



The Insider

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE
CITY OF SOUTH DAYTONA



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



It is hard to believe it's April. We have had a busy first quarter of 2024. In February, we recognized our Police Officer and Fire Fighter of the Year at the annual Chamber of Commerce Event showcasing our heroes.

We hosted two well attended Drive-In Movies at Reed Canal Park, held at our annual Baseball Opening Day as well as a ribbon cutting ceremony for our renovated Baseball Themed Splashpad. At the end of March, we held the annual Egg Hunt and I think we beat the record of how quickly South Daytona children could collect 18,000 eggs.

Our Fire Department published the inaugural 2023 Annual Report which is available on the City's website. In 2023, our Fire Department was dispatched to 2,571 with 196 calls to Port Orange and 75 to Daytona Beach for mutual aid. I was truly impressed with the response time figures which were in the 90th percentile. Turnout time at 1 minute and 38 seconds, travel time at 6 minutes and 37 seconds and response time at 7 minutes and 40 seconds. There were 499 Fire Inspections performed in 2023 and 82 business risk assessments. I encourage you to review the annual report

and see why I am impressed by Chief John Brant and the members of our entire Fire Department.

As we continue to "invest in us," we have additional improvements to Riverfront Veterans Memorial Park. A new monument sign, honoring our Veterans, has been ordered. This sign will replace the bricks adjacent to the playground which have deteriorated over time. There will be brushed gold engraved plaques honoring those who have served in the 6 branches of the armed forces. We are also working on adding the emblems of those 6 branches to the wall north of the park. We are excited about these added improvements to this popular recreation area.

Before we know it, May will have arrived with our high school seniors graduating. Our South Daytona seniors have the opportunity to apply for our 2024 South Daytona Community Trust Scholarship. The scholarship, in the amount of \$1,500, can be used for college or vocational schools. Submit applications by Tuesday, April 30, 2024 at 4:30pm to the City Manager's Office in City Hall.

Please stay safe and enjoy the rest of the cooler weather while it lasts.

Mayor

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(386) 295-6636

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Brandon Young
(386) 453-5645

Councilman Seat 2

Doug Quartier
(386) 299-6511

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Lisa O'Neal
(386) 322-3014

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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



Fire Fighter of the Year: Scott Ryan

*Pictured with Mayor Bill Hall
and Fire Chief John Brant*



Officer of the Year: Bryan Grondin

*Pictured with Mayor Bill Hall
and Police Chief Mark Cheatham*

**2024 Annual Information
for the CRS Program
(Community Rating System)**



visit our website to learn more...



Meet our Fire Marshal: Paul Nelson



Paul has worked for the City since July 1988. He started as a volunteer firefighter. A few months later in October he was hired as a full-time employee. There were 9 fire fighters and 3 lieutenants at that time working under Fire Chief Gesler.

In 1989, Paul became a Fire Inspector. In the late 80's, the Fire Department ran approximately 400 calls per year compared to the 2,571 calls today. Paul worked his way up the ranks.

Recognizing his work ethic, Paul was relocated to City Hall to serve as our Fire Marshal in 2023. As Fire Marshal, he plays a crucial role in fire prevention through enforcement and education. He conducts annual inspections of all commercial structures within the City. His job is to ensure that buildings and facilities comply with fire safety standards to reduce the risk of fires and minimize the impact of any fires that do occur.

In small cities, such as ours, employees must wear many hats and Paul is no exception. He assists the Code Compliance Department in keeping our properties looking their best, helps to ensure your garbage gets collected and even monitors cameras at our parks to help keep you safe.

Many nights you can find Paul volunteering at the Hot Dog Wagon or Concession Stand during any of our sporting and special events. The City of South Daytona thanks Paul for his many contributions and hard work.



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2024



Family & Friends CPR now offered

South Daytona Fire Department will now be offering FREE Family & Friends CPR class by our trained instructors and dedicated staff one evening every 3 months from 6pm-8pm at the Piggotte Community Center.

This class is for the general public who want to learn CPR but do not need a course completion card. The class teaches adult Hands-Only CPR, child CPR with breaths, adult and child AED use, infant CPR and relief of choking in an adult, child or infant.

The 1st Class will be on:
Monday, April 15, 2024 from 6pm - 8pm

CPR TRAINING

Get trained. Save a life. You'll be glad you did.

DOES NOT fulfill CPR requirements for:

- Healthcare Providers
- Daycare Providers or Preschool Teachers



ARE YOU PREPARED?

HURRICANE SEASON
June 1 - November 30

Local fire departments will soon be starting "hurricane prep" to be able to properly respond to calls for help during the upcoming hurricane season. Departments will be assessing staffing, accommodations, equipment, coordinating with other agencies, make medical evacuee plans, and reviewing their emergency response protocols.

- EMERGENCY KIT**: Prepare your kit and store in an easily accessible area
- IMPORTANT INFORMATION**: Collect ALL important documents in a waterproof bag or container
- HURRICANE EVACUATION ROUTE**: Identify ALL your possible evacuation routes
- HOUSEHOLD**: Discuss your plan with everyone in the household
- COMMUNICATION**: Stay tuned in via all communication channels for important updates

Sparkle Days



South Daytona Sparkle Days 2024

Monday, April 15 through Thursday, April 25

Residents with physical limitations can get special assistance by calling Public Works at (386) 322-3080

The City’s annual “Sparkle Days” Cleanup Campaign begins on Monday, April 15th and ends on Thursday, April 25th. 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 26th, 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 12th) for the first collection day on Monday, April 15th.



A Message for the South Daytona Chamber of Commerce

President & CEO Barbara Ann Heegan of the Port Orange South Daytona Chamber of Commerce and the City’s Economic Development Director Josh McEnany recently had the pleasure of visiting Treats & Sweets Cakery located at 2293 South Ridgewood Avenue. They have been serving South Daytona for 10 years and are looking to expand their business.

Treats & Sweets Cakery primary product is custom cakes and wedding cakes and people from St. Augustine to Edgewater patronize the Cakery.

Justine Knight has an entrepreneurial spirit and unwavering passion for creating delicious treats that bring joy to so many. Her Cakery has become a beloved institution in our community and continues to make a positive impact.



TREATS & SWEETS CAKERY

ESTABLISHED IN 2013




2293 South Ridgewood Avenue
 South Daytona, Florida
 Telephone: (386) 383-8256

Parks and Recreation



Summer Soccer Registration is now open until May 2nd 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 5/13-5/31. Games run 6/3-7/19. 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 27th from 11am-1pm. Join us for a light lunch to celebrate the special moms, friends, aunts, grandmas & mother figures in your life. A selection of teas, light lunch & sweets will be served. Cost is \$20 per person. Please RSVP to 386- 322-3070 by 4/21/24.



Stocking our City Ponds for Family Fishing The ponds throughout South Daytona have been restocked for recreational fishing! The following ponds have been restocked: Reed Canal Park, Blaine O'Neal, Magnolia Park, Park of Honor, and Blue Villa next to the stormwater compound. Please remember fishing is catch/release and no cast netting is allowed in our ponds.

27th Annual South Daytona Free Kids Fishing Tournament



Come out to a **FREE** fishing tournament on April 13th at Reed Canal Park. Parking is available from 2871 S. Nova Road. Entry Form & Pre-Registration is required. Visit the South Daytona Police Department to sign up. 1672 S. Ridgewood Ave. | Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:30pm.

The event is for ages 5-15 years. First 100 Kids registered will receive a chum bucket filled with goodies! Free Rods & Reels will also be given out to children only (while supplies last!). All children must be accompanied by an adult. The event will practice Catch & Release. There will be education stations focused on Fish ID, Knot Tying, Casting Techniques, and "Sharks Up Close & Personal!," a hands on experience with South Daytona Vice Mayor Eric Sander.

Breakfast, snacks and lunch will be provided. Be sure to bring your fishing equipment, chairs, etc. **EVERYONE IS A WINNER LET'S MAKE IT A GREAT OUTDOORS DAY!!**

Contact: South Daytona Police Department (386) 322-3030 or Desiree Harbster (386) 478-3725.

Updates: www.fishnhuntmag.com



James Street Splashpad is open! The splashpad is open at James Street Park, 1700 James Street, next to the Youth Activity Building from 10am to dusk. The pavilion is also available for 3 hour rentals for a fee of \$30 for residents and \$60 for nonresidents. To operate the splashpad, just hit the button near the entrance to the pad.



Beware of Fraud & Scams



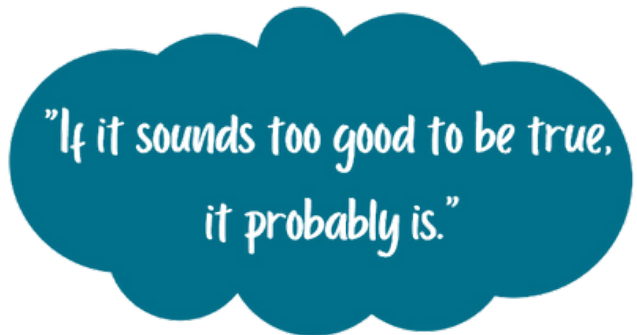
We have received reports of recent potential mail scams. Be cautious and if you have doubts, call our Police Department.

- NEVER respond to unsolicited communications made in person, by phone, letter-mail, email, courier, etc.
- NEVER send money to unsolicited persons
- ALWAYS get your information from official websites. Do not be fooled by fake websites designed to look official.

Seniors vs. Crime

Volusia County's Senior Vs. Crime has an office in South Daytona. While the organization is geared toward assisting Seniors, they are available to assist anyone in need. The primary goal of this program is to reduce victimization of senior citizens who are often targeted for specific crimes based on their age.

If you feel you have been a victim of a scam or unfair business deal, gather all your documentation (i.e. receipts, work order, contracts, etc.) and call our local Seniors vs. Crime Office.



Tips to protect yourself ...

Even if you have recently been taken advantage of, there are steps you can take in the future .

- Always obtain at least three written estimates on any work you are going to have done.
- Check with your local Better Business Bureau or other government agencies before having work done to ensure your contractor is reliable.
- Have a written contract for all work to be performed.
- Make sure that your chosen contactor is licensed and has insurance.
- Never give out bank account or social security numbers, or any personal information - especially over the phone.

Seniors vs. Crime, Volusia County Office

724 Big Tree Road, Room 7

Holy Cross Lutheran, South Daytona

Phone: 407.537.9509 / 833.547.5662

Office Hours: Thursdays, 10 A.M.-2 P.M.

E-mail: Volusia@svcproject.org

Website: seniorsvscrime.com

2024 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 Tuesday, April 30, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. with the award announced at the Tuesday, May 14, 2024 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



I am thrilled to announce that we have a year of exciting speakers and topics lined up for 2024! Each month, we have speakers who are experts in their fields, covering topics relevant to our community, helping our neighbors and beyond.

In January we learned about K-9 Search and Rescue followed by CPR training in February and First Aid in March.

On April 4th, Fire Chief Brant will cover Incident Management Systems. Russ Adams, Animal Trapper and owner of Bird Deterrent Technologies will discuss his exciting line of work on May 2nd. June 6th will cover Hurricane Preparedness.

I encourage you to mark your calendars and make attending a priority. Your presence and participation are crucial in making our programs successful.

Remember, meetings are always the first Thursday of the month at 6:00pm at the Piggotte Community Center (504 Big Tree Road, South Daytona). Meetings are open to the public and everyone is welcome!

Together, let's make 2024 a year filled with learning, growth, and meaningful connections.

Melissa Gilbert, President of the South Daytona Citizens Alert Council



Upcoming Workshops



1st Thursday of the Month

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April

Incident Management Systems

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May

Russ Adams, Animal Trapper

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June

Hurricane Preparedness

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



Annual CDBG Workshop

Wednesday, April 17, 2024 at 6:00pm
at the Piggotte Community Center
504 Big Tree Road, South Daytona

Provide input on our upcoming CDBG Projects

www.southdaytona.org / 386-322-3070

This newsletter is scheduled to be delivered quarterly. Extra copies are available in City Hall.
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Cards & Games | Mon/Wed 11am-3pm | Piggotte Community Center | Free
Silver Sneakers | Tuesdays and Thursdays | 11am | Piggotte Center
Tai Chi | Tuesdays | 6pm | Piggotte Center | \$10 Weekly
Karate | Wednesdays | 6:30pm | Youth Activity Building | Weekly Fee
Palette & Brush Club | 1st and 3rd Thursdays | 1pm | Piggotte Center
Cheerleading | Thursdays | 6pm | Youth Activity Building | \$10 Weekly
Sewing Group | Fridays | 10am-12pm | 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

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| 4/9 6:00 PM | City Council Meeting
Council Chambers |
| 4/11 9:00 AM | Special Master Hearing
Council Chambers |
| 4/17 6:00 PM | Parks, Recreation & ADA Advisory Board Meeting
Piggotte Center |
| 4/17 6:00 PM | Planning & Appeals Board Meeting
Piggotte Center |
| 5/9 9:00 AM | Special Master Hearing
Council Chambers |
| 5/14 6:00 PM | City Council Meeting
Council Chambers |
| 5/15 6:00 PM | Planning & Appeals Board Meeting
Piggotte Center |
| 6/6 6:00 PM | Special Master Hearing
Council Chambers |
| 6/11 9:00 AM | City Council Meeting
Council Chambers |
| 6/19 6:00 PM | Planning & Appeals Board Meeting
Piggotte Center |