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The City Commission meets on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m.

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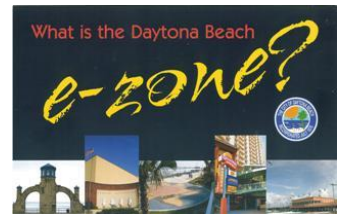
HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

City offices will be closed in observance of Thanksgiving on Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27.

In addition, trash will not be picked up on Thanksgiving day; however, recycled items will be collected from residential customers.

PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULED FOR E-ZONE

What is the E-zone concept, where is it, why create it and how does it affect residents and businesses are all questions that will be answered at a community meeting on **Thursday, December 10, 6 p.m.**, at the Peabody Auditorium. Reed Berger, the city's redevelopment director, will provide information about the plan's status. The e-zone, which is the generally in the area surrounding the Ocean Center and Main Street on the city's beachside, is a culmination of several plans and studies that the community has developed over nearly three decades.



WATER WISE: A NEW BEAUTIFICATION AWARD

The city recently selected its first winner of a new beautification category that recognizes environmentally friendly landscape features. The winners of the Water Wise award are Zone 6 residents Rusty and Sandra Hudson. They have lived in their home for 15 years and do all their own yard work. The couple's home was selected because the foliage and landscape features require minimal irrigation. Instead of grass on much of the property, open areas are mulched and drought-resistant vegetation was used. Plants and trees used for beautification include peach, lemon, papaya, grapes, avocado, Key & Persian lime trees, strawberries, blackberry bushes, many vegetable and herb plants, a beautiful bromeliads collection, lilies, weeping fig, Chinese fringe, starburst, and many, many more edible and exotic plants.



The Hudsons were selected by the Beautification/Tree Advisory Board. The Water Wise award will be awarded each year in November.

SANTA CLAUS IN COMING TO (DOWN)TOWN

The City of Daytona Beach will host a holiday parade and festival on Friday, December 4, beginning at 7:15 p.m. Come to Beach Street in downtown Daytona Beach and start the holidays off with a smile! Stop by and meet Santa and his friends before the parade starts at Fire Station #1 on South Beach Street. Bring the kids to greet and take pictures with Mr. Claus, and enjoy cookies and hot cocoa starting at 6 p.m. Also, at 6 p.m. live musical entertainment with Linda Flynn will take place at the stage at Magnolia Ave. Carolers will also perform.



The parade, starting at 7:15 p.m., will begin at Bethune Point Park and travel north on Beach Street to Bay Street. Beach Street will be closed from Bellevue Avenue to Bay Street, to thru traffic from 7 p.m. until the parade's conclusion at 8:15 p.m.

These holiday-themed events coincide with a merchant storefront and window decorating contest and First Friday Fest featuring live music, sidewalk sales and street performances. Activities following the parade between Magnolia Avenue and International Speedway Blvd. include photos with Santa Claus and performances by Calvary Christian Center's Prayz Generation Choir, the Shine puppet show, dancers, mimes and face painting for children.

ANNUAL BOAT PARADE ON DECEMBER 5

A holiday-themed boat parade, sponsored by the Halifax River Yacht Club, will be Saturday, December 5th starting at 6:30 p.m. Beginning at the Seabreeze Bridge, the route will head south on the Halifax River, continuing to the Halifax Harbor Marina on South Beach Street. Police Chief Mike Chitwood will serve as the parade's grand marshal.

For entry information, please call Halifax River Yacht Club at 386-255-7459 or visit www.hryc.com.

