



# City Manager's Update

## MLK Blvd. roadway reopened from Orange Avenue to ISB

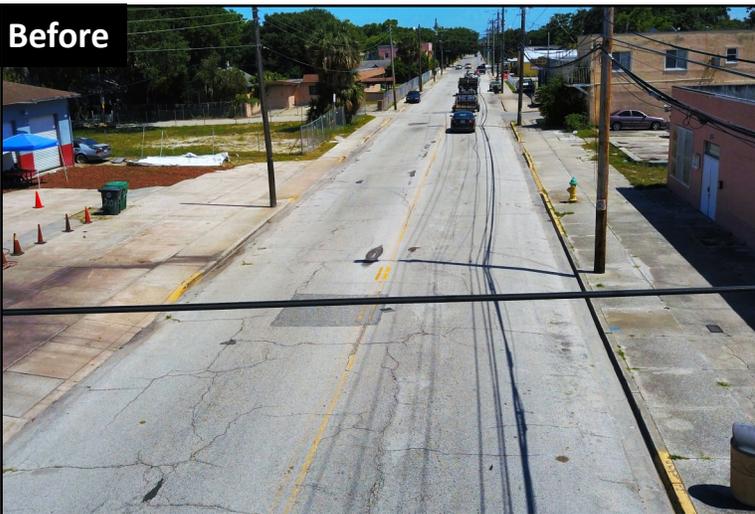
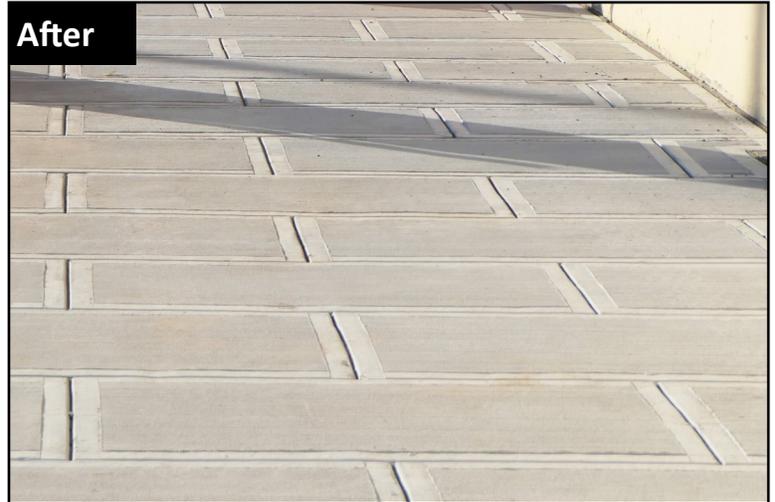
*Road and utility improvements provide new services to residents & businesses*

The stretch of roadway on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard from Orange Avenue to International Speedway Boulevard has reopened after receiving its final paving. New decorative sidewalks and streetlight poles have been installed, and all underground utilities have been replaced, which was some of the oldest infrastructure in the city.

In the coming weeks, crews will complete the decorative sidewalks after the wooden poles are removed, and the roadway will have its final striping. For more information about the MLK Road Project, visit [www.codb.us/MLKRoadProject](http://www.codb.us/MLKRoadProject).

### Project highlights include:

- 23 on-street parking spaces available
- New asphalt roadway has a 20-year design life
- Lifespan for new underground utilities is 50 years
- New LED streetlights are brighter, energy efficient
- ADA compliant sidewalks are 8-foot wide
- Curb ramps and crosswalks are ADA compliant
- Reclaimed water services extended to all properties
- Water services and city sewer laterals were replaced
- All vacant parcels now have utility services, which makes them more attractive for economic development



## City provides free face masks

The city has distributed about 3,000 free face masks in the past week. The reusable face masks are available 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday at these locations:

- Dickerson Community Center, 308 S. MLK Blvd.
- Midtown Community Center, 925 George W. Ingram Blvd.
- Schnebly Recreation Center, 1101 N. Atlantic Ave.
- YSG Community Center, 1000 Vine St.

The city has 8,000 masks to distribute that were provided by a personal donation from Zone 2 Commissioner Aaron Delgado and the Florida Department of Health in Volusia County. The health department and county are also distributing free face masks to the public. For a list of locations for free masks, visit [www.codb.us/coronavirus](http://www.codb.us/coronavirus).



## Health department offers COVID-19 testing

The Florida Department of Health in Volusia County is offering free, COVID-19 testing by appointment only at 1845 Holsonback Drive, weather permitting.

To make an appointment, call (386) 274-0500 and press # for coronavirus information between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Appointments are being scheduled between 8:15 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Anyone may get tested. Symptoms are not required.

Minors must be accompanied by a parent or guardian to provide consent for testing. The Department of Health will be using the (PCR) swab for testing.



## Preliminary semiannual data show reduction in most crime categories



According to statistics released this week by the Daytona Beach Police Department, violent and property crime decreased by 30% in Daytona Beach during the first six months of 2020 compared to the same period in 2019.

Property crime – auto theft, burglary and larceny – comprised 76.5% of reported crimes and violent crime – homicide, robbery, aggravated assault and sexual assault – made up 23.4% of Part 1 offenses. During this time, calls for service were down 6% when compared to 2019.

There was a slight drop in domestic violence cases, from 645 to 635. Crime categories with an increase were homicides, from 2 to 7, and sexual assaults, from 13 to 16. Traffic stops increased 17% from 8,271 to 9,732.

Notable reductions occurred in the following categories:

	2019	2020	CHANGE
<b>PROPERTY CRIME</b>			
<i>Auto thefts</i>	131	103	<b>-21%</b>
<i>Burglaries</i>	214	134	<b>-37%</b>
<i>Larcenies</i>	1,150	768	<b>-33%</b>
<b>VIOLENT CRIME</b>			
<i>Robberies</i>	48	30	<b>-38%</b>
<i>Aggravated Assault/ Battery</i>	313	255	<b>-19%</b>
<b>TOTAL PART 1 CRIMES</b>	1,871	1,313	<b>-30%</b>
<b>CALLS FOR SERVICE</b>	84,640	79,166	<b>-6%</b>
<b>ARRESTS</b>	4,638	3,506	<b>-24%</b>

## City seeking contractor for MMB Streetscape

The city is seeking a vendor for a streetscape to enhance a historic business corridor in Midtown on Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Boulevard from Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard to Ridgewood Avenue (U.S. 1). Sealed bids are due Thursday, July 16. The project scope includes:

- Removing the Chinese Elm trees, which are underperforming
- Adding 96 new crape myrtles and sabal palms, which are better suited for the environment
- Repairing and leveling sidewalk pavers
- Adding 15 new benches and 17 waste receptacles, which are the same design as the ones on the Beach Street Streetscape

After receiving approval from the City Commission, work is anticipated to begin in November.



## South Beach Street projects continue

### Sweetheart Trail



The final phase of extending the Sweetheart Trail to the southernmost end of the city is nearing completion. The contractor is scheduled to finish paving between the Holiday Care Center and Lighthouse Boulevard next week.

### Utility project



The installation of a new force main continues along the east side of South Beach Street. Restoration of South Beach Street from Cedar Street to Marina Point Drive is underway.

## Report clogged stormwater drains

With almost daily afternoon rainfall, residents may notice water ponding in roadways. Residents should keep stormwater run-off areas around their home, including roadway gutters, free and clear of debris and obstructions.

The city has many stormwater drainage systems that control flooding and minimize potential environmental impacts of stormwater runoff.

Stormwater collection systems provide surface drainage and meet stormwater management goals such as water quality, streambank channel protection, habitat protection and groundwater recharge.

The city's stormwater drains to the Halifax River and the Tomoka River.

If residents see anyone dumping illegal contents into these inlets or other stormwater areas or notice flooding as a result of a potentially clogged stormwater drain, notify the city's 24-hour dispatch center at (386) 671-8815 or report it online at [www.codb.us](http://www.codb.us), click on "How do I?" and then "Report, "Drainage Problem."



## Peabody to receive grant for new lighting

New theatrical lighting will be coming to Peabody Auditorium soon thanks in part to a \$90,216.85 grant awarded from the Daytona Beach Racing & Recreational Facilities District.

The current theatrical lighting system is outdated and has fallen below industry standards.



Acquisition of the new system will, except in the rarest of circumstances, eliminate the need to rent additional equipment for a performance at the Peabody.

Last season, the Peabody Auditorium hosted 16 sold-out performances and an additional nine, which reached over 1,800 in attendance. These 25 performances alone reached over 56,000 people.

For more information about Peabody Auditorium, visit [www.PeabodyAuditorium.org](http://www.PeabodyAuditorium.org).

## AC/DC tribute band performs Saturday night at the Daytona Bandshell

The popular Saturday night concerts at the Daytona Beach Bandshell returned last weekend with a Steve Wonder tribute that drew more than 300 attendees. Hosted by the Friends of the Bandshell, the concerts are offered at a reduced capacity and new social distancing protocols have been implemented at the outdoor venue to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. One of the biggest changes for concert goers is that now all general admission tickets are \$2 per person and include a provided chair. Tickets are sold in sets of two and guests can no longer bring their own personal chair. There also are no fireworks after the performance.



This **Saturday, July 18**, "Highway to Hell," an AC/DC tribute band, will take the stage at 7:15 p.m. For the schedule of upcoming Saturday night concerts and social distancing protocols, visit [www.friendsofthebandshell.org](http://www.friendsofthebandshell.org).

## Daytona Beach Zipline Adventure reopens

The Daytona Beach Zipline Adventure has reopened and offers a great way to enjoy the outdoors. Nestled in Tusawilla Park on the southwest corner of Nova Road and International Speedway Blvd., the adventure features more than 40 aerial games, including 10 ziplines!

Reservations are encouraged and space is limited to 10 participants per time slot. Walk-in guests are subject to space availability. Face coverings are required. For more information, visit [www.daytonazipline.com](http://www.daytonazipline.com).



Photo courtesy Daytona Beach Zipline Adventure

## Derbyshire Place provides school supplies

Derbyshire Place is hosting its annual Back-2-School Backpack Giveaway from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. **Saturday, Aug. 1**, at a drive-thru event. They will be giving away backpacks filled with school supplies and brand new sneakers, while supplies last.

Families must register in advance on a link on the Facebook page for Derbyshire Place, and choose a time slot to pick up supplies and maintain social distancing.

Families who register must be present to receive a backpack and/or sneakers. The supplies are for grade school children only (not including VPK).

To volunteer or donate to the event, please email [derbyshireplace@gmail.com](mailto:derbyshireplace@gmail.com). Derbyshire Place is located at 962 Derbyshire Road in Daytona Beach.



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