



The Insider

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE
CITY OF SOUTH DAYTONA



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



2023 – South Daytona is the place to be.

In January, we continued with Flag Football. It was great to see so many of our families at the games. Thank you for stopping by the Citizens Alert Hot Dog Wagon to support our volunteers. The Drive-In Movie Nights were well attended and full of fellowship and entertainment.

In early February, we held a ribbon cutting event at the Piggotte Community Center to celebrate the renovations made over the last year. The entire center has been updated with new flooring, paint, and a new feel. It would make the perfect location for your next event. That evening we also held a Civics 101 Class presented by the Volusia League of Cities Vice-President Nancy Miller, Mayor of Daytona Beach Shores. During the Open House, multiple groups comprised of city staff and volunteer organizations such as the Citizens Alert Council, CERT, Historic Society and more set up display tables and spoke to residents about their particular department, skillset or organization.

Also in February, I had the honor to speak at the annual Mayor's Breakfast at the Port Orange South Daytona Chamber of Commerce. This event, hosted by the Chamber, invites the Mayors of Port Orange (Don Burnette), Daytona Beach Shores (Nancy Miller) and South Daytona to present a

state of the city address to the Chamber members. The highlight of the event was the recognition of the nominated First Responders from each of the 3 cities. Please join me in congratulating our First Responders of the year, Police Officer Casey Gaffney, and Firefighter Steven Evancho for all of their hard work serving the citizens of South Daytona.

Baseball Season kicked off at the end of February with Atlantic High School's (AHS) first home game at Blaine O'Neal Baseball Field. The City and AHS have worked diligently to get the field ready so that these athletes can enjoy using the field which has been updated. South Daytona Baseball Opening Day was held on March 18th and we held a ribbon cutting for the new James Street Park baseball themed playground. If you haven't seen the new playground, please take your little ones as they will definitely enjoy it. This summer a new Splash Pad will be installed which will feature an identical baseball theme with water coming from jets, cannons and overhead buckets for even more enjoyment.

We are continuing to invest in our community with sanitary sewer lining which will improve the performance of our sewer system. We have more park renovations planned as Magnolia Park is being completely renovated with a fishing theme designed to encourage adults and kids alike to

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Community Development

Permits, Licenses:
(386) 322-3020

Code Compliance Office:

(386) 322-3025

Fire Dept. Non-Emergency:

(386) 322-3033

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(386) 322-3070

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(386) 322-3030

**Police Dispatch
Non-Emergency**

(386) 323-3568

Public Works Department:

Water/Sewer Emergency

Trash & Recycling:

M-F (8 to 4:30) (386) 322-3080

All other times: (386) 323-3568

Utility Department:

New Service, Service Shut-offs:
(386) 322-3002

experience the joy and patience of fishing. Soon, we will begin our street resurfacing project which includes Kenilworth Avenue, James Street, and the 800 blocks of Ponderosa Drive and Hamlin Drive. Street resurfacing will become more of a focus moving forward so we can bring our roadways up to a condition in which we all can be proud of. Finally, we have begun our water meter replacement project which entails replacing all of our water meters with continuous read meters so that our residents can monitor their usage in real time. A resident portal is being developed where you will be able to monitor usage rather than waiting until the bill arrives. The goal is to give you the ability to better control and manage water usage.

Undergrounding of the electrical lines on U.S. 1 will begin in a few months with improvements between McDonald Avenue south to Ridge Boulevard. Our palm trees, and sidewalk improvements will soon be visible along this section of our most valued corridor.

Metro-Net is the company that has, for the past several months, been installing fiber optic cable throughout the city. The State of Florida revised their telecommunication laws to allow for fiber optic installations in all rights of ways just like FPL, AT&T and Spectrum. The communication business will soon allow residents to connect to their fiber optic network for enhanced service. I ask your patience while they continue their work. However, if there is a problem on your property please contact the City's Public Works Department at (386) 322-3080.

We have started rolling out our new city seal. The city seal replaces what we refer to as the "orange beach ball." The previous seal was developed in the mid 1980's in an effort to separate us from the City of Daytona Beach during the failed consolidation movement. After almost 40 years, we felt a new City Seal was needed. The new seal honors our history while highlighting the vision for our future. The picturesque river view, along with the up lit Palm Trees on our US 1 Corridor highlights the continued efforts of beautification to our City and in the future. The silhouette of the famous "Big Tree" and the sailboat named "Ol' Blake" honor our history as we were first known as the Town of Blake. Keep an eye out as signs slowly change throughout the City as we continue improving and investing in us!



This Stocked
Pond is brought
to you by the
City of
South Daytona

Stocking our City Ponds for Family Fishing

Have you noticed some new signs at our City Parks? We have started to stock our City Ponds. The following ponds will be stocked in the coming months:

- Blaine O'Neal
- Park of Honor
- Magnolia Park
- Reed Canal Park

Fishing can offer benefits to both mental and physical health, and can strengthen family connections and teach life skills.

We hope you enjoy this new community benefit.

Neighborhood Fishin'

REEL FUN CLOSE TO HOME

Please help our ecosystem thrive
by practicing catch/release.



Sparkle Days April 14th -24th

The City's annual "Sparkle Days" Cleanup Campaign begins on Friday, April 14th and ends on Monday, April 24th. During this ten-day period, residents will be able to put out most anything from old appliances and furniture to yard waste and junk cars. City crews will team up with Waste Pro and will be going through each neighborhood to pick up items set out by the curb. You do not have to call to schedule pickup. After April 24th, all rules for regular garbage pickup apply.

The only restrictions placed on items that can be disposed of during Sparkle Days are that no hazardous waste will be picked up. This includes paint, paint thinners, gasoline, solvents, pool chemicals, etc. These items should be taken to the Volusia County Landfill – call 947-2952 for details. If a paint can is empty and dried out, you may throw it in with your regular trash.

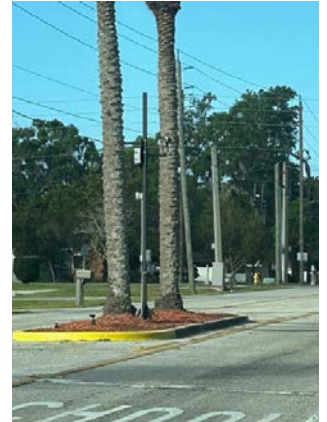
If you have junk vehicles or boats, call Public Works to schedule a pick-up of those items. The title or registration must accompany each vehicle or boat before it can be picked up. Any residents with physical limitations can get special assistance by calling Public Works at 322-3080 from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday.

HELPFUL HINTS FOR SPARKLE DAYS:

- Used oil may be disposed of at the Oil Igloo located at the Public Works Department, 1770 Segrave Street. Used oil is considered hazardous waste and will not be collected during Sparkle Days.
- Automobile batteries and tires may also be set out by the curb for pickup.
- For the safety of others, if you place an appliance to the curb, please remove the door or secure it shut.
- To make pickup easier, please keep items separated and, if possible, put them in a bag or a container. Please do not put items out against utility poles, fire hydrants or on top of storm drains.
- Sparkle Days is only for South Daytona Residents - no commercial or contractor's trash.

Newly installed License Plate Readers on Reed Canal Road and Big Tree Road

The City is committed to your safety. We have been installing motion-activated License Plate Reader (LPR) cameras throughout the City.



These License Plate Reader (LPR) cameras do not record video but instead securely capture images by

using Vehicle Fingerprint technology to identify the license plate along with the vehicle's make, type, and color. Using a national crime database, officers are alerted when a stolen vehicle passes or vehicles they are specifically searching for appear on the LPR. This greatly benefits in helping police find missing loved ones who may suffer from dementia or other illnesses who are lost while operating a motor vehicle.

Already the City has been able to assist in finding a missing person with dementia as well as a crime suspect from another State.

LPR cameras have been used for decades on toll roads and now they are being utilized in thousands of cities across the country to better serve the safety of residents. Communities using these devices have reported crime reductions of up to 70%.

South Daytona Sparkle Days 2023

Friday, April 14 through Monday April, 24

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Police Department Re-Accreditation

The South Daytona Police Department was first awarded “accredited status” by the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation on February 6, 2002, during a formal recognition ceremony. Since then, the South Daytona Police Department has been re-accredited seven additional times; 2005, 2008, 2011, 2014, 2017, 2020, and 2023. During the 2020 re-accreditation process the Department was given the coveted “excelsior agency” status. This is only granted to those agencies who have completed 5 three-year accreditation cycles with no deficiencies. During the 2023 re-accreditation process, the Department was awarded a 2nd “excelsior agency” status for continuing to operate with no deficiencies.



26th Annual South Daytona Kids Fishing Tournament will be held on April 15th from 9am to noon and includes a free lunch. The event will be held at Reed Canal Park and is FREE but registration is required. The fishing tournament is for children 3-16 years of age.

All children must be accompanied by an adult. Free Rods & Reels will also be given out to children only.

Educational stations will be set up to teach about knot tying, casting techniques, and more. Vice-Mayor Eric Sander will give a hands on experience about sharks. A mobile 3D archery range will be set up. Breakfast snacks, drinks & lunch will be provided. Please bring be sure to bring a chair or blanket.

You can pick up registration forms from the South Daytona Police Department located at 1672 S. Ridgewood Avenue, South Daytona. There are a limited number of spots, be sure to register as soon as possible.

Fire Department ISO Rating remains at Class 2



The City's Fire ISO rating was received and our March 2023 ISO rating remains a Class 2 rating. The City has remained a Class 2 since 2015.

The Insurance Services Office (ISO) surveys communities and provides a numerical rating from 1 to 10 based on the fire protection services provided by a community. A ranking of 1 is the highest and 10 is the lowest. Most insurers use the Public Protection Classification rating system for underwriting and calculating premiums for residential, commercial, and industrial properties. This rating positively affects the fire insurance premium rates in a community.

According to the ISO, only 4.3% of communities nationwide have a rating of Class 1, 2, or 3.

Therefore, South Daytona is rated by ISO in the top 3% in the nation in providing fire protection services. This is a great achievement for our City and the Fire Department!

Citizens Patrol

Captain James Crabtree

Being a retired law enforcement officer I still get questions from people about different aspects of Police work. One of the things that comes up occasionally is what to do if stopped by a Police Officer.

First and foremost, DO NOT start digging into the center console or glove box for your vehicle information. The Police Officer approaching your vehicle does not know what you are reaching for and your movements puts him/her on alert. Put your vehicle into Park, roll down the driver's window and keep your hands on the steering wheel. The Officer will ask you for your Driver's License, Vehicle Registration and Proof of Insurance when he is ready for it. Tell the Officer where this paperwork is located before reaching for it.

The Officer will explain why he/she has stopped you. If you receive a traffic citation and you disagree with what you are being cited for, TAKE IT TO COURT. It will not help your case by arguing with the Officer on the side of the road. Remember, the public wanted Police Officers to wear Body Cams. That video can be shown to the judge or hearing officer if you contest the citation in court. Your demeanor can be viewed by the judge.

Without proper Traffic Enforcement our streets and highways would be insanely dangerous. The Officers of the South Daytona Police Department work hard to keep our streets safe. If an Officer stops you, it is probably because you have done something that has attracted his/her attention.

We expect our Law Enforcement Officers to be nice to our citizens. Let's be nice to them.

Parks and Recreation



Summer Soccer Registration is now open until April 21st or until all spots are filled! This is a coed recreational league with an emphasis on developing the ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, courage and a sense of belonging. Children new to the sport are welcome. Every child will be encouraged to play and have fun doing it! Practices & Games will be twice a week Monday-Friday at either 5:30pm or 6:30pm. Practices run 5/8-6/3. Games run 6/7-7/21. Register online by going to www.southdaytona.org. Call us if you have any questions (386) 322-3070.



Mother's Day Tea Party Pinkies Up! South Daytona Parks and Recreation is hosting a Mother's Day Tea Party on April 29th from 11am-1pm. Join us for an afternoon high tea to celebrate the special moms, friends, aunts, grandmas & mother figures in your life. A selection of teas, charcuterie boxes & sweets will be served. Cost is \$15 per person. Please RSVP to 386-322-3070 by 4/21/23.

Utility Billing

The City of South Daytona is pleased to announce the Water Meter Replacement Program (AMI Project) will be kicking off this summer! All 5,500+ water meters will be replaced with new, highly accurate meters equipped with technology to transmit consumption data, eliminating the need for manual reading. These advanced meters will send consumption usage data to the City through a wireless network known as Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) equipping us with the tools necessary to better serve our community.

Water customers receiving a new meter will be notified with a door hanger on their residence of the upcoming meter exchange as well as another door hanger once the exchange is completed. Specifically trained and identifiable work crews will install the new meters, taking photos of the work site before and after the meter exchange to ensure accuracy and quality of work.

Once the project is complete, a customer portal will be accessible to view your daily and monthly consumption, allowing you to monitor your habits and view spikes in consumption as they occur.

If you have any questions regarding this project, please don't hesitate to call our office at 386-322-3002 or email service@southdaytona.org

Citizens Alert Council Volunteers Making a Difference

Citizens Alert Council wants to give a big thank you to our dedicated volunteers who work the hot dog wagon and concession stand during our kids sporting events and city events. Spring Baseball begins on March 18th. If you are interested in joining our Volunteers, contact Becky at 386-322-3011.

Join us at our next Citizens Alert Meeting. Meetings are held at the Piggotte Community Center (504 Big Tree Road, South Daytona) on the First Thursday of each month. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

Upcoming Meetings: April 6, May 4, June 1.



2023 SOUTH DAYTONA SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY funded by The South Daytona Community Trust

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA:

- Student must be a resident of South Daytona
- Student must be a senior currently enrolled in high school - home school included
- Student must show proof of acceptance into a college university or post-secondary school
- Student must show proof of community service with a school counselor signature
- Student must have at least one high school recommendation
- Student must write a 500-word essay titled "How Does Volunteerism Benefit My Community?"
The essay should be a Word document, double spaced and include the applicant's name, address, high school name and phone number

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD:

- Award amount: \$1,500 to be used for tuition, books or related educational expenses. The award will be deposited directly to the college or vocational school of the winning student.
- The Community Trust Board of Directors will review all applications and essay submissions to determine the scholarship award recipient
- **Submissions due by Friday, April 28, 2023 at 4:30 p.m. with the award announced at the Tuesday, May 9, 2023 Community Trust Board meeting.**

Please contact the City of South Daytona at (386) 322-3014 to request an application by mail. Applications are also available online at www.southdaytona.org. Please mail application to Attn: South Daytona Community Trust, Inc. - Scholarship Program Application, P.O. Box 214960, South Daytona Florida 32121 or email them to jrobinson@southdaytona.org

New Businesses

Absolute Wrapz

2800 South Nova Road, Suite D3 & D5
Vehicle Wrapping

Aloha Barber Spa (relocated within South Daytona)

1635 South Ridgewood Avenue, Suite #101
Barber/spa

Ammrit Indian Cuisine

2055 South Ridgewood Avenue
Indian Restaurant

Arkham Asylum Comics

2550 South Nova Road, Unit 8
Comic Book Store

Aspen Contracting, Inc

2100 South Ridgewood Avenue, Suite #2
Roofing Contractor

Bump Boxes DBA Bump Health Florida

1635 South Ridgewood Ave, Suite 208/209
Durable Medical Equipment (online sales only)

Esports Arcade LLC DBA Back Alley Lanes

(transfer of owner)
2400 South Ridgewood Avenue, #6
Family Entertainment

Everybody's Food Supply

2271 South Ridgewood Avenue
Wholesaler for meats and seafood

Florida District of Kiwanis International, Inc

2090 South Nova Road, Unit AA08
Non-Profit service Volunteers

Hometeam Pest Defense, Inc

955 Foster Way, Unit 310
Pest Control

In His Name Thrift & Boutique

2550 South Nova, Road #10
Thrift Store & Boutique

J & D Auto Repair and Performance, LLC

2800 South Nova Road, Unit F1
Auto Repair Shop

Joy4ft9

2090 South Nova Road, Unit #B209
Ecommerce (online sales)

Kid City USA Enterprises, Inc.

1952 South Ridgewood Avenue
Office space for Corporation

Maa Gutz Distribution

(relocated within South Daytona)
1725 South Nova Road, Unit #B3
Wholesaler for convenience/gas stations

MaryJane5187, LLC

2035 Anastasia Drive
Ice Cream Parlor

Mike's Discount Tires

2325 South Ridgewood Ave
Tire Shop

P & J Barber Shop

2550 South Nova Road, #2
Barber Shop

Sassy Classy Boutique

661 Beville Road
Women's Boutique

USA Moving Solutions, LLC

933 Beville Road, Unit #101 H/K
Moving Brokerage

Xtreme Auto & Mobile Repair, LLC DBA Certified

Car Care of SD

2800 South Nova Road, Unit C3
Motor Vehicle Repair Shop

2023 Annual Information for the CRS Program

(Community Rating System)



visit our website to learn more...

Did our solid waste contractor miss your
garbage, yard waste or recycling?

Please call the Public Works Department
at 363-322-3080 and report it.

Our contractor has 24
hours to pick it up after it
is reported or they will
receive a fine.

CALL 386-322-3080



Please help us keep South Daytona looking great
by reporting any missed collections.

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IMPORTANT NOTICES:

Join us for one of our classes:

Cards & Games | Mondays & Wednesdays | 11:00am-3:00pm | Piggotte Community Center | Free
Silver Sneakers | Tuesdays and Thursdays | 11:00am | Piggotte Center
Tai Chi | Tuesdays | 6:00 | Piggotte Center | \$10 Weekly
Karate | Wednesdays | 6:30 | Piggotte Center | Weekly Fee
Palette & Brush Club | 1st and 3rd Thursdays | 1:00 | Piggotte Center
Cheerleading | Thursdays | 6:00 | Youth Activity Building | \$10 Weekly
Sewing Group | Fridays | 10:00am-12:00pm | Piggotte Community Center | Free

Please visit our website and Facebook Page for updates on events and meetings. www.southdaytona.org and @City of South Daytona-Government

Calendar of Events

- 4/1 10:00 AM **Easter Event**
Reed Canal Park
- 4/11 6:00 PM **City Council Meeting**
Council Chambers
- 4/13 9:00 AM **Special Master Hearing**
Council Chambers
- 4/15 9:00 AM **South Daytona Kids Fishing Tournament**
Reed Canal Park
- 4/19 6:00 PM **Planning & Appeals Board Meeting**
Piggotte Center
- 4/29 11:00 AM **Mother's Day Tea**
Piggotte Center
- 5/9 6:00 PM **City Council Meeting**
Council Chambers
- 5/11 9:00 AM **Special Master Hearing**
Council Chambers
- 5/17 6:00 PM **Planning & Appeals Board Meeting**
Piggotte Center
- 6/8 9:00 AM **Special Master Hearing**
Council Chambers
- 6/13 6:00 PM **City Council Meeting**
Council Chambers
- 6/21 6:00 PM **Planning & Appeals Board Meeting**
Piggotte Center