



City Manager's Update

New Daytona Beach iconic sculpture greets travelers on I-95 *Landmark is part of FDOT's roadway improvements*

Road construction projects typically aren't known for their eye-catching aesthetic features but a new iconic landmark in Daytona Beach is changing that narrative. Installed last month, the large concrete sculpture is greeting thousands of motorists traveling northbound along I-95 between the Beville Road and International Speedway Boulevard exits.

Designed by Doug Bolas, NASCAR's VP of Design and Development, the multi-sectional sculpture features shapes and angles which abstractly define things Daytona Beach is known for – waves, NASCAR and airplanes. The structure has 12 individual sections with 10 triangular pieces ranging from 14.5 feet to 25 feet tall. The idea for the sculpture was conceived in 2015 when a committee of local stakeholders was created to select a gateway feature into the City of Daytona Beach. The committee held public meetings to select the feature's design, location, style and LED lighting. There were several opinions for what the feature should be, with ideas ranging from a wave inspired sculpture to a marquis sign.

The aesthetic feature was part of the overall \$206 million

Florida Department of Transportation's (FDOT) project to widen I-95 in Volusia County from New Smyrna Beach to Daytona Beach. FDOT allocated up to 2% of the project's total cost for the aesthetics feature.

The widening of I-95 in Volusia County and reconstructing 20 ramps and bridges, including interchanges at I-4 and U.S. 92, is nearly complete. There are at least six lanes of I-95 from Miami to Georgia that are open.



Updates scheduled for utility billing payment website

The city's online utility billing payment system on the city's website (www.codb.us) will be updated Tuesday. Once updated, the new interface will include the ability to store payment information for easier and quicker future transactions. Customers should not experience any disruption when paying their utility bills during the transition to the new interface. For utility billing questions, customers can call (386) 671-8100.

Veterans Memorial Bridge to reopen soon

Volusia County officials have announced that the construction of the new Veterans Memorial Bridge over the Halifax River has recently reached a significant milestone with completion of the driving surface. With the bridge deck now finished, work will proceed on finishing touches to get the span ready for its anticipated opening to the driving public in March. For more information about the project, visit www.VeteransMemorialBridge.com.



Historic church on national registry

The Mount Bethel Baptist Institutional Church, a site featured on the city's Black Heritage Trail and located in Zone 6, recently installed a plaque honoring its placement on the National Register of Historic Places.

Built in 1921 and located at 700 Dr. MLK Jr. Blvd., Mount Bethel Baptist Institutional Church is Daytona Beach's oldest Baptist Church. Its founder and first pastor was Joseph Brook Hankerson, who was elected as the city's first African-American councilman in 1898. The church's deaconess Eartha Sims Watson thanked city planner Douglas Gutierrez for his help in finding the correct information on receiving an official national register plaque through Franklin Bronze.

For more information on other stops on the Black Heritage Trail, visit www.codb.us and click on "Community."



Deacon Levi Sims mounts a plaque designating Mount Bethel Baptist Institutional Church featuring its placement on the National Register of Historic Places.

Cypress Pool closes for resurfacing

The city's pool at the Cypress Aquatic Center will close **Monday, Feb. 24**, to be refurbished and resurfaced as part of its overall maintenance schedule. The



improvements include resurfacing the kiddie and competition swimming pools and repairing and replacing all drains and tiles, as needed. The project also includes removing and reinstalling all accessory items such as ropes, floats and ladders. The work should take about a month to be completed. Residents wanting to swim while the pool is being resurfaced can use the pool at the Campbell Aquatic Center, which is kept at a refreshing 83 degrees and has lane lines for lap swimmers. The pool is located at 400 S. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. and is open from 3 to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, and from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

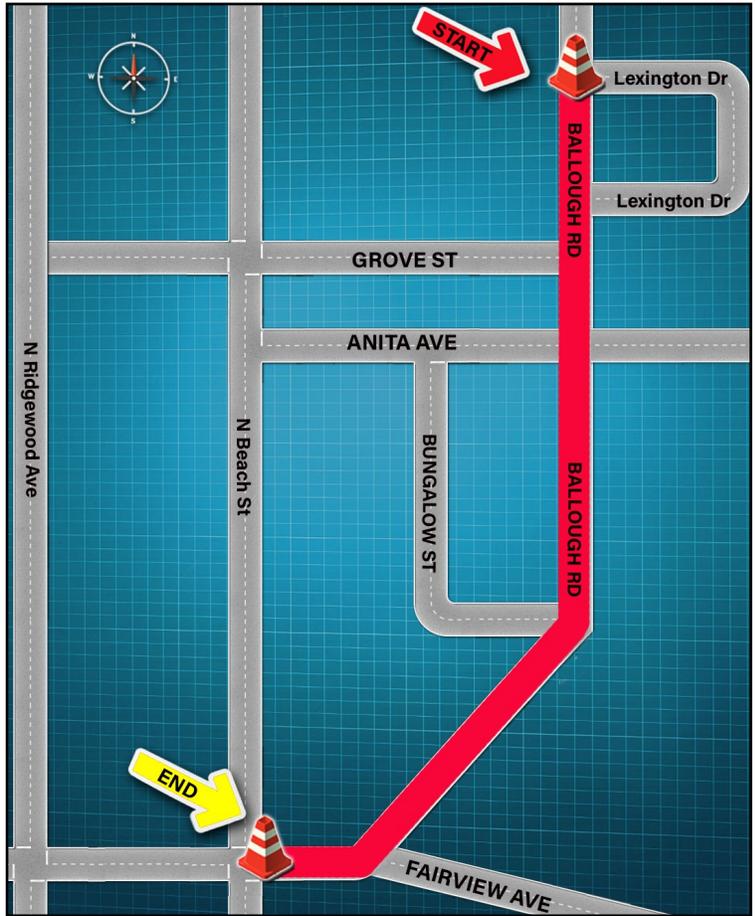
City cleans drinking water pipes

Beginning in the overnight hours on **Thursday, Feb. 20**, the city will clean drinking water pipes in specific neighborhoods using a technique called "ice pigging." Over time, drinking water pipes build up a residue or sediment that requires periodic cleaning. Using a technique called "ice pigging," an ice slurry comprised of the city's tap water and food-grade salt, is pumped through pipes to remove residue. The ice pigging procedure is an alternative to flushing the pipes, and 1,000 times more effective in cleaning pipes and requires minimal downtime. During the process there will be no water outages. Affected residents have been notified in advance of the cleaning via mail and will receive door hangers 24-hours before the cleaning begins, which will occur nightly through **Monday, March 2**. Areas include South Atlantic Avenue, Peninsula Drive, North Beach Street, Ballough Road and Williamson Blvd. During the cleaning, residents are asked to not turn on their faucets, showers and washing machines. Customers can call the water department at (386) 671-8815 or (386) 671-8809 for more information.



Utility crews work on Ballough Road

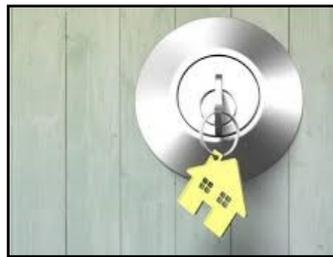
Utility crews are constructing underground potable water pipes within the Ballough Road right-of-way between Lexington Drive and Fairview Avenue through the end of April. The work, which is part of maintaining the potable water lines, is being completed by 4C's Trucking and Excavation, Inc., a contractor specializing in utility work. The project cost is \$181,338. Water service will not be impacted by this work. Impacts to residents include temporary traffic rerouting and noise typical with construction projects. In addition, the southbound lane of Ballough Road is closed to traffic, and motorists are being detoured west to Anita Avenue, then south along North Beach Street to Fairview Avenue. Residents can receive project updates by sending an email to bartonjustin@codb.us with their name, property address and email address.



City hosts Fair Housing & Financial Wellness Clinic, April 18

Residents are invited to the city's Fair Housing & Financial Wellness Clinic from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. **Saturday, April 18**, at the Allen Chapel AME Church located at 580 George W. Engram Blvd. Activities at the housing and financial information clinic include:

- Free financial literacy classes
- Free onsite legal walk-in clinic
- Free credit reports and credit counseling will be available
- Homeowners can learn about refinancing opportunities and owner-occupied rehab programs
- A budget and credit class will be offered
- Home buyers can learn about available down payment assistance programs, the home-buying process and evaluating mortgage readiness
- New mortgage loan products and housing programs will be showcased



Routine flushing of city water

In order to maintain safe and delicious drinking water, the city's water distribution system is going through a month-long process of being flushed and treated. The treatment process includes switching the disinfectant used from chloramines to a free chlorine. The city does this on a regular basis to improve the quality of its drinking water.



While some customers (including South Daytona water customers) may notice a slight difference in the taste of the water, the water continues to be safe to drink. The treatment and flushing will be completed by Saturday, March 14. Water customers with questions about their water quality can call the water department at (386) 671-8815 or (386) 671-8809. If issues are suspected, a regulatory compliance inspector will test customers' tap water for harmful bacteria. This testing takes at least 24-hours and is free.

Pop-Up Prom Boutique at YSG, March 14

The Pretty Ladies Girls Mentoring Group that meets regularly at the city's Yvonne Scarlett-Golden Cultural and Educational Center, is hosting their free second annual Pop-Up Prom Boutique from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. **Saturday, March 14.**



The event offers high school girls who are going to prom this year the opportunity to select a dress, shoes and accessories for free. Girls can also meet local hair and makeup professionals and receive coupons for discount and free services the night of their prom. Complimentary lunch and giveaways are also included at the event. The Yvonne-Scarlett Golden Cultural and Educational Center is at 1000 Vine St. Space is limited for the Pop-Up Prom Boutique. Participants must pre-register by 5 p.m. **Saturday, Feb. 29,** at www.PrettyLadiesMentoring.org. For more information, contact (386) 401-2800 or PrettyLadies10@gmail.com.

Beer & Bacon Festival, Feb. 29

1 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 29
Downtown Daytona Beach

Head over to downtown Daytona Beach **Saturday, Feb. 29,** for the second annual Beer & Bacon Festival beginning at 1 p.m. Enjoy a variety of beers and unique bacon delectables as we celebrate the Leap Year. Tickets for the event are available at www.RiverfrontShopsOfDaytona.com. While downtown, enjoy shopping at any of the unique boutique stores as you enjoy an afternoon by the river.



Mayor's Charity Golf Tournament, April 17

The Mayor's Charity Golf Tournament is set for **Friday, April 17,** with proceeds to benefit the Halifax Health Foundation and Dolly Parton's Imagination Library program. This will be the 41st year that Daytona Beach's mayor has hosted a charity golf tournament at the city-owned Daytona Beach Golf Club on Wilder Blvd.

Benefiting from proceeds of the tournament are the Halifax Health Foundation, which is committed to providing education, as well as purchasing new, life-saving technology, as well as Dolly Parton's Imagination Library program, which is a national initiative that provides age-appropriate books at no cost to registered children from birth to their fifth birthday. All children living in the 32114 zip code are eligible for the program and can receive a free book each month. For more information on the golf tournament, to register or become a sponsor, please call Brian Jaquet, director of the Golf Club, at (386) 671-3502.



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Census 101: Make sure you are counted

Between **March 12 and 20,** invitations to participate in the 2020 Census will start arriving in households across the country. Response is important because statistics from the census are used in distributing hundreds of billions of dollars in funding for school lunches, hospitals, roads and much more. The invitations will remind respondents to include everyone living in the household, whether they are related or not. This includes young children. Your response will impact communities for the next decade.

The invitation will include instructions on how to respond to the 2020 Census online or by phone. By April 1, most households will have received an invitation delivered either by mail or by a census taker. In areas that are less likely to respond online, a paper questionnaire will be included in the initial mailing to households. Reminder mailings will be sent to households that do not respond, and in the fourth mailing every household that has not yet responded will receive a paper questionnaire. For more information, visit www.DaytonaBeachCounts.com.

