

The Insider

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE CITY OF SOUTH DAYTONA



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



I want to start this newsletter by saying thank you to all of City Staff, volunteer groups, businesses, and our neighbors that assisted so many during the hurricane season of 2022. The end of the 2022 Hurricane Season was certainly a welcome sight.

Hurricane Ian produced over 20 inches of rain in our area, causing unprecedented flooding. Hurricane Nicole caused tidewaters to flood homes. I heard and saw how our friends and neighbors suffered from the flooding and the property damage. The damage experienced was not isolated to South Daytona as all of our surrounding city's experienced similar destruction. It is estimated that Hurricane Ian caused \$50.2 billion dollars in damage across Florida.

Our City employees worked around the clock, before, during and after, both storms combating storm surge, flooding and power outages. I heard countless stories of neighbors helping neighbors, which has become a hallmark of our community. Thank you for looking out for one another and showing the true spirit of South Daytona.

Many of you have reached out to me regarding the new development on Big Tree Road. The project is going to be

called Edison Pointe and will consist of townhomes designed to resemble the Oak Meadows development next door. The zoning of the property allowed for such a residential development, the city ensured that the high quality townhomes met our standards on appearance, landscaping and amenities. Construction on the project has begun and, there will be a large stormwater pond designed to restrict runoff into adjacent communities.

Another developer planned to purchase the vacant parcel of land on Fosters Way adjacent to Magnolia Avenue and the City had approved the development of storage units. However, we have mutually agreed to cancel the project and the sale of the property has been withdrawn. The land will be left vacant for the foreseeable future. The privacy fence has been removed, and a peaceful meadow remains.

The amount of land available for development within the City is minimal. The Community Redevelopment Area which encompasses U.S. 1 has some quality development projects on the horizon. The greatest benefit of development is the revenue received for City services such as police, fire, public works, parks, recreation, solid waste, as well as street and sidewalk improvements. The additional revenue assists in covering the cost for city services lessening (or mitigating) additional taxes and service increases for our existing

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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

residents. The old Cemex concrete plant is scheduled for redevelopment to begin in 2023 and will assist with the cost of many city services. The completion of the Enclave Apartment Complex impacted the City budget positively. In Fiscal Year 2022/2023 property taxes are covering the cost of our Police and Fire Department Budgets. This is the first-time other sources were not required to supplement these important City services which is a direct result of the additional tax received from the Enclave development.

City staff is always available to answer development questions. Call or stop by and find out about upcoming projects or to learn about development laws and requirements. There are many great events scheduled for 2023, to include, sport programs, and community gatherings. We look forward to the James Street Park Baseball Playground Ribbon Cutting this Spring. The Piggotte Center Open House has been rescheduled for Thursday, February 2 at 5:00PM, followed by a Civics 101 presentation by the Volusia League of Cities to offer an explanation on how your government works. Please stop by to see the renovated Community Center.

Other family friendly events include Movie Nights, Winter Flag Football, Spring Baseball and Opening Day, our annual Easter Event, and Mother's Day Tea for the first half of 2023.

Magnolia Park is scheduled to be revitalized this year. Our Parks and Recreation Director Amy Zengotita was able to secure \$250,000 from Volusia County as part of their ECHO Grant program. The City will match the grant so that the park can be completely renovated.

The City's water meters are scheduled to be replaced and you will be able to view your usage in real time by using the available resident portal. Lift Station #1 on Bellewood is scheduled to be replaced along with a large segment of sewer lining and street resurfacing.

As we look to 2023, the possibilities are endless as we continue to move our City forward by investing in us.

Reminder Notice: Renew your Business Receipt

Business tax receipts were due September 30.

Business tax receipts (formerly known as Occupational Licenses) were required to be paid by September 30, 2022. Renewals are now accruing a 25% penalty.

The Business Tax Receipt must be renewed before January 31, 2023 or the business owner will be fined an additional \$250. Renew by four convenient methods: on-line at www.southdaytona.org, by mail, by phone, or in person.

Our office is located at City Hall, Community Development Department, 1672 S. Ridgewood Avenue. Our office hours are 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday.

If you have sold, moved, or closed your business, please notify our office at 322-3020 or email comdev@southdaytona.org.



Animal Control

Did you know the City of South Daytona has an Animal Control Services Team?



Our Animal Control Services Team sets an extremely high bar for professionalism and community service. Whether you have found or lost a pet, need details on the Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) program, need a pet license or wish for Code Compliance to investigate complaints relating to animal issues, call the city and we will be there to assist you!

The main contact for our Animal Services Team is Jay Robinson. Jay can be found at the City Manager's Office and has over 30 years' experience working with animals. She can be reached at 386-322-3014.

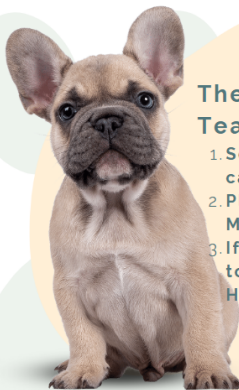
A few reminders:

- Have your animals licensed through our Police Department and microchipped.
- Bring found pets to the Police Department (DO NOT take directly to the Humane Society or Volusia County).
- The City cannot handle calls involving wild animals, go onto roofs or into homes to catch animals, or assist with bees or wasps.

For more information, please call 386-322-3014. We are very lucky to have such a professional and experienced staff to keep our community and pets safe.

Found a Lost Dog in South Daytona?

Bring to the South
Daytona Police
Department
or call
(386) 322-3014



The Animal Control Team will....

1. Scan for a Microchip and call the Owner
2. Place pictures on Social Media
3. If unable to locate, take to our partners at the Halifax Humane Society

Did you know 63% of lost dogs are found less than a mile from their home.

City of South Daytona Employees of the Year

In December South Daytona Citizens Alert Council celebrated the City of South Daytona's Employees of the Year.

Congratulations to our Employees of the Year:

Suzanne Rhinesmith-Sorrell

(Parks and Recreation Department, General Employee of the Year)

Officer Casey Gaffney

(Police Officer of the Year)

Driver Engineer/Paramedic Steven Evancho

(Firefighter of the Year)



Suzanne Rhinesmith Sorrell



Officer Casey Gaffney



Driver Engineer/Paramedic Steven Evancho



Warner Continues Successful Growth of Athletic Programs

Warner Christian Academy (WCA) has a proud athletic history. The high school lobby trophy cases are filled with awards across multiple sports going back decades, including numerous state championships. The ongoing success of any athletic program not only rests on its legacy but must have a clear vision for the future.

WCA's Athletic Director, Tom Seitz, has set that vision and laid out a plan to develop the next generation of athletes at Warner Christian Academy. One of the headlines of that growth includes the return of football to Warner. Coach David "Buddy" Wright lead the Warner Eagles this Fall season to a successful 8-man season with a very young team. Coach Wright is a veteran football coach with numerous accolades and championships from the state of Alabama. WCA is looking forward to growing and maturing their football program over the next few years while developing young players.

Along with football, golf, cross country and track are being added to the program over the next couple years to provide even more opportunities for WCA students. In addition to offering multiple athletic opportunities to our students, WCA partners with home schooling parents to provide an opportunity for their students to participate in Christian athletics. While enrollment and interest from students is key to the growth, the athletic program is headed in the right direction. Seitz stated, "WCA Athletics strives to partner with families in shaping students into the image of Christ by helping them discover Truth in academics, athletics and the arts. We want to have a strong athletic program at Warner once again and be a valuable asset to the school and community."

In addition to the return of several sports, a new weight room has been completed that benefits all Warner students and new bleachers will be installed in the gym soon. Plans are also under way to build a new softball field on the Warner campus. Cameras have been installed at all athletic facilities so that games can be live streamed to friends and fans across the country and coaches can use the game film to teach players and receive statistics throughout the year through a program called VidSwap. Sports Clinics for elementary students are being held throughout the year to develop a pipeline for future varsity athletes.

In addition to the momentum experienced by our athletic programs, WCA is accredited and holds multiple accreditations including: Florida Association of Christian Colleges & Schools (FACCS), COGNIA/SACS CASI, Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools (MSA), and National Council for Private School Accreditation (NCPSA). These accreditations ensure that all aspects of WCA comply with certain standards of excellence in academics as well as athletics. From coaching to facilities and equipment and the types of schools we compete against, WCA is strengthening all aspects of its athletic offerings. Finally, WCA is a member in the Sunshine State Athletic Conference (SSAC) which provides advantages in scheduling and championship opportunities for all sports.

Warner Christian Academy provides a Christ-centered athletic program to help student athletes reach their God-given potential while focusing on sportsmanship, ethics, and fair-play. All our teams focus on putting forth their best effort in the name of Christ.

If you are interested in getting additional information regarding our sports program, please reach out to Mr. Tom Seitz, WCA Athletic Director at 386-767-5451 ext. 264 or tseitz@wcaeagles.org.



Citizens Patrol

Captain James Crabtree

My fellow citizens of South Daytona, between Hurricane Ian and Hurricane Nicole, the fall of 2022 was quite devastating for a lot of our neighbors. Many people had their homes flooded and lost a lot. Even though they were covered by Flood Insurance, the money to do demolition, mitigation of mold and mildew and begin restoration is slow in coming. In addition, the sudden need for building and roofing materials are causing delays in repairing homes.

Driving around the City you see a lot of PODS and travel trailers sitting in driveways. I hear a lot of complaints from people about this. The PODS are necessary for the homeowners to store what furniture and appliances they could save from flood waters until the houses can be repaired and the items moved back inside. The City is allowing the PODS for a period of time to allow our residents to rebuild their homes.

As to the travel trailers and other RV's, in most cases, people are living in these because they have no where else to go. Some of these trailers are FEMA trailers, given to people to stay in. This is much cheaper than staying in a hotel or motel.

The recovery from Ian and Nicole will not be an overnight fix. This will take several months for our friends and neighbors to get their lives back to normal. The City has been working hard to keep the streets clear of construction and vegetative debris. Please be patient with our fellow South Daytonans. We all are in this together.

Parks and Recreation



Spring Baseball Registration is now open until January 27th 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! Season will run from 3/18-5/5. Practices run February 13th to March 17th.

Opening Day will be on March 18th at 9:00am.



Drive In Movie: Spider-Man No Way Home January 27th at 5:30pm at Reed Canal Park, North Nova Road Entrance, 2871 S. Nova Road. Featuring free candy and popcorn. Citizens Alert Crime Dog Wagon will be there selling other goodies (cash only).



Drive In Movie: Minions Rise of Gru March 3rd at 5:30pm at Reed Canal Park, North Nova Road Entrance, 2871 S. Nova Road. Featuring free candy and popcorn. Citizens Alert Crime Dog Wagon will be there selling other goodies (cash only).



Council Update

Congratulations to Doug Quartier, Councilmember Seat 2, and Lisa O'Neal, Councilmember Seat 3, who were re-elected during the 2022 Election Qualifying Period. City Manager Gillis conducted the swearing-in ceremony during the November 8th City Council Meeting. Both Councilman Quartier and Councilwoman O'Neal will serve a four-year term from November 2022 until November 2026.

Also on November 8th, the Council selected Eric Sander as the Vice-Mayor until November 2024. Congratulations Vice-Mayor Eric Sander.

Citizens Alert Council

Over 40 Years of Volunteers Making a Difference

Happy New Year! It's that time of year to renew your Citizens Alert Council Membership.

In 2022 we celebrated our 40th anniversary as a organization. Join us for our 41st year with lots of great volunteer opportunities, meetings with dynamic speakers and the 15th annual Kailynne Quartier Ride in September.

Meetings are held at the Piggotte Community Center on the First Thursday of each month (January 5, February 2, March 2, April 6, May 4, June 1, August 3, September 7, October 5, November 2, & December 7). All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

It's easy to join simply fill out the below application form return to City Hall (see Becky Witte) or mail to South Daytona Citizens Alert Council, Inc, 1672 S. Ridgewood Avenue, South Daytona, FL 32119.



Application can be mailed to: South Daytona Citizens Alert Council, Inc, 1672 S. Ridgewood Avenue, South Daytona, FL 32119 or dropped off at South Daytona City Hall (see Becky Witte)



SOUTH DAYTONA CITIZENS ALERT COUNCIL, INC 2023 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

MEMBERSHIP: ☐ NEW ☐ RENEWAL

NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

DUES: \$5.00 PER YEAR FOR EACH VOTING MEMBER PER HOUSEHOLD

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New Businesses

24 /7 Medical, LLC

1801 South Nova Road, Unit 107
Home Medical Provider

Aha's Sweets, LLC

2335 South Ridgewood Avenue, Unit C
Art Studio

Allied Veterinary Specialists

2410 South Ridgewood Avenue

American Leak Detection

621 Beville Road
Water Leak Detection

Auxilium Manus Deo Corp (Temporary)

3100 South Ridgewood Avenue, Unit 130
Annual Christmas Toy Store

Chiquita Mex Food and Ice Cream, Inc

2841 South Nova Road, Suite 12
Mexican Restaurant

Color Me Fabs, LLC (Booth Rental)

401 Venture Drive, Unit C
Cosmetologist

Hair By Kenzie, LLC (Booth Rental)

401 Venture Drive, Suite C
Cosmetologist

Mental Health America of East Central FL

661 Beville Road, Units 114/115
Mental Health Services

Mercury Salon (Booth Rental)

401 Venture Drive, Suite C
Cosmetologist

Nancy Tienda Latina Centroamericana

665 Beville Road, Units L&M
Convenience Store

Ninja Ramen, LLC

2452 South Nova Road
Japanese Restaurant

Plan Life Care

907 Beville Road
Homecare Agency

Port Orange Volleyball

2090 South Nova Road, Unit AA10
Registration office for youth sports

Precisely Eyewear LLC

DBA Petite Glasses.com

2090 South Nova Road, Unit 207
Ecommerce – Online Eyeglass Frames Sales

Roses Southern Brew, LLC

2400 South Ridgewood Avenue
Coffee Kiosk

Senior Relocation Services, LLC

2090 South Nova Road, Unit B203
Senior Moving Company

Shumaker's Pest Control, Inc

2435 South Ridgewood Avenue
Pest Control Services

Skyn & Lash

2239 South Ridgewood Avenue
Esthetic's Salon

Thompson Pump & Manufacturing, Inc

3100 South Ridgewood Avenue, Unit 180
Warehouse and Storage Facility

Volusia Medical Center, LLC

711 Beville Road
Physician Office

Volusia Medical Supply, Inc

333 Beville Road
Durable Medical Supply

Webber's (Transfer of Owner)

2017 South Ridgewood Avenue
Steakhouse Restaurant



WATCH FOR PEDESTRIANS

Always take caution when driving on our roadways! Although we have various pedestrian crosswalks throughout, remain cautious for those crossing NOT at a cross walk.



This newsletter is scheduled to be delivered quarterly. Extra copies are available in City Hall.
1672 S. Ridgewood, South Daytona, FL 32119



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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 | 6:15 | 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

- 1/10 6:00 PM **City Council Meeting**
Council Chambers
- 1/12 9:00 AM **Special Master Hearing**
Council Chambers
- 1/18 6:00 PM **Planning & Appeals Board Meeting**
Council Chambers
- 1/27 5:30 PM **Drive-in Movie: Spider-Man No Way Home**
Reed Canal Park-North Nova Road Entrance
- 2/2 5:00 PM **Piggotte Center Ribbon Cutting/Civics 101**
Piggotte Center
- 2/9 9:00 AM **Special Master Hearing**
Council Chambers
- 2/14 6:00 PM **City Council Meeting**
Council Chambers
- 2/15 6:00 PM **Planning & Appeals Board Meeting**
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