



City Manager's Update

Bennett Swamp Rehydration and Conservation Project Complete

Tours & Ribbon Cutting Thursday, June 20

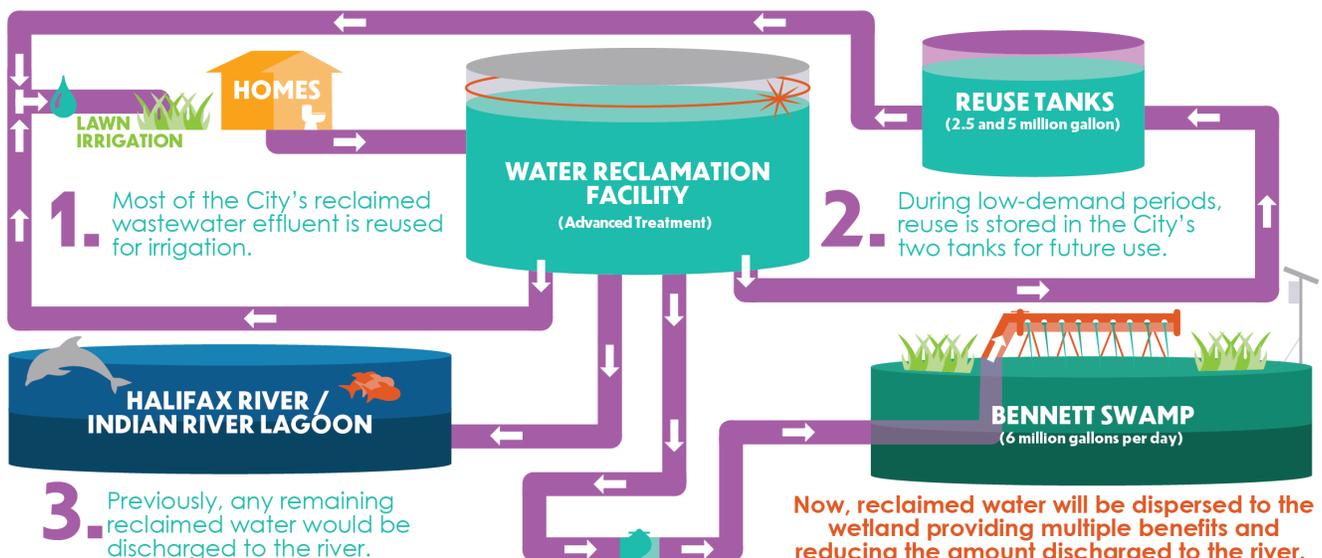
The public is welcome to participate in tours and demonstrations to learn about an advanced hydration system recently constructed in Bennett Swamp, a 1,423 acre property in the western section of the city off of LPGA Blvd. The tours, demos and a brief ribbon cutting ceremony will be **Thursday, June 20, beginning at 10 a.m.** Mayor Derrick Henry; City Manager Jim Chisholm; Dr. Ann Shortelle, Executive Director of St. Johns River Water Management District; and Aaron Watkins, Central District Director of Florida DEP will discuss the far-reaching environmental benefits of this project.

The \$5.3 million project redirects up to six million gallons of reclaimed water from the Halifax River and pumps it into several locations within the hydrologically stressed swamp. In addition to helping to rehydrate the swamp, other benefits of the project include recharging the aquifer, reducing pollutant loads in the Halifax River and encouraging habitat and refuge for wildlife.

Grant awards from the St. Johns River Water Management District and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection funded 81% of the project cost.

WHERE IS BENNETT SWAMP?

3654 LPGA Blvd., which is across the street from the city's water treatment facility.



Diversifying communications effort to better engage our diverse community

Social media platforms added and monthly newsletter inserted into utility bills

In today's digital age, more two-thirds of American adults get their news from social media. As more people get community information updates on their phones, mobile devices or computers, the city has expanded its social media presence to include Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn to reach and engage our diverse community.

- In the first six months of 2019, the city has increased its reach on Facebook by 196% - growing to 504,214 from 170,154 the previous six months.
- Began using Nextdoor, a social media tool which targets specific geographical areas, to reach 5,761 residents in 56 neighborhoods.
- Implemented weekly "City Spotlight," which highlights employee achievements and "New Business," alerts which spotlight recently opened businesses.

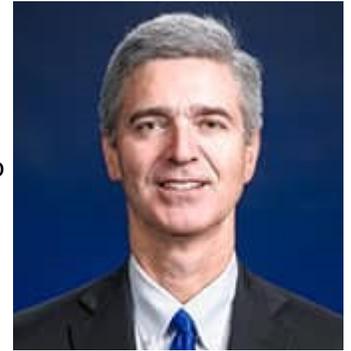


We also realize the importance of continuing to use traditional media for our residents who rely on printed messages. Starting next month, the city will insert a one-page newsletter into utility bills. The monthly insert will feature updates on projects, initiatives and city sponsored events.



High-tech communications company coming to ERAU research park

Global communications powerhouse Arralis plans to establish a presence within Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University's Research Park – a move that will bring up to two dozen high-paying jobs to Volusia County, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University President Dr. P. Barry Butler announced earlier this week at the Paris Air Show.

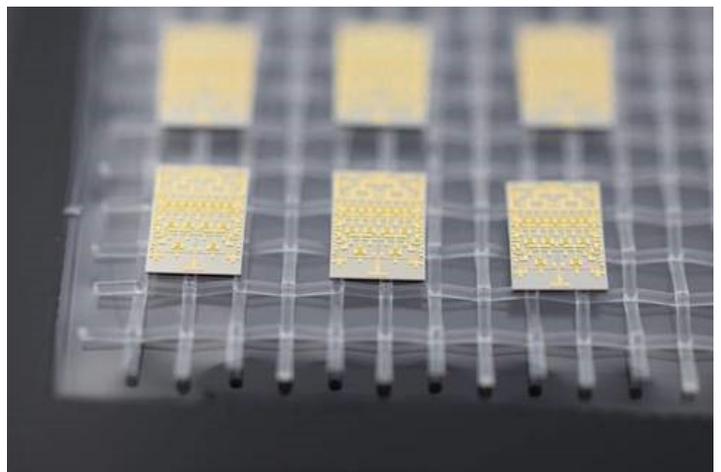


ERAU President
Dr. P. Barry Butler

The recruitment resulted from a highly collaborative effort by Embry-Riddle, Enterprise Florida, Team Volusia, Space Florida, Volusia County and the City of Daytona Beach, Butler said. Discussions between Arralis and Embry-Riddle were initiated at the 2018 Farnborough International Airshow.

"Embry-Riddle and its collaborators are committed to recruiting world-class technology talent to Central Florida," Butler said at the opening of the Florida Pavilion at the 53rd Paris Air Show. "Arralis is a perfect fit for Florida's space triangle. Their products are defining the future of global radar and wireless communications."

Arralis is headquartered in Limerick, Ireland. Daytona Beach will be the company's first location in the United States.



Information and photos courtesy of Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

Two urban parks getting new playground equipment

Pride in Public Places

Improvements began this week to Henry Lee Park and Suburbia Park that include the installation of ADA-compliant sidewalks and new playground equipment. The investment in the parks is nearly \$100,000 per park. The new, modern and brightly colored play apparatus is designed for 5 to 12 year olds and offers a variety of fun opportunities over the conventional equipment it replaces. Both parks remain open while the work is being done. All improvements should be completed by mid-July.

Henry Lee Park is at 701 Bellevue Ave., and Suburbia Park is at 700 Heineman Street.



Committed to improving neighborhoods

Increasing property values and removing blight

About two years ago, the city strengthened its ability to cause the improvement or removal of deteriorated structures through the condemnation process. Condemnation differs from code enforcement violations in the process and the standards for making the determination of violation or condemnation of the property. Condemnation is the result of a building/dwelling being deemed no longer fit for human occupancy.

Since October 2018, 34 deteriorated structures have been removed at the owners' or the city's expense with an additional 18 buildings scheduled to be razed. There are another 22 cases, which are in the condemnation process and 26 cases in the appeals process.

Before and after pictures of 465 Pleasant Street, which is in Zone 3. The structure was recently demolished voluntarily by its owner.



Daytona Beach Gymnastics team competes at Nationals

Congratulations to the 12 Daytona Beach Gymnastics' athletes who competed at the AAU Gymnastics National Championships in Orlando. The athletes competed on vault, uneven bars, balance beam, floor exercise and all around events, earning the following recognitions:

Level 1: Ariana P. placed second in vault and third in floor exercise, and Justice O. placed third in floor exercise.

Level 3: Emma M. placed third in all around, balance beam and floor exercise.

Level 4: Audrey B. placed second in balance beam, and Camryn E. placed third in vault

Additional team members, most of whom topped at least one of their previous high scores for this season, include Jorden L., Sophia L., Athena H., Brooklyn S., Malia A., Natalia D. and Lillianne P. For information about the Daytona Beach Gymnastics program, call 386-671-3561.



Daytona Beach episode of The Great Food Truck Race airs Sunday

Tune in at 7 p.m. Sunday, June 23, to see the Daytona Beach episode of the Food Network's Great Food Truck Race. The episode was filmed in Daytona Beach in April at Oceanfront Park and on the beach. The food trucks competed to see who could make the best breakfast donut. Find out who won the challenge June 23.



Howard Post Trio offers Free Jazz Concert
2 to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 22
Daytona Beach Regional Library

Daytona Beach Police Department offers a



Gun Buyback

8 a.m. to 2 p.m. | Thursday, June 27
Midtown Substation, 995 Orange Ave.

100% anonymous
No questions asked
No ID required



Turn in unwanted guns for a \$50 giftcard
*Must be a real, working gun
All firearms should be unloaded and safely secured



THIS WEEKEND AT THE
DAYTONA BEACH BANDSHELL



PURPLE MASQUERADE
PRINCE TRIBUTE
JUNE 21



PLUS! WHAT IF THE BEATLES DID NOT BREAK UP?
IT BE PERFORMS AS "AFTER THE BEATLES" THE 1978 CONCERT THAT NEVER