

FREE SWIMMING LESSONS FOR AUTISTIC CHILDREN OFFERED AT CYPRESS AQUATIC CENTER

Water safety is a vital skill for all children, but it is especially important for children with autism. Drowning is the most common cause of death in autistic children, and Florida leads the nation in child drownings.

To help change those alarming statistics, the City of Daytona Beach is offering free water safety lessons for autistic children **ages four and older at Cypress Aquatic Center, March 17-21, from 10:15 to 11 a.m.** Parents are required to join their children, creating a bonding experience to foster confidence and security. This unique opportunity helps children become more comfortable in aquatic settings and provides families with valuable tools to reinforce water safety beyond the lessons.

Taught by certified American Red Cross Water Safety Instructor and head lifeguard Sharifa Collins, these specialized lessons provide a safe and structured environment where children can develop water safety skills at their own pace. Instruction will focus on building comfort in the water and teaching essential skills like floating, treading water and safely entering and exiting the pool.

The free lessons are funded by a \$20,000 grant from the County of Volusia's Swim Safety Grant.

Let's work together to create a safer, more inclusive community where every child can enjoy the water with confidence!

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN PROGRAM DETAILS:

COST: FREE

AGES: 4 and up

DATES: March 17-21

TIME: 10:15 to 11 a.m. daily

LOCATION: Cypress Aquatic Center

981 George W. Engram Blvd.

DaytonaBeach.gov/Activities



JOIN THE DAYTONA BEACH CVB'S COMMUNITY TOURISM LISTENING SESSION ON FEBRUARY 18

The public is invited to the Daytona Beach Area Convention & Visitors Bureau's (CVB) next Community Tourism Listening Session at noon, Tuesday, Feb. 18, at the Ocean Art Gallery, 197 East Granada Blvd. in Ormond Beach. The CVB will share information on how they market the destination and the importance of the tourism industry in the community. Residents are encouraged to provide input and learn how to participate and get involved. A light lunch will be provided for attendees.

Space is limited, and attendees should RSVP no later than Monday, Feb. 17 to info@daytonabeach.com or by calling (386) 255-0415, extension 110.



DAYTONA BEACH WAIVES BUILDING PERMIT AND INSPECTION FEES THROUGH MARCH 1, 2025

Building permit and inspection fees are being waived for commercial and residential properties in Daytona Beach through March 1, 2025. **Since the six-month initiative began in September, \$2.8 million in building permit and inspection fees have been waived.** Eligible projects include 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.

DAYTONA BEACH SECURES \$1.45 MILLION FOR CRITICAL STORMWATER STUDIES

The City of Daytona Beach has been awarded \$1.45 million in Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funding to support stormwater studies. This funding, approved by the County of Volusia and Transform386, will help enhance the city's stormwater management and resilience against future disasters. **The funding supports two major studies:**

- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Study Match - \$250,000
- Citywide Stormwater Model and Watershed Management Plan - \$1,200,000

Volusia County will conduct these studies, ensuring a coordinated and efficient approach to improving Daytona Beach's stormwater infrastructure.



CONSTRUCTION COMPLETED AT DAYTONA BEACH'S EXCLUSIVE TRITON CAY OCEANFRONT LUXURY APARTMENTS

Construction is completed at Daytona Beach's only luxury oceanfront apartment complex! Triton Cay, formally known as Silver Hills, received its Certificate of Occupancy last week. Located on a four-acre lot at 1216 N. Atlantic Ave., the 242-unit complex offers one, two and three-bedroom options. Amenities include an outdoor pool with a kitchen, fire pit and ocean views, a wellness center, pet spa, dog park, clubhouse, conference room, interior courtyard, business center and 24-hour emergency maintenance. City commissioners approved the development in 2020 and vertical construction began in 2022.

IN THE WORKS



UNDER CONSTRUCTION

MAIN STREET ARCH:

Restoration of the historic Main Street Arch is still underway. Crews have poured the footers and lower parts of columns. The fresh concrete must be cured for a few weeks before pouring on top. Stone cutting is ongoing and is approximately 90% finished.

The project is still on track for summertime reopening.



UNDER CONSTRUCTION

BETHUNE POINT PARK PLAYGROUND:

The new playground at Bethune Point Park is near completion. Landscaping is finished and crews are making finishing touches.

Once finished, the park will be open to the public.



UNDER CONSTRUCTION

DERBYSHIRE PARKING LOT:

Upgrades are underway at Derbyshire Sports Complex! A new parking lot is being paved behind the football field, featuring 105 parking spaces and five handicapped spaces. Crews are currently paving the lot. Once finished, they will stripe and add parking blocks to the spaces.

The new lot provides parking for attendees using the football and youth baseball fields.



UNDER CONSTRUCTION

NORTH STREET SIDEWALK:

New six-foot-wide sidewalks with specialized curbs to improve stormwater flow are being installed on North Street from Fulton Street to Byron Avenue. Crews are removing trip hazards due to root intrusion.



REGISTRATION OPEN

CITIZENS ACADEMY DB UNIVERSITY

Details:

Academy kicks off in March.

DaytonaBeach.gov/CitizensAcademy



The next session of Daytona Beach University Citizens Academy kicks off Thursday, March 13, offering an in-depth look at how municipal services are delivered in our community. This engaging nine-week program features weekly hands-on and interactive sessions from 9 a.m. to noon on Thursdays. The final session will be at 5 p.m. Wednesday, May 7, at a City Commission meeting.



BLACK HISTORY MONTH RECOGNITION

Details:

Thursday, Feb. 6 at noon

Bethune Cookman Center for Civic Engagement

**In collaboration with the Midtown Community Development Corp.*

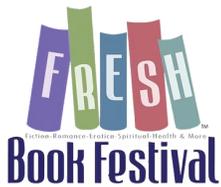


DOWNTOWN DAYTONA NIGHTS

Details:

Friday, Feb. 7 from 5 to 9 p.m.

Downtown Daytona Beach



F.R.E.S.H. FILM & BOOK FESTIVAL

Details:

Feb. 20 - 22

www.FreshBookFestivals.net



MIDTOWN MUSIC CONCERT SERIES

Details:

Saturday, Feb 22 from 7 to 9 p.m.

Featuring BlueMoon

Jazz Fusion/Funk & Soul

Daisy Stocking Park

DaytonaBeach.gov/MidtownMusic



CHILDREN'S BUSINESS FAIR

Details:

Saturday, March 22

9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Riverfront Esplanade



CRAB & SEAFOOD FESTIVAL

FOOD | VENDORS | LIVE MUSIC

Details:

April 26 from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Boulevard

DaytonaBeach.gov/CrabandSeafood