

Week of December 14, 2009

DAYTONA BEACH UNVEILS NEW WEBSITE



The city's website has been overhauled to include a fresh new look, easier navigation, greater citizen interaction and upgraded features.

"The new site further promotes our commitment to provide a more transparent and responsive government. This website was completely re-engineered from a citizen's point of view. The easier navigation makes accessing city services and requesting information much simpler. We welcome any feedback, because like any other website, it's a work in progress," said City Manager Jim Chisholm.

The new website, which replaces the former site launched in 2006, was designed in-house, using existing personnel in the city manager's office and the information technology department. To go to the new site, [click here](#).

New features include the following:

- "I Want To" menu which allows an easier way to find the most frequently requested services
- [Simplified listing](#) of archived public meeting agendas, minutes and videos
- Live [beach camera](#) situated in Breakers Oceanfront Park
- Current weather conditions and daily tide updates on the [homepage](#) Beach information
- Online [survey](#) to evaluate user experiences
- "One click and submit" form to request city services, report problems or submit comments
- Online [public records request](#) form, [code enforcement violation](#) form, [board application](#)
- Enhanced [visitor information](#)
- Sign-ups for [automatic e-notification](#) of city commission agendas, CRA agendas, e-newsletter and emergency notification
- [Maps](#) for city facilities
- Expanded [staff directory](#) and [search](#) feature

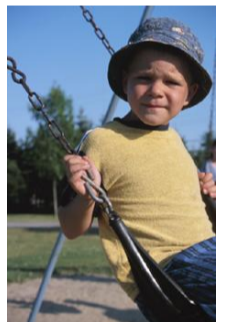
COMMISSIONER DERRICK HENRY'S COMMUNITY SERIES

The third and final meeting of Zone 5 Commissioner Derrick Henry's community series is tonight, Monday, December 14. This meeting, beginning at 6:30 p.m., is the culmination of his first two forums which identified community issues and solutions. The location is Daytona Beach Police Headquarters, 129 Valor Blvd.



CONVENIENT PROGRAM FOR BUSY PARENTS

Parents, do you need a safe place to drop off your children for a few hours while you run errands? The city is offering a "Drop 'n Shop" program, from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 19, at Ortona Playground, 1206 N. Halifax Ave. The program is for children ages 5 to 12 years old, and the cost is \$15 for residents and \$20 for non-residents. Children will enjoy supervised games, sports and craft activities. A pizza lunch is also included. For more information, please call 386-671-3402.



NEW CITIZENS ACADEMY CLASS ANNOUNCED



Make a New Year's resolution to become more active in local government and have a great time. The city of Daytona Beach's next Citizens Academy program begins on Tuesday, January 26. Each session is three hours in duration, on Tuesday mornings, from 9 a.m. to noon. During the 10-week program, senior city staff will conduct sessions about their respective departments including utilities, public works, city clerk, leisure services, city manager's office, finance, police, fire, code enforcement, human resources and more.

To be eligible to participate, applicants must be residents of the city of Daytona Beach.

To complete an application, please [click here](#). There is no charge for this exciting program.

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS & GARBAGE PICK-UP INFO

City offices will be closed on Friday, December 25 and Monday, December 28 in observance of Christmas.

Trash will NOT be collected on Christmas day for those customers whose regular garbage collection day is Friday. Household garbage will be picked up on the next regularly scheduled collection day.

Christmas trees will be picked up with yard debris on Wednesdays. Residents are asked to bring trees curbside for pick up.

