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INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE HEADS DOWN MAIN STREET

Join us with a patriotic morning celebration honoring veterans, first responders and our nation. Festivities begin at 9 a.m. with a Veterans Ceremony at the historic Clock Tower near the Boardwalk, providing an opportunity to recognize the dedication and service of the nation's veterans. Following the ceremony, the Independence Day Parade will commence at 10 a.m., heading west along Main Street from the east end. Organized by local military groups, the parade pays tribute to the courage and sacrifice of veterans and first responders who have served the country with distinction. Residents are encouraged to attend, bring their families, and enjoy this celebration of American freedom. *Presented by Zone 4 City Commissioner Stacy Cantu and supported by Daytona Fun Rentals.*



COMMUNITY INVITED TO DISCOVER BETHUNE POINT PARK

Residents and families are invited to enjoy a summer afternoon at Bethune Point Park during Discover Bethune Point Park: A Community Celebration Saturday, July 12, from noon to 3 p.m. Hosted by Zone 1 City Commissioner Monica Paris, this free event offers a chance to explore one of Daytona Beach's most scenic parks along the Halifax River. Attendees can enjoy free hot dogs, cool off on an inflatable water slide and participate in fun outdoor activities in a safe and welcoming space. The event will also showcase recent park improvements, including new playground equipment for kids ages 5 to 12, enhanced picnic areas, a refreshed skate park, new seating walls, sidewalks and updated landscaping. Families can also learn more about the Halifax Sailing Association and its programs. Discover Daytona Bethune Point Park is free and open to the public. *Sponsored by Zone 1 City Commissioner Monica Paris and supported by the Daytona Beach Fire Department Local 1162.*

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RECENT HAPPENINGS



PARKS & RECREATION EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

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For almost 20 years, Vincent Terry has played a major role in making the Parks & Recreation department run smoothly. He oversees everything from city facilities and programs to event sponsorships, and making sure things are safe and well-managed. Terry is all about helping the next generation step into leadership roles and keeping things moving forward. He loves seeing how much the community appreciates the work being done and is passionate about creating great recreational experiences for everyone. Terry's dedication and heart for the community make him a true standout in the Parks & Recreation family.

VOLUSIA COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY PARTNERS WITH CAMPERS

The Volusia County Public Library is partnering with the City of Daytona Beach's Summer Camp program to bring fun, educational activities directly to campers. This week, the library team visited Sunnyland Recreation Center and the YSG Cultural & Educational Center. Children's Librarian Darielle Wasylean and Library Assistant Kayla Feinsod led a game of animal bingo, helping campers build their animal recognition, listening skills and knowledge of colors.. The library will make four more stops throughout the summer, continuing to support learning for city youth.



DAYTONA BEACH GYMNASTICS FINISH STRONG AT NATIONALS

The Daytona Beach Gymnastics team wrapped up the 2025 competitive season at AAU Nationals in Fort Lauderdale. Fifteen athletes across Levels 2, 3, Xcel Silver, Gold and Platinum competed on Vault, Bars, Beam, Floor and in the All-Around. The team earned 42 scores of 9.0 or higher, 18 event placements in the top three, two 3rd place All Around titles, and two 1st place All Around Champion titles. The season ends with a team pool party and preparations already underway for a strong summer focused on skill, strength and flexibility.

Two of its athletes have qualified for the AAU Junior Olympic Games! Sophia Latji earned an impressive beam score of 9.65, while Deira Rivas followed closely with a score of 9.575, both placing in the top eight to secure their qualification at the national event. Congratulations to Sophia and Deira on this outstanding achievement.