

EXPLORE CITY FACILITIES WITHOUT LEAVING HOME

Looking for the perfect space to host a family reunion, banquet, birthday party, celebration of life or community gathering? The City of Daytona Beach is making it easier than ever to preview its available facilities before reserving them. Thanks to the new technology used by the city's Audio-Visual team, a 3-D virtual tour of select city-owned facilities can be taken from the comfort of a computer, tablet or smartphone.

The city is using Matterport, an advanced 3-D data platform that creates a lifelike digital model of a space. Using a specialized 360-degree camera, Matterport captures high-resolution images and collects precise measurements of a room's layout. These images and data are then processed into an interactive tour that allows viewers to "walk through" the space online—just as if you were there in person. This technology is widely used in the real estate industry to showcase homes and commercial properties.

To date, two city facilities have undergone the tedious process of creating a digital model: the Cherry Cultural & Educational Center and the Peninsula Club.

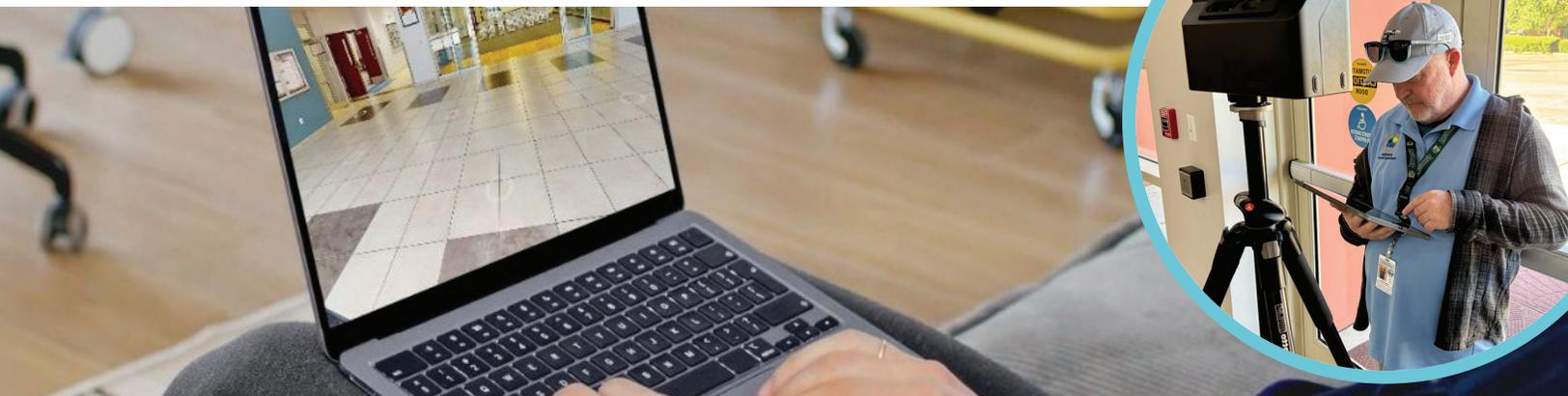


The virtual tours can be found at www.DaytonaBeach.gov/virtualtours.

By offering immersive, photorealistic tours of our rental spaces, potential facility users can:

- **Save time:** View multiple venues without needing to travel from location to location.
- **Plan ahead:** Get a true feel for the size, layout and amenities before making a reservation.
- **Feel confident:** Make informed decisions about which space best suits your event.

From community centers to special event venues, the city's goal is to make booking your next event as seamless as possible.





SEEKING VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE ON ADVISORY BOARDS

Engaged residents play an important role in building a strong, successful community. By serving on city advisory boards, residents can offer valuable input and recommendations to the City Commission on key projects and community issues.

The city is currently seeking volunteers for the following boards:

- Beautification/Tree Advisory Board
- Beachside Redevelopment Board
- Board of Adjustment
- Board of Building Codes
- Downtown Redevelopment Board
- Historic Preservation Board
- Midtown Redevelopment Board
- Nuisance Abatement Board
- Peabody Auditorium Advisory Board
- Personnel Board
- Planning Board

If you're interested in making a difference in your community, consider applying for a seat. For more information, contact the City Clerk's Office at (386) 671-8023 or visit www.DaytonaBeach.gov/AdvisoryBoards.

STAY CONNECTED WITH *DB UNSCRIPTED*, THE CITY'S OFFICIAL PODCAST

Have you tuned in to *DB Unscripted* yet? Hosted by Communications & Marketing Assistant Justin Vallejo, this podcast features candid and authentic conversations with the people who keep our city running. From major capital projects to community programs, *DB Unscripted* brings you real behind-the-scenes perspectives directly from city staff.

In recent episodes, listeners heard from Planning Director Dennis Mrozek, who discussed how planning shapes the future of Daytona Beach, from zoning and development reviews to long-term growth strategies. In another episode, Vallejo welcomed Denzil Sykes, the Code Compliance Manager, for a 31-minute

conversation on how the city protects health, safety and welfare through the impartial enforcement of land development and property maintenance codes. The discussion highlighted how the division emphasizes voluntary compliance, collaborating with residents and property owners to resolve common issues such as high weeds, overgrown grass and junk vehicles, while also promoting neighborhood pride and reducing blight. These conversations highlight not only the challenges but also the innovative solutions city departments are using to improve services and quality of life.

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FIRE STATION NO. 1 CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Construction of the new two-story headquarters at 420 S. Ridgewood Ave. is moving forward on schedule and within budget. The 31,000-square-foot facility now has its exterior walls in place and roof completed. Crews are focusing on exterior finishes while beginning interior work, including wall framing and window installation.

When completed, the station will serve not only as the Fire Department's administrative headquarters but also as an Emergency Operations Center during emergencies and a state-of-the-art training hub for first responders. The project is expected to be finished by March 2026.



RECAP

ROAD REPAVING RECAP: The City of Daytona Beach continues to make progress in improving local roadways through its annual resurfacing program. During the current fiscal year, 28 lane miles were resurfaced, enhancing safety and driving conditions for motorists. Planning is underway for next year's program.



UNDER CONSTRUCTION

BOOKLAND BRIDGE REPAIRS: Demolition of the Bookland Bridge is nearly complete and expected to finish by the end of this week. In the near future, crews will begin resetting the lifted piles before installing the bents and joists. Once those are in place, work will continue with setting the deck boards and handrails.



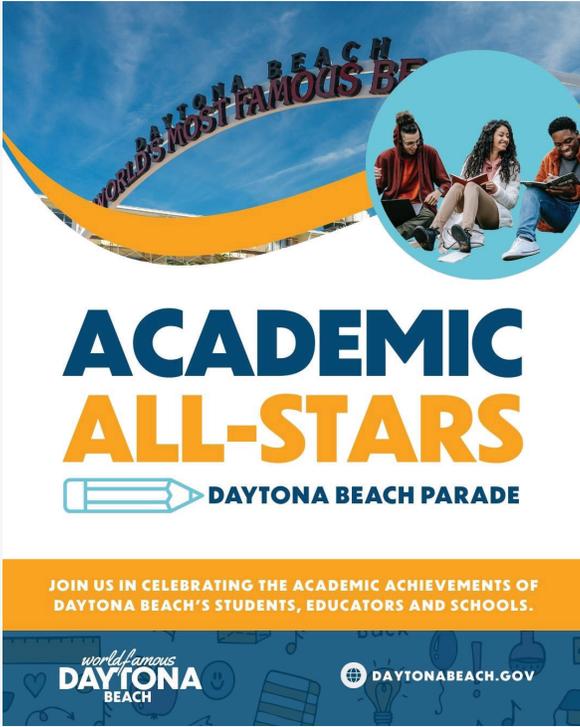
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CYPRESS PARK PLAYGROUND: Work is progressing to install the new playground and outdoor fitness equipment. Crews have finished leveling the site, and playground installation is expected to take three to four weeks. Once complete, fall zone material will be added. The project remains on schedule for completion by late October.



NEARING COMPLETION

HALIFAX HARBOR MARINA FISHING PIER: Repairs to the Halifax Harbor Marina fishing pier, 125 Basin St., are in the final stages. The pier was damaged during Hurricane Milton, which destroyed a 50-foot section of the wooden boardwalk and compromised the railing and the fish cleaning station's water service. Crews have reconstructed the 8-foot-wide boardwalk by replacing damaged piles, railings, joists, deck boards and timber posts. Final tasks include installing a new handrail, fish cleaning station and five channel markers.



ACADEMIC ALL-STARS
DAYTONA BEACH PARADE

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING THE ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS OF DAYTONA BEACH'S STUDENTS, EDUCATORS AND SCHOOLS.

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ACADEMIC ALL-STARS PARADE

Celebrate an "Academic All-Stars" parade at 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, along Beach Street in downtown Daytona Beach. The parade will honor students, teachers, principals, staff and families whose efforts helped the school district earn an overall "A" from the Florida Department of Education.

Parade Details:

- Date: Saturday, Sept. 13, 2025
- Time: 6 p.m.
- Location: Beach Street, Downtown Daytona Beach
- Who Can Participate: All public schools in Daytona Beach, businesses and community organizations

Cheer for local scholars and be part of a tradition that celebrates excellence in education. [Students, schools and organizations interested in participating are encouraged to complete the participant registration form by Friday, September 5.](#)

For more information about participation, contact Katie Prestwood (386) 671-8268. Bring your school spirit, cheer for local scholars and be part of a tradition that celebrates excellence in education.



MIDTOWN SUNDAYZ
DAISY STOCKING PARK
FOOD | DJ | BOARD GAMES

FREE TO ATTEND MIDTOWN SUNDAYZ

Sunday, Sept. 14 | 3 - 8 p.m.

Daisy Stocking Park, 555 Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Blvd.



ARTISAN MARKET
AT YVONNE SCARLETT-GOLDEN CENTER

FREE TO ATTEND ARTISAN MARKET

Saturday, Sept. 20 at 9 a.m.

Yvonne Scarlett-Golden Center
1000 Vine St.

Presented by Zone 5 City
Commissioner Dannette Henry



GAME NIGHT
JOIN THE DIVINE NINE

TICKETS REQUIRED ADULT GAME NIGHT

Saturday, Sept. 20 at 7 p.m.

925 George W. Engram Blvd.

Presented by Zone 6 City
Commissioner Paula R. Reed and
Divine Nine @dbanphc



40th INTERNATIONAL COASTAL CLEANUP 2025

FREE TO ATTEND VOLUSIA COUNTY 40TH INTERNATIONAL COASTAL CLEANUP!

Saturday, Sept. 20 at 8 a.m.

www.volusia.org/cleanup