



# On the Move With Parks & Rec

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## Employee Spotlight: Dwayne A. Murray II

Dwayne A. Murray II has been with the Parks & Recreation Department for seven years. He worked in the athletics, community centers and maintenance divisions from 2007 to 2012 before returning to the city in July 2021. Murray serves as a recreation leader and facility administrator at the Cherry Cultural & Educational Center. His daily duties include overseeing the facility's operations, staff development and routine administrative duties as well as maintaining records related to activities, purchases and timesheets.



## Mayor's Golf Tournament hit the green this month

Golfers swung away at Mayor's Golf Tournament last week. Mayor Derrick L. Henry dedicated this year's proceeds to Mr. & Ms. Mentoring group to empower mentoring initiatives as well as scholarships for the Parks & Recreation summer camp program. Congratulations to tournament winners Jeremy Ertle, Robert Stephenson, Chris Moore and Eric Fraire.

## New playground equipment coming soon to Sunnyland Park

New playground equipment is being installed at Sunnyland Park and is anticipated to be finished this month. Additionally, new ADA-compliant sidewalks are under construction and will be completed next week. In the near future, the basketball court will be resurfaced similarly to the Schnebly Recreation Center basketball courts. The new playground is expected to be open to the public by June.



## Daytona Beach Gymnastics hosts 25th Exhibition

The 25th Daytona Beach Gymnastics Exhibition sprung into action last Friday. Full of tumbles, rolls and cartwheels, youth athletes showcased their skills in a variety of events in front of friends and family members. Coach Angela LeJeune choreographed the event, which was followed by refreshments and awards. For more information about Daytona Beach Gymnastics, visit [www.CODB.us/Gymnastics](http://www.CODB.us/Gymnastics).

## After-School Book Club wraps the school year with a celebration

In partnership with the Volusia County Public Library, the city's after-school program offered a Tween Book Club for youth 5 to 11. Students read a Sunshine State Young Reader winner and discussed the book with a librarian monthly. Last week, the club celebrated the year by reviewing all the books and then voting for the best book for the year. To test comprehension, they played Jeopardy and a memory game. Students were joined by Zone 2 City Commissioner Ken Strickland and representatives of the Volusia County Public Library.



## Free Aqua Zumba classes begin next month at Cypress Aquatic Center

Stay active this summer and join us for Aqua Zumba with Monica at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday at the Cypress Aquatic Center, 981 George W. Engram Blvd. Dive into a fun fitness class while getting a great workout with music for free. For more information, call (386) 671-8392.

Aqua Zumba is sponsored by Elegant Fitness and Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. Classes begin June 11.

## Visit a park: Oleander Park

Just south of Main Street, Oleander Park is one of Daytona Beach's hidden gems. It was renovated with new landscaping and sidewalks in 2023. Located at 14 S. Oleander Ave., this park is the perfect place to enjoy a quiet getaway with plants and benches. Visitors can enjoy this park's beauty from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. April through November and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. December through March.

For more information about our parks, visit [www.CODB.us/Parks](http://www.CODB.us/Parks)



## Youth baseball celebrates opening day at Derbyshire Sports Complex

Opening day was a home run for the city's youth baseball and T-ball league! We had a special visit from Sheldon and Shelly of the Daytona Tortugas at our youth baseball games last week. Harold V. Lucas Jr. donated \$2,000 to the youth baseball leagues.

T-ball and baseball leagues are officially underway.



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