



BELLAIRE COMMUNITY GROUP

Keeping Quality of Life Our Priority!



ATTENTION ATTENTION!!

JANUARY 15 2026

**PLEASE ATTEND THIS IMPORTANT MEETING FOR
THE REORGANIZATION OF
THE BELLAIRE COMMUNITY GROUP!**

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Happy New Year Friends and Neighbors,

Our Holiday Party last month was a blast! DJ Sean Doyle amazed us with a fabulous light show and a variety of music, including Christmas songs and dance music. Many of you were shakin' your groove thing! We so much enjoy watching you enjoy yourselves. The food was amazing and you all were so generous to share dishes from favorite recipes. No one left hungry. This December meeting is always a favorite. We can relax, let our hair down and get to know each other as neighbors and develop new friendships. We hope you enjoyed it too!

Over the past several months we have shared our desire to step down from leadership after 20 plus years and give others the opportunity. This has been a labor of love for all of us. We have met and discussed how our group would like to move forward. This has been a difficult time for us, making this decision. BCG is our BABY. What we have found is that not only US, but YOU want our group to continue. We do too!

We need your help. Our January meeting is dedicated to a continued conversation amongst us, our BCG members, neighbors and friends to figure out how to move forward with our beloved group. We can and will do it.

It has been our privilege and honor to serve our community and always striving for our common goal of "Keeping Quality of Life Our Priority".

Please consider where you can help, fit in and become a part of our amazing community group!

Thanks for the journey,

Nancy Koenig and Paul Zimmerman

*Join us at the
Schnebly Center
1101 N Atlantic Ave
Thursday, January 15th!*

*Meal at 6 p.m
Meeting at 6:30 p.m..*

This Month's Dinner

Sub Sandwiches
Chips
Desserts
Beverages

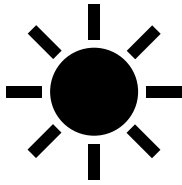
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AGENDA

1. Dinner with neighbors
2. Call to Order and Pledge
3. Crime and Safety Report: Captain Trisha Jones
4. City Code Enforcement Update
5. Membership Discussion about our Community Group
6. 50/50 Drawing
7. Put tables and chairs away
8. Go home with a smile!



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**When was the first Ball Drop in Times
Square in New York City?**

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OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS



Mayor Derrick Henry

Happy New Year!

In 2026, we are celebrating a significant milestone for every resident, business owner, civic leader and visitor who has helped shape our community. It's the 150th anniversary since Daytona Beach was incorporated on July 26, 1876. We are planning a year-long celebration of our people, our progress and our future. The sesquicentennial will be a citywide celebration of who we were, who we are today and where we are headed. There will be themed events and community moments, including special sesquicentennial branding and programming woven into many of our established favorites such as the Mayor's Fitness Challenge, Easter Beach Run and the Christmas Parade.

You'll also see this milestone highlighted across digital platforms through a coordinated social media campaign using #DB150 and #150WorldFamousDB. Planned elements of the sesquicentennial celebration may include a special weekend of festivities in late July. A 150-year milestone deserves a community-wide effort, and I want this celebration to reflect the full spirit of Daytona Beach. I invite everyone to participate, follow along and share your Daytona Beach pride throughout the year. Together, we will honor our legacy and celebrate the future we are building.



*Mike Chitwood
Volusia County Sheriff*

There is no more important mission at the Volusia Sheriff's Office than the safety and security of our schools.

Across the Volusia County School District, our school resource deputies, officers, and armed guardians are working every day to protect everyone on campus.

My job is to provide every tool that could help save lives. That's why I am so proud that Volusia County has been selected as one of only 3 school districts in Florida to participate in a groundbreaking pilot program with "Campus Guardian Angel," a Texas company pioneering the use of drone technology to help law enforcement save lives during the worst-case scenario of an active shooter attack.

The Campus Guardian Angel system deploys non-lethal drones within seconds of an emergency alert, providing real-time video to law enforcement and using deterrents such as sirens, flashing lights, and pepper spray pellets to disorient a potential attacker.

The drones are flown remotely by elite pilots, but they're stored securely on-site and can reach any point on campus in as little as 15 seconds. The idea is that this immediate response can buy critical time for first responders, potentially saving lives.

This pilot program will begin implementation this year, with Campus Guardian Angel working closely with us and Volusia County Schools to integrate the system into existing safety protocols.

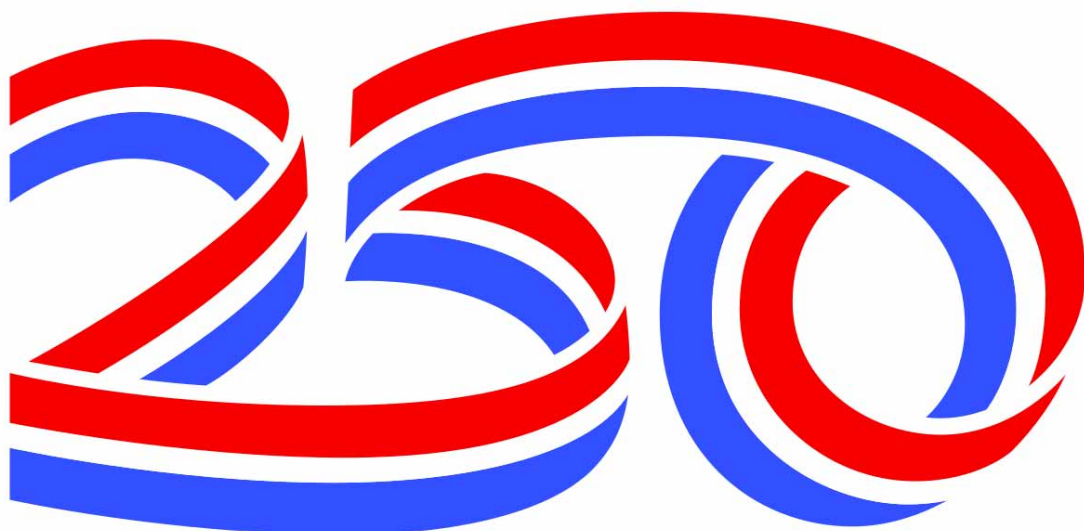
Ultimately, the results of this pilot will help determine whether the technology is expanded statewide. The Florida Legislature allocated \$557,000 to fund this initial evaluation.

For more info on the program, check out www.campusguardianangel.com.

I'm proud that Volusia County has been chosen as a testing ground for this creative approach to school safety innovation. It's a major credit to the leadership of Superintendent Dr. Carmen Balgobin and our School Safety and Security Director, VSO Capt. Todd Smith. We have proven ourselves as a forward-thinking team that will always embrace emerging technology in the pursuit of a safer community.



AMERICA



A NATIVE REMEMBERS

Paul Zimmerman

Chair, Bellaire Community Group

As I begin my 77th trip around the sun I can't help but think how blessed I am to have spent most of those trips right here along this beautiful piece of the earth. Not to mention the blessings of being born in the latter part of the 20th century. Considering some of the other options that have been available to most of mankind, say like, central Europe during mid 1300s as the bubonic plague raged, or maybe being one Noah's neighbors as it started to sprinkle....no pretty darn lucky, I'd say.

I spent my first 10 orbits during the 1950s. The America I grew up in would be hardly recognizable to kids today. There was some good stuff back then that we discarded, and there was some bad stuff that needed to be discarded. But that seems to be the case in mankind's evolution. I think in some instances we threw the baby out with the bath water. Almost all my friends had both a mother and a father in their homes, and community parenting seemed to be the norm. We all respected and followed adult instructions whether the instructing adult was our parent or not. It seemed that all parents were members in some sort of PBI...Parent's Bureau of Investigation...it was hard to get away with anything that was deemed unacceptable behavior.

I grew up in a middle-class family. For most of my childhood my mom was a stay-at-home mom, we even had what we called back then a maid, Bertha. Bertha was an African American and came to the house 2 or 3 times a week to help my mom do housework. Bertha had the same authority as my mom when it came to use kids and the household rules...I can remember more than once leaving the house bare footed and having Bertha hollering at me to get back home and put shoes on my feet. And you better believe I got home and put shoes on my feet. But as we all



know, the segregation at that time was one of those things that gratefully, we discarded.

I had a Huck Finn childhood, growing up in what would be considered country now, dirt roads, cattle farms, orange groves, fishing in the river, and lots of woods. I wandered those woods, built forts, and camped with the other neighborhood kids from the time I was 6 years old. I started working at 11 when delivered papers for the News Journal (two papers back then, Morning Journal and the Evening News) pedaling my Schwinn with its wide tires through the soft sand of most of the roads throwing papers. City Island back then had 2 beautifully manicured Little Diamonds, and the bleachers were always full with moms and dads who came to watch the games.

The Atlantic Ocean beach was a magnet for most of us in our teen-age years, and working as life guard was a plum job. Most of my friends worked either as lifeguards on the beach, or like me, worked as pool guards on the decks of the motels. Any attempt to describe the feelings of joy and excitement that came from that time would take poet. But here is a little piece of what I can recall. The tourists were in awe, and we knew it. That awe instilled a sense of pride in us, a pride in Daytona Beach, and that kindled for me the first awareness of what a blessing it is to be living here.

Sure, as a community we have missed the mark in some instances to recognize, and use our blessings in the best way possible. Humans do human things. Still, there is so much of the beauty that existed in my childhood that remains and

could be saved. They say that negativity cannot exist in an attitude of gratitude. I think that is true. I also think it is our responsibility to be good stewards of the blessings that have been given to us. I think we might need to work on that.

'til next time,

Paul

Trivia answer:
December 31, 1907 to ring in 1908.
Did you know?



NEIGHBORHOOD ACTIVIST

Dear Bellaire Friends and Neighbors:

Here's my partial Wishlist with some commentary and in no particular order for our city for 2026:

1. I wish that FDOT would stop wasting our taxpayer money on A1A just to make it uglier and harder to navigate. Uglier with loss of landscaping, sign pollution, and ripping up our beatification design. The road now looks like a complicated freeway design with no respect for the fact that this is supposed to be a beach road. I am quite certain they will make Mason Ave even worse than it is now - they will just do whatever they want . Why didn't they put all taxpayer money into the areas on LPGA?
2. I wish the CRA and the city would fix N. Beach St (above and below the surface) as well as using code enforcement on decrepit properties between Fairview and Mason.
3. I wish the Army Core of Engineers would take less time for studying and have better news for our flooding situations.
4. I wish the state and city would finish their audits more quickly. I feel like we are being held hostage
5. I wish that pooppy water never sees the light of day here.
6. I wish that we never use a PD again to skirt zoning and environmental issues.
7. I wish the County Commission weren't so cozy with the state agenda, specifically loss of home rule and kowtowing to developers
8. I wish the city would issue a water report every month which included usage, pollution, cup limits, etc.
9. I wish our Commission would speak up to the county and state and stop compartmentalizing



the jobs at hand when it affects our city and residents so much.

10. I wish we recognize that all beachside is in trouble, not just the Main Street CRA. It's been very disheartening to see mostly FDOT workers and homeless people on A1A with only a scattering of tourists.

11. I wish we never have to use the term demolition by neglect again.

12. I wish we would not allow any lots that are left to be clearcut (leading to more flooding) while ignoring the plight of wildlife and ecosystems. In fact, I wish there were a lot of updated mandates in the LDC to insure better then equal replacement of what is destroyed by development - from Beachside to out west.

This is my short list. Ha! Let's see if any of my wishes are granted in 2026. Meanwhile I also wish your neighborhood group survives and thrives.

My best to all of you this new year. And again, thanks for the opportunity.

Sincerely,

Weegie Kuendig

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FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE

*Jakari Young,
Chief of Police of Daytona Beach*

As we welcome the start of a new year, the Daytona Beach Police Department reflects with pride in the dedication, resilience, and professionalism demonstrated by our sworn and civilian members throughout the past year.

Each new year brings renewed purpose, fresh opportunities, and a continued commitment to serving our community with integrity, transparency, and excellence. The start of this year allows us to refocus on our mission, strengthen partnerships, and build upon the progress we have made together.

Community engagement remains a cornerstone of the Daytona Beach Police Department. Our officers continue to actively participate in outreach initiatives, youth programs, and neighborhood engagement efforts that foster trust and collaboration. These interactions not only enhance public safety but also reinforce the strong bond between the department and the residents we proudly serve.

As we move forward, we remain dedicated to proactive policing strategies that prioritize communication, visibility, and responsiveness while

addressing community concerns with care and professionalism. Continuous training and professional development are critical to maintaining the high standards expected of the Daytona Beach Police Department

As we look ahead this month, the City of Daytona Beach will welcome visitors from around the world for the Rolex 24 at Daytona, scheduled for January 21–25 at the Daytona International Speedway. Residents should anticipate increased traffic volumes, pedestrian activity, and a heightened law enforcement presence throughout the city, particularly in areas surrounding the Speedway and major travel corridors.

The Daytona Beach Police Department will work closely with partner agencies and event organizers to ensure public safety while helping provide a positive experience for residents and guests alike.

As always, we encourage residents to report any suspicious activity. Following our social media or attending your local neighborhood watch meetings are great ways to stay informed about the safety within the community.

The Daytona Beach Police Department encourages all residents to review local ordinances and visit the city's official website for information on regulations, safety tips, and event guidelines.

Our officers are proud to serve the residents of Daytona Beach, and we thank you for being a vital part of our community.

*****SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL POLICE*****

Attention! Attention!

For more than two decades, the Bellaire Community Group has been dedicated to supporting our neighborhood by sharing valuable information and connecting residents with local city and county officials during our monthly gatherings.

We invite you to join us for a special
reorganization meeting at the
Schnebly Recreation Center, located at

1101 N. Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach, scheduled
for January 15, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.

As our community continues to grow, now is the time to make your voice heard regarding the impact of this growth on your quality of life.

Your participation in this meeting is important—don't miss out on the opportunity to help shape our future!

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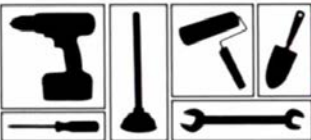
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THANKS FOR THE JOURNEY!

Street Captains Needed to deliver newsletters...

The following street does not have someone assigned to deliver newsletters to:

Flushing, Nautilus

We also need people who can fill-in when our regular volunteers are not available.

You can deliver to a street other than the street on which you live.

If you could help deliver newsletters once a month please contact Nancy at 386-257-6700 or Nancy@KoenigRealty.com

The time investment is less than 1 hour monthly.
Please volunteer to help our community group.
Many hands make light work!

Thank You!

Boylston (east end): Frank Stein
Boylston (west end): Patty Interto
Brookline: Donna Hiatt
Chaffee Place: Sherry Phillips
Columbus and N Peninsula: Shree Gobin
Cobblestone Village: John McGuinness
Euclid: Janice and Mike Felisko
Flagstone: Ellen Gerard
Golf: Lisa Gall
N. Grandview: Connie Lambert
Hartford: Kassi Mercy
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 Robert Sabol and Angela Asemota
Morningside: Ted and Cindy Beers
N. Oleander, Auburn, Cornell, Bucknell:
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Pelican: MaryAnn and Danny Langton
Plaza: Stacy Prestwood
Seabreeze High School Area: Paul Zimmerman
Seaview: Suzy Lamoureux
Stanford: Netta Weiner
Williams: James 'Mac' McConnell
Waverly: Margaret Fathi and Jules Lemos
Woodland: Don Hietala
Zelda: Elly and Rachael Petersen

Special thanks to all our volunteers!