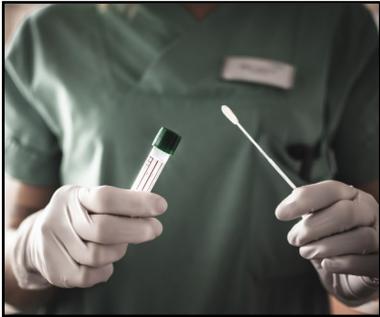




City Manager's Update

Free COVID-19 testing returns to Midtown area *Drive-thru and walk-up testing available June 24-25*



Free COVID-19 testing returns to the city's Midtown area for two days **June 24-25** at a temporary testing site being set up at 310 Jean St., an open parking lot across from the Midtown police precinct at the corner of Nova Road and Orange Avenue.

The testing will be available both days from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

- Wednesday, June 24, will offer **drive-thru testing**
- Thursday, June 25, will offer **walk-up testing**

The free COVID-19 test is a nasal swab and available for anyone regardless of age or symptoms.

An appointment is not needed; however, residents are requested to pre-register to avoid waiting in line.

To pre-register, call (386) 274-0500 and press #. A prescription and city residency are not required to be tested. A photo ID is required. Once samples are collected, they will be sent to a commercial laboratory for testing. Results will be provided as soon as they are available, usually within seven days. The testing site was created through a partnership between the City of Daytona Beach and the Florida Department of Health.

The city will also offer a separate, free COVID-19 walk-up testing site open to all Maley and Windsor residents from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. **Tuesday, June 23**, at 600 South Beach Street. The criteria to be tested is the same as the testing site at Jean Street. Residents are encouraged to pre-register to be tested at this location by calling (386) 274-0500 and press #.

In May, the COVID-19 testing site at the Midtown Community Center was open for 10 days and administered 1,375 tests. There were eight people who tested positive at the site, which is a .5% positivity rate.



Testing site at 310 Jean St. is the same location residents pick up sandbags when preparing for a storm.

Pandemic underscores importance of 2020 Census

Now more than ever it is important residents complete the 2020 Census. An accurate count of the 2020 Census would ensure that our community receives the most federal assistance possible for local hospitals and recovery efforts. By completing your census questionnaire, you can help our community receive the federal funding it deserves. Complete the census today at www.2020census.gov. For more information, visit www.DaytonaBeachCounts.com.



City prevails on appeal of vacation rental lawsuit

The Fifth District Court of Appeal recently affirmed Circuit Court Judge Leah Case's ruling last year challenging the city's short-term rental prohibition. The three-judge appellate panel agreed without a dissent, and a further appeal to the Florida Supreme Court is procedurally not possible.



Last year, the city prevailed in its motion for summary judgment in the lawsuit. Judge Case sided with the city, holding that the statutory preemption did not apply because the 2015 LDC merely carried forward from the former code previous regulations prohibiting short-term rentals in residential zoning districts. The plaintiffs then appealed to

the Fifth District Court of Appeal. The city's case was represented by Assistant City Attorney Gary Glassman.

Background

In July 2017, a lawsuit was brought against the city by several owners of properties in residential zoning districts, seeking to void the city's prohibition against short-term rentals in residential districts.

Plaintiffs asserted that, by virtue of the city's adoption of the 2015 Land Development Code ("LDC"), the city violated a state preemption for local regulations adopted after June 1, 2011, prohibiting short-term rentals (referred to as "other accommodations" in the LDC). As a result, plaintiffs claimed, the city's current prohibition of short-term rentals in residential zoning districts was invalid.

A short-term rental is defined as a property that is rented for less than six months. Currently short-term rentals are allowed only in tourist zoning districts and community redevelopment areas where hotels, motels and bed and breakfast inns are also allowed.

Bed and breakfast establishments can also set up in residential neighborhoods if the area is an established historic district.

Final paving of MLK roadway begins

Crews are continuing to make steady progress on the stretch of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd (MLK) from Orange Avenue to International Speedway Boulevard. Final paving of the roadway has begun; however, the main contractor on the project is seeking a new subcontractor to redo the paving because it did not meet the plan specifications and quality standards established for this project by the city. All of the businesses along this stretch of roadway remain open, and customers can park temporarily in the right-of-way on the side streets. For more information about the MLK Road Project, visit www.codb.us/MLKRoadProject.

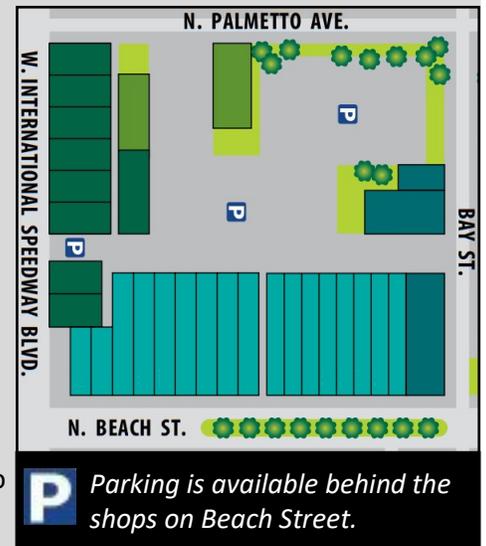


Beach Street Streetscape moving forward

The streetscape on Beach Street continues to move at an accelerated pace. Work in the first three phases, which is from Orange Avenue to Bay Street, is substantially complete. Crews plan to start on Phase 4, which is on the west side of Beach Street from Bay Street to International Speedway Boulevard (ISB) next week.

Parking for businesses in this area is available behind the stores and can be accessed from Bay Street and Palmetto Avenue.

Crews will work with shop owners to minimize disruption during business hours. For more information, visit www.BeachStreetStreetscape.com.



Waiving of permit fees ends June 23

As part of the city's COVID-19 Assistance Recovery (CARE) program, fees for commercial and residential permit fees are being waived for 90 days. The deadline for applying for a building permit without a fee is **Tuesday, June 23**.

To date, **1,564 permits** have been issued since March 25 for a total **construction valuation of \$112.5 million**. The amount of fees waived to date is **\$676,772**.

Permits and Licensing at City Hall, which is located at 301 S. Ridgewood Ave., has reopened to the public and is taking walk-ins. In addition, completed permit applications can be faxed to (386) 671-8149 or emailed to [Contact PnL@codb.us](mailto:Contact_PnL@codb.us). For more information, call P&L at (386) 671-8178 for assistance.



Peninsula Club renovations underway

Work started in May to remove and replace the 83 original wooden windows and 12 exterior doors at the Peninsula Women's Club located at 415 S. Peninsula Drive.

The contractor, Paul Culver Construction Inc., is installing new energy efficient and impact resistant windows and doors that meet all current city code requirements.

The replacement windows and doors will also have period-appropriate aesthetics that closely match the original units.

The facility remains closed throughout the construction, which should be completed in September.



Docks and fishing pier open at Bethune Point Park

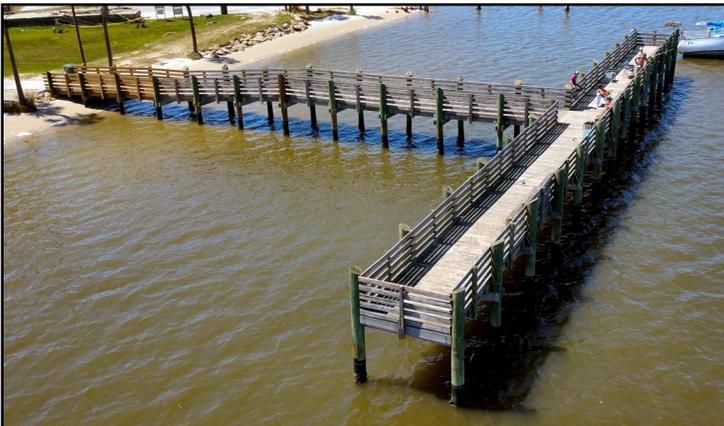
Boaters and anglers can enjoy a new access ramp and repaired fishing pier at the city-owned Bethune Point Park, which is off South Beach Street along the Halifax River. Work to reconstruct the hurricane damaged floating docks, including access boardwalks and gangways, is substantially complete and have been reopened for the public's use. Samsula Marine Division reconstructed the docks at a cost of \$370,283. The fishing pier that was damaged during Hurricane Irma was also repaired last year by Saboungi Construction Inc. at a cost of \$94,842, and is open.

Since the damage to the floating docks and fishing pier occurred during Hurricane Irma, both projects are

potentially eligible for reimbursement from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the State of Florida.

Bethune Point Park is open daily from dawn to dusk. The restrooms at the park have reopened; however, the picnic tables under the pavilion and skatepark remain closed. Due to COVID-19, the city has suspended facility rentals until further notice.

The park offers plenty of trailer parking. Those headed south down the intracoastal waterway can quickly get up to speed since the park is near the southern limit of the no-wake zone.



New sound system for Peabody Auditorium

The city's Peabody Auditorium has a new, state-of-the-art JBL auditorium sound system, which was recently installed by the best bidder, Bunt Backline Events Services. The system now awaits final system testing by JBL factory technicians based in California. The previous sound system was more than 10-years old and outdated. As a result, many shows required a system to be rented to support performances. The new system makes the Peabody more competitive in obtaining additional programming for the community.



Acquisition of the new system was aided by two grants from the Daytona Beach Racing and Recreation Facilities District procured for the Peabody by the Peabody Foundation. The remaining balance of the cost was approved by the City Commission to support the arts. Prior to COVID19, the Peabody was enjoying a record year of sell-out shows. The timeline for the Peabody reopening is still being considered, with their next show scheduled in September. For more information visit www.peabodyauditorium.org.



Transformation of Riverfront Park starts

The Daytona Beach Riverfront Esplanade transformation has begun. The project consists of two phases, each taking approximately nine months to complete.



The first phase from Main Street to International Speedway Boulevard (ISB) is a park-like setting with a restroom and park ranger station, along with areas to relax and reflect such as Bethune Plaza and the Halifax River Overlook located on the point behind the News-Journal Center. Landscaping with large 25' to 30' oak trees will be a focal point along Beach Street. The Sweetheart Trail along with a cushioned running track will run the length of Phase One.

Phase Two will be from ISB to Orange Avenue and include another restroom building along with interactive water features and raised botanical gardens. A concrete paver Promenade will run along the water's edge. Landscaping will be a prominent feature throughout.

Crews have installed fencing in the northern section of Riverfront Park from Main Street to ISB to maintain safety while work is being completed. Public access to Manatee Island, the day docks and the Sweetheart Trail is also closed.

City adds second weekly radio program

The City of Daytona Beach is sponsoring a second radio program weekly to help keep residents informed of the latest city news.

Tune in at noon every Tuesday and Thursday to listen to "Free Your Mind" airing on WELE 1380 AM and online by visiting www.1380thecat.com.



The city's Community Relations Manager Dr. L. Ronald Durham provides the latest city news as part of the one-hour program hosted by Charles Cherry II. The program is also rebroadcast at 11 a.m. Sunday.

The city continues to also host Daytona Beach Radio weekly, which airs from noon to 1 p.m. every Wednesday on JOY 106.3 FM. Hosted by Dr. Durham, this weekly program features timely and interesting discussions about projects and initiatives happening in our community.

Listeners can tune in at 106.3 FM, on the website at www.joy1063fm.com or by using the TuneIn radio app on smartphones and tablets. Daytona Beach Radio is also broadcast via Facebook Live offering viewers a chance to post questions and comments real time during the one-hour show.