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City Manager's Update



Join us in celebrating Black History Month. Visit www.CelebratingBlackHistory.com as we reflect on our heritage and honor local leaders in the city.

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Florida COVID-19 #s

Positive cases: 1,844,627
Hospitalizations: 76,825
Deaths: 29,311
Daily positivity rate: 6.42%
People vaccinated: 2,487,055

Volusia County COVID-19 #s

Positive cases: 33,295
Hospitalizations: 1,647
Deaths: 622
Daily positivity rate: 6.01%
People vaccinated: 65,727

Questions?

For updates about the vaccine and distribution, call the county's hotline at (866) 345-0345 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday or visit www.volusia.org/coronavirus.

Site work begins on area's first-of-its kind rental development

Development offers single-family rental homes in a suburban environment

Site work has begun on The Capstone Cottages development on an almost 30-acre parcel on the

southwest corner of Williamson Boulevard and Strickland Range Road. Ormond Beach-based JD Webber Construction is the contractor performing the site work valued at \$5.4 million, which will install all underground utilities, roads, sidewalks, and common and parking areas for the 283-unit residential development with amenities and services typically found in more urban settings.

Once built, the development will feature cottage-style homes designed to attract young professionals, empty nesters and those coming to Daytona Beach looking to rent instead of buy. The community will offer a mix of one, two and three-bedroom cottage units, each with its own private, fenced yard. Each unit will range from 650 to 1,350 square

feet. To create a neighborhood feel and unique lifestyle for its residents, the common areas will feature open green spaces to

host community events, courtyards with pavilions and barbeque stations, a central clubhouse and resort-style pool, state-of-the-art fitness center, dog park and electric car charging stations.

The homes will offer nine to 12-foot ceilings, quartz countertops, wood-grain flooring, in-unit washers and dryers, a smart home technology package and will have 24/7 on-call maintenance and optional enclosed garage parking.

The developer of the project is Alabama-based Capstone Communities. They have 118 rental communities in 31 states. Capstone Communities purchased the Daytona Beach property late last year for \$8.1 million.



The Capstone Cottages development is underway at 1850 N. Williamson Boulevard.

Local Black pioneers honored with banners on city's main thoroughfare

An effort to recognize historic Black leaders has expanded this month through a partnership between the Midtown Community Development Corporation and the city. Street banners will be displayed on International Speedway Boulevard from Nova Road to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and feature local Black icons including:

- Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune
- Mary Evelyn Bonner
- Rose Marie Bryon
- Minnie Wiggins Campbell
- Charles W. Cherry Sr.
- Samuel James "Rip" Collins Jr.
- Dr. Evelyn Stocking Crosslin
- Yvonne Scarlett-Golden
- James E. Huger Sr.
- Keturah Thompson Jackson
- Merrell Charles Lloyd
- Dr. Richard V. Moore Sr.
- Jack (Jackie) Roosevelt Robinson
- LeRosa Smith
- Herbert Thompson
- Howard Thurman

Additional banner sponsors include the Daytona Branch of the NAACP, Daytona Times, Daytona Tortugas, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Geico, Herbert Thompson Funeral Home, Identity Church, Medallion Healthcare Services and Ritchey Autos.

Street banners recognizing Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. were unveiled in January on the same stretch of road.

Biographical information about the featured local pioneers can be found online at www.CelebratingBlackHistory.com.

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<p>Yvonne Scarlett-Golden</p>  <p>Sunrise: Feb. 1, 1926 Sunset: Dec. 5, 2006</p> <p>First Black mayor of Daytona Beach</p> <p>Educator, dreamer, leader</p>	<p>Jack (Jackie) Roosevelt Robinson</p>  <p>Sunrise: January 31, 1919 Sunset: October 24, 1972</p> <p>Played in first racially integrated spring training game on Daytona Beach's City Island in 1946 before becoming first African American to play in modern Major League Baseball</p>
	

New light fixtures being installed on Atlantic Avenue from ISB to University Avenue

Carter Electric crews are in the process of installing new, energy efficient, LED light fixtures on the 50 city-owned pedestrian light poles on Atlantic Avenue, from International Speedway Boulevard north to University Avenue. About six fixtures will be replaced each day with completion of the \$200,000 project scheduled for the end of March.

The new bell-shaped luminaire is powder-coated aluminum with a shepherd's crook style arm. The replacement will result in brighter lighting and substantial energy cost savings compared to the previously installed metal halide bulbs. Additionally, the long lifespan of LED fixtures will yield reduced maintenance and repair costs.



Fire department celebrates promotions

The Fire Department held a ceremony at Jackie Robinson Ballpark at the end of January to celebrate firefighters being promoted and joining the ranks, as well as the retirement of a veteran employee.

Lt. Jessica Matthews was promoted to battalion chief. Driver/Engineer Steven Taft was promoted to lieutenant, and four new firefighters joined the ranks: Noah Dunbar, Tyler Dettore, Alexander Pasciak and Luis Garcia.

Eight firefighters who had been promoted to driver/engineer this past March were also recognized: Travis Ferrer, Brandon Turner, Chase Parker, Scott Hughes, Jacob Otto, Cody Case, Allen Smith and Alex Garrett. Battalion Chief Michael Harvey, a 22-year veteran who retired in December, was also recognized.

In a separate ceremony, Driver/Engineer John Van Hout was promoted to lieutenant today.

“Welcoming new firefighters to our family and promoting those who have worked hard to advance in their career is not only exciting for me to witness as Fire Chief but it is also history in the making for the members of our department who get to participate in the progression of the Daytona Beach Fire Department.”

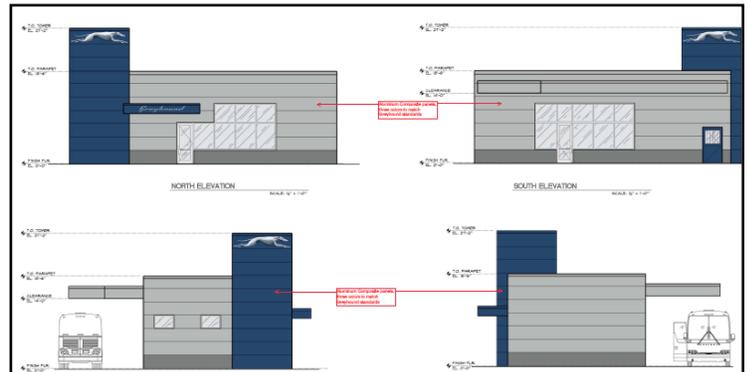
Fire Chief Dru Driscoll



The city's fire department is being featured in an exhibit at the Halifax Historical Society Museum. Now through the summer, guests can view the exhibit that showcases the department's history dating back to the late 1800s through modern day. The museum is located at 252 South Beach St. and is open Tuesday through Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Changes coming to Ridgewood Avenue's Greyhound Bus Terminal

Demolition of the nearly 60-year-old Greyhound bus station at 138 S. Ridgewood Ave. is underway to make room for the construction of a new “compact” 1,472 square-foot terminal and ticketing facility along with parking, utilities, drainage and landscape improvements. Until the new facility is constructed, a temporary, modular bus terminal will be in place.



Rendering of new Greyhound Bus Terminal.



Greyhound Bus Terminal at 138 S. Ridgewood Ave.



Battalion Chief Jessica Matthews



Lieutenant Steven Taft

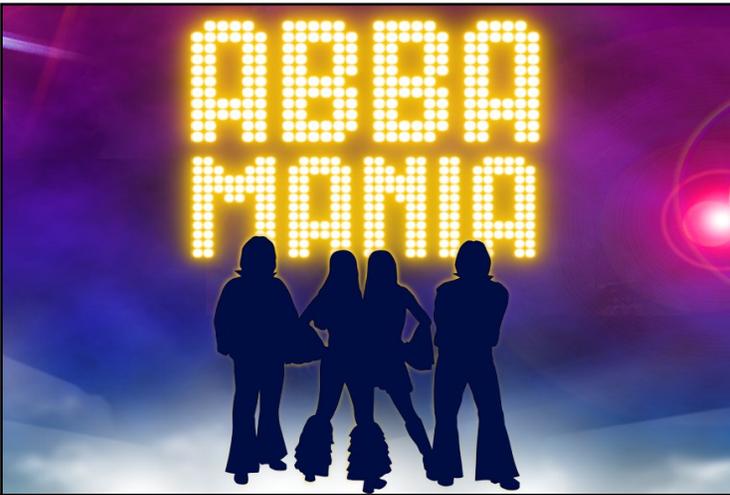


Lieutenant John Van Hout



New firefighters Noah Dunbar, Tyler Dettore, Alexander Pasciak and Luis Garcia (left to right).

News to Note



The world's number one touring ABBA production, ABBA MANIA, is performing at the Daytona Beach Oceanfront Bandshell at 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21. Social distancing protocols are being implemented for this concert. Tickets start at \$49.75. For more information and tickets, visit www.DaytonaBandshell.com.

Redistricting data from U.S. Census Bureau delayed

The U.S. Census Bureau has announced it will provide the redistricting data to all states by Sept. 30 (instead of the original March 31 deadline). The redistricting data includes counts of population by race, ethnicity (Hispanic or Latino origin), voting age, housing occupancy status and group quarters population, all at the census block level. This is the information that states need to redraw or "redistrict" their legislative boundaries. For more information about the census, visit www.census.gov.



City offers learn-to-swim lessons

Registration is open for learn-to-swim lessons that will begin Monday, April 5, at the city's Campbell and Cypress aquatic centers. The lessons are for youth ages 4 to 10 years old and are \$30 per session. Session 1 lessons are from April 5 through April 29. Session 2 lessons are from May 3 through May 27. Financial scholarships are available for qualifying youth. For more information, call (386) 671-8392 or visit www.codb.us/swimlessons.



Speedway hosts DAYTONA Road Course Feb. 19-21

This weekend the Daytona International Speedway is hosting NASCAR Cup Series, NASCAR Xfinity Series and NASCAR Camping World Truck Series races for the DAYTONA Road Course. Social distancing protocols will be implemented for all of the races. A limited number of tickets and camping sites are available. Kids 12 and under are free Friday and Saturday in select sections and start at \$10 for the Sunday race. For more information and tickets, visit www.DaytonaInternationalSpeedway.com

Residents can pre-register for COVID-19 vaccine

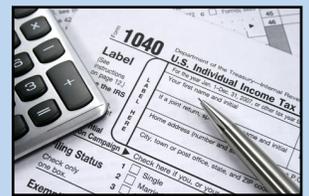
Residents age 65 and older are encouraged to sign up for COVID-19 vaccine appointments on the state's Sharecare website. By registering on the site, individuals will be placed in a queue and notified when appointments are available in their area. To register, visit www.myvaccine.fl.gov or call (866) 201-7314.

2021 Easter Beach Run canceled

This year's Easter Beach Run has been canceled due to the pandemic. Once a new race date has been set, it will be announced on the city's social media pages and online at www.codb.us/EasterBeachRun.

Volunteer tax assistance

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program, which offers free income tax preparation using IRS-certified volunteers, has started taking appointments. The FREE tax prep services are offered to people making less than \$54,000, persons with disabilities, the elderly and limited English-speaking taxpayers. For more information or to make an appointment, call 2-1-1 or (386) 253-0564.



Daytona State College offers help for job seekers

Residents who have lost their employment or been furloughed due to the pandemic can find high-value, low-cost training at Daytona State College. Learn more at an Upskill Now! Info Session, which offers details on how to earn a certificate in nine high-demand job areas in as little as 18 weeks. Call (386) 506-3621 or send questions to UpSkill@DaytonaState.edu.

American Airlines extends daily, nonstop flights

American Airlines has extended its daily seasonal route servicing Daytona Beach International Airport to and from Philadelphia. The Philadelphia flights will pause April 5 through June 2 and then resume June 3 through Sept 7.