjoyed music under the stars Saturday night with the LaVon Rushing Band. The next concert is Saturday, June 11, with a performance by Dante's Pride. For more information, visit www.CODB.us/MidtownMusic.

Summer Saturday night fireworks at the Daytona Beach Oceanfront Bandshell

People can enjoy a fireworks display at the Daytona Beach Oceanfront Bandshell every Saturday night starting Memorial Day weekend. The fireworks display is sponsored in part by the city and follow Saturday night concerts presented by the Boardwalk Merchants and Friends of the Bandshell. The free concerts begin at 7:15 p.m. and the "Bud Light - Lights Up Daytona" fireworks over the ocean follows the concerts at 9:45 p.m.



Guests can bring their own chairs to the concerts or purchase a VIP ticket, which includes a seat, for \$10 plus applicable surcharges.

For the schedule of performances and more information, visit www.DaytonaBandshell.com.

Stock up on disaster supplies

Hurricane season begins June 1

Make sure you are prepared for this year's hurricane season, which starts June 1. The Florida Disaster Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday starts Saturday, May 28, and continues to Friday, June 10. Tax-free items include: flashlights and lanterns costing \$40 or less; portable radios costing \$50 or less; tarps costing \$100 or less, coolers costing \$60 or less, batteries costing \$50 or less; and, generators costing \$1,000 or less. Find tips and resources to be prepared at www.CODB.us/Preparedness.

