



City Manager's Update

Southern section of Sweetheart Trail opens *Trail from Shady Place to Wilder Boulevard completed*

Construction of the southern part of the city's Sweetheart Trail has rounded another bend. The section along South Beach Street from Shady Place to Wilder Boulevard is complete and open for enjoyment. At a cost of \$1.2 million, work on this section included constructing the trail along with upgrading the stormwater system, narrowing Beach Street to make room for the trail, adding curbs and gutters, repaving South Beach Street and installing a streetlight system. Now that the construction is complete, FP&L will install the decorative streetlights as part of their Tariff 1 Program.

This new section ties into existing trail sections, both to the north and south of the project. The final part of the southern end of the Sweetheart Trail includes a section from Bellevue Avenue north to Orange Avenue, which is under construction while the city completes a utility project in the area.

The \$8.1 million utility project includes the installation of a new 36-inch force main along South Beach Street to increase capacity in the wastewater collection system serving the downtown area and installation of four stormwater backflow preventers to help mitigate storm sewer backups due to high water levels in the Halifax River.

Staff estimates about 80% of the approximately four-mile trail is complete. The entire trail is scheduled to be finished in 2021.



Road detour for South Beach Street utility project
As the South Beach Street Force Main project progresses, crews have closed South Beach Street from South Street to Fremont Avenue for the next two weeks. Detours direct traffic to Ridgewood Avenue. Contractors are working with residents and businesses to address their individual needs while keeping home and business access open at all times. Residents can sign up for project updates by sending an email to Nicole Lloyd, project manager, at lloydnichole@codb.us.

City's P & L drone program increases staff capabilities

The city's Permits & Licensing Division is working harder and smarter these days. This division's workload has not slowed despite the pandemic, and staff continue to complete a record number of inspections. Enhancing their capability is the use of drones, which makes the division one of the first in Florida to use them on a day-to-day basis in accordance with the standard guidelines and operating procedures as required by the FAA. There are six inspectors who have received training and earned their FAA certifications, and there are two additional staff in training.

With their high-resolution imagery capabilities, aerial drone inspections are used on multi-story structures, roofs, shutter installs on high rises, demolitions and aerial site inspections (before and after).



Cameras capture up-close imagery of all facets of construction and can zoom in on the head of a screw if necessary.

This enhanced technology also increases the safety on inspections. For example, drones can be used to assess the safety of a building identified for demolition and show any contributing factors. They enable inspectors to stay off of high-roof pitches and out of unsafe situations such as inspections on high-rise buildings.

Some examples of recent use of the drones is the aerial access to

the entire perimeter of the Mintos and Mosaic subdivisions off LPGA Boulevard, as well as water access to view the Veterans Memorial Bridge construction and dilapidated docks in the Halifax River.

City applies for disaster mitigation grants

Public comments are being accepted on three utility-related grant applications the city plans to submit for HUD's newly created Community Development Block Grant—Mitigation Funding. The first-of-its kind funding is available for disaster mitigation, and the city is seeking more than \$84 million for the following projects:

- **Lift Station No. 5 Replacement:** At 63 years of age, this lift station is one of the city's oldest and largest. Located on Shady Place, it services the central and older parts of the city.
- **Westside Regional Collection System Improvements:** A \$27 million request to increase redundancy in the system and help with flow during severe weather events.



- **Midtown Stormwater Remediation:** Project to remediate repetitive flooding occurrences in Midtown due to the breaching of Navy/Nova canals.

If the grant funding is approved, the city's total commitment is \$9,515,492. For more information or to make a comment on the grant applications, visit www.codb.us. The deadline to make a comment is 5 p.m. **Saturday, Sept. 12.**

City helps more than 500 households with rental assistance

Since May, 508 households have been provided rental assistance through the city's COVID-19 Assistance Recovery Effort (CARE) program. As of Aug. 27, the city has paid 705 months of rental assistance representing a total expenditure of \$631,241. The average rental payment is \$895.

Applications continue to be accepted through Dec. 15, 2020, or when funds are depleted. Assistance is provided on a first-complete application and first qualified/eligible basis and is for rental housing costs incurred on or after March 1, 2020. Assistance includes rental payments, with a two-month maximum assistance per household.

Appointments must be made to submit completed applications and provide documentation. Appointments can be made by calling:

- Central Florida Community Development Corporation (386) 226-1216
- Mid-Florida Housing Partnership Corporation (386) 274-4441, ext. 301 and 304



City's COVID-19 website nationally recognized

The city's dedicated webpage for COVID-19 information, www.codb.us/coronavirus, was recognized by an industry leader in digital communications as a model for how other municipalities can present timely information to their community.

The city's webpage was featured in a recent webinar titled *"Managing COVID-19 Communications Using Multi-Channel Technology,"* which was hosted by CivicPlus, the city's website provider. Additionally, CivicPlus included the city's page in their September newsletter in a section titled Examples of COVID-19 Digital Info Centers.

City staff created its coronavirus webpage at the start of the pandemic. The all-in-one hub includes information concerning testing locations, face mask requirements, city resolutions, financial assistance for businesses and homeowners, how to access city services online and more.

Assistance
Business Assistance
Cancellations / Closures
Community Centers & Programs
COVID-19 Assistance Recovery Effort (CARE)
City Commission & Boards
City Online Services
Outdoor Dining Permitted at Restaurants
Parks
Peabody Auditorium & Bandshell
Permits and Licensing
Utilities & Utility Billing

LATEST INFORMATION ON CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)



As of Sept. 9, 2020

City of Daytona Beach

The City of Daytona Beach continues to closely monitor this situation. We will continue to update our website and social media pages with information regarding impacts to the Daytona Beach community as this situation evolves.

[City of Daytona Beach Facebook](#)
[City of Daytona Beach Twitter](#)

COVID-19 Testing

For locations for COVID-19 testing, visit www.volusia.org/testing

Face coverings required indoors

At a special meeting Friday, June 26, city commissioners adopted a resolution requiring people working, living, visiting or doing business in the City of Daytona Beach to wear a

FAQs

- Are any City of Daytona Beach facilities closed?
- Are city services being affected by the prevention measures for COVID-19?
- Are the beaches open?
- How can I get more information about the Coronavirus?
- Should I still come to Daytona Beach for a vacation I have planned?

Bottled water program to end

The city's Water Bottling Program will end later this year. The decision to decommission the 21-year-old program was made due to the water bottling equipment exceeding its useful life expectancy, increased equipment repair and replacement costs, a highly competitive bottled water market and the general public's sentiment regarding single-use plastics.

Staff estimates the annual operating and capital costs needed for the replacement of the obsolete equipment to be about \$379,000. The program's two employees will be transferred to open positions in the Utilities Division.



Seawall replacement underway

The replacement of a seawall along the east side of Riverfront Park between Orange Avenue and International Speedway Boulevard is underway and about 25% complete. Section by section, crews demolish the old seawall and install new sheet piling. As part of the \$3.1 million project, crews will also remove and replace the observation decks, backfill the shoreline, restore the pedestrian bridge, construct multiple stormwater pipe outfalls and install new manholes, stormwater pipes and stormwater backflow preventers. The project is scheduled for completion in January.



Midtown gymnasium refurbished

The gymnasium floor at the city's Midtown Cultural & Educational Center was recently refurbished. At a cost of about \$15,000, the resurfacing restored the original luster to the maple floor as well as ensures a longer life and improved performance.

While the city's community centers are currently closed to the public, staff are looking forward to when residents can enjoy the updated gym.

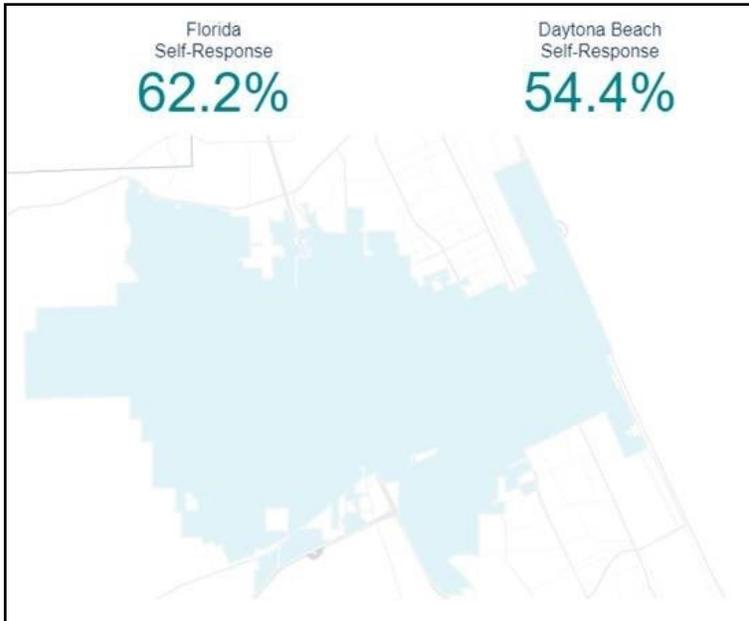


Make sure to complete the census

It's not too late to complete the census! Currently the City of Daytona Beach has a 54.4% response rates. Help the city reach 100% participation by completing the 2020 Census today. You can make sure you are counted by responding in one of three ways:

- Online at www.my2020census.gov
- Call (844) 330-2020
- Complete and return the paper form

Response is important because statistics from the census are used to determine how billions in funding is allocated for school lunches, hospitals, roads and much more. Help make Daytona Beach Count. For more information, visit www.DaytonaBeachCounts.com.



Meals available for students

Volusia County Schools students participating in Volusia Live are eligible for "Grab and Go" breakfast and lunch meals distributed weekly at two schools in Daytona Beach:

- Campbell Middle School (7:30 to 8 a.m.)
- Hinson Middle School (7:30 to 8 a.m.)

Regular prices (free, reduced, or full pay) apply. Only students enrolled in Volusia Live are eligible to pick up meals. Parents and/or students will be required to show identification for meal pickup. Each registered student will receive five breakfast and five lunch meals. For more information, visit www.vcsedu.org.



Keep cool at city pools

Looking to beat the heat? Take a swim at one of the city's two pools.

- The Campbell Aquatic Center, 400 S. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., is open from 2 to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, from 1 to 4:30 p.m. Saturday and is closed on Sunday.
- The Cypress Aquatic Center, 981 George W. Engram Blvd., is open from 1 to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, 1 to 4:30 p.m. Saturday and is closed on Sunday.

For more information about the aquatic centers, visit www.codb.us/LeisureServices.



Mayor's Golf Tournament, Nov. 6

The Mayor's Charity Golf Tournament is set for Friday, Nov. 6, 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.

Donations will be used for Halifax Health Foundation to purchase purchasing new, life-saving technology and for 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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