

It's smooth sailing for the city's annual Road Resurfacing Program

The fifth year of the city's Road Resurfacing and Restoration Program is underway. This initiative has repaved nearly 140 lane miles or 30% of the city's road network, greatly improving travel safety and roadway durability. This year's \$5.7 million program will resurface 14 miles of roadway. To see what street are scheduled to be repaved, visit www.DaytonaBeach.gov/RoadRepaving.



Florida to launch a program to help homeowners elevate their homes above flood levels

The initiative, called Elevate Florida, is the state's first statewide Residential Mitigation program administered by the Florida Division of Emergency Management. While full details about the plan have yet to be released, it involves offering grants and low-interest loans to help homeowners protect their homes from flood damage.

What Does Elevate Florida Offer?

Elevation: Physically raising an existing structure to protect against flooding

Mitigation Reconstruction: Construction of an improved, elevated building where an existing building has been partially or completely demolished or destroyed

Acquisition: A local community purchases a structure from voluntary sellers and the structure is demolished

How to Prepare for an Application

To help applicants get ready, FDEM recommends gathering key information, including:

- Photos of flood damage or high-water marks.
- Insurance claims, receipts or cost estimates for previous repairs.
- Documentation of aesthetic alterations (e.g., roof replacement, window/door updates).

If you have any questions about the program, visit

FloridaDisaster.org/dem/mitigation/residential-mitigation/, which will be updated as new information is released.

It's not too late to register for the Mayor's Fitness Challenge

Walk, stretch, strengthen, kick and dance to better health in the new year with the Mayor's Fitness Challenge. Registration is open for the popular program starting Jan. 7 and is open to adults of all ages and fitness levels. Visit www.DaytonaBeach/FitnessChallenge to register. For more information, contact Ivy Howard at (386) 671-8250. Thank you to our sponsors: AdventHealth, The Vitamin Shoppe, ONE DAYTONA, Florida Health Care Plans, Tanger Outlets, Brown & Brown and Mayor Derrick L. Henry.



Construction of new state-of-the-art Fire Station begins

The Daytona Beach Fire Department (DBFD) officially broke ground on Fire Station One - Headquarters, a cutting-edge facility set to replace the nearly century-old building at the corner of Beach Street and Orange Avenue. Located at 420 S. Ridgewood Ave., the new station represents more than just bricks and mortar; it symbolizes a leap forward in the department's ability to serve the community. The upcoming two-story, 31,000-square-foot headquarters will feature full solar power and other green technologies, community space, an emergency operations center and a fire department museum showcasing historical treasures like "Rosie," the beloved 1952 Mack Fire Truck. The new headquarters building is anticipated to be completed by March 2026.



Explore the Wonders of Ornithology at Breakers Environmental Learning Center

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 on Wednesday, February 5, at 10 a.m. for a morning filled with hands-on activities that bring the science of birds to life.

This family-friendly event includes opportunities to:

- Meet a live raptor and learn about these majestic birds of prey.
- Master the use of binoculars for birdwatching.
- Participate in the "Birds of a Feather Stick Together" activity.
- Create a bird anatomy craft and explore avian biology.

There is no cost; however, registration is required. For more information, contact Angela LeJeune at lejeuneangela@codb.us or (386) 671-3566.

Oceanfront properties' addresses required to be visible from the beach

Help make our world-famous beach safer for everyone! All oceanfront properties in Daytona Beach must display clear address numbers on the rear of buildings facing the beach. This small step can make a big difference, helping beachgoers share their exact location faster and more accurately in an emergency. The lettering must be at least 12 inches tall.



NEW DATES, SAME GREAT PERFORMANCES!

The Midtown Music Concert Series is the perfect way to enjoy a night out with family and friends. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets to Daisy Stocking Park, 555 Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Blvd., and enjoy live music in a newly renovated, open-air setting. The monthly concerts will run from January to May this upcoming year, offering a more comfortable outdoor experience with cooler evening air. The free concerts will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. on the following dates: Jan. 25, Feb. 22, March 29, April 26 and May 31.



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