

## Daytona Beach celebrates 150 years in 2026!

The City of Daytona Beach has officially begun its sesquicentennial celebration, marking 150 years since the city's incorporation on July 26, 1876. Throughout this year, the city will highlight the people, places and moments that have shaped Daytona Beach's past while celebrating its future.

The celebration launched with a series of historical social media features and visible reminders throughout the city, including the installation of #DB150 banners displaying the official sesquicentennial seal.

A dedicated sesquicentennial website, [DB150.com](http://DB150.com), is live and will continue to expand with historical content and upcoming events. Residents and visitors are encouraged to follow the city on social media and visit the website for updates and to participate in the celebration by using #DB150 and #150WorldFamousDB.



**DB150.COM**



## Registration open for DB University: Citizens Academy

Discover how the City of Daytona Beach works from the inside out by registering for the upcoming DB University: Citizens Academy. This free, 10-week program begins Thursday, March 19, and offers hands-on, interactive sessions from 9 a.m. to noon on Thursdays, led by senior staff from departments including Police, Fire, Public Works, Utilities, Parks and Recreation, Growth Management and the City Manager's Office.

**Cost: Free! It's just a commitment of your time.**

**Class Size: Limited to 30 participants for an interactive experience.**

Apply now to secure your spot! Online application can be found by visiting [DaytonaBeach.gov/CitizensAcademy](http://DaytonaBeach.gov/CitizensAcademy).

## Celebrating Black History Month

The City of Daytona Beach, in partnership with the Midtown Community Development Corporation, is celebrating Black History Month by honoring 12 individuals who have shaped our community. These remarkable men and women are featured on street banners displayed in February along International Speedway Boulevard, from Nova Road to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. To read about their lives, visit [www.CelebratingBlackHistory.com](http://www.CelebratingBlackHistory.com).





## Explore Daisy Stacking Park

Daisy Stacking Park, 555 Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Blvd., is now open to the public every Sunday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. The renovated park features a playground, walking areas, pavilions, open green space and an amphitheater.

Midtown Sundayz takes place on the second Sunday of each month from 3 to 8 p.m., featuring live DJ entertainment, food for purchase and activities for all ages. Upcoming dates: March 8, April 12, May 10 and June 14.

The Midtown Music Concert Series returns to the park, bringing jazz, R&B, blues, soul and funk to the park's amphitheater. Concerts are held on the last Saturday of the month at 7 p.m. and are free to attend. Line dancing begins at 6:30 p.m. before each show.

## Hop to it! Join our Popular Easter Beach Run

Registration is open for the city's annual Easter Beach Run on Saturday, April 4. Participants of all ages and fitness levels can enjoy a scenic view while traveling out and back for the 2-mile or 4-mile run/walk. Kids can participate in the 1/4-mile race, 50- and 100-yard dashes. Races start on the beach behind the Oceanfront Bandshell. The 2-mile/4-mile run/walk starts at 7:30 a.m., and kids' races start at 8:30 a.m. To register, visit [www.DaytonaBeach.gov/EasterBeachRun](http://www.DaytonaBeach.gov/EasterBeachRun).



## Save the Date! Crab & Seafood Festival, April 25

Daytona Beach's Crab & Seafood Festival will be from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, April 25. Attendees can enjoy a variety of dishes at this annual festival, returning to Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Boulevard between Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Charles Street. Zone 6 City Commissioner Paula R. Reed is sponsoring this family festival, which will also feature live music, local vendors and a Kids Zone at nearby Daisy Stacking Park. For more information about becoming a vendor at the festival, contact Brittany Yisrael at (386) 366-0599 or [Brittany@DivineDesignsEvents.co](mailto:Brittany@DivineDesignsEvents.co).

