



News & Current Events in the City of Daytona Beach

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START YOUR TRAINING REGIMEN NOW FOR THE 43rd ANNUAL EASTER BEACH RUN

Since 1967 runners, walkers and everything in between have flocked to hard-packed sands of Daytona Beach for this Easter weekend tradition. This year will be no different. The city's annual Easter Beach Run is **Saturday, April 3**. Runners of all ages will compete in the popular 4-mile run along the "World's Most Famous Beach." The race begins and ends at the Daytona Beach Pier and registration, awards and activities will be in nearby Breakers Oceanfront Park.



The feature race starts at 8 a.m. and there will be shorter fun runs for children beginning at 9:15 a.m. Advanced registration is \$22 per adult and \$30 on race day. Child registration is \$10 for the first child, \$7 for additional youngsters in the same family. For a registration form, [click here](#).

CONSTRUCTION TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED BECAUSE OF SPECIAL EVENTS

Construction on the International Speedway Boulevard streetscape project from west of Lincoln Street to east of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. has been temporarily suspended because of the upcoming special events of Speed Weeks and Bike Week. Construction, along with periodic lane closures, will resume again on March 8.



The project once completed will provide aesthetic improvements within the existing right-of-way and includes resurfacing, burying of utility lines, installing mast arm traffic signals and decorative pavement at the intersections of ISB/Lincoln and ISB/MLK, beautifying sidewalks and installing pedestrian lighting. The \$2.4 million streetscape, which is funded by the Florida Department of Transportation and the city's Community Redevelopment Agency, remains on schedule with completion anticipated in May 2010.

PUBLIC INVITED TO NEW PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT AT BREAKERS OCEANFRONT PARK

Local singer, songwriter and photographer Dan Gribbin will display his photography exhibit "Shore Birds in the Surf" in the Environmental Learning Center at Breakers Oceanfront Park from February 12 through February 28.



Dan, a retired English professor, began his interest in photography in the summer of 2008 when a pair of black skimmers nested on the beach near his home in Daytona Beach Shores. The public is invited to attend an opening reception on **Friday, February 12, from 5:30 to 7 p.m.** Dan will provide the musical entertainment. The Environmental Learning Center is located at 13 S. Atlantic Avenue, near the Daytona Beach Pier. (For a map of the location, please [click here](#).) Following the reception, the exhibit will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Sunday.

POLICE DEPARTMENT HOSTS A PUBLIC CRIME MEETING

Do you want to know what types of crimes are happening throughout the city?

Daytona Beach's Police Department is hosting a crime meeting for residents on **Thursday, March 4, 6 p.m.**, at police headquarters, 129 Valor Blvd. in Daytona Beach. Police Chief Mike Chitwood, along with his command staff, detectives and investigators will identify citywide crime trends using a data-driven crime mapping program called CompStat. If you have any questions, please call 386-671-5102.



INTERNATIONALLY ACCLAIMED FRENCH ARTIST VISITS CITY HALL & DAYTONA BEACH

French painter Erwin Dazelle recently visited Daytona Beach as a guest of the Sister Cities Association of Volusia County. His visit to Daytona Beach coincided with the 48th anniversary of the "Rolex 24 At Daytona" race. While in town, Mr. Dazelle, his manager and representatives from the Sister Cities organization came to City Hall to meet Mayor Glenn Ritchey.

Mr. Dazelle, who is from Bayonne, France, which is Daytona Beach's sister city, brought reproductions of the artwork he created for Daytona International Speedway for the first ever "Rolex 24 At Daytona" poster. The Sister Cities program between Daytona Beach and Bayonne was formed in 1998 to promote the welfare of its citizens through participation in international exchanges to strengthen ties between the two countries.

