



News & Current Events in the City of Daytona Beach

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"YAPPY HOUR" at DAYTONA BEACH POLICE DEPT. ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20

There will be a lot of fun for our four-legged friends on **Saturday, February 20, from 2 to 5 p.m., at the Daytona Beach Police Department, 129 Valor Blvd.**, which is on the SW corner of Mason Avenue and Williamson.

There will be a low-cost shot clinic for cats and dogs, food, pet adoptions, obedience and agility demonstrations, pet information, give-aways drawings and much more. All leashed pets are welcome.

For Information call 386-690-6771 or 386-316-8105.



FIRE CHIEF GARY HUGHES ANNOUNCES HIS RETIREMENT

This week Daytona Beach Fire Chief Gary Hughes announced his decision to retire as fire chief, a position he has held since January 2008. His retirement will be effective on April 30, 2010.

Hughes, 56, began his fire service career as a firefighter with the Palm Coast Fire Department in 1984. Hired by the City of Daytona Beach as a firefighter in February 1985, he held several progressively responsible positions as driver engineer, fire lieutenant, battalion chief, deputy fire chief from March 2003 to April 2007, and after a brief retirement, he returned to the department as the fire chief in 2008.



On May 1, Assistant Chief Jim Bland will serve as the interim chief. Bland began his fire service career in 1986 as a volunteer fire fighter with Volusia County. In 1988, he served as a fire fighter for the Deltona Fire District, and six months later, he was hired by the City of Daytona Beach. In 1998, he was promoted to driver engineer and in 2000, he became an EMS & training officer. Bland achieved the rank of lieutenant in 2002 and was named as battalion chief in 2007. He has served as the assistant chief since 2008.

REGISTER NOW FOR NEXT CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

Registration is now open for Daytona Beach Police Department's Annual Citizens Police Academy program. The next class begins on Tuesday, April 6 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at Police Headquarters, 129 Valor Boulevard. Classes will be every Tuesday evening through May 25.

This 20-hour course will familiarize participants with the basic functions of the police department and its officers. Areas covered will include officer training requirements, constitutional law presented by the State Attorney's Office, crime scene investigation and evidence collection, K-9 and SWAT demonstrations, firearms demonstration and participation by members who wish to experience firing a police service weapon and a tour of the Volusia County Branch Jail.

Upon completing the program, participants will be presented with a certificate and course conclusion gathering with refreshments.

To register, please contact Officer Nick Fiore 386-671-5291 or e-mail fioren@dbpd.us.



NEWEST EPISODE OF DISCOVER DAYTONA BEACH NOW AVAILABLE

The most recent episode of Discover Daytona Beach is now available for viewing. [Click here to view.](#)

In this episode, you'll get a tour of Vince Carter's Restaurant from owner and mother Michelle Carter-Scott, explore the upgraded park amenities at Schnebly Recreation Center, learn the history of the Midway community, discover the reasons for the Police Department's Operation Safe Surrender program and visit the cars, garage and operations of Spirit of Daytona, a local racing team.



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS ITEMS "AMNESTY DAY" for RESIDENTS

Spring cleaning chores just got a little easier and safer thanks to the City of Daytona Beach's Hazardous Waste "Amnesty Day" on Saturday, April 17, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

This is your chance to safely dispose of common, yet potentially hazardous, household items including paint, thinners and solvents, pesticides and fertilizers, household chemicals, batteries, gasoline, motor oil, grease, mercury-based thermometers, pool chemicals, anti-freeze and propane tanks.

There is no cost to drop off items. Daytona Beach residents must show proof of residency.

For more information, please call 386-671-8673.

