



City Manager's Update

Four Daytona Beach first responders nominated for awards

Police department school resource officer earns Responder of the Year award

Last week the Daytona Beach News-Journal recognized our community's first responders during a virtual ceremony. Out of the 84 nominations received, four were for public safety professionals from Daytona Beach.

Winning the *2020 First Responder of the Year* award was Daytona Beach Police Department's school resource officer **Elizabeth Daniel**, who has worked at Palm Terrace Elementary School for the past two years. Officer Daniel has been with the department since 2004 and previously worked as a detective before becoming a school resource officer.



Other nominees from Daytona Beach were **Motors Officer Steve Pignataro, Jr.**, and two lieutenants from the Daytona Beach Fire Department, **Lt. Jessica Matthews** and **Lt. Andrew Chaney**.

Officer Pignataro was recognized with the *2020 Honor* award. A third-generation law enforcement officer, Pignataro has been with the police department since 2014 and served in the narcotics division previously. He was assigned to the Motors Unit in 2019 and has received numerous awards including a Medal of Merit and a Unit Commendation award.



Lt. Jessica Matthews, who comes from a family of firefighters, was recognized for her efforts to organize the COVID-19 testing sites in the city that resulted in 2,800 people being tested in addition to her work as the training officer for the fire department.



Lt. Andrew Chaney, a 20-year veteran with the fire department, was recognized for his leadership in serving as an acting battalion chief while also teaching as a fire instructor at Daytona State College's Fire Academy.



The News-Journal held the award's program to recognize fire, law enforcement, emergency management, hospital personnel, rescue services and all essential businesses in Volusia and Flagler counties. The virtual ceremony can be viewed on the Daytona Beach News-Journal's website at www.news-journalonline.com.

Photos of the two police department officers are courtesy of the Daytona Beach News-Journal.

Staff respond to conditions created by high tides and heavy rain

As a result of weather conditions and abnormally high tides, including about 5.6 inches of rain this past Saturday, crews have been closing and opening roadways as needed since the weekend. The city's sanitary collection system, wastewater reclamation facilities and stormwater basin outfalls also have been impacted. City crews witnessed sanitary system overflows and lift station failures. Crews worked around-the-clock to maintain system operations and mobilized all of the city's resources, in addition to requesting assistance from outside contractors. Staff are cleaning up the debris left on sidewalks and roadways by the high water. Pre-filled sandbags were offered to the public at City Island Tuesday and are available at the Public Works facility. Daytona Beach Pier's fishing section is temporarily closed due to high surf, which is expected to continue through Thursday. Residents can report clogged storm drains by calling (386) 671-8815 or online at www.codb.us.



Sixth and final phase of Beach Street Streetscape begins

Improvements on Beach Street are in the sixth and final phase with work starting on the west side of Beach Street from Magnolia to Orange avenues. Crews are removing curb, gutter, sidewalk and vegetation in half block sections. They are working one section at a time to minimize disruption to businesses, including leaving storefront parking in the southern half of the block, which will remain open until the end of this week.

The block north of Magnolia Avenue on Beach Street has completely reopened with wider sidewalks, new pavers, lighting and landscaping, and more parking on both sides of the street. While work on Beach Street continues, ample parking is available behind the shops. Signs have been posted in the area to make it easier to find public parking, which can be accessed from the side streets and Palmetto Avenue.



Peninsula Club's doors & windows replaced

The work to replace the doors and windows at the Peninsula Women's Club has been completed. All original doors and windows were replaced as part of the \$432,518 project. The newly installed energy efficient and impact resistant windows and doors meet all current city code requirements and have period-appropriate aesthetics that closely match the original units.



Staff stay busy processing BTRs

Staff with the Business Licensing Office of the Permits & Licensing Division are working extra hard to process the thousands of renewals for

Business Tax Receipts (BTR), which expire annually Sept. 30. In August, renewal notices were distributed to remind business owners to renew by the September deadline. The office has two license officers and one business tax license inspector to process the renewals in addition to an average of 40 new business tax applications they receive each month. BTRs can be renewed from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at City Hall, or online at www.codb.us. Business owners can call (386) 671-8280 for more information.

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expire Sept. 30**

Refurbished lobby greets visitors at City Hall

Staff are putting the finishing touches on the recently refurbished lobby at City Hall, creating a welcoming and modernized area while also increasing the safety and security of staff working at the reception desk.

Improvements included installing new carpet, ceiling tiles and lights, television monitors, reception desk with a tempered glass enclosure and key card access, a partition behind the reception desk to separate the corridor from the lobby, and a storefront door leading to the walk area behind the lobby.

The lobby is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Face coverings are required at City Hall to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.



Improvements underway at Derbyshire Sports Complex

Several improvements are underway at the Derbyshire Sports Complex. The city recently finished creating a new football/multi-use playing field in the park's southwest corner. A new paved parking lot is under construction and the tennis courts will be resurfaced this fall.



A separate project to install sidewalks in the surrounding areas is also preparing to get underway. The city has received federal funding to install new sidewalks in two phases. The first phase of sidewalks has been designed and officials anticipate construction will start this fall.

New sidewalks will be installed on Vine Street from Brentwood Drive to Fourth Street, and on Third Street from Vine Street to Nova Road. Officials estimate this phase will take about six months to complete once construction begins.

Aging stormwater pipes to be rehabilitated starting next week

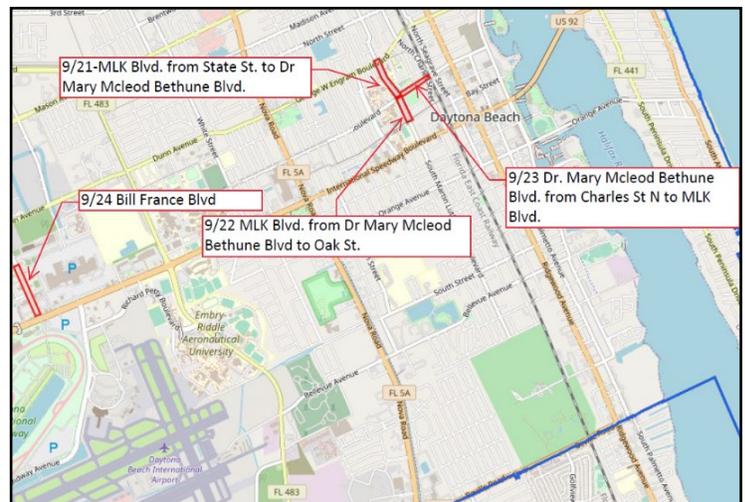
Next week during overnight hours, aging wastewater pipes in the area of Bethune-Cookman University and along Bill France Boulevard will be rehabilitated with a trenchless process, which will inspect, video and line sewer pipes.

The “no-dig” rehab method reduces costs, minimizes disruptions to residents and businesses, and improves system capacity and reliability. It also strengthens and extends the useful life of deteriorated pipe.

Crews will work from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. on the following days and streets:

- **Monday, Sept. 28** – Dr. MLK Blvd. from State Street to Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Blvd.
- **Tuesday, Sept. 29** – Dr. MLK Blvd. from Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Blvd. to Oak Street
- **Wednesday, Sept. 30** – Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Blvd. from Charles Street N. to Dr. MLK Blvd.
- **Thursday, Oct. 1** – Bill France Blvd. from Legends Lane to International Speedway Blvd. (U.S. HWY 92).

Impacted residents and businesses have been notified with door hangers. In August, the City Commission approved a work authorization with Insituform Technologies, which is headquartered in Chesterfield, Missouri, to rehabilitate more than 13,000 feet of wastewater and stormwater pipes in the city.



Police department raises funds for charities

The Daytona Beach Police Department raised a little more than \$30,000 during the Team Daytona & Police Unity Tour Golf Tournament recently. The funds raised by the 144 participating golfers will benefit several Team Daytona law enforcement charities, the Police Unity Tour, Tour de Force Florida, Daytona Beach Police Explorers and the Tour de Force 9/11 Memorial Ride. The police department also raised more than \$4,000 for Tour de Force during the 9/11 memorial bicycle ride Sept. 12.



Revenue sharing agreement with tennis pro

The City Commission is expected to formalize a revenue sharing agreement with longtime Tennis Pro John Hudson. The agreement outlines payment for services Hudson provides at the city-owned Florida Tennis Center. Hudson, an independent contractor, will provide individual and group lessons and restringing of tennis racquets, as well as coordinate tennis tournaments at the 18-year-old facility.



In the agreement, Hudson will pay the city \$600 per month for court rentals for private lessons, 20% of revenue generated from groups lessons and 20% of revenues from tournaments that he brings to the tennis center. The city will pay Hudson \$14 for each tennis racquet he restrings. He will also retain all of the proceeds from private lessons he conducts.

Bandshell concerts continue into October

Concerts at the Daytona Beach Bandshell are continuing through October with social distancing protocols in effect.



Hosted by the Friends of the Bandshell, the concerts are offered at a reduced capacity at the outdoor venue.

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.

This **Saturday, Sept. 26**, "Wall of Echoes," a Pink Floyd tribute 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.

Don't forget to complete the Census

Residents are encouraged to help make Daytona Beach count by participating in the 2020 Census, which wraps up this month. 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. Currently a little more than half of the city's residents have completed the census. Residents can complete the census in one of three ways:



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

Census takers have also started visiting homes that haven't responded to the census. Census takers are hired locally, wear face masks and follow local health guidelines. They will never ask to enter your home and will not ask for money. If you still have questions about their identity, call (800) 923-8282 to speak with a Census Bureau representative. For more information, visit www.DaytonaBeachCounts.com.

Hazardous Waste Amnesty Day, Nov. 7

Residents can safely dispose unwanted common, yet potentially dangerous, household items during Hazardous Waste Amnesty Day, which is from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, at the city's Public Works facility, 950 Bellevue Ave. in Daytona Beach. Items accepted include:

- paint, paint thinners
- solvents
- pesticides
- fertilizers
- household chemicals
- batteries
- light bulbs
- pool chemicals
- anti-freeze
- propane tanks

These types of materials should never be included with your regular household

garbage because of their potential to contaminate the environment or water supply. Citizens must show proof of Daytona Beach residency and there is no cost to drop off items. Materials not accepted include fuel, gas cans, used motor oil and tires. Call (386) 671-8670 for more information about the Hazardous Waste Amnesty Day.

