

RECENT HAPPENINGS

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// Daisy Stocking Park

ON THE *MOVE* WITH PARKS & RECREATION

JULY IS NATIONAL PARKS & RECREATION MONTH

This month we're celebrating the spaces, programs and people that help build stronger, healthier communities. With over 30 parks, community centers and recreation facilities, Daytona Beach provides residents of all ages with opportunities to connect, play and thrive. From youth sports and gymnastics to senior fitness, art classes, after-school programs and family events, our Parks & Recreation team works year-round to offer something for everyone. Our parks continue to serve as essential spaces for relaxation and recreation.

Recently improved parks such as Daisy Stocking and Bethune Point offer beautiful green space, upgraded play areas and shaded picnic spots. Whether you're looking to walk, play, fish, skate or just unwind, there's a park nearby waiting for you. We appreciate the staff, volunteers, instructors and community partners who help us celebrate Parks & Recreation every day. Residents are encouraged to take part in programs and explore parks that help make Daytona Beach a destination to live and play.

For more information about our facilities and upcoming events, call (386) 671-8337 or visit DaytonaBeach.gov/ParksAndRecreation.



SUMMER FUN ON THE RUN MAKES THIRD STOP

Summer Fun on the Run continued its tour with a high-energy stop at Lakeside Village. Kids enjoyed outdoor games, face art, dancing, free food and ice cream. The program brings the spirit of summer camp into local neighborhoods and is made possible by partners including ROSS (Resident Opportunity for Self-Sufficiency), Daytona Beach Housing Authority, Wellness Shoppe, Advent Health, Daytona Dream Center, Early Learning Coalition, You Thrive and Simply Healthcare. **The final stop is scheduled for noon to 4 p.m. Wednesday, July 23, at Daytona Gardens, 437 Jean St.**

BOTH AQUATIC CENTERS NOW OPEN

- Cypress Aquatic Center: Open Monday through Saturday Noon to 7 p.m.
- Campbell Aquatic Center: Open Tuesday through Saturday Noon to 6 p.m.

To see what programs will be offered this summer, visit DaytonaBeach.gov/ParksAndRecreation.

DAYTONA BEACH GYMNASTICS CELEBRATES STRONG SPRING SEASON

Daytona Beach Gymnastics wrapped up a successful AAU Spring season with a splash at their annual end-of-the-year pool party. The celebration recognized the dedication and accomplishments of the city's youth athletes. For more information about the city's gymnastics program and AAU teams, call (386) 671-3566 or email Lejuneangela@DaytonaBeach.gov. Congratulations to these talented athletes on another great season.



EARLY LEARNING COALITION VISITS SUMMER CAMP

The Early Learning Coalition's Learning Mobile rolled into the Cherry Cultural & Educational Center to engage summer campers in a hands-on STEM lesson about the water cycle. Campers explored the topic through a reading of *The Magic School Bus* and created a model of how water is purified. Each child went home with two books and a backpack filled with literacy tools.

The session was led by Kelsey Avignon and Stephanie Bricker of the Early Learning Coalition, who brought learning to life for participants.



CONKLIN DAVIS CENTER STUDENTS VISIT CITY HALL

Students from the Conklin Davis Center for the Visually Impaired visited City Hall for an educational field trip through the Mayor's Literacy Initiative. While visiting City Hall, they met city staff and learned about the inner workings of several departments, gaining a behind-the-scenes look at local government. The experience offered students an opportunity to connect with civic life in Daytona Beach. The day concluded with a lunch and cake celebration.



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NEW DAYTONA BEACH GYMNASTICS

Daytona Beach Gymnastics is offering two summer sessions for youth athletes interested in gymnastics. Session A started on July 14 and will run until Aug. 15. Session B will take place from Aug. 18 to Oct. 3. Classes are available for youth of all ages and skill levels. The Twinkling Stars program is designed for independent preschoolers ages 3 and up, as well as parent and child participants. Beginner and advanced classes are available for boys and girls ages 5 to 12. Evening Stars classes are offered for girls ages 5 and older. All sessions will be held at Schnebly Recreation Center, 1101 N. Atlantic Ave. **Families are encouraged to register early, as space is limited.** For more information, call (386) 671-3566 or visit DaytonaBeach.gov/Activities.



LINE DANCING AT DICKERSON COMMUNITY CENTER

Get ready to step, slide and shuffle your way into a good time at the Dickerson Community Center 308 S. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

Classes available:

- Seniors on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 3 to 4 p.m. for \$2.
- Regular on Monday and Wednesday from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. for \$2.
- Slide and Shuffle on the fourth Friday of each month from 6 to 9 p.m. for \$5.
- **NEW** Men's Line Dancing starting Aug. 7 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. for \$2.



FREE PICKLEBALL NOW OFFERED AT DICKERSON COMMUNITY CENTER

Residents of all ages are invited to enjoy free indoor pickleball at the Dickerson Community Center, located at 308 S. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Sessions are held every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 12:15 to 3:15 p.m., providing a fun and active way to stay fit, socialize and learn the game. Whether you're a beginner or an experienced player, all skill levels are welcome. Equipment is provided, or participants may bring their own paddles.

No registration is required. Just show up ready to play.



CITY'S SWIM TEAM DIVES INTO SWIM SEASON

The Cypress Otters swim team is making waves this summer as they gear up for their competition schedule. The team recently held a practice meet at the Cypress Aquatic Center to sharpen their skills and build team spirit. Up next, the Otters will compete in the Volusia Flagler YMCA Swim League, with meets scheduled for July 19 in Deltona and July 26 at the DeLand YMCA. These events offer young swimmers the chance to showcase their progress and represent Daytona Beach with pride. **To cap off the summer season, Cypress Aquatic Center will host a home swim meet on Sunday, Aug. 3.**



LINE DANCERS GIVE BACK TO CITY'S SUMMER CAMP

Thank you to Sexy & Smooth Gliders Inc., a nonprofit line dancing organization, for supporting the city's summer campers. During the last Parks & Recreation Advisory Board meeting, they presented a \$400 check to Parks & Recreation Director Keith Willis. The donation will help cover costs for campers attending the final summer field trip to WonderWorks. Each camp site will receive \$100 to ensure all children can enjoy a memorable summer experience.

GET INVOLVED WITH PARKS & RECREATION

Residents are invited to get involved and help shape the future of parks, programs and recreational spaces by attending the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board meetings. These meetings take place at 9 a.m. on the second Thursday of each month. The advisory board provides valuable guidance on the planning, development and improvement of parks and recreation programs across the city. It's an opportunity for residents to stay informed, share feedback and offer input that impacts their neighborhoods. Whether you're passionate about youth programs, senior activities, sports leagues or park enhancements, your voice matters.

For meeting locations and more information, visit www.DaytonaBeach.gov.



NEW VIRTUAL TOURS OFFERED FOR CENTERS

The Parks & Recreation department is using technology to enhance access and convenience for residents by launching virtual tours of community centers and rentable spaces. These tours provide a user-friendly way to explore facilities before booking, helping residents make informed decisions for their events and activities. The Cherry Cultural & Educational Center is the first to feature this new tool, giving users an interactive look at the layout and amenities available. Next up is the Peninsula Club, with more locations to be added in the future.

You can view the tours by visiting DaytonaBeach.gov/Activities and clicking on Facility Rentals.