



City Manager's Update

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Streetscape begins this month

Design to be updated to reflect feedback from public meeting

After residents voiced concerns about the placement of manholes in traffic lanes and extending the availability of reclaimed water, the city is redesigning underground utility lines to address those concerns.

The redesign is expected to shift sewer lines to the east and into the parking areas along the side of the roadway. This adjustment will move most of the manhole covers from traffic lanes. Reclaimed water will also be made available to the landscaped bump-outs and to property owners from Orange Avenue to International Speedway Blvd.

The design work is expected to take several weeks; however, work will begin as scheduled July 15 at the Magnolia Avenue intersection because the underground pipes are deepest in that area.



The intersection will be completely closed north/south and east/west. Local traffic will be permitted from Orange Avenue north to the work zone and from ISB south to the work zone. All through traffic will be routed around the area via Orange Avenue, U.S. 1, ISB and Lockhart Street. Pedestrian access will be maintained to the businesses within the work zone. Phase 1 is expected to take less than one month.

About the project

The \$2.67 million project will completely reconstruct the road's surface, update underground utilities, widen sidewalks, install decorative lighting features and landscaping and add on-street parking on the east side of the roadway.

Public meeting to discuss ideas for Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Blvd.

July 16 at the New Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church

Enhancing a historic business corridor in Midtown will be the focus of a community meeting at **6 p.m. Tuesday, July 16**, at the New Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, 515 Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Blvd.

Residents and property owners are encouraged to make suggestions and provide feedback on ideas for aesthetic improvements to Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Blvd. in the area from Dr. MLK, Jr. Blvd. to Ridgewood Avenue. Deputy Public Works Director David Waller will present initial ideas for consideration, which include replacing the dozens of trees along the corridor, leveling pavers, developing a year-round program for banners, adding flower pots and installing benches.



ERAU prof to discuss lost Tuskegee Airman 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 9 John H. Dickerson Heritage Library

Learn about Lt. James Polkinghorne Jr., a 22-year-old member of the famed Tuskegee Airmen, who was last seen flying into thick clouds during a combat mission over Italy in May 1944.

Decades later, his disappearance grabbed the attention of Dr. Leo Murphy, an Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University professor and retired naval aviator, who spent years piecing together the details of the young man's life. The result was the book, "Lost in Heaven: The Story of 1st Lt. James R. Polkinghorne Jr., USAF, Early Black Aviation History and the Tuskegee Airmen."



Dr. Murphy will discuss his findings during this free presentation. Registration is not required. For more information, call 386-239-6478.

Sweetheart Trail section nears completion

The northern most section of the city's Sweetheart Trail along Sickler Avenue is nearly complete. It's a 350-foot section north of Mason Avenue to the southern city limits of Holly Hill. This 12-foot wide, concrete multi-use trail will provide more recreational opportunities and improve pedestrian safety, especially since there wasn't an existing sidewalk in this stretch of roadway.

Construction should be finished by the end of July.

A SUN Trail grant funded nearly 100 percent of the project.



Gun Buyback removes guns from streets

The Daytona Beach Police Department hosted a Gun Buyback June 27 and had 34 guns voluntarily turned in at their Midtown precinct.

At least one of the surrendered guns was stolen and officers are working to return the weapon to its rightful owner.

There will be another gun buyback, Kicks for Guns, this fall.



Nova Road median improvements

Work continues to improve the aesthetics in the medians on Nova Road from Beville Road to Mason Avenue. Irrigation has been installed and planting is ongoing in the medians to the south of International Speedway Boulevard. Vegetation includes crepe myrtles, juniper, society garlic and mulch.

The \$540,000 project is jointly funded by the Florida Department of Transportation.

Motorists can expect periodic lane closures when workers are present.

The entire project will be completed by the end of the month.



Kids learn about fire safety

Daytona Beach Fire Department firefighters recently visited children at Friendship Academy. During the visit, the kids learned about picking a safe place to meet their parents in the event of a fire, not to be afraid of firefighters in gear, and to stay low and crawl if there is smoke in their house.

Photo below (l-r): Lt. Antwan Lewis, Firefighter Brandon Turner and Driver/Engineer Steven Taft. Photo on right: Firefighter Brandon Turner talks to kids about the fire engine.



Volunteers pick up litter at spring cleanups

The city's spring cleanups were a success as more than 150 people came out on six Saturdays to pick up litter and residents cleaned out their bulk items. In total, volunteers collected 24 yards of trash and the city's public works department picked up 50 yards of bulk items including tires and furniture. Waste Pro, the city's solid waste hauler, also picked up 77.8 tons of debris during the cleanups. Many thanks to the volunteers and community partners for supporting this year's spring cleanups, including city commissioners, and personnel from code enforcement, fire, police and public works departments and many other city employees. The city appreciates Alik Afghani, Berean Baptist Church and American Orthopedic Tech., Inc., for allowing staff and volunteers to use their property for staging for the cleanups.



Spend July 4th Weekend at the Daytona Beach Bandshell!

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July 4 at 7:15 p.m.
Fireworks 9:45 p.m.

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July 5 at 7 p.m.



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July 6 at 7:15 p.m.
Fireworks 9:45 p.m.

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Join an organized group or clean up your favorite stretch of the beach.



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7 to 9 p.m. | Saturday, July 13 | Cypress Park