



The Insider

The Official Newsletter of the City of South Daytona



A Message from the Mayor



Spring is here, and with it comes an exciting time for our community! One of our favorite annual traditions, Sparkle Days, is just around the corner. From Monday, April 21st, through Thursday, May 1st, residents will have the opportunity to take part in our citywide cleanup campaign. We also have our Spring Baseball program going on at James Street Park and our Citizens Alert Volunteers are working hard serving refreshments. This newsletter is loaded with other City events. Please plan to attend and participate.

As we head into the warmer months, it's also time to prepare for storm season. The City is working hard on stormwater improvement projects. There are many planned for this year and next. As the storm season approaches I want to encourage all residents to review their own storm preparedness plans. Of important concern is making sure our pets are included, collars with identification tags, City pet tags, even microchips can be helpful during an event. Don't forget to include them in plans if the need to evacuate occurs. Being proactive now can make all the difference.

Stay up to date on all of our current and upcoming projects—big and small—by following our Facebook Page and City Website. We're proud of the work being done to improve our community, and we want to keep you informed every step of the way.

Thank you for your continued support in making South Daytona a wonderful place to live.

From City Manager James L. Gillis, Jr.:

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The City's top priority is the improvement of our stormwater system to help alleviate flooding and reduce property damage. The Public Works Department's primary goal has been the replacement of undersized drainage pipes, clearing and restoring ditches, swales and canals, replacing aging backflow preventors, installing new stormwater pumps, televising pipes to ensure no obstructions, sweeping the streets to keep leaves and other debris out of the inlets and pipes and the facilitation of large-scale projects all designed to keep water out of our homes in South Daytona.

For those that have a Facebook account, we have been documenting our efforts weekly on the City of South Daytona – Government page. Please search us up and follow this page for more updates. For those that do not have a Facebook account, we have been providing steady updates on our website www.southdaytona.org. At the top of that page, there is a link to the improvements we have made to our stormwater system.

For those who don't have access to the internet or just prefer to get their information from our newsletter, we have summarized our efforts to date below.

- The City is in the process of installing a new stormwater pump at the lake inside Reed Canal Park. This new pump station will be able to pump more water than the portable one that has been staged there in the past. Since the Orchards Subdivision, Phase II, relies on this lake for flood recovery, more effectively maintaining the pond level here will help alleviate flooding for those residents. In addition, we are replacing the backflow preventor here to ensure no water from the lake inside Reed Canal Park backflows into this subdivision.
- The City has replaced sections of stormwater pipe on Oriole Lane and Kenilworth Avenue. Stormwater is collected on these streets and deposited into the adjacent Stevens Canal. The upsizing of these pipes will mean water gets to the canal faster, helping to alleviate flooding here.
- The eastern portion of the Palm Grove subdivision drains into the large stormwater pipe behind the homes on Pope Avenue. City crews cleared the easement property surrounding this stormwater pipe and televised the line and cleaned it to ensure there were no blockages. The pipe leads to the large pond located at our Reed Canal Stormwater Control Facility which is currently being enlarged to hold more water in an effort to keep water out of the homes in the Palm Grove subdivision.
- When we experience a severe rain event, stormwater flows into the sewer system through the manholes located in the roadway. To prevent this from happening, rain catchers are being installed which will help stop sewer from backing up into our roadways after severe rain events.

Community Development:

Permits, Licenses:
(386) 322-3020

Code Compliance Office:

(386) 322-3025

Fire Dept. Non-Emergency:

(386) 322-3033

Parks & Recreation:

(386) 322-3070

Police Department:

(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

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- The expansion of the large pond located at our Reed Canal Stormwater Control Facility has begun. This pond expansion will help reduce flooding to the Jacobs Road/Western Road area, Red Cedar Circle/Bennett Road area, Green Street/Brian Avenue area and the Kenilworth Avenue/Oriole Lane area. This pond expansion project will be complete prior to the start of hurricane season in a few months.
- The City has installed a weather station atop City Hall that measures atmospheric conditions which will be used to document our stormwater system's performance compared to measured rain events.
- The City has begun cleaning the Stevens Canal which will help stormwater get to our Reed Canal Stormwater Control Facility quicker. We urge our residents not to throw vegetation and debris from their back yard into this canal as it causes obstructions. Bring the debris to the front yard by the curb for our garbage hauler to take it away.
- The City has cleared the stormwater ditch adjacent to our Riverfront Veterans Memorial Park which will help drain the Palmetto Avenue area during a storm.
- The Public Works Department has upsized the stormwater pipes in the Jacobs Road area, which will reduce flooding by conveying water out of the area faster following a severe rain event.
- We have begun clearing the Railroad Ditch which conveys stormwater from the large pond on Windle Lane inside the Coventry Forest subdivision. This ditch is vital to transporting pumped stormwater from the Windle Lane pond to Reed Canal during severe weather events.

There are four major stormwater improvement projects that received grant funding from the County that are moving forward. The first is the Lantern Park Stormwater Improvement Project which involves the construction of a stormwater pond, pump station and wall to help alleviate flooding in the Lantern Park subdivision. The second project is the Aspen Stormwater Pond Expansion which involves greatly increasing the size of the pond located on Aspen Drive and replacing the pump station there to reduce flooding in the Big Tree Village subdivision. The third project is the Stevens Canal Bank Stabilization Project which involves the installation of sheet piling along the Stevens Canal to make it wider, convey more water faster and eliminate erosion which will help the entire central portion of the City to drain faster. The last project is the Sherwood Forest Stormwater Pond Project which involves the construction of a stormwater pond and pump station to help alleviate flooding in the Sherwood Forest subdivision. Due to the scale of these projects, with each costing several million apiece, it will not be possible to have these improvements in place for the upcoming hurricane season. While these projects work their way through design and construction, the City will be performing other enhancements to these neighborhoods like increasing pipe sizes to make the system better for the upcoming storm season in a few months.

The City has committed over \$700,000 to purchase permanently housed generators at our stormwater pump stations to ensure they pump continuously during and after a storm with or without electrical power. These generators will be installed beginning in April to be ready for the upcoming hurricane season.

City staff met with our stormwater modeling engineers in the field over the course of several days to more accurately define the existing pipe sizes and connections of our stormwater system. They are making refinements to their stormwater model and should begin experimenting with different storm intensities to develop additional solutions to our flooding issues.

We are committed to improving our drainage system. Your voices were heard at our City Council meetings, and I can assure you that stormwater enhancements are our top priority. If you should have any questions, concerns or requests, please contact the Public Works Department at (386) 322-3080 or the City Manager's office at (386) 322-3014; we're here to help and keep you informed.

South Daytona Sparkle Days 2025



The City's annual "Sparkle Days" Cleanup Campaign begins on Monday, April 21st and ends on Thursday, May 1st. 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 May 2nd, 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 (386) 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 (386) 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 for South Daytona residents only – No contractors or commercial trash.
- Start early on the weekend (April 19th) for the first collection day on Monday, April 21st.



Annual CDBG Workshop

Wednesday, April 2, 2025 at 5:30pm
at South Daytona City Hall
1672 S. Ridgewood Avenue, South Daytona

*Provide input on our upcoming
CDBG Projects*

www.southdaytona.org / 386-322-3014

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Monday, April 21
through
Thursday, May 1

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Honoring Our Local Heroes at the 2025 Mayors' Dinner

On Wednesday, February 26th, our City Council had the privilege of attending the Port Orange South Daytona Chamber of Commerce 2025 Mayors' Dinner, Saluting Our Local Law Enforcement, Firefighters & First Responders. This evening was dedicated to recognizing the bravery, commitment, and service of those who protect our community every day.

As part of the event, Mayor Hall joined a panel discussion alongside the Mayors of Daytona Beach Shores, Port Orange, and Ponce Inlet. Together, they shared insights on the state of our city governments and discussed plans and priorities for the year ahead.

We were especially proud to celebrate the accomplishments of our Police Officer of the Year, Jonathan Mendoza, and our Firefighter of the Year, Jordan Nield. Their dedication to public safety, selflessness, and courage truly embody what it means to serve.



**Fire Fighter of the Year:
Jordan Nield**

Pictured with Mayor Bill Hall and Fire Chief John Brant and the Port Orange South Daytona Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Barbara Ann Heegan



**Officer of the Year:
Jonathan Mendoza**

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2025 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 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, May 2, 2025 at 4:30 p.m. with the award announced at the Tuesday, May 13, 2025 Community Trust Board Meeting.**

**Please contact the City of South Daytona at
(386) 322-3014 for more information**

2025 Annual Information
for the CRS Program
(Community Rating System)




visit our website to learn more...

Parks and Recreation

Annual Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 12, 2025



SOUTH DAYTONA
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JOIN US FOR AN
EGG HUNT

SATURDAY
APRIL 12TH

REED CANAL PARK
HUNT BEGINS
PROMPTLY AT 10 AM
** Bring Your Own Basket**

GOLDEN EGGS & AMAZING PRIZES
FOR CHILDREN 10 AND UNDER
GET YOUR PICTURE WITH THE EASTER BUNNY
FREE PETTING ZOO

Reed Canal Park, 919 Reed Canal Road, South Daytona
Parking located at Reed Canal Lake (2871 S. Nova Road)

Join us for our annual Egg Hunt in Reed Canal Park for children 10 and under on Saturday, April 12th at Reed Canal Park.

Parking will be off of Nova Road, 2871 S. Nova Road.

The hunt begins promptly at 10am, please arrive in plenty of time to get your children to their egg hunt area.

The ages will be divided into groups. After the hunt, get your picture with the Bunny and check out the petting zoo.

Mother's Day Tea

Join us for the 3rd Annual Mother's Day Tea on Saturday, April 26, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Reservations are required. Call 386-322-3070 to secure your spot. The cost is \$25 and includes a delightful assortment of tea fare.



SOUTH DAYTONA
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SOCCER
2025

Practices starts May 12
Games start June 2

How to Register:
Online at: SouthDaytona.activityreg.com
By Phone: 386-322-3070
In Person: 504 Big Tree Road, South Daytona

Registration is now open for Soccer. 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! Skills assessment is on Saturday, May 3, 2025.

Practices run 5/12 to 6/1. Games will run from 6/2 to 7/17.



South Daytona
Parks & Recreation Presents:

Mother's Day
TEA PARTY

APRIL 26
Saturday

11AM TO 1PM
Piggotte Community Center
504 Big Tree Road, South Daytona, Florida

COST \$25.00 PER PERSON
RSVP REQUIRED: (386) 322-3070



Volunteers Making a Difference

We kicked off the year with some excellent joint meetings and trainings. In January, City Manager Gillis provided updates on the City's Stormwater Improvement Plans. February and March featured training sessions from the South Daytona Fire Department, covering Friends and Family CPR and First Aid.

Looking ahead, our Fire Chief will lead an Incident Management, Mass Casualty course on April 3. On May 1, we'll focus on Storm Preparation to help us get ready for Hurricane Season. Then, on June 5, Police Chief Mark Cheatham will present on our City's License Plate Readers.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend these informative sessions!

If you're interested in joining, attending a training, or volunteering, our meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at 6:00 PM at the Piggotte Community Center (504 Big Tree Road, South Daytona). For more information, call Becky at City Hall at 386-322-3014.

Upcoming Workshops

1st Thursday of the Month

3 April	Incident Management: Mass Casualty
1 May	Storm Season Preparation
5 June	License Plate Readers

6:00pm at the Piggotte Community Center
504 Big Tree Road, South Daytona



Stormwater Updates on FaceBook and our City Website

Follow us on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/CityOfSouthDaytona>) or visit our City website (www.southdaytona.org) to see our latest Stormwater System Improvements. We have added a link at the top of the City website where you can view all Stormwater Improvements.



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