

# *The Insider*

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE CITY OF SOUTH DAYTONA



## MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



As I write this there are hurricanes and storms in the news. Hopefully, none have caused harm to our City. Hurricane season does not end until November, so please continue to be vigilant and prepared.

I am very honored to be able to serve you for another 4 years. We have accomplished many goals over the last 4 years, such as hiring a new City Manager, reducing City debt, increasing City reserves, and providing better transparency in our City government. Over the next four years, I will continue to pursue development in our commercial corridors, building a better fiscal future for our community, and supporting our First Responders.

I welcome Eric Sander, a South Daytona native and life-long resident to the City Council. Eric has served many years on the Code, Land Development, and Planning & Appeals Boards, many of those years as Chairman. We will hold a swearing in ceremony at the regular City Council meeting on November 10th, for Mayor Bill Hall,

City Councilmember Brandon Young and newly elected City Councilmember Eric Sander.

COVID-19 concerns—we are still practicing safe distancing. City Council meetings are now broadcast via Facebook Live and can be listened to after the fact as well. Unfortunately, many traditional holiday events will be cancelled or significantly revamped to keep all of us safe. However, we have some events planned that provide social distancing interaction. The South Daytona Community Trust will host its annual Blaine O'Neal Memorial Golf Tournament on October 24th at Cypress Head. Also, a Trick or Treat Drive-Thru event has been planned on October 31st from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Reed Canal Park.

City staff assisted in reviewing over 125 small business grant applications and about a dozen home-based business grant applications that were funded through the CARES Act and administered by Volusia County. The City appreciates the assistance to our businesses.

**Mayor**

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**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

The Police Department will be posting notices on Twitter (@South\_DaytonaPD) and Facebook (@SouthDaytonaPD) for residents. Please stay tuned to those outlets to keep up-to-date.

The Fire Department is scheduled to receive our new fire engine that was purchased 100% with a \$500,000 FEMA grant. Take notice of the "dragon" mascot on the truck to show support for South Daytona Elementary School.



This year has been full of new development and there is additional construction underway and interest in future development over the next few years. Majestic Gardens, the Assisted Living Facility at 3130 Opportunity Court opened in August. By the end of October, the clubhouse and Building One will open and be occupied at the Enclave at 3230 Apartment Complex located at the south end of the City on S. Ridgewood Avenue. This and other development in the City promises to bring new commercial and retail business opportunities along U.S.1.

As we look to 2021, the possibilities are endless as we continue to move South Daytona forward.

## Warner Christian Academy

Stacey Parsons, Marketing &  
Development Director

Welcome to the 2020-21 school year, we are in a completely different realm due to COVID-19 and the school system has been forced to adapt, quickly. Warner Christian Academy took this challenge seriously over the summer by preparing a reentry plan so students, teachers, staff and administrators could hit the ground running on August 17th, the first day of school. Having a solid plan in place allowed WCA to clearly communicate expectations effectively to our Warner Families.



Part of our reentry plan was equipping our faculty with the technology necessary to teach in a hybrid classroom which combines onsite and live streaming classes for our students. The result has been a resounding praise and support by both students and parents. Families love our new approach and the hours of planning and preparation across many platforms, enables students to seamlessly learn through live streaming as well as on-site.

With smaller classroom sizes WCA offers an education built on a strong biblical foundation and quality academics, ensuring our students have the tools to be successful. Our goal is to equip our students spiritually and academically. We want our students to impact the world for Christ! Therefore, this year's school theme is "Christ First" based on the scripture, Matthew 6:33, *"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you."*

As Christian educators, our central focus is doing our very best for our students. We ground this belief in Colossians 3:23-24 which says, *"And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ."* This verse reminds us that when no one else seems to notice, Jesus sees. When no one else seems to care, Jesus cares. When no one else knows your effort, Jesus knows.



So today, in the midst of the uncertainty and chaos – WCA is here to help by providing a healthy and safe environment for your student to thrive and achieve their God-given potential.

In these crazy times, let us keep our focus and trust on Him, while moving forward moment-by-moment through His strength and power. "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your

labor is not in vain in the Lord." (I Cor. 15:58).

If you have any questions regarding Warner Christian Academy or enrollment, please email [sparsons@wcaeagles.org](mailto:sparsons@wcaeagles.org) or call 386-767-5451 ext. 292.

## South Daytona Elementary

**Greg Schwartz, Principal**



I am thrilled to be back in Dragon Land as many of you might remember I served as the Assistant Principal here from 2012-2016. The 2020-2021 school year has started off very smoothly at South Daytona Elementary. All schools in Volusia County are offering two modes of education: 1-Brick and Mortar or "traditional school" and 2-Volusia Live where the student is logged onto their computer

from home daily during the normal school day. The Live students have dedicated teachers per grade level where they attend all regular classes as well as special area. We currently have 616 total students with 459 attending class at school and 157 that are learning through Volusia Live.

We are looking for community members to join our SAC "School Advisory Council" team. If you are interested in learning about the ins and outs of the school as well as discuss data and be a part of helping to move our school grade, then please call Cheryl Bedenbaugh at 386-322-6180 x 73976.



A special shout out to Citizens Alert and the South Daytona Lions Club for their generous donations that helped purchase SDE Dragon masks for our faculty and staff.

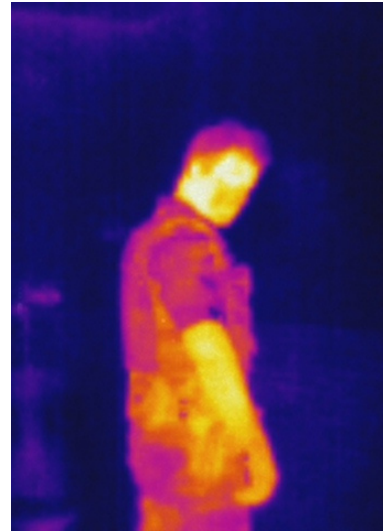
## South Daytona Police Department

In April of this year, the South Daytona Police Department started the process of developing a drone program/unit. The Department was able to purchase two technical unmanned aircraft systems (sUAS), AKA Drones, using seized forfeiture funds. Drones can be used in numerous ways including locating fleeing suspects, search and rescue, disaster assessment and recovery, and traffic management.



Our Certified Pilots include; Capt. Pignataro, Lt. Pedri, Sgt. Melody, Ofc. Rosa, and Evidence Tech Ketelaar.

We believe the community will benefit greatly from the time-saving response, cost savings, and the efficient technology that allows our Police Department to provide better services for the community.



The thermal imaging capabilities allows us to see anyone that tries to hide.



SDPD congratulates Officer Clay Treat on his promotion to the rank of Sergeant. Sgt. Treat has been with SDPD since 2013.

This year the South Daytona Police Department will be working to handle your **Candy Complaints**. Our goal is to always keep our community safe while providing the best community service possible. If you live in South Daytona and are concerned you will not be able to participate in the yearly Trick or Treat holiday traditions, do not worry... **OUR OFFICERS HAVE YOU COVERED.**



To submit a candy complaint, visit the City's website, go to the Police Department's page, and click on candy complaint before Oct. 31st and a Police Officer will be at your door with a BIG smile and treats to share with you for the holiday.



## South Daytona Parks and Recreation

The City of South Daytona continues to take extraordinary steps to ensure the safety of our residents from possible exposure to the COVID-19 virus. Therefore, several events the Parks and Rec Department typically hosts have been cancelled such as Enchanted Forest, BBQ Festival, and the Tree Lighting.



CITY OF SOUTH DAYTONA  
PARKS & RECREATION  
PRESENTS

# HALLOWEEN 2020 TRICK OR TREAT DRIVE-THRU BOO



OCTOBER 31, 2020 6PM - 8PM  
REED CANAL PARK | 919 REED CANAL RD.  
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WWW.SOUTHDAYTONA.ORG

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While we cannot host Enchanted Forest this year, the City will be hosting a **NEW** event, **Trick or Treat Drive-Thru Boo** on October 31st from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Reed Canal Park. You will enter at 919 Reed Canal Road and drive through a trick or treat maze with stops along the way. City staff will have masks and gloves on while handing out candy and treats to keep everyone safe. If you have any questions call the office at (386) 322-3070.

**Holiday Lighting Awards 2020!** Each year, the City of South Daytona recognizes and awards the best holiday decorated homes and businesses in South Daytona. Homes and businesses are nominated by calling the Parks and Recreation office at (386) 322-3070. Please make sure to complete your decorating by Friday, December 5th. Awards and presentations will take place on the evening of Thursday, December 10th.



2019 Holiday Lighting Award Winner

*If it's on the ground...it's in your water!*

## Look for Me!



Storm drain inlets across South Daytona are being labeled with this colorful marker with a pollution prevention message. These labeled inlets are just a portion of our city's stormwater drains. Each inlet represents a potential point for pollution to enter our waterways every time it rains. Water which enters these inlets can contain pollutants such as motor oil, yard clippings, pet waste, trash, lawn chemicals and other debris or toxins. Without your help, this polluted water contaminates our waterway or drinking water supplies. These storm drains *are not connected* to water treatment systems; instead they are discharged directly into the Halifax River. In addition, trash and sediment clog culverts and pipes leading to local flooding during heavy rains.



Labeled Stormwater drain "grate"



Labeled Stormwater drain "curb inlet"



Clogged culvert



Litter and sediment entering storm drain



**SOUTH DAYTONA**  
FLORIDA

Stormwater Runoff  
What can I do?

## South Daytona Fire Department

Friday, August 7th, Fire Chief Dave Giles delivered some surplus fire equipment to Fire Chief Josh Mora of the Lafayette County's volunteer Fire Department. Lafayette County is located northwest of Gainesville. Its over 543 square miles of land and 4.5 miles of water. The equipment included hose, bunker gear and nozzles.



Please save 1-844-309-7105 in your phone so you are aware the City is notifying you. You may update your information by visiting City Hall, or calling Customer Service at (386) 322-3002.

## South Daytona Citizens Patrol

Hello my fellow South Daytonans. The school year has started and the children are walking and biking to and from school. The Citizens Patrol Officers have been busy assisting the Police Department getting the young Dragons to and from South Daytona Elementary School. As we work into the fall and winter season, we will be switching back to Standard Time on November 1, 2020. The children will be moving about in the dark for the morning commute. Please stay aware around the schools and the school bus stops located all over town. Children sometimes get bored waiting for the bus and may step into the street without looking for traffic. All of us need to stay aware.



## Utility Billing

Has your contact information changed recently? If so, the City may not be able to contact you. If there are any changes to the following information, please let the City know.



Your information is essential to the City and could be used to keep you informed of emergencies, road closures, and special events within the City, while providing you with important information pertaining to your water account. The City electronically sends courtesy notifications for water accounts regarding due dates and shut off dates.

One of our Patrol Cars has recently undergone an upgraded decal design. So if you see this car in your neighborhood, give us a wave. And if anyone would like to become a member of the Citizens Patrol, stop by the South Daytona Police Department and pick up an application. We would love to have you join us.



## South Daytona Trust's 15th Annual Blaine O'Neal Memorial Golf Tournament

The Trust's most profitable event, the Blaine O'Neal Memorial Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, October 24, 2020, at Cypress Head. Proceeds from this event benefit many programs of the Trust that provide financial assistance to residents of South Daytona.

The tournament is named in memory of Blaine O'Neal who served as the Mayor of South Daytona for five years before his sudden passing in 2010. Blaine was a life-long South Daytona resident who had a deep love for the City. He was a strong supporter of the nonprofit South Daytona Community Trust. In memory of his commitment to the City, we host the 15th Annual Blaine O'Neal Memorial Golf Tournament.

One of the programs that is supported by the Trust is the Community Outreach Assistance Program that aids qualified homeowners in need of residential home repairs. Examples include, a new roof, or air/heat replacement, as well as installation of handicap access. Each year, the Community Trust Scholarship awards \$1,500 to a South Daytona high school student who has worked to better our community through volunteerism.



2018 Golf Tournament

Additionally, the Trust donated \$1,000 in April 2020, to the Volusia County School Board to provide relief for students in need of daily food and nutrition that would normally be provided during school hours, which were closed in the wake of COVID-19.

If you are interest in playing, sponsoring, or donating, please contact the Parks and Recreation Office at (386) 322-3070. Thank you to FPL for being the Presenting Sponsor.

## New Businesses

- **3526 Industries LLC, DBA College Hunks Hauling Junk** – 1725 S. Nova Rd Unite #E-9, Moving, junk removal; residential and commercial
- **AM Wright Construction Inc** – 927 Beville Rd #105, General contractor office
- **Champion Elite Legacy LLC** – 3100 S. Ridgewood Ave #180, All-star cheer gym
- **Daytona Climbing Company LLC** – 3100 S. Ridgewood Ave #154, Indoor rock-climbing gym
- **Elite Auto Services** – 2325 S. Ridgewood Ave., Automobile repair
- **Gabriella's Glam Bar LLC** – 569 Beville Rd., Nail salon (nails, makeup, waxing, lash extension services)
- **Harts Deli LLC** – 2039 Anastasia Dr., Deli/café
- **Ken Toney Agency LLC** – 815 Beville Rd Suite B, Insurance agency
- **Neuro Agility Enterprise LLC** – 2006 S. Ridgewood Ave., Chiropractic services
- **Venus Body Florida LLC** – 619 Beville Rd., Body wrapping
- **W.B. Hand Digging LLC** – 2090 S. Nova Rd #B-205, Hand digging trenches for telecom company cables

## Business License Tax Receipts

Business Tax Receipt renewals were due on September 30th, please pay as soon as possible to avoid further increasing penalties. Payments may be made online through the City website or return mail with a renewal notice. If there are any questions, please contact the Community Development Department at 386-322-3020 or [Lrizzo@southdaytona.org](mailto:Lrizzo@southdaytona.org).



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## IMPORTANT NOTICES:

City Council election winners **Bill Hall (Mayor), Brandon Young (Seat 1) and Eric Sander (Seat 4)** will be sworn in to a four-year term beginning **November 10, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 1672 S. Ridgewood Ave., South Daytona.**

**No garbage or recycling collection on Thanksgiving Day. Garbage and recycling will be collected on Friday, November 27th.**

Please visit our website for updates on events and meetings:

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

## Calendar of Events

- 10/8 9:00 AM **Special Master Hearing**  
Council Chambers
- 10/13 6:00 PM **City Council Meeting**  
Council Chambers
- 10/15 6:00PM **Parks, Recreation, and ADA Advisory Board**  
Piggotte Center
- 10/21 6:00 PM **Planning & Appeals Board Meeting**  
Council Chambers
- 10/24 8:30 AM **Blaine O'Neal Golf Tournament**  
Cypress Head
- 10/31 6:00 PM **Trick or Treat Drive-Thru Boo**  
Reed Canal Park
- 11/10 6:00 PM **City Council Meeting**  
Council Chambers
- 11/12 9:00 AM **Special Master Hearing**  
Council Chambers
- 11/18 6:00 PM **Planning & Appeals Board Meeting**  
Council Chambers
- 12/8 6:00 PM **City Council Meeting**  
Council Chambers
- 10/10 9:00 AM **Special Master Hearing**  
Council Chambers