

# *The Insider*

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE CITY OF SOUTH DAYTONA



## MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



Happy New Year!!! I know I speak for many, but I am really glad that 2021 is here and 2020 is now behind us. As I write this, the new vaccine is being distributed and will soon be available. Although 2020 was an unusual year, with twists, turns, masks, social distancing, and the pandemic that claimed so many, it was also productive from a City standpoint. We accomplished many goals during 2020.

We obtained final FEMA reimbursements from Hurricane Irma for repairs to Riverfront Park, completed the Windle Lane Stormwater Pond to reduce flooding in the Coventry Forest Subdivision, installed the Courts at Riverfront pickleball courts, and approved 141 Small Business Grants through County administered COVID-19 CARES Act funding. We finished the year with the City being in a much better financial position, thanks to the hard work of the City Manager and the Finance Department.

distancing and continue broadcasting City Council meetings via Facebook Live. And while we were not able to have many traditional holiday events last year, the City still held a drive-through holiday event that was very well received and attended, thanks to our Parks Department. I must applaud all our City staff as they can continue to provide services and events in a safe and thoughtful manner. Thanks to our Police Chief we held 4 "Coffee with a COP" and chat with the Mayor events via Facebook. The Police Department continues to post notices on Twitter and Facebook to keep our residents up to date. Please follow those outlets to stay informed on all City matters and events.

The Fire Department ushered in a big red beautiful fire truck. Our Public Works department finished several projects and said farewell to a retiree with 43 years of service (best wishes Pat Clark).

Our Community Development Department and Redevelopment Director continue working hard, with new construction along the south end of US1.

As we begin the new year, we are still practicing safe

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**Mayor**

William "Bill" Hall  
(386) 295-6636

**Councilman Seat 1**

Brandon Young  
(386) 453-5645

**Councilman Seat 2**

Doug Quartier  
(386) 299-6511

**Vice Mayor Seat 3**

Lisa O'Neal  
(386) 852-5747

**Councilman Seat 4**

Eric Sander  
(386) 852-8588

**City Manager**

James L. Gillis, Jr.  
(386) 322-3014

**Community Development**

Permits, Licenses:  
(386) 322-3020

**Code Compliance Office:**

(386) 322-3032

**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

## Message from the Mayor Continued

As we look forward in 2021, know that your City Council and City Staff, are all working to move our City forward. We will continue to pursue development in our commercial corridors, building a better fiscal future for our community, and supporting our First Responders.

My wish is a prosperous, safe, and healthy new year, to one and all.

## City of South Daytona Employees of the Year



Sergeant Kevin McCracken  
Officer of the Year



Chad Hubeck, FF/EMT  
Firefighter of the Year



JT Kelly, Parks Dept.  
Gen. Employee of the Year



## Warner Christian Academy

**Stacey Parsons, Marketing & Development Director**

Warner Christian Academy (WCA), like every other school, had to adapt the way that it taught and interacted with students as the 2020-2021 school year began. With a solid re-entry plan aligned with CDC requirements, WCA prepared not only the physical campus, but our teachers and staff with new protocols to ensure the safety of our entire Warner community. Due to the intentional preparation over the summer, WCA was able to offer two outstanding educational offerings for students: On-site learning, which followed all CDC recommendations including spacing of students, masks, and temperature checks as well as continual custodial cleaning and spraying to combat the COVID-19 virus.

Second, live streaming education for students who needed to stay home due to parental concerns and/or weakened immune systems. Although the first quarter was challenging, and we had to make some adjustments, WCA families, faculty and staff remained incredibly patient and flexible. As we head into Christmas, WCA has had a very successful semester with limited class interruptions, and the successful fielding of our girls' volleyball team, co-ed soccer team and now our boys' basketball team.



Our dedicated and determined faculty and staff in concert with our awesome students and parents have facilitated Warner's success in these challenging times. In fact, a recent survey showed that 97% of the families found the dual approach was highly effective with many stating the fact that WCA teachers and administration communicated clearly and continually throughout.



Warner Christian Academy, one of the largest employers in South Daytona, offers preschool through twelfth grade and is the primary ministry outreach of White Chapel Church. For more information about WCA please contact Mrs. Stacey Parsons at [sparsons@wcaeagles.org](mailto:sparsons@wcaeagles.org) or 386-767-5451 ext. 292.

## South Daytona Elementary

**Greg Schwartz, Principal**

South Daytona Elementary's amazing counselors Mrs. Jeanine Joiner and Ms. Ciana Desimini created a winter wonderland in the atrium of the main office. On Friday, December 11th, our helper elves (Special Area teachers) brought each grade level to see Santa. Each student got to take a picture with Old St. Nick and were given a book and candy cane.

Frosty the Snowman Conyers took individual pictures and Elf Shannon reached out to local businesses for donations to pay for the development of the pictures. Students received their individual pictures before leaving for winter break. A special thanks to John Hall Chevrolet, Daytona Hyundai and Rue and Ziffra for the thoughtful donations.



## South Daytona Police Department

SDPD has hired several new officers. Please welcome Officers Joseph Chiappa, Bailey Martin, Landon Jones, and Casey Gaffney. Also Officer Jeramy Scarsella has returned to SDPD. Make sure to say hi if you see any of the officers pictured below.



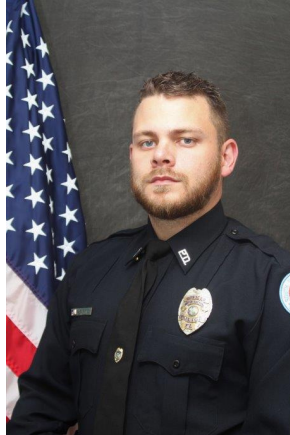
Officer Chiappa



Officer Martin



Officer Jones



Officer Gaffney



Officer Scarsella

## Public Works

South Daytona's Public Works Department has been busy with projects aimed at reducing flooding and easing drainage problems throughout our community. Please call the Public Works Department at (386) 322-3080 to report a drainage problem, erosion problems, or illicit discharge.

To reduce stormwater runoff and improve water quality, you can...

- Sweep sidewalks and driveways instead of using the hose
- Never dump anything down storm drains
- Avoid pesticides
- Clean up after your pet
- Wash your car at a car wash or on the grass
- Use rain barrels
- Pick up trash and keep drains and gutters clean
- Check your cars for oil leaks and recycle oil
- Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces

## Employee Recognition

The City recognizes employees for each 5 year anniversary. Congratulations to the following employees!

### Public Works

Pat Clark - 43 yrs  
Fred Waigand - 20 yrs  
Ralph Brown - 15 yrs  
Wayne Graziano - 15 yrs

### IT Department

Mike Janiszewski - 20 yrs

### Fire Department

Dave Giles - 20 yrs  
Ernie Jarvis - 15 yrs  
Chad Kirby - 10 yrs  
James Butts - 5 yrs

### Police Department

Dawn Ketelaar - 25 yrs  
Steven Pignataro - 25 yrs  
Anthony Carfagno - 25 yrs  
James Travell - 20 yrs  
Becky Craig - 15 yrs  
Kevin McCracken - 10 yrs  
Samuel Woodson - 10 yrs  
Gabrielle Lank - 5 yrs  
Clay Treat - 5 yrs  
Michael Charla - 5 yrs

Also, Councilwoman Lisa O'Neal and Councilman Brandon Young have both served on City Council for 10 years. Thank you both for your service!



## Pat Clark: 43 Years of Service

At the December 8th City Council Meeting, Mayor Bill Hall on behalf of the South Daytona City Council proclaimed December 8, 2020 as Patricia Ann Clark Appreciation Day to commend the extraordinary efforts and commitment she has made to our great City.



Mayor Bill Hall presenting Pat Clark with her proclamation

Pat Clark worked for the City for 43 years and retired on November 30, 2020. She started her career with the City of South Daytona as a dispatcher in the Police Department on December 1, 1977 and through hard work and determination, Pat was promoted to Office Administration in the Community Development Department in 1985. In September 1987, Pat accepted the position of Office Assistant in the Public Works Department and was later promoted to Public Works Specialist in October 2002 due to her dedication to duty and perseverance through natural disasters.



Pat Clark with Les Gillis, City Manager, City Council, Mark Smith, Brian Peek, Public Works Director, and her family

Pat Clark exemplifies public service by having dedicated the majority of her life thus far to the betterment of this community

## South Daytona Parks and Recreation



Jay Robinson, Executive Assistant and Patty Rippey, Redevelopment Director

Parks and Recreation has had an awesome end of the year with a Drive Thru Halloween event, movie night, and Drive Thru Christmas. We are so happy to have had so many residents attend our events and we are looking forward to doing more throughout 2021.



Curbside Cinema Movie Night in November

Follow us on Facebook @City Of South Daytona Parks and Recreation for more information on upcoming events and the start of Spring Baseball!



Santa and his Elves at the North Pole Drive Thru



## South Daytona Fire Department

This past December, South Daytona Fire Department firefighters participated in live fire training with the City of Port Orange, City of New Smyrna Beach, City of Edgewater, Town of Ponce Inlet and City of Daytona Beach Shores at the Volusia County Training Center. Even though the training included live fire, heat and smoke, this type of training is done under strict guidelines to ensure the safety of all firefighters.



Live Fire Instructor /Commander Don Howard, FF/Paramedic James Butts, FF/EMT Cody Kagle, Lt/Paramedic Jacklyn Gonzalez, FF/EMT Steven Evancho, Fire Live Fire Instructor/Commander Ernie Jarvis

## South Daytona Citizens Patrol

My fellow South Daytonans, we've made it to the new year. I wish everyone a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous 2021.

During the past year the members of the South Daytona Citizen's Patrol have completed 755 Hours and driven 5,301 Miles in service to the people.



Our members are called out at different times when there is a serious problem. You have seen our Officers directing traffic at severe automobile crashes and special events. If you have attended events at Reed Canal Park, it is usually the Citizen's Patrol helping to get you parked safely. We do this strictly as volunteers.

Most of our Members are retirees. If you are retired and would like to find something to do with your free time, come and join us. If you have a valid driver's license, a good driving record and no criminal history, stop by the Police Department at 1672 South Ridgewood Avenue and pick up an application. We also welcome "snowbirds" as members. We would enjoy having you as a member of our team during the winter months.

## Citizens Alert

Citizens Alert will meet for the first time since April 2020 in January to present the City's employees of the year awards and induct the newly elected Board of Directors. Carene Darcy is leaving her position of President after serving two years, but she plans to stay active with Citizens Alert and other community associations.



Citizens Alert's Hot Dog Wagon at the Movie Night event



## New Development 2020



Majestic Gardens Assisted Living Facility was completed in the summer of 2020. The facility, located at 3130 Opportunity Court, has 16-bedrooms ready for occupancy.



The Enclave at 3230 Apartment Complex, located at 3230 S. Ridgewood Avenue, has opened its Clubhouse and Building 1 for occupancy. Building 3 is planned to be ready for occupancy by the end of January or beginning of February. The other buildings and remainder of on-site work will be completed in the spring of 2021. This luxury 256-unit condominium with a dog park, pool, cabana, outdoor kitchen, gym, office space, coffee bar and lounge is a wonderful addition to the community.



The City looks forward to future development projects along the U.S.1 corridor during 2021 and beyond.

## New Businesses

- **Brigit's Custom Works, LLC**  
S. Ridgewood Ave
- **Bright Marketing Group, LLC**  
631 Beville Rd.
- **Greater Than a Gym, Inc.**  
333 Beville Rd.
- **Hart's Deli**  
2039 Anastasia Drive
- **J. Braun, CPA and Associate, P.A.**  
2841 S. Nova Rd., Suite 4
- **Molly Hatchet's Sub Shop**  
2841 S. Nova Rd. #12
- **Naturally U Hair Studio**  
1699 S. Ridgewood Ave.
- **Picture This Daytona, LLC**  
2400 S. Ridgewood Ave. #27
- **Strands of Pearl Hair Salon LLC, (booth rental)**  
1780 S. Nova Rd. #11
- **Volusia Defense, LLC**  
345 Beville Rd., Suite #108
- **Volusia Paddleboard & Kayak, LLC**  
621 Beville Rd.
- **W.B. Mason Co., Inc.**  
3100 S. Ridgewood Ave., #152

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## IMPORTANT NOTICES:

### BASEBALL REGISTRATION BEGINS FEBRUARY 1

Registration for Baseball begins February 1st for children 4 years old to 15 years old. The season begins in March. Registration is available online or in person at the Piggotte Community Center.

Please visit our website for updates  
on events and meetings:

[www.southdaytona.org](http://www.southdaytona.org)

## Calendar of Events

- 1/12 6:00 PM **City Council Meeting**  
Council Chambers
- 1/14 9:00 AM **Special Master Hearing**  
Council Chambers
- 1/20 6:00 PM **Planning & Appeals Board Meeting**  
Council Chambers
- 1/21 6:00PM **Parks, Recreation, and ADA Advisory Board**  
Piggotte Center
- 2/9 6:00 PM **City Council Meeting**  
Council Chambers
- 2/11 9:00 AM **Special Master Hearing**  
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