Southern section of Riverfront Esplanade opens

Step outside this fall and visit the Riverfront Esplanade downtown. The southern portion of this premier gathering space and botanical garden opened in early October. This portion along Beach Street is from International Speedway Boulevard to Orange Avenue and includes an elaborate splash pad, a rose garden with other themed botanical gardens, a water feature, walking paths and restroom facility. Admission is free. Learn more at www.RiverfrontEsplanade.com.

Youth can volunteer to serve on advisory board

Applications are being accepted from youth who want to serve on the city's Youth Advisory Board, a newly established board which aims to foster leadership, youth empowerment and civic engagement among high school students. This initiative reflects the city's commitment to ensure that young voices are heard and valued. The board is open to high school students in grades 9 through 12, have at least a 2.25 GPA and are Daytona Beach residents. Visit www.CODB.us for details and to apply.

Youth Advisory Board

Report clogged stormwater drains

Residents may notice water ponding in roadways when it rains. Please keep all stormwater run-off areas around your home, including roadway gutters, free and clear of debris and obstructions. If residents see anyone dumping illegal contents into stormwater drains or notice flooding as a result of a potentially clogged drain, notify the city's 24-hour dispatch center at (386) 671-8815 or report it online at www.CODB.us, click on "How do I?" "Report" and then "Drainage Problems."

City to host Trunk or Treat Oct. 31

FREE EVENT

The City of Daytona Beach is hosting its third annual Trunk or Treat starting at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 31. Presented by Zone 4 City Commissioner Stacy Cantu, the event will be at a new location this year – City Island Park at 113 Jackie Robinson Parkway in downtown Daytona Beach. From 6 to 8 p.m. kids can trick or treat around decorated vehicles and enjoy free games, face painting and a costume contest at 7 p.m. Costume contest categories are ages 0-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12 and 13-adult. Free parking is available adjacent to the park and behind the shops on Beach Street. For more information, call (386) 671-8337.

Halifax Art Festival, Nov. 4-5

Visit downtown Daytona Beach Nov. 4-5 for the 61st annual Halifax Art Festival on historic Beach Street, from Orange Avenue to Bay Street. The festival features juried local, regional and national original works of art from more than 150 artists. Admission is free and there is plenty of free parking behind the shops on Beach Street. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.

Daytona Turkey Run, Nov. 23-26

The 50th annual Daytona Turkey Run, the largest combined classic car show and swap meet in the U.S., will be Thursday, Nov. 23, to Sunday, Nov. 26, at Daytona International Speedway. Enjoy thousands of classic cars for show and sale, a swap meet, arts and crafts, food, music and family fun. Hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday. Admission is $20 Thursday through Saturday, per person, per day, and $15 on Sunday. For more details, visit www.TurkeyRun.com.

Children's Christmas Party, Dec. 8

Bring the family to the Children's Christmas Party Friday, Dec. 8, at Jackie Robinson Ballpark. Hosted by Zone 6 City Commissioner Paula R. Reed and the Daytona Tortugas, kids ages 3 to 12 can enjoy a variety of activities including photos with Santa, face painting, running the bases, music, games and refreshments. Entry fee is the donation of a non-perishable food item. For more information, visit www.CODB.us.

Jingle All the Waves Christmas Parade, Dec. 9

Ring in the holidays with the City of Daytona Beach! The Jingle All the Waves Christmas Parade will begin at 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, at Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Boulevard and travel south on Beach Street to Jackie Robinson Parkway. Enjoy local bands, festive floats and performances by community organizations. For more information or to participate, visit www.CODB.us/ChristmasParade or contact Katie Prestwood at (386) 671-8268 or PrestwoodKaitlyn@codb.us.

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