



City Manager's Update

Final phase of MLK Reconstruction project underway *Crews start working from Magnolia Avenue north to ISB*

Underground work on Phase 2—from Orange Avenue to Magnolia — is nearing completion. Crews have installed all of the sanitary sewer, potable and reclaim water mains between Magnolia Avenue and Orange Avenue. They are pressure testing the pipes and then will finish backfilling and compacting the trenches and roadbed in preparation of restoring the roadway south of Magnolia Avenue. Crews have started the replacement work of the sidewalks and curbing from Magnolia Avenue to Orange Avenue this week.

While crews are working to restore the roadway south of Magnolia Avenue, crews have begun Phase 3 of the project, which is from Magnolia Avenue to International Speedway Boulevard.

This Monday, crews began installing the new water main from Magnolia Avenue north to International Speedway Boulevard. For this work, the road is not completely closed. There is a one-lane flagging operation during business hours on this portion of MLK and the road will be open after business hours.

All businesses along MLK are accessible to pedestrians. The area has signage for the detours around the area, as well as signs for the businesses. Customers of businesses in the area can park temporarily in the right-of-way on the side streets.

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.

A flagger directs traffic at the Magnolia Avenue and MLK intersection.



Crews continue working on replacing the curbing and sidewalks on MLK.



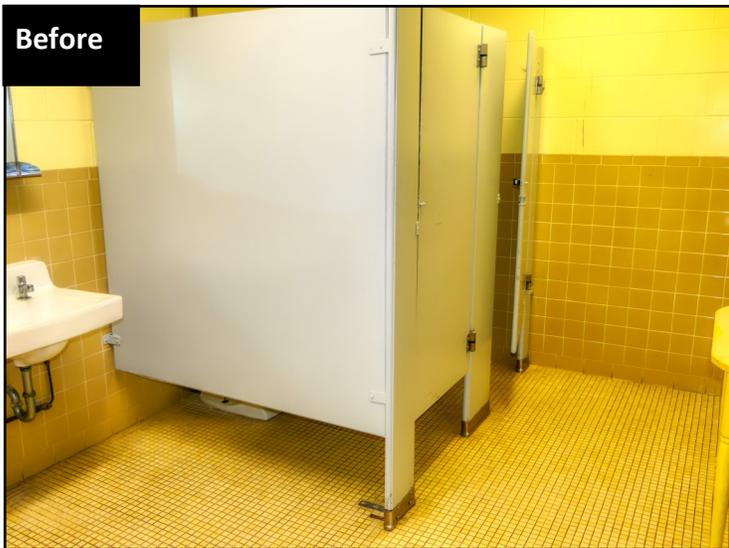
Road work continues near the Magnolia Avenue and MLK intersection.



Improvements completed at Schnebly Recreation Center

The public will find modernized and upgraded amenities at the Schnebly Recreation Center located at 1101 N. Atlantic Ave. City staff recently completed kitchen and bathroom improvements including painting the kitchen's walls and concrete floors, adding stainless steel tables, installing new sinks, toilets, partitions and mirrors. The improvements cost about \$18,000.

Kitchen updated



First Step Shelter prepares to open

There will be a ribbon cutting to celebrate the opening of First Step Shelter at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11, at First Step Shelter, which is located at 3889 W. International Speedway Blvd. The comprehensive homeless assistance center will begin taking clients the following week. For more information, visit www.firststepshelter.org.



Utility billing enhances payment processing systems

The city's Utility Billing division provides services to 27,000 utility customers. Recently, the city updated its phone and online interface for processing payments. The systems now have the ability to store payment information for easier and quicker future transactions.



Utility work on Oakridge Blvd. to start next month

FDOT and FDEP have issued permits for the utility work on Oakridge Boulevard that is associated with the Protogroup development on N. Atlantic Avenue. The underground infrastructure, which includes new water main and sewer installation, could begin as early as January.



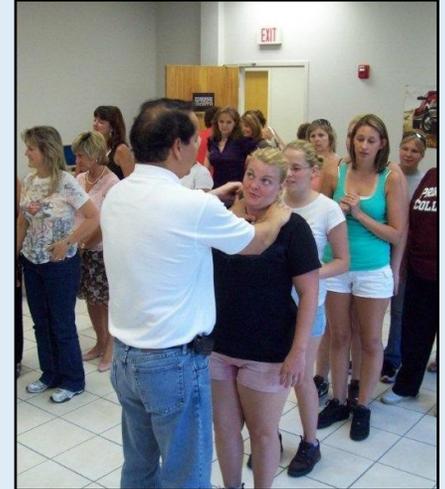
Once started, the work will take place in the state-owned roadway's right-of-way and is expected to take about four months. Signs will be placed seven days prior to the start of the work alerting motorists.

Self-defense workshop Jan. 16

The Daytona Beach Police Department is offering a self-defense workshop for female residents from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 16, at the police headquarters, 129 Valor Blvd.

Partnered with Simple Self-Defense for Women, the class will teach how women can recognize dangerous situations and how to escape common types of attacks. There is no cost to this potentially life-saving training.

Space is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information or to register, call (386) 295-2043.



DBPD prepares for Shop with a Cop and 100 Bike Giveaway

The Daytona Beach Police Department is gearing up for its annual Shop with a Cop event. Sponsored by Walmart and other community partners, Shop with a Cop provides an opportunity for local children to have positive interactions with police officers and it provides officers with an opportunity to give back in the community.



The event is hosted at Walmart where the participants are paired with an officer and provided with gift cards to purchase whatever they would like for Christmas. Following the shopping spree, the officers have lunch with the children and their families. The police department will also be giving away 100 bicycles to underprivileged youth who reside in Daytona Beach. Participants for Shop With a Cop and the 100 Bike Giveaway are local children in need who are nominated by officers and other community partners. For more information, to donate or become a sponsor for either event, call Tancye Young at (386) 671-5425.

Presented by the
City of Daytona Beach
Mayor's Literacy Initiative

Bookmas

A Celebration of Reading!

Don't be a Grinch -
give the gift of reading
this holiday season!

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21

Yvonne Scarlett-Golden Cultural & Educational Center
1000 Vine St., Daytona Beach

Geared for youth ages five to 17 years
Refreshments provided
Free books for children

Cornbread, a character in the popular series of
multicultural chapter books for kids, will make an appearance
Visit from Santa

Residents can drop off new or gently used books that can be given to the
children at Bookmas at YSG through Monday, Dec. 16.
For more information, call Anthony Murphy at (386) 671-3401 or (386) 341-1903

Miracle on 34th Beach Street, Dec. 6-7

Treat yourself to a dinner and show that's fun for the entire family at "Miracle on 34th Beach Street" - a musical comedy that will be performed at the Schnebly Recreation Center located at 1101 N. Atlantic Ave. in Daytona Beach. The dinner starts at 5 p.m. and the show begins at 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6, and Saturday, Dec. 7. Tickets are \$10 per person. To purchase tickets, call (386) 671-3560. Proceeds from raffles at the event will be donated to the Beacon Center, which provides support to those struggling with domestic violence.

Light Up Midtown Senior Prom, Dec. 13

The City of Daytona Beach is hosting its annual Light Up Midtown Senior Prom at 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, at the Midtown Cultural and Educational Center at 925 George W. Engram Blvd. During the night to remember, senior citizens will enjoy listening to songs from their youth, dancing, socializing and a coronation of this year's prom king and queen.



Command staff and officers from the Daytona Beach Police Department, members of local fraternities and sororities and local Easter Stars members will assist with event setup and by bringing food to those who need assistance and enjoying the evening with the prom goers. The public is invited to attend and support this event dedicated to Daytona Beach's senior citizen community. For more information, call (386) 671-8014.

Pictured from left to right are Tony Servance, Charles J. Bryant, Willie Bell Stevens and Carl Nichols.

Parking at Holly Jolly Christmas Parade

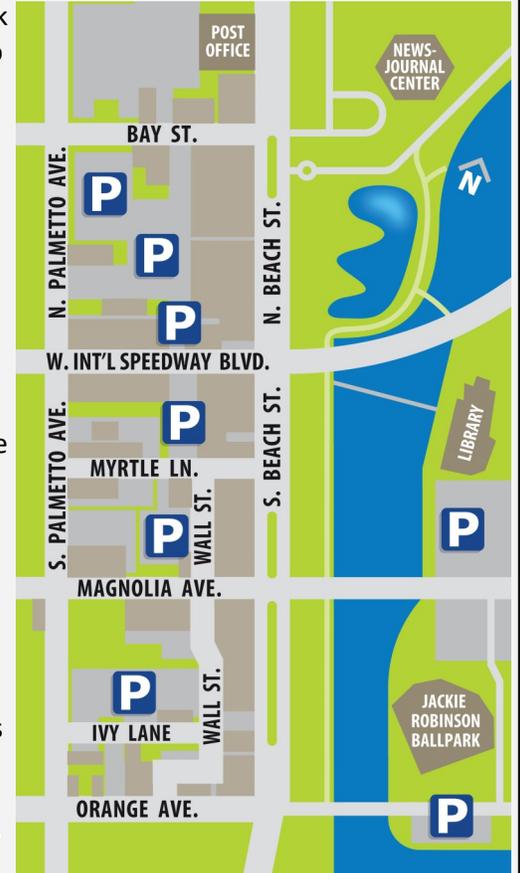
Ring in the holidays at the Daytona Beach Holly Jolly Christmas Parade! Enjoy local bands, festive floats, performances by community organizations and more.

DAYTONA BEACH'S
**HOLLY
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CHRISTMAS PARADE
Saturday, Dec. 14

The parade will begin at 6 p.m. on Beach Street near

Bethune Point Park and travel north to Bay Street. There will be a judging area at the intersection of Magnolia Avenue and Beach Street. Parade attendees should make sure to arrive early to get a good view.

There is ample free parking available between Beach Street and Palmetto Avenue. And, while downtown, check out the shops. Many of the stores are planning to be open and offer specials during the parade.



Drop off toys by Thursday, Dec. 12 for fire department's annual toy drive

The Daytona Beach Fire Department is collecting toys for children in need this holiday season. Residents can drop off new, unwrapped toys at any of the city's seven fire stations through Thursday, Dec. 12. Fire stations are located at 301 S. Beach St., 126 Botefuhr Ave., 945 N. Halifax Ave., 1675 Mason Ave., 627 N. Nova Road, 2020 Beville Road and 2545 LPGA Blvd.



**Daytona Beach
Christmas
Boat Parade
6 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 7**

