City will no longer issue pennies as change

Due to the ongoing nationwide shortage of one-cent coins, the City of Daytona Beach is updating its process for handling cash utility payments to ensure residents can continue making payments smoothly, even when exact change is not available. This adjustment is necessary because TD Bank, the city's financial institution, will no longer fulfill requests for pennies. The rounding-and-credit approach is designed to be transparent and straightforward for residents while reducing reliance on penny inventories.

How it will work:
When a customer pays a utility bill in cash, staff will round the payment up to the nearest five cents. Any amount above the exact bill total will be automatically applied as a credit on the customer's utility account and carried forward to the next billing cycle. (Customers may still pay with pennies; however, the city will not provide pennies as change.)

Example:
Amount due: $102.33
Cash amount tendered: $102.35
Credit applied to next month's bill: $0.02

This procedure applies to cash utility payments and is intended to minimize inconvenience while maintaining consistent customer service.

New dog-friendly beach now open in Daytona Beach

Dog lovers can now bring their furry friends to the sands of world-famous Daytona Beach. A 1.7-mile stretch of dog-friendly shoreline between Williams Avenue and Seabreeze Boulevard is officially open to the public, and leashed dogs are welcome on this section of the beach during daylight hours.

Where it is:
The new dog-friendly area is between Williams Avenue and Seabreeze Boulevard. Access is convenient, with:
- Six vehicle ramps
- Nearly 300 off-beach parking spaces
- Two pedestrian walkovers

Rules for visiting with your dog
To keep the beach clean and enjoyable for everyone, visitors must follow these guidelines:
- Dogs must be on a leash no longer than six feet at all times
- Owners must clean up after their dogs
- Dogs are not permitted in designated wildlife areas
- Dogs are allowed on the beach during daylight hours only

City seeks restaurant operator for historic fire station

The City of Daytona Beach has issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) seeking qualified restaurant developers and operators to transform historic Fire Station No. 1, 301 S. Beach St., into a fully equipped sit-down restaurant and lounge establishment.

Proposals should present a compelling dining concept, preserving the building's historic character while creating a destination experience that supports downtown activity. The approximately 8,000-square-foot building is located near the Riverfront Esplanade and Jackie Robinson Ballpark, with 44 dedicated parking spaces.

Proposals must be submitted electronically through the city's OpenGov procurement platform, accessible at www.DaytonaBeach.gov/Purchasing, by 3 p.m. Feb. 10, 2026.

Midtown Sundayz dates extended through June

Join us for Midtown Sundayz, a vibrant community event with DJ entertainment, food, board games and fun for all ages! Taking place from 3 to 8 p.m. on the second Sunday of each month, Midtown Sundayz is located in Daisy Stocking Park, 555 Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Blvd.
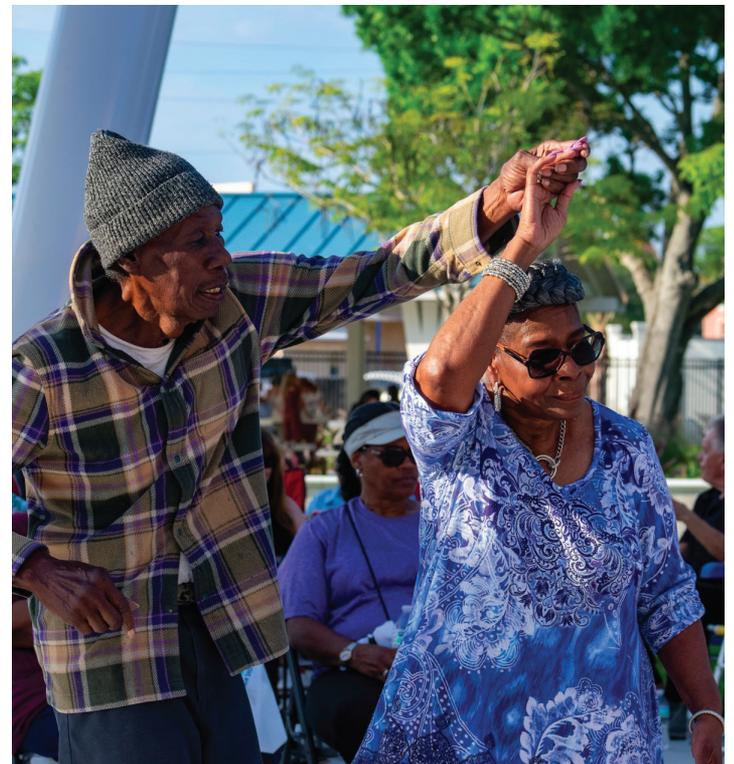
2026 Event Dates:
- Sunday, Feb. 8
- Sunday, March 8
- Sunday, April 12
- Sunday, May 10
- Sunday, June 14

What to expect:
- Live DJ
- Board games and activities for all ages
- Live entertainment
- Food available for purchase
- A relaxing atmosphere with great vibes and community spirit!

Bring your lawn chairs, your friends and your dancing shoes!

Explore the city's network of parks and facilities

A 62-page booklet featuring the city's network of parks, recreation complexes, community centers and sports and entertainment facilities has been published. It is a one-stop guide to amenities and opportunities across the community, from playgrounds and walking trails to athletic fields, basketball and tennis courts, splash pads, pools, event rental spaces and programs. The booklet can be viewed at www.DaytonaBeach.gov/ParksandRec.

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