



# City Manager's Update

## New safety measures implemented in city's core tourist area

*Efforts are to help with congestion and social distancing*

With area attractions still closed or limiting the number of attendees, the beach remains a popular destination during the COVID-19 pandemic. The city is continuing to adjust its plans for safely managing an increased number of visitors coming to the beach throughout the summer months.

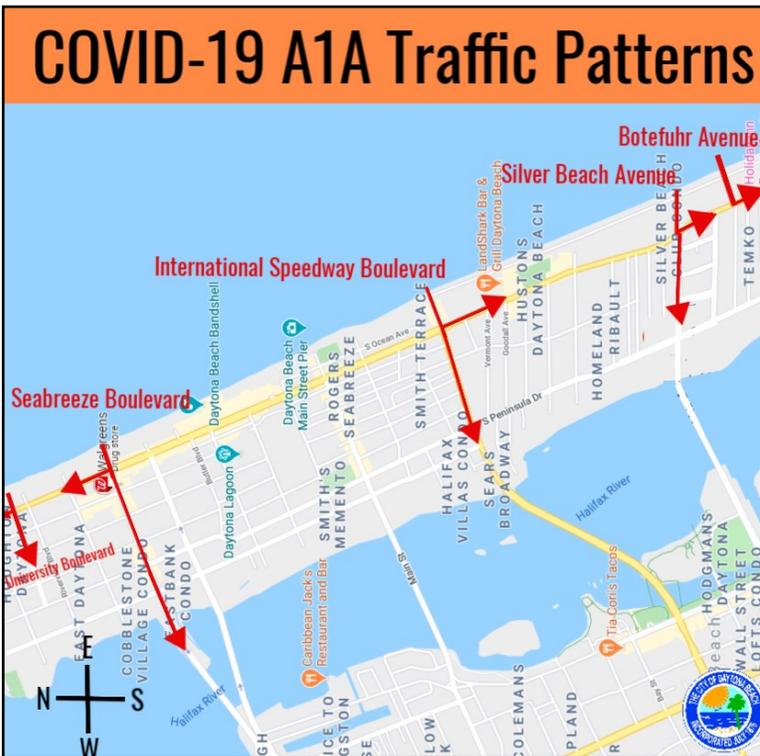
With the focus on the health and safety of the city's residents and visitors during the pandemic, several proactive measures have been implemented to encourage social distancing and safety by reducing traffic and crowd congestion in the core tourist area, along A1A from International Speedway Boulevard to Oakridge Boulevard.

The measures will continue as conditions warrant or as new social distancing recommendations are made by health and local officials through the summer months.

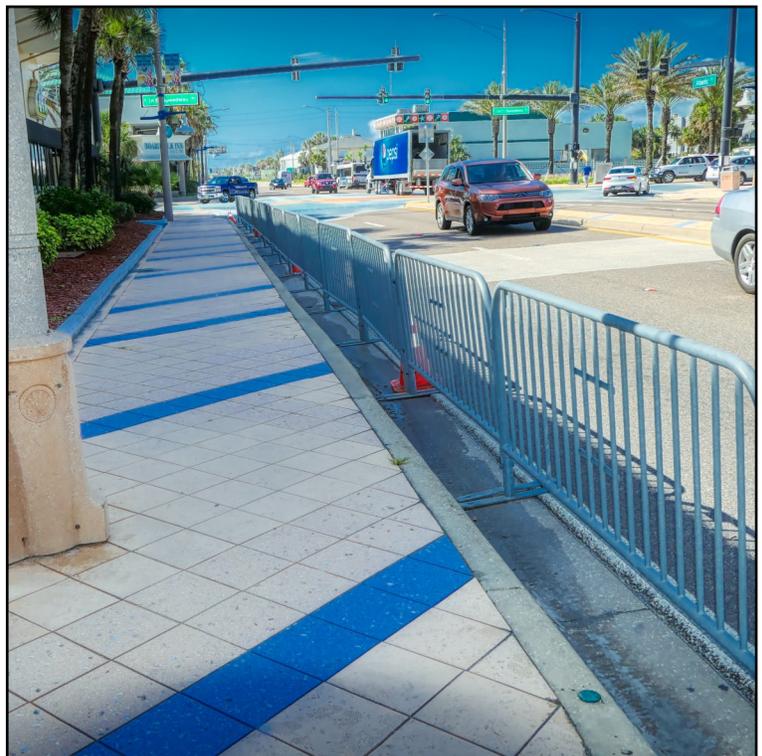
Measures include:

- ✦ During peak hours and as conditions warrant, travel lanes on A1A will be restricted for cars exiting beach ramps. Police will direct motorists either northbound or southbound on A1A or across the bridge, depending on the location.
- ✦ Temporary fencing has been placed along the sidewalks on both sides of A1A to protect pedestrians and to discourage pedestrians from entering traffic lanes. Pedestrians are encouraged to use crosswalks at intersections.
- ✦ To further promote social distancing and by a local state of emergency declaration, the city's bandshell and boardwalk area will be closed to foot traffic on Saturdays and Sundays.

Signage encouraging social distancing will be posted throughout the area. These safety measures are expected to be in place throughout the summer.



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## City's CARE program provides savings to residents and businesses

The city's COVID-19 Assistance Recovery Effort or CARE program has saved Daytona Beach's residents and businesses more than \$5 million in credits on their utility bills, waivers of building permit fees, monthly rent at businesses on city-owned properties and rental assistance for income-qualified residents.

### Credits on utility bills

- ✦ All billing cycles have been distributed with credits to all customers with the city limits for a **savings of about \$4.3 million**. The average savings per account is \$213.

### Building Permit Fees waived

- ✦ Building permit fees are being waived through June 23.
- ✦ As of May 30, 1,185 permits have been issued for a cumulative construction value of \$73.5 million. The amount of fees waived to date is \$488,383.

### Suspension of rent payments on city-owned property

There are nine businesses whose monthly rent payments are being suspended for 90 days. Cumulatively, the suspended payments represent a **savings of \$138,614**.

## COVID-19 Assistance Recovery Effort

### Rental Assistance Program:

- ✦ In the first three weeks since introducing the program, 128 households were assisted and 193 rental months were paid for a total dollar amount of \$166,816.
- ✦ The payments reflect 27% of the total available of funds available.
- ✦ Demand remains high for this program.
- ✦ On Oct. 1, an additional \$250,000 will be added to the amount of assistance offered through the new fiscal year's allocation of Community Development Block Grant funding.

**The testing site at the Midtown Community Center ended after administering 1,375 tests. There were eight people who tested positive at the site, which is a .5% positivity rate. Testing remains available at AdventHealth CentraCare facilities and Halifax Health.**

## City gymnastics tumbles into reopening

Daytona Beach Gymnastics, which is offered at the city's Schnebly Recreation Center, has entered phase one of reopening its gym with practices limited to a smaller number of students. Implemented by coach Angie Gowell and her staff, new protocols include checking athletes' temperatures before entering the gym, keeping students six feet apart and sanitizing equipment after individual use. They are also providing hand sanitizing stations throughout the facility.



During this week's practice, children focused on conditioning, balance beams, bars and vaults. For more information, call (386) 671-3560.

## Cypress pool resurfacing completed

Just in time for summer, the city has reopened its Campbell Aquatic Center and Cypress Aquatic Center with new social distancing protocols including limited occupancy.



### Campbell Aquatic Center, 400 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

- Open swim 1 to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday
- No cost to swim

### Cypress Aquatic Center, 981 George W. Engram Blvd.

- Lap swimming 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. and open swim noon to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.
- Lap swimming 10 to 11 a.m. and open swim noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday. Closed on Sunday.
- \$3 for adults, \$2 for children 17 years of age and younger

When visiting the Cypress Aquatic Center, guests will notice that the pool has been refurbished and resurfaced. Improvements included resurfacing the kiddie and competition swimming pools, repairing and replacing drains and tiles, and removing and reinstalling all accessory items such as ropes, floats and ladders.

## City utility projects push forward

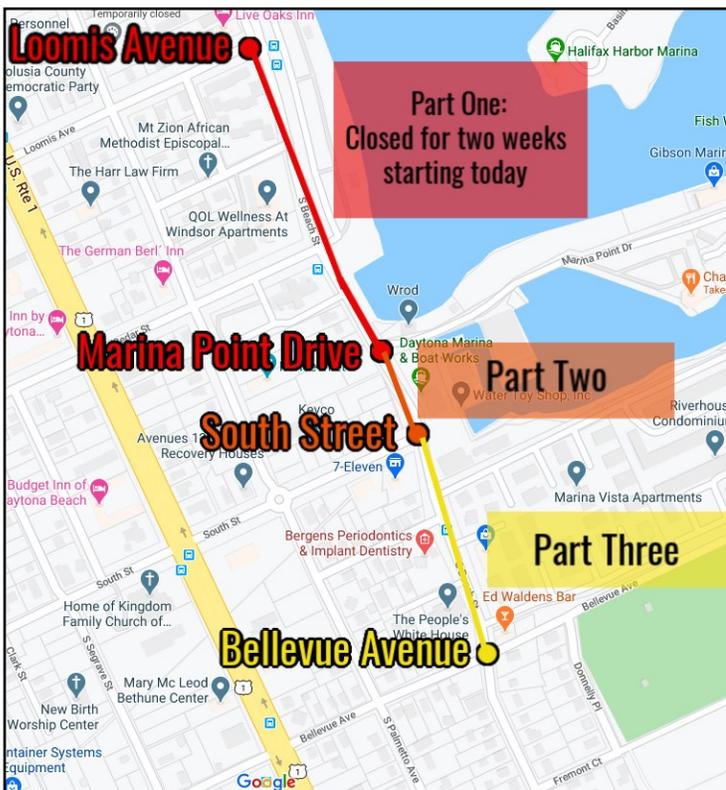
There are three major utility projects currently under construction: South Beach Street Force Main, Ballough Road and Oakridge Boulevard. They have been moving at an accelerated pace despite the COVID-19 pandemic.

### South Beach Street Force Main

**Overview:** This \$8.1 million project includes the installation of a new 36-inch force main along South Beach Street to increase the capacity in the wastewater collection system serving the downtown area, installation of four storm water backflow preventers due to high water levels in the Halifax River and construction of two segments of the Sweetheart Trail.

**Latest update:** Starting today, both north and southbound lanes on South Beach Street from Loomis Avenue to Marina Point Drive will be closed for two weeks as crews install well points to dewater the trench area before inserting the 36" pipe. Once work between Loomis Avenue to Marina Point Drive is complete, Marina Point Drive to South Street will be closed, followed by South Street to Bellevue Avenue. Each part will take two to three weeks to complete. All detours will direct traffic to Palmetto Avenue.

The project is ahead of schedule and the completion date is expected to be in the summer of 2021. Crews have been proactively updating residents as well as businesses.



### Ballough Road

**Overview:** The \$181,338 project involves utility crews constructing underground potable water pipes within the Ballough Road right-of-way between Lexington Drive and Fairview Avenue. The improvements are required in advance of the full depth reclamation project along Ballough Road.

**Latest update:** The project is approaching its final stages as crews are tying in all services, such as new water and sewer lines, this week. Once the services are tied in, they will patch any holes and pave the area. It is estimated to be complete within three to four weeks.



### Oakridge Boulevard

**Overview:** Crews are installing a new, upgraded water main and sewer installation on Oakridge Boulevard that is associated with the Protogroup development on N. Atlantic Avenue. The work is taking place in the state-owned roadway's right-of-way.

**Latest update:** By the end of next week, all Phase 1 utility installations will be complete. Crews expect to start Phase 2 within a month, which includes the crossing of utilities at A1A and running utility water parallel from the north to south property lines. The project is on schedule to be completed by the end of summer.



## Registration open for summer camps

The city's popular summer camp program will begin Monday, June 8, and continue through Friday, Aug. 7, with new safety protocols in place due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The nine-week program is for children ages 5 to 16 years old, and will be from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.



There are four sites in Daytona Beach for the summer camps:

- Midtown Community Center, 925 George Engram Blvd.
- Sunnyland Park, 825 Washington St.
- YSG Community Center, 1000 Vine St.
- Ortona Playground, 1206 N. Halifax Ave.

*Note: Ortona Playground has a waiting list.*

Registration for a summer camp spot is on a first-come, first-served basis. The cost is \$270 per child. The summer camp registration fee has been waived for this year. For more information, please call (386) 671-8337.

## Census will determine funding for 10 years

Now more than ever it is important that residents complete the 2020 Census. The city continues to trail in participation with less than 50% of the households completing the 2020 Census. Your participation will impact our quality of life and influence the funding the city receives for public spaces, infrastructure, education programs, healthcare services and more for the next 10 years. The census also helps determine congressional representation. Please do your part to help the city reach a 100 percent response rate. Complete the census at [www.2020census.gov](http://www.2020census.gov). For more information, visit [www.DaytonaBeachCounts.com](http://www.DaytonaBeachCounts.com).



## County offers summer meals for kids

### Summer Food Program Meals Available for Kids



The county is sponsoring a Summer Food Service program through Friday, Aug. 14, which provides free breakfast and lunch meals for children ages 18 and under.

The following sites in the Daytona Beach area will participate Monday through Friday unless otherwise indicated. The sites listed as

grab-and-go will provide breakfast and lunch meals for those who drive to the sites within that meal time. Because of coronavirus concerns, parents are asked to pick up grab-and-go meals in the sites' parking lots; volunteers will give them a meal for each child in the car. The sites listed with breakfast and lunch times will only be providing the stated meal at that time and the meal must be eaten on site.

- **Boys & Girls Club John Dickerson**, 308 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. (June 15 through Aug. 7; *closed June 29 through July 3*) Breakfast: 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.; lunch: noon to 1 p.m.
- **Daytona Beach Regional Library**, 105 E. Magnolia Ave. Grab-and-go breakfast and lunch meals: 9:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.
- **DME Sports Academy**, 2441 Bellevue Ave. (June 1 through Aug. 7) Breakfast: 8 to 8:30 a.m.; lunch: 11:30 a.m. to noon
- **Hope Place Public Library**, 1310 Wright Street, Grab-and-go breakfast and lunch meals: 9:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.
- **Howard Thurman Historic Home**, 614 Whitehall St. (June 22 through July 3) Grab-and-go breakfast and lunch meals: 10 a.m. to noon
- **John H. Dickerson Heritage Library**, 411 S. Keech St. Grab-and-go breakfast and lunch meals: 9:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.
- **Midtown Cultural & Education Center**, 925 George Engram Blvd. (June 8 through Aug. 7) Breakfast: 8 to 9 a.m.; lunch: noon to 1 p.m.
- **Northwood Community Center**, 1200 Ninth St. Breakfast: 9 to 10:30 a.m.; lunch: noon to 1 p.m.
- **Ortona Playground**, 1206 N. Halifax Ave. (June 8 through Aug. 7) Breakfast 8 to 9 a.m.; lunch: noon to 1 p.m.
- **Palmetto Park**, 450 Whitney St. Grab-and-go breakfast and lunch meals: 10 a.m. to noon
- **Rose Marie Bryon Children's Center**, 625 South St. (June 8 through July 3) Breakfast: 9 to 9:30 a.m.; lunch: noon to 1 p.m.
- **Salvation Army**, 1555 LPGA Blvd. Grab-and-go breakfast and lunch meals: 10 a.m. to noon
- **Sunnyland Park**, 825 Washington St. (June 8 through Aug. 7) Breakfast: 8 to 9 a.m.; lunch: noon to 1 p.m.
- **Yvonne Scarlett-Golden Cultural Center**, 1000 Vine St. (June 8 through Aug. 7) Breakfast: 8 to 9 a.m.; lunch: noon to 1 p.m.