

City Commission update

New Zone 1 City Commissioner Monica Paris and incumbents Quanita May (Zone 3) and Dannette Henry (Zone 5), who won their respective seats in the General Election, were sworn into office in November. The commission meets at 6 p.m. on the first and third Wednesday of each month at City Hall.



Download city mobile app

Doing business with the city is easier and more convenient thanks to a new mobile app, DBCityConnect. Features of the new app include letting users:

- Pay utility bills
- Schedule virtual meetings with staff
- Search job openings, meeting agendas and minutes
- View calendars of city meetings and activities
- Subscribe to receive agendas, alerts and e-newsletters

Download it today in the Apple and Google app store by searching "DBCityConnect."



Registration open for Citizens Academy

Go behind-the-scenes with your municipal government during the next Citizens Academy beginning Tuesday, Jan. 10. The sessions will be from 9 a.m. to noon every Tuesday through March 7. During the program, senior staff will help familiarize residents with the functions of city government. To register, visit www.CODB.us/CitizensAcademy or contact Assistant City Manager Bettye Goodman at (386) 671-8203 or GoodmanBetty@CODB.us.



Landscaping grants available

The City of Daytona Beach is offering landscaping grants to qualifying residential property owners. Up to \$1,000 will be awarded for landscaping improvements including:

- Installing new or repairing existing irrigation systems
- Laying new sod and mulch
- Planting of trees, shrubs and flowers
- Pruning hedges or trees
- Removing weeds, debris, trees and limbs

The new grant program, offered on a first-come, first-served basis, is funded through the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds derived from the American Rescue Plan Act. Criteria and applications can be found online at www.CODB.us or at City Hall. For more information, call (386) 671-8124.





Midtown Center renamed to honor Cherry family

The Midtown Cultural & Educational Center is being renamed the Julia T. and Charles W. Cherry Sr. Cultural & Educational Center to commemorate the couple's legacy and philanthropic contributions to the City of Daytona Beach. There will be a public ceremony 9 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, at the center, which is located at 925 George W. Engram Blvd.

Mayor's Fitness Challenge

Registration is open for the annual Mayor's Fitness Challenge, which begins Tuesday, Jan. 10, at the Julia T. & Charles W. Cherry Cultural and Educational Center. Join Daytona Beach Mayor Derrick L. Henry on a 10-week fitness journey full of fun activities including line dancing, Zumba, strength training and yoga. This program is open to adults of all ages and fitness levels and meets at 5:30 p.m. every Tuesday and 8:30 a.m. every Saturday through March 18. Registration is \$20 per participant. For more information and to register, visit www.CODB.us.



Bells & Shells Christmas Parade on Beach Street

Ring in the holidays with the City of Daytona Beach! The Bells & Shells Christmas Parade presented by Brown & Brown Insurance will begin 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, at Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Boulevard and travel south on Beach Street to Basin Street. Enjoy local bands, festive floats and performances by community organizations. Prizes will be awarded in multiple categories including Best Parade Float and Best Performance. For more information, visit www.CODB.us/ChristmasParade.

A December to Remember at the Riverfront Esplanade

Start a new holiday tradition while exploring the Riverfront Esplanade in downtown Daytona Beach. A December to Remember is a multi-day extravaganza, starting Dec. 7, filled with community events, a movie on the lawn, holiday bazaar, Santa sightings and live music. A December to Remember will be from 6 to 9 p.m. through Dec. 31. Although construction is ongoing on the south side of the esplanade, trees in the area will be decorated. For more information, visit www.RiverfrontEsplanade.com.



Daytona Beach Radio

Get the latest city news on Daytona Beach Radio. Hosted by Dr. L. Ronald Durham, this one-hour, talk-radio show airs from noon to 1 p.m. each Wednesday. Programming features timely and interesting discussions about projects and initiatives happening in our local community. Listeners can tune in at 106.3 on the FM radio dial, online from JOY106.3's website or by using the TuneIn Radio app on smartphones and tablets. The program is also broadcast on the city's Facebook page.



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