



City Manager's Update



Holiday lights and visits with Santa brighten the holidays

Activities throughout the city bring joy this season

Santa visits neighborhoods

Santa had a busy day Saturday as he rode on a fire truck and made stops at the Schneibly Recreation Center, Midtown Community Center and Derbyshire Park so residents could take holiday photos with him that were socially-distanced.



Fire Department collects thousands of toys for local families

The fire department's annual toy drive collected enough toys to help about 800 families, with each child receiving three to four toys.



Shop with a Cop

The police department held its annual Shop with a Cop event, which provided 25 local families with \$250 in spending money for a shopping spree at Walmart.



Youth treated to shopping spree

Academy Sports + Outdoors, in coordination with B-CU's athletics program and DBPD, treated 10 kids who have participated in the city's Leisure Services programs to a shopping spree Saturday.

Bright Lights & Merry Nights Holiday Lights Map

Enjoy holiday lights throughout the city with a map to the light displays.

To view the map, or have your home or business added, visit www.codb.us/holidaylights.

Photos with Santa Saturday, Dec. 19

Kids can get a free photo with Santa from 9 a.m. to noon **Saturday, Dec. 19**, at the Downtown Farmers' Market located at 100 Magnolia Ave. between Beach Street and Palmetto Avenue. Santa will be wearing a mask, and everyone who comes for a photo should also wear a mask and practice social distancing. The free photographs will be sent via email or text to the parent or guardian before Friday, Dec. 25.



Design nearly finished for dirt road in Midtown

Construction plans to improve a section of Division Street from Orange Avenue to Live Oak Avenue are nearly complete with final plans expected next month. This 740-foot segment is one of the last unpaved roadways in the Midtown area.

Sanford-based CPH Engineering is responsible for design services as well as surveying and permitting. Due to low-lying property on both sides of the street, the roadway will be designed with what is known as a “reverse crown,” a contour which allows stormwater runoff to be directed to the center of the street instead of to its edges.

In another effort to help alleviate standing water after heavy rainfall, two city-owned parcels on Division Street will be converted to stormwater retention areas.



Beach Street Streetscape finishes on time

Finishing touches are happening this month including adding the potted plants and a final walkthrough with the contractor, P& S Paving.

The project created additional parking spaces along Beach Street and reduced the traffic lanes to two lanes in an effort to slow traffic. There is also ample public parking available behind the shops on Beach Street, which can be accessed off Palmetto Avenue and the side streets.



TNR program helps 500+ cats

Animal Control recently neutered its 500th stray cat as part of its Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) program.

Reaching this major milestone goes a long way in helping to reduce the number of stray cats in the city, and is made possible through a partnership between Animal Control, residents and the Halifax Humane Society.

Residents can call Animal Control at (386) 671-5455 for more information or to report stray cats in their area.



Municipal Stadium recently hosted area high school soccer games. Pictured is a match between Atlantic High School and Deland High School played Tuesday, Dec. 1, which ended with the Bulldogs winning 11-0.

Citizens on Patrol recruiting

The Police Department is recruiting volunteers to join its Citizens on Patrol (COP) program, a volunteer service where residents perform crime watch activities, alert the police department of hazardous and unlawful behavior and provide assistance to police officers when requested.



The volunteer program trains civilians to assist as an extra set of eyes and ears in the fight against crime in and around Daytona Beach. By their visibility, citizen patrols serve as a strong deterrent to unlawful actions. In the many areas in which COP patrols are visible, there have been a noticeable reduction in crime rates.

For information about requirements and training, contact COP Director Clifford Wright at (386) 671-5451.

First Step Shelter Makes a Year of a Difference

This month First Step Shelter celebrates its first year of operations. Since opening its doors last December, First Step Shelter accepted 134 residents, who were referred by local law enforcement agencies, area hospitals, social service organizations and places of worship. Today, there are 38 residents inside the shelter.

In terms of general case management, the shelter has provided these services:

- 54 residents received birth certificates
- 47 residents have received housing
- 35 residents secured Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits
- 27 residents secured monthly social security benefits
- 22 residents were assisted with housing voucher applications
- 19 court dates were met
- 18 residents secured disability income benefits
- 8 residents received housing vouchers



Chief Young hosts first promotion ceremony

Shortly after his own swearing-in ceremony last month, Police Chief Jakari Young named Scott Goss and Jennifer Whittet as his deputy chiefs. On Tuesday during an outdoor promotional ceremony at police headquarters, Chief Young completed his command staff by promoting Lieutenants Trisha Loomis and Todd McBride as new captains. They will join captains Scott Lee and BK Williams. Captains McBride and Loomis will report to Deputy Chief Goss and be responsible for the patrol division in District 1 and District 2, respectively.

In addition, Sergeants Bernie Daven, Kelsey Harris and Bridget Hayden were promoted to the rank of lieutenant at the ceremony.

Cumulatively, the seven leaders have served the Daytona Beach community for 126 years.

"These leaders possess the qualities and attributes that I am looking for to work alongside me in service to this community and this department."
Police Chief Young



Deputy Chief Goss



Deputy Chief Whittet



Captain Loomis



Captain McBride



Sgt. Daven



Sgt. Harris



Sgt. Hayden

Registration open for youth winter camp

The city's is offering a winter camp program for kids from Monday, Dec. 21, through Monday, Jan. 4, at Ortona Elementary School. Registration is open and the deadline is Friday, Dec. 18. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the camp's capacity is limited to 20 participants. For more information or to register, contact Susan Bashans at (386) 405-1388 or bashanssusan@codb.us.



F.R.E.S.H. Book Festival, Jan. 8-9

Registration is open for the F.R.E.S.H. Book Festival – Jan. 8 and Jan. 9!



This two-day festival offers an engaging weekend of entertainment with film, book and author presentation, focus groups and music. In 2021, the festival will be virtual and international with BAMM! Books, Authors, Movies and Music.

The F.R.E.S.H. Book Festival was developed to assist young inspiring authors with their marketing and to introduce them to veterans of the book business. To register or for more information, visit www.freshbookfestivals.net.

Stay cool at a city pool

Cypress Aquatic Center, at 981 George W. Engram Blvd., is open from noon to 8 p.m. for open swim, and noon to 2:15 p.m. for lap swimming, Monday through Saturday. For the holidays, the aquatic center will be closed Thursday, Dec. 24, Friday, Dec. 25, and Saturday, Jan. 1.



The daily admission is \$3 for adults and \$2 for person 17 years old and younger. Children 7 years and younger must be accompanied in the water by a parent or responsible supervisor at least 16 years old.

Visitors will have their temperature checked before entering the facility and should adhere to social distancing guidelines. People who are sick, coughing or do not feel well should not enter. Groups are restricted to 10 or less people, and the facility is limited to 50 people occupancy.

For the safety of visitors, Campbell Aquatic Center at 400 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. has been temporarily closed while construction is underway for a new entry pavilion and shaded seating areas. The pool will reopen when the improvements are complete, which is scheduled for January. Residents with questions can also call (386) 671-8393.

Fitness program postponed

In light of the recent rise in COVID-19 cases, the upcoming Mayor's Fitness Challenge has been postponed and may be rescheduled to this spring.

Residents are encouraged to take steps to stay COVID-free this holiday season - wash hands frequently, social distance when out and about, and always wear a face covering when indoors and social distancing is not possible.

All of the city's parks are open and offer a great way to stay active this holiday season. A list of the city's parks is online at www.codb.us. Staying active while protecting yourself from COVID-19 is important as we enjoy the holidays and a great way to kick off a Happy New Year.



Christmas & New Year's Day Trash Collection

Christmas

- ❄️ No garbage or recycling will be collected Friday, Dec. 25.
- ❄️ Garbage and recycling collections will be Saturday, Dec. 26.



New Year's Day

- ❄️ No garbage or recycling will be collected Friday, Jan. 1.
- ❄️ Garbage and recycling collections will be Saturday, Jan. 2.

