



City Manager's Update

MLK roadway scheduled to be paved in May

Roadway open to local traffic and area businesses

The roadway on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. (MLK) between Orange Avenue and Magnolia Avenue has its first layer of pavement and is reopened to local traffic. Underground utility work in the MLK and Magnolia Avenue intersection is complete, and crews are working on reconstructing the road base in preparation for the final repaving of intersection.

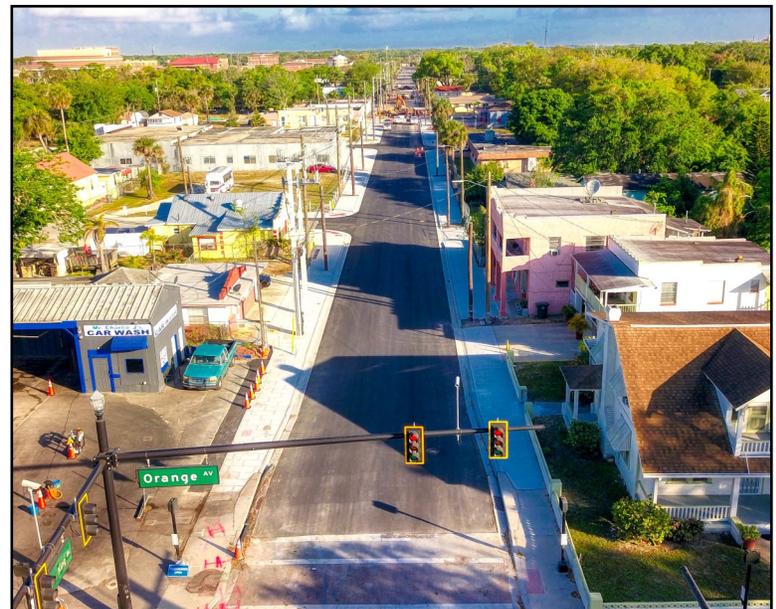
The underground utility work is complete between Magnolia Ave and International Speedway Boulevard (ISB), with the exception of a small section near the MLK and ISB intersection, and the sidewalk and curbing is complete on the east side of MLK between Magnolia Avenue and ISB. The sidewalk and curbing should also be completed on the west side in the next few weeks. Electrical crews are working on installing the conduit and wiring for the streetlights and the communications fiber optics.

The Magnolia Avenue and MLK intersection, as well as the portion of roadway from the intersection north to ISB, is scheduled to get its first layer of pavement next week. The entire roadway from Orange Avenue to ISB is scheduled to be paved with the final surface by next month.

For more information, visit www.codb.us/MLKRoadProject.

MLK Road Project

The \$2.67 million safety and aesthetic improvements on a .3-mile stretch of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. from Orange Ave. to International Speedway Blvd is scheduled to be complete by June. Improvements include the reconstruction of the road's surface, updated underground utilities, sidewalks widened, decorative lighting features and landscaping installed and on-street parking added on the east side of the roadway.



Veterans Memorial Bridge to reopen in May

Volusia County officials have announced that the new Veterans Memorial Bridge over the Halifax River will reopen to vehicular and pedestrian traffic by mid-May.

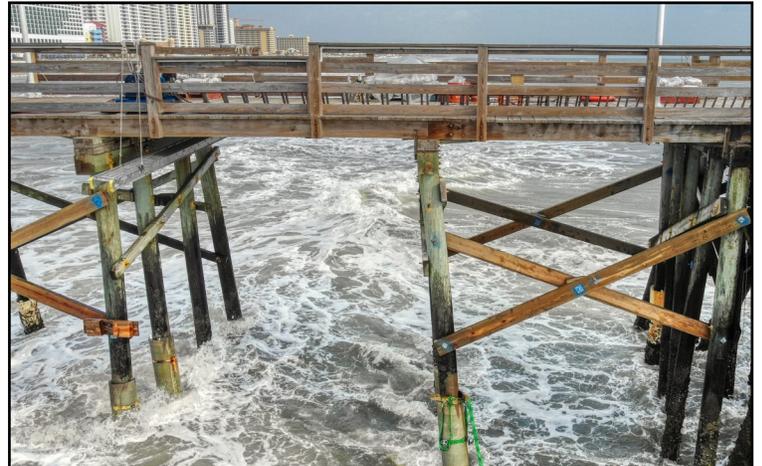
This new, high-level bridge will be Florida's first concrete arch bridge. Design elements of the new two-lane bridge include handicap accessibility, 8-foot sidewalks, fishing piers on both sides of the Halifax River, and plaques at 28 scenic overlooks commemorating conflicts in America's military history.

For more details, visit www.VeteransMemorialBridge.com.



Daytona Pier repairs continue

Recent high winds have continued to come out of the northeast pounding the pier with rough seas. The original scope of work is on schedule to be completed by May 1; however, the pier has lost additional support piles since March and will need to be repaired or replaced prior to the reopening the fishing end of the pier. The city is in the process of soliciting quotes from other contractors to make these repairs. The pier was damaged during Hurricane Dorian and is also having other maintenance completed on the pier's substructure and on the corroded concrete platform where an amusement ride was previously located.



Progress continues on Beach Street Streetscape

Work on the Beach Street Streetscape continues to move forward at an accelerated pace. The first two phases, which includes the improvements on the east side of Beach Street from Orange Avenue to International Speedway Boulevard (ISB) are nearly complete.

Both northbound lanes from Orange Avenue to ISB are closed for about two weeks as crews install crosswalk pavers on the east side of the median. A new, 12-foot wide decorative sidewalk is almost completely installed on the east side of the roadway.

Decorative light poles are being installed from Orange Avenue to Magnolia Avenue.

Water meters located in front of the businesses are being replaced from Orange Avenue to Magnolia Avenue. It will take about two weeks and crews are working around the businesses' operating hours.

For more information about the Beach Street Streetscape, visit www.BeachStreetStreetscape.com.



City's CARE (COVID-19 Assistance Recovery Effort) program reaches residents

To date, the city's COVID-19 Assistance Recovery Effort or CARE program has saved Daytona Beach's residents and businesses a total of \$4.7 million in credits on their utility bills, waivers of building permit fees and monthly rent at businesses on city-owned properties.

Credits on utility bills

- All billing cycles have been distributed with credits to all customers with the city limits for a total **savings of about \$4.3 million.**
- The average savings per account is \$213.
- The Utility Billing department is closed to foot traffic; however, they remain staffed from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Customers with questions about their bill should call (386) 671-8100 or send an email to UBemail@codb.us.
- Representatives are answering an average of about 200 phone calls per day with an average wait time of just over a minute.
- City utility service will not be discontinued or disconnected due to non-payment of fees while the city's emergency declaration is in effect.
- Customers can pay their bills online, over the phone, via the drop box on the east side of City Hall and by mail via the envelope provided with their bill.

Building permit fees waived

- **535 permits** have been issued since March 25 for a total **construction valuation of \$44.5 million.**
- Amount of fees waived to date is \$255,720
- Fees for building permits will be waived through Tuesday, June 23, 2020.
- The Permits and Licensing division remains staffed; however, the office is closed to foot traffic.
- People with questions can call (386) 671-8178 for assistance.
- Completed permit applications can be faxed to (386) 671-8149 or emailed to Contact_PnL@codb.us.



Suspension of rent payments on city-owned property

There are 11 businesses whose monthly rent payments are being suspended for 90 days. Cumulatively, the suspended payments represent a **savings of \$159,838.**

Fill dirt excavation status on city-owned property

Through the first quarter of this year, Daytona Beach-based P&S Paving has excavated and hauled away 160,754 cubic yards of borrow material from the pit on city-owned land west of I-95 and behind the First Step Homeless Assistance Center. The operation is part of the first phase in an agreement between the city and P&S Paving to exchange fill dirt for a reduction in the price of the site work already completed on the First Step Shelter.

Phase one of the agreement concludes when 1.42 million yards of dirt is excavated from a 40-acre retention pond. In phase two of the agreement, the price per cubic yard of dirt increases from \$1.50 to \$2.

City staff routinely inspects the near daily excavation operation and hauling infrastructure to ensure it remains in good order and in compliance with the permit issued by the St. Johns River Water Management District.

An onsite load volume scanning system has been installed by P&S Paving to accurately and electronically measure the

amount of dirt loaded and hauled away in each truck. The scanning system utilizes laser technology and 3D model images to measure the exact volume of material loaded in each truck.



Daytona Beach Radio airs Wednesday

On Daytona Beach Radio this week listeners can hear about operations at First Step Shelter including the precautions being taken to protect clients from COVID-19. Listeners can tune in locally at 106.3 on the FM radio dial, online from JOY106.3's website at www.joy1063fm.com or by using the TuneIn Radio app on smartphones and tablets.



Daytona Beach Radio
Noon to 1 p.m.
Every Wednesday on JOY 106.3 FM

Hosted by: 
Dr. L. Ronald Durham
Daytona Beach
Community Relations Manager

This week's guest: 
Victoria Fahlberg
Executive Director, First Step Shelter

Jeep Beach Week planned for fall

Organizers for Jeep Beach have announced they are planning for the popular event to be held Sept. 11-13, 2020. Organizers are planning to host main events at the Daytona International Speedway Sept. 11-12, and the Jeep Parade on the Beach will be Sunday, Sept. 13. For more information, visit www.JeepBeach.com.



Agencies offers assistance to residents

United Way

The local United Way has compiled a list of social resources available in the community for those in need of assistance due to the prevention measures for COVID-19. Resources include contact information for organizations offering assistance with food, housing, financial stability, childcare and health services. Residents can visit their website at www.unitedwayvfc.org or call 2-1-1 for assistance.

CareerSource Flagler Volusia

CareerSource Flagler Volusia has many resources available for people who are looking for employment including information on local companies that are hiring. Residents can get information at www.careersourcefv.com.

Help for businesses affected by COVID-19

Volusia County Government has launched an economic recovery website for businesses at www.VolusiaBusinessResources.com to serve as a countywide source of assistance and incentive program information for businesses.

Businesses are also encouraged to visit the Daytona Regional Chamber of Commerce's website at www.DaytonaChamber.com, which has an information page with resources to help the business community including a link to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's Small Business Guide and Checklist for the Coronavirus Emergency Loans available for businesses.



Census 2020: Residents encouraged to complete census

Residents in Daytona Beach should have received their invitation to participate in the 2020 census. The survey is online at www.my2020census.gov and takes about 10 minutes to complete. The census results determine congressional representation and federal funding for states and communities, including the City of Daytona Beach, for the next 10 years. Every year, more than \$675 billion goes toward hospitals, fire departments, schools, roads, housing programs, emergencies and natural disasters from information collected by the census. All responses are confidential. As of April 24, Daytona Beach was #13 in the county on response rates at only 44.1%. For more details, visit www.DaytonaBeachCounts.com.

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