



# On the Move With Parks & Rec

May 1, 2024

## City's annual Crab & Seafood Festival brought flavor and fun

The Crab & Seafood Festival Hosted by Zone 6 City Commissioner Paula R. Reed was filled with delicious seafood plates, activities and good times. With over 20 food trucks, there was something for everyone to enjoy. Live entertainment was offered throughout the day including line dancing, band performances and music from DeeJay Chitown. Youth had a blast with carnival games, face painting and more at the Kids Zone. Thank you to everyone who attended this year's festival.



## Daisy Stocking Park new makeover complete

Last Saturday, city officials and staff gathered to celebrate the reopening of the revamped Daisy Stocking Park. Attendees saw the park's new features and enjoyed the first performance of the Midtown Music Concert Series.

Daisy Stocking Park is located at 555 Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Blvd. This park is only open for rentals.

## Debate Club meets for the Final Debate at Schnebly Rec Center

The after-school program hosted a debate session for students to strengthen their communication and debate skills. Debaters participated in the finale last week at the Schnebly Recreation Center. Topics included cursive writing being taught in elementary school and cell phone usage in schools.

The Debate Club is part of the Mayor's Literary Initiative.



**Parks & Recreation Advisory Board**

## Two members of the Parks & Rec Advisory Board reappointed

At the April 17 City Commission meeting, Luke McCoy (at-large) and Linda Smiley (Zone 2) were reappointed to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board.

If you're interested in learning more about our Parks & Recreation Department or want to give your input, attend the next meeting at 9 a.m. Thursday, May 9 at the Schnebly Recreation Center, 1101 N. Atlantic Ave.

## Earth Day celebrated after-school city's program

Youth from our after-school program celebrated Earth Day and Arbor Day with a special ceremony. Provided by the Grounds Maintenance division in our Public Works department, students planted an oak tree at the Schnebly Recreation Center.

Zone 2 City Commission Ken Strickland presented an Earth Day and Arbor Day proclamation followed by a reading of poems by after-school students, giveaways and door prizes with Smokey the Bear in attendance.



*Employee Spotlight*

## Employee Spotlight: Keith McClenny

Keith McClenny has been serving the City of Daytona Beach for six years and was recently been promoted to Aquatic Supervisor. Overseeing operations of the city's two aquatic centers, he ensures that regulations and procedures are followed daily. McClenny enjoys maintaining a safe facility for patrons and implements swim programs for all levels and ages. Looking to develop partnerships within Daytona Beach, McClenny wants to increase swim program awareness and participation.

## Visit a park: Colin's Park

Check out the recently revamped Colin's Park, 100 University Blvd. Opened in 1996, this 2.5-acre riverfront park received a makeover last year. New amenities include playground equipment, sidewalk connectivity, a dog park and landscaping. Other amenities include benches, water fountains, picnic tables, a fishing dock and pier. Colin's Park is open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. April through November and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. December through March.



## Daytona Beach Gymnastics

Daytona Beach Gymnastics AAU team recently brought home 42 first through third-place individual event medals in the third AAU Qualifier. Three athletes received 37.0+ scores and 13 athletes scored 35.0+. All-around scores are rising each meet, with earning four first placements and seven second and third placements in the all-around event. The next events are the Spring State Championships in Ocala and the National Championships in Daytona Beach.

