

MIDTOWN RECREATION COMPLEX UPGRADES

New signage has been added to the Midtown Recreation Complex, including a new digital sign on George W. Engram Boulevard. The digital sign now displays programs offered at the Cherry Cultural & Educational Center, emergency alerts and events throughout the city. This initiative was funded by Zone 6 City Commissioner Paula R. Reed. Other branded signage has been installed for the Cypress Aquatic Center, MLK Walking Trail and the Midtown Recreation Complex entrance.



BETHUNE POINT PARK UPGRADES

A rubber surface has been poured underneath the newly installed playground equipment at Bethune Point Park. Before opening the playground to the public, crews will backfill around the new curbing, add landscaping and make modifications to the new playground equipment. Due to graffiti at the skate park, crews are repainting the concrete surfaces and are expected to be finished within the next few weeks.

YAC CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Young Adult Club (YAC) enjoyed its annual Christmas Party at the Schnebly Recreation Center last month. The night featured music, dancing, games, food and a meet-and-greet with Santa. Open to adults with special needs, the YAC hosts several themed parties throughout the year. Be on the lookout for their next gathering.



ANNUAL TOY DRIVE BRINGS CHRISTMAS JOY

Over 800 local kids received toys during the city's annual Toys for Tots Toy Drive this Christmas. The Daytona Beach Police Department, in partnership with the city's Parks & Recreation staff, organized the toys, which were donated to kids up to 13 years old.



FREE PRESENTATIONS OFFERED AT BREAKERS ENVIRONMENTAL LEARNING CENTER

Registration is open for a free presentation on North Atlantic Right Whales, hosted at the Breakers Environmental Learning Center, 13 S. Ocean Ave., at 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 9. Presented by the Blue World Research Institute, this event will explore the whales' critically endangered status, their lifestyle, behaviors and their seasonal migration to the Southeast.

To register, visit www.DaytonaBeach.gov/Activities.

For more details, call (386) 671-3566 or email Lejuneangela@codb.us.

JACKIE ROBINSON BALLPARK BECOMES COMMEMORATIVE SITE

With the stroke of a pen President Joe Biden signed a bill this weekend that makes Jackie Robinson Ballpark a National Commemorative Site and part of the African American Civil Rights Network. This designation honors Jackie Robinson, an icon of civil rights and sports history and cements the city's role in that legacy.



MAYOR'S FITNESS CHALLENGE UNDERWAY

The popular Mayor's Fitness Challenge is officially underway. Yesterday, participants kicked off the 10-week program with weigh-ins, shirt and bag pick-up and raffle prizes. A cash prize of \$500 will be awarded to the person losing the greatest percent of their initial weight.

Registration is only \$20 and will remain open for several weeks. To register, visit www.DaytonaBeach.gov/Activities.

"WHAT IS ORNITHOLOGY? BIRD SCIENCE"

Dive into the fascinating world of birds with an engaging educational event, "What is Ornithology? Bird Science," hosted by the Breakers Environmental Learning Center, 13 S. Ocean Ave., in collaboration with The Marine Science Center. Join us Wednesday, February 5, at 10 a.m. for a morning filled with hands-on activities that bring the science of birds to life.

There is no cost; however, registration is required.

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