

## Senior Oasis group welcomes new members

The Senior Oasis program meets regularly at all five of the city's community centers. Seniors can enjoy meals, activities, socializing and excursions. Groups meet on a different day at each center.

**Cherry Cultural & Educational Center**  
925 George W. Engram Blvd.  
9 a.m. every Tuesday

**Sunnyland Recreation Center**  
825 Washington St.  
10 a.m. every Thursday

**Dickerson Community Center**  
308 S. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.  
10 a.m. every Wednesday

**YSG Cultural & Educational Center**  
1000 Vine St.  
10 a.m. every Thursday

**Schnebly Recreation Center**  
1101 N. Atlantic Ave.  
Noon on the third Tuesday of the month

For more information about the Senior Oasis program, call (386) 671-8337.



## Homework Heroes tutoring program

The city offers a free tutoring program for elementary, middle and high school students. The program offers academic support while building confidence at the Cherry Cultural & Educational Center from 5 to 7:30 p.m. every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. This program provides students with a supportive environment to complete their homework and reinforce what they've learned. For more information, contact Michael Thomas at [ThomasMichael@CODB.us](mailto:ThomasMichael@CODB.us) or (386) 671-5540.

## Building permit fees waived from Sept. 1 to March 1, 2025

Building permit and inspection fees are being waived for commercial and residential properties in Daytona Beach through March 1, 2025. Eligible projects include but are not limited to new construction, interior renovations, roof replacements, electrical and fire suppression systems upgrades and new fences, doors, windows, driveways and air conditioners. Permit applications are available online and can be picked up at the Permits and Licensing office at City Hall at 301 S. Ridgewood Ave. For more information, call Permits and Licensing at (386) 671-8140 for assistance.





## Beach driving free for Volusia County residents

Starting Tuesday, Oct. 1, Volusia County residents can register for complimentary beach driving and off-beach parking at county-owned lots. Registration can be made through the Park Volusia program at [www.ParkVolusia.org](http://www.ParkVolusia.org), the Volusia Beaches app, or in person at Park Volusia offices in Daytona Beach Shores and New Smyrna Beach. Residents must provide their driver's license, email and vehicle registration for each vehicle they wish to register on their account. Residents who own property in Volusia County but have vehicles registered outside the county can present their property tax bill. Visit [www.ParkVolusia.org](http://www.ParkVolusia.org) for more details.

## To protect and serve ice cream

Daytona Beach Police have 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 two 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.



## Drug Take Back Day, Oct. 26

Do you have unused or expired prescription drugs? Do your part to prevent accidental poisonings, overdoses and improper use of medications by safely disposing of unused or expired drugs at National Prescription Drug Take Back Day from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26, at Police Headquarters, 129 Valor Blvd. No questions are asked, and no forms or IDs are required. Medications can be left in original containers or emptied into a sealed plastic bag. No sharps or inhalers will be taken at this event, just medications.

## City to host Trunk or Treat, Oct. 31

The city is hosting its fourth annual Trunk or Treat starting at 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 31. Presented by City Commissioners Stacy Cantu, Dannette Henry and Ken Strickland, the family-friendly event will be at City Island Park, 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 parade at 7 p.m. Free parking is available adjacent to the park and behind the shops on Beach Street. For more information, call (386) 671-8337.



## Protect our waterways

Take action if you see someone dumping or washing material down storm drains! Illegal dumping can harm our environment and contaminate our water supply. Call the city's 24-hour dispatch center at (386) 671-8815 if you witness suspicious activity.



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