

FEB. 7, 2024

# City Manager's Update



Join us in celebrating Black History Month. Visit [www.CelebratingBlackHistory.com](http://www.CelebratingBlackHistory.com) as we reflect on our heritage and honor local leaders in Daytona Beach.

## Daytona Beach Fire Department announces promotions

Deputy City Manager and Fire Chief Dru Driscoll recently announced the promotions of four of Daytona Beach Fire Department's valued members.

**Jessica Matthews** was promoted to the rank of Deputy Fire Chief where she's charged with managing all administrative aspects of the Fire Department. A consistent and proven role model of selfless character and knowledge, Matthews offers a fresh perspective as the department evolves to meet the community's needs.



**Andre Chaney**, a 23-year veteran of the department, was promoted from Lieutenant to Battalion Chief. In his new role, Chaney will serve in administration under the command of Deputy Chief Matthews. Known as a confident leader by his coworkers, Chaney will take on his new assignment as a member of the department's command staff with the same determination he has demonstrated throughout his career.



**Tory Sherrier** was promoted from Driver/Engineer to Lieutenant. Always known for his willing attitude, Sherrier, in his new role, will be granted the ability to further his positive impact on the department through the development of his crew and others in his charge.



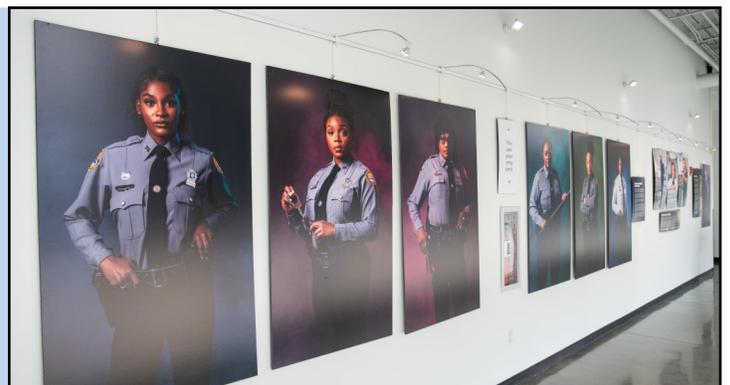
**Susan Ford** was promoted from Firefighter to Driver/Engineer as she continues her career in Daytona Beach. Ford is highly regarded for her positive demeanor and willingness to roll-up her sleeves.



Daytona Beach's Fire Department, with an annual budget of \$19 million, has 122 budgeted positions with 113 sworn personnel. Daytona Beach Fire is the busiest agency in Volusia County with more than 23,000 calls for service each year. In addition to providing fire protection and advanced life support services, the department also provides fire prevention inspections, public education and specialty services such as a Drug Abuse Response Team, Community Paramedicine, Technical Rescue Team, Drone Aviation Unit and the world-famous MotorMedics.

## Photography exhibit featuring local residents on display at YSG Center

Make sure to visit the photography exhibit, "Cultuvue," now on display at the Yvonne Scarlett-Golden Cultural & Educational Center, 1000 Vine St. "Cultuvue," under the creative direction of Kenneth Grant Inzpirations, features an artistic, creative expression of Black culture, utilizing photographic, interactive and educational components. Hours are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday. The thought-provoking, large-scale photo exhibit will be displayed through April 30.



Several women officers in the Daytona Beach Police Department are featured in the photo exhibit currently on display in the YSG Community Center, 1000 Vine St.

## International speaker confirmed for keynote at inaugural Business Summit, Feb. 24

Enrich your attitude, rekindle your determination and expand your self-confidence at the inaugural Accelerate Business Summit on **Saturday, Feb. 24** at the Yvonne Scarlett-Golden Center, 1000 Vine St. in Daytona Beach. Hosted by the city, there will be engaging sessions from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. designed to catapult attendees' vision to the next level. Admission is free.

Chris Robinson, an international speaker who has enthralled crowds as large as 4,500, will be the keynote speaker. Robinson has dedicated his life to enhancing others by speaking and teaching leadership and personal and professional development. Robinson found his leadership beginnings as a sales representative, who quickly advanced to a Senior Sales Manager for the largest vehicle service company by understanding the strengths and overcoming the weak areas of business. He helped grow the company from 18 employees to more



than 700. After experiencing this tremendous growth and recognizing his own desire and ability to encourage, inspire and communicate life-altering success principles to others, he became a certified coach. Participants will come away from Robinson's presentation empowered, centered and focused on their goals. General session topics include money management, insurance regulations, marketing and networking and self-care.

The summit will also feature a "Taste of Daytona Beach." This unique showcase will highlight at least eight of our local restaurants, many of which are thriving small businesses. It's an opportunity for attendees to experience the flavors of our city while recognizing the significance of small business contributions to our economy. Crab Stop, Bethune Grill, Kale Café, Bread of Life and More, Strouds Hog Heaven, Keal Kakes, The Porch and Little Italy are confirmed participants.

Door prizes will be given away for office supplies, office space, wellness packages, hotel rooms, rental discounts on city properties, business attire and more.

For more information or to register, contact Redevelopment Project Manager Phebe Fuqua at (386) 671-8444 or visit [www.codb.us/BusinessSummit](http://www.codb.us/BusinessSummit).

## City receives \$125,000 grant to expand Mayor's Math & Fitness Bootcamp

Great news for Daytona Beach's youth! The City of Daytona Beach is proud to announce its selection as a grant recipient in the 2024 Childhood Obesity Prevention & Environmental Health and Sustainability Awards, facilitated by the U.S. Conference of Mayors and the American Beverage Foundation for a Healthy America. This prestigious recognition comes with a substantial grant of \$125,000 earmarked for The Mayor's Math & Fitness Bootcamp program. The innovative program integrates exercise and dance into mathematics learning for children ages 5 to 14. This grant enables the expansion of The Mayor's Math & Fitness Bootcamp, allowing up to 400 children to participate in summer session programs. The initiative exemplifies a successful fusion of physical activity with educational outcomes, contributing to the well-being and development of Daytona Beach's youth.



This grant is part of a broader commitment by the United States Conference of Mayors and the American Beverage Foundation for Healthy America to foster community-based programs that promote health, wellness and environmental quality. To date, the partnership has awarded \$6.5 million to 73 cities, supporting a diverse range of initiatives aimed at improving the health and environment of communities across the United States.



Mayor Derrick L. Henry accepted the grant award at the U.S. Conference of Mayors' Winter Meeting in Washington D.C.



# IN THE WORKS



**Costco (complete):** Today the Permits & Licensing Department issued a certificate of occupancy for the 150,000-square-foot store located in One Daytona. The public opening is Thursday, Feb. 22. The retailer will employ about 250 people at its Daytona Beach location.

**Daisy Stocking Park (under construction):** Roofs on the pavilions are built and sidewalk construction is nearly complete. Paving of the parking area will begin in a few weeks. Painting of the bathroom's and stage's exteriors will begin this week. Sculptures and stones for the time wall of Daisy Stocking's life will be installed in the near future. The park is expected to open in April.



**Florida Tennis Center (under construction):** Fencing work in the first phase is 90% complete. The project consists of four phases. Along with the fence replacement, the facility's clay courts are being resurfaced at the same time. While some courts are under construction, other courts remain open for play.



**Sunnyland Park (upcoming):** Additional upgrades to Sunnyland Park are coming in the near future. New playground equipment and sidewalks will be installed in the spring, and a press box will be constructed at the softball field. The outdoor basketball court will also be resurfaced in the future.



**U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary (upcoming):** Bids have been received for renovations to the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary building at the Halifax Harbor Marina. Renovations to the upstairs are expected to begin in the spring and include new windows, doors, roof and paint. The interior of the building will receive a makeover with new ceiling lights, an electrical system and kitchen. The Permits & Licensing Department will utilize the renovated space as a training center.



**Yvonne Scarlett-Golden Cultural & Educational Center (upcoming):** Repairs to the gymnasium's basketball floor are scheduled to start in the coming months. Damaged welds to the vinyl surface need to be restored to keep the court in top condition for patrons.



# TRAFFIC ALERT

Motorists are urged to use caution and be patient in the morning hours of **Sunday, Feb. 11** during the Daytona 2 Beach Half Marathon. The 13.1-mile road race starts at 7:15 a.m. at the Daytona International Speedway and takes runners on a scenic route to the Riverfront Esplanade before crossing the finish line at Victory Circle in One Daytona.

For a course map, visit [www.ClashEndurance.com](http://www.ClashEndurance.com).



**13th Annual**  
**Wine & Chocolate WALK**  
**DOWNTOWN DAYTONA BEACH**

*Saturday*  
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**1 to 5pm**

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**Free Movie Night**

- Movie displayed in gymnasium
- Photo-op with mermaids
- Mermaid pageant
- Giveaways
- Free refreshments
- Entertainment for parents
- Blankets and pillows welcomed

Enjoy an evening under the sea with the showing of 2023's *The Little Mermaid*

Sponsored by Zone 3 Commissioner Quanita May

**Friday, FEB. 23** Dickerson Community Center **5:30 PM**  
308 S. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

## Crab & Seafood Festival, April 27

Save the date! The Crab & Seafood Festival is from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. **Saturday, April 27**, in Daytona Beach.

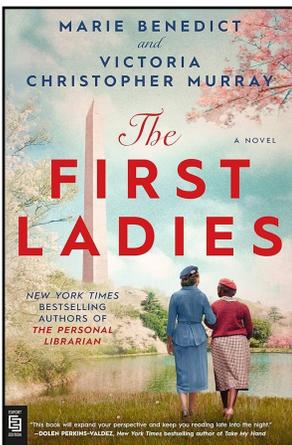
Attendees can enjoy a variety of delicious dishes at this festival on Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Boulevard between Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Charles Street.

Hosted by Zone 6 City Commissioner Paula R. Reed, the family-friendly festival will feature live music, local vendors and a Kids Zone.

For vendor information, contact Brittany Presley at (386) 366-0599 or [Brittany@DivineDesignsEvents.co](mailto:Brittany@DivineDesignsEvents.co).



## "The First Ladies" Book Signing, Feb. 23



In celebration of Black History Month, the Halifax Historical Museum, 252 S. Beach St., is hosting a book signing with New York Times bestselling author Victoria Christopher Murray at 1 p.m. **Friday, Feb. 23.**

Murray will discuss her novel "The First Ladies," which is a story about the extraordinary partnership between Mary McLeod Bethune and Eleanor Roosevelt. Limited copies of the book are available for free;

however, guests are encouraged to call the museum at (386) 255-6976 to reserve a book in advance.



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**FESTIVAL**  
DOWNTOWN DAYTONA BEACH  
FEBRUARY 24, 2024

**SATURDAY**  
**FEB 24**  
**1 - 5 PM**

AT PARTICIPATING BUSINESSES

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Bacon Items Sold Separately

**TICKETS \$20** ADVANCE  
\$25 Day of Event

<https://beer-bacon-festival.eventbrite.com>