

SEPTEMBER 18, 2024

CITY MANAGER'S UPDATE



To protect and serve ice cream

Daytona Beach Police added a new custom vehicle to their fleet. Named the "Drip Patrol," the unique van offers ice cream treats to youngsters as part of the department's latest initiative to build positive relationships in the community.



"It's about talking and listening to our young residents and building relationships with them and their families," said Police Chief Jakari Young.

Connecting with the public in a positive way is the ultimate goal of the initiative, which has already visited Champion and Westside elementary schools. The department plans to take the truck to more schools, neighborhoods, parks and special events.

The ice cream truck, outfitted with freezer equipment and specialized wrapping, was funded with a \$53,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant.



The Drip Patrol will offer sweet treats again when the Daytona Beach Police Department hosts National Night Out Tuesday, Oct. 1, from 5 to 8 p.m. at Jackie Robinson Ballpark.

November 5 General Election

Although the November 5 General Election features a high-profile presidential race and consequential state constitutional amendments, Daytona Beach residents will also face several local ballot questions.

Daytona Beach voters will be asked to consider two amendments to the city's charter.

THE QUESTIONS ARE:

✓ CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE

Shall Subpart A of the City of Daytona Beach Charter be amended to require candidates for the office of City Commission to be qualified electors in the zone represented by such office continuously for at least six months immediately prior to the first day of the qualifying period, and require Mayoral candidates to be qualified electors of the city continuously for at least six months immediately prior to the first day of the qualifying period?

✓ QUALIFICATIONS OF ELECTORS

Shall Subpart A of the City of Daytona Beach Charter be amended to eliminate the existing requirement, applicable to municipal elections relating to the issuance of city bonds, that only those qualified electors who are "freeholders" (i.e., property owners) are eligible to vote?

In addition to these amendments, residents of Zone 2 will be asked to decide between incumbent Ken Strickland and challenger Nicholas Edgar for their representative on the City Commission. Zone 2 covers the beachside from the northern city limits down to International Speedway Boulevard and the north-central mainland area east of Nova Road. The winner will be sworn in Wednesday, Nov. 20, along with Mayor Derrick L. Henry and Commissioners Stacy Cantu (Zone 4) and Paula R. Reed (Zone 6), who qualified earlier this summer and faced no opposition.

The deadline to register to vote in this year's election is Oct. 7.

Eligible voters can register at RegisterToVoteFlorida.gov or through the Volusia County Supervisor of Elections office.

City's population increases 18% since 2020 census count

The University of Florida's Bureau of Economic and Business Research (BEBR) produces the state's official population estimates and projections. Recently released data estimates Daytona Beach's current population to be 84,891, reflecting an increase of 13,403 residents from 2020's census count of 71,488. These estimates are used for distributing state revenue-sharing dollars to cities and counties in Florida and for budgeting, planning and policy analysis by state and local government agencies, businesses, researchers, the media and members of the general public.



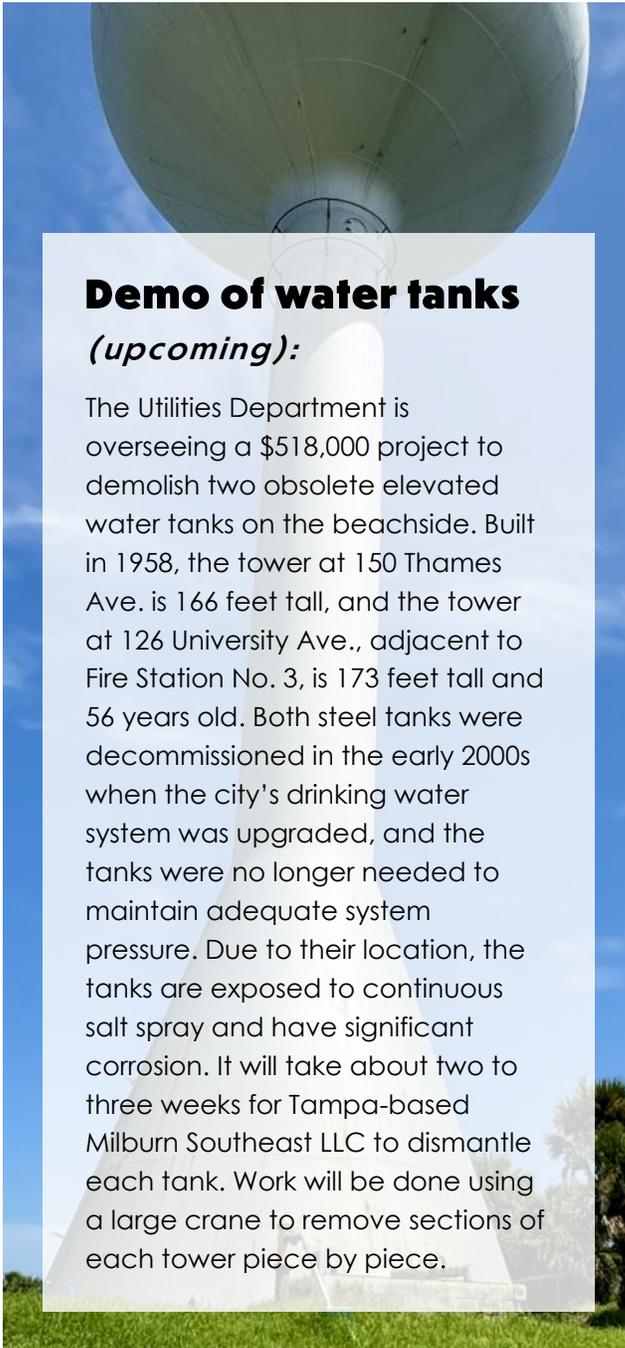
Starting Tuesday, Oct. 1, Volusia County residents can register for complimentary beach driving and off-beach parking at county-owned lots. **To receive these benefits, register your vehicle with the Park Volusia program at www.ParkVolusia.org**, through the Volusia Beaches app, or in person at Park Volusia offices in Daytona Beach Shores and New Smyrna Beach.

IN THE WORKS



Daytona Stadium update *(complete):*

In preparation for football games underway at Daytona Stadium, new city-branded banners were installed on the north and south walls around the field. Banners representing the football teams at Mainland High School, Seabreeze High School and Bethune-Cookman University also accompany the city's banners.



Demo of water tanks *(upcoming):*

The Utilities Department is overseeing a \$518,000 project to demolish two obsolete elevated water tanks on the beachside. Built in 1958, the tower at 150 Thames Ave. is 166 feet tall, and the tower at 126 University Ave., adjacent to Fire Station No. 3, is 173 feet tall and 56 years old. Both steel tanks were decommissioned in the early 2000s when the city's drinking water system was upgraded, and the tanks were no longer needed to maintain adequate system pressure. Due to their location, the tanks are exposed to continuous salt spray and have significant corrosion. It will take about two to three weeks for Tampa-based Milburn Southeast LLC to dismantle each tank. Work will be done using a large crane to remove sections of each tower piece by piece.



Bethune Point Park Playground *(under construction):*

Work to prepare the site for new playground equipment is finished, and installation is scheduled for the end of the month. Funded partially by a \$187,406 grant from Daytona Beach Racing and Recreational Facilities District, the \$200,000 project will feature equipment for youth ages 5 to 12, a new rubber surface for a safer playing experience, connecting sidewalks and seat wall.



A tentacled masterpiece emerges *(complete):*

Artist Tiff Urquhart created a mesmerizing large-scale mural of a sea creature named The Kraken on the exterior wall of Permits & Licensing's new training center at the marina. Another vibrant city-sponsored mural, "Still My Guitar Gently Leaps" at Total Entertainment on West International Speedway Boulevard, will be unveiled at noon Saturday, Sept. 28.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

UPCOMING EVENTS AROUND THE CITY

Celebrate Volusia (FREE)

Sunday, Oct. 6 from 2-5 p.m.
Ocean Center, 101 N. Atlantic Ave.

Heart Walk—American Heart Association (Donation)

Friday, Oct. 4 at 4:30 p.m.
Daytona International Speedway
Enter via Gate 40 (S. Williamson Blvd.)
1801 W. International Speedway Blvd.

A Silent Cry—5K—Domestic Abuse Council of Volusia County with Commissioner Paula R. Reed (Cost to participate)

Saturday, Oct. 19 at 8 a.m.
Riverfront Esplanade, 249 N. Beach St.

Trunk or Treat Halloween Celebration (FREE)

Thursday, Oct. 31 from 6-8 p.m.
City Island Park, 113 Jackie Robinson Pkwy.

Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall (FREE)

Friday, Nov. 1 through Sunday, Nov. 3
Veterans Plaza, Riverfront Esplanade

Hazardous Waste Collection Day (FREE)

Saturday, Nov. 2 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
Public Works, 950 Bellevue Ave.

Halifax Art Festival (FREE)

Nov. 2 and Nov. 3
Beach Street



BREAKERS ENVIRONMENTAL LEARNING CENTER PRESENTATIONS

The Benefits of Bees

Saturday, Sept. 21

Cold-Blooded Meet & Greet

Wednesday, Sept. 25



SCHNEBLY RECREATION CENTER

\$3 Belly Dance Lessons (all ages)

Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. and Thursdays at 5:30 p.m.



CHERRY CULTURAL & EDUCATIONAL CENTER PROGRAMS

Basketball League

Registration now open

Youth Basketball Training Offered

Saturday, Sept. 28 and Saturday, Oct. 5

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