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City Manager's Update



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Rehabilitation of two neighborhood streets starts next week

Roadway will undergo full-depth reclamation to minimize disruption

Roadway rehabilitation of two neighborhood streets is scheduled to begin next week on Willis Avenue between Welch Drive and Seneca Street and Seneca Street between Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Boulevard and Dunn Avenue. Due to their conditions, the roadways will undergo a full-depth reclamation process, which is a type of road reconstruction where the old pavement and base materials are pulverized, treated with a stabilizing agent and re-applied to the road. The roadway is then re-surfaced with an overlay of new asphalt. This is a much quicker process than traditional road construction since there's less truck traffic, there is little or no waste, and the new roadway is as durable as a traditionally reconstructed roadway. The project cost is \$267,296.

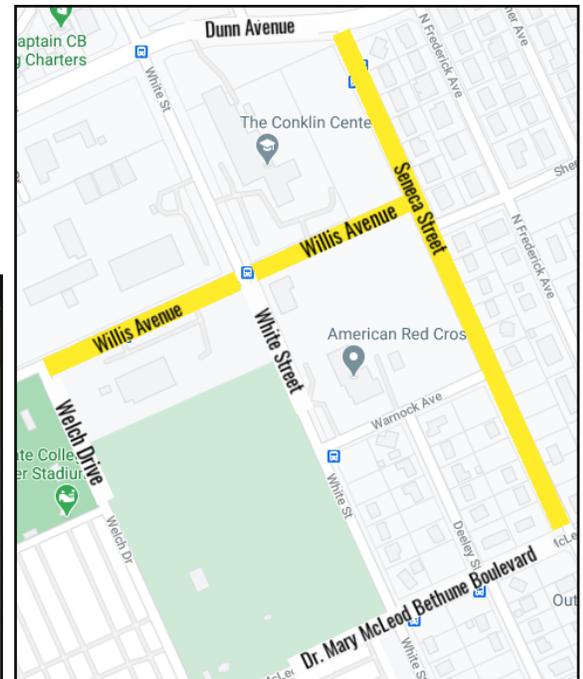
The roadways will not be closed during the rehabilitation; however, traffic will be limited to one lane, and flaggers will help direct traffic.



The rehabilitation is scheduled to be finished by the end of March. Residents and businesses in the area have been notified of the work.

To minimize traffic disruption, the White Street intersection will be replaced when that roadway comes due for its required maintenance in the future. In addition, as part of the project, Utilities staff replaced service lines nearing the end of their useful life, to minimize disturbance of the newly constructed roadway.

Champions Drive is the next scheduled resurfacing project and will start in the spring.



Florida COVID-19 #s

Positive cases: 1,924,114
 Hospitalizations: 80,024
 Deaths: 31,267
 Daily positivity rate: 6.82%
 People vaccinated: 3,174,162

Volusia County COVID-19 #s

Positive cases: 34,222
 Hospitalizations: 1,761
 Deaths: 666
 Daily positivity rate: 6.08%
 People vaccinated: 81,394

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.

City seeks public input for new city manager

The public is invited to a candidate forum at 9 a.m. **Saturday, March 20**, at the Midtown Cultural and Educational Center, to meet the new city manager finalists. The public is asked to register in advance to assist with physical distancing efforts; however, registration is not required. The public can also submit questions for the candidates in advance. For more information, to register or submit questions, visit www.codb.us/CityManagerSearch.

Downtown Daytona Beach welcomes visitors and finalizes streetscape

Wine & Chocolate Walk a success!

As the final touches are put on the Beach Street Streetscape, merchants in downtown Daytona Beach celebrated its renewal Feb. 20 hosting the 10th Annual Wine & Chocolate Walk, which was the area's first event since the pandemic began. With nearly 800 participants, this year's event was the most successful in its 10-year history. Attendees enjoyed wine and chocolate from more than a dozen vendor booths outdoors on Beach Street from Orange Avenue to Bay Street. Local businesses, including Sweet Marlays' Coffee and Daytona Cigar Shop, also reported an increase in sales related directly to the event. Social distancing protocols and other safety measures were in place to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.



Upcoming Beach Street events

Enjoy a St. Patrick's Day Celebration block party from 5 to 10 p.m. **Wednesday, March 17**, in downtown Daytona Beach. Beach Street will be closed from Orange Avenue to International Speedway Boulevard. Free parking is available behind the shops and can be accessed from Palmetto Avenue and nearby side streets. There will be two stages with live folk music featuring bands Intracoastals, Power Wagen and Flanders & Flancy. Attendees will find several downtown restaurants offering dinner specials featuring traditional Irish fare.



Mark your calendars:

- March 27: 2nd Annual Beer & Bacon Walk
- April 17: Wine & Cheese Walk
- May 5: Cinco de Mayo Celebration

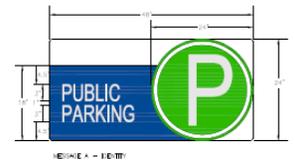
City preps move of transformers

Public Works staff and Florida Power & Light crews are preparing to move three electrical transformers that are in the sidewalks on the east side of Beach Street between Orange Avenue and Bay Street. Beginning **Tuesday, March 16**, the three transformers will be relocated from the sidewalk and moved into the park. Once the boxes are moved, crews will fill holes in the sidewalk with concrete to provide more walking space for visitors. The work is expected to take about a week to complete.



Public parking signs help guide visitors

In the downtown area, there are multiple public parking lots that Beach Street visitors can use at no charge. To help the public find these lots, the city is updating its public parking signs.



Bids are being received for the work until 2 p.m. Monday, March 8.

The project's scope includes the removal and replacement of 12 parking signs, as well as the addition of 3 signs, along Palmetto Avenue from Orange Avenue to Bay Street. The 24x48 inch signs will direct the public to parking that is available behind Beach Street businesses as well as along Magnolia Avenue, International Speedway Boulevard and Bay Street. The work is scheduled to be complete by the end of summer.



Reported crime trends low

Downtown Daytona Beach remains a safe area for visitors as reported crime in the area has continued to trend downward. According to the Police Department, reported calls for crime and non-crime related inquiries comprised less than 1.1% of the city's total calls of service in 2020.



Community Black leaders recognized on International Speedway Boulevard



Now through the end of the month, be on the lookout for street banners on International Speedway Boulevard between Nova Road and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard that recognize historic Black leaders. Through a partnership between the city and the Midtown Community Development Corporation, 16 local Black leaders are featured as part of this project. For biographical information, visit www.CelebratingBlackHistory.com.

A ceremony to celebrate the installation of the banners is planned for 1 p.m. **Saturday, March 6**, at the northwest corner of International Speedway Boulevard and Lincoln Street.

City prepares for 80th Bike Week

Large crowds will start arriving this week for the 80th anniversary of Bike Week, March 5-14. With the event planned in the midst of a pandemic, safety measures are being implemented to help prevent the spread of the virus.



Daytona Beach merchants in the Master Plan, including a few on Main Street, will be limited to 60% indoor occupancy. Merchants will be following CDC guidelines for facemasks and physical distancing.

This year traffic will be restricted to only motorcycles on Main Street from Peninsula Drive to Atlantic Avenue during the 10-day event. Other motorists must use the side roadways or receive special permission to access the area. Curbside parking on Main Street will be limited to allow for greater physical distancing on the sidewalks. The Ocean Center will accommodate overflow parking in some of its lots and indoor parking at the facility will be available on the weekends. Parking is available for \$5 outside and \$10 inside per motorcycle.

The Police Department's personnel are focused on the safety of residents and visitors. They will utilize drones to monitor Main Street and other large Bike Week areas to limit sending officers into crowds. They will be fully staffed and ready to handle situations that arise.

The Fire Department will have their motor medics on the roadways during Bike Week. This special team, which was the first in the nation, carries advanced lifesaving equipment and are able to access congested areas that are difficult for fire engines to enter.

Two new Wawa's under construction

Construction is underway on two Wawa Food Market and gas station stores in the city with a combined construction value of \$3.42 million. Each store will be 6,119 square-foot with additional covered outdoor space with restaurant-style seating, multiple gas pumps, air pumps and enhanced landscaping. A.T. Construction is responsible for the stores' construction. Wawa has more than 850 stores along the east coast from Pennsylvania to Florida and typically employs about 40 people per location.



A new Wawa is under construction on the northwest corner of Nova Road and Mason Avenue. The site was the former location of a Shell station.



New Wawa will be built on International Speedway Boulevard at the site where Barnes & Noble was located.

Line Dancing Class & Swim at Cypress Aquatic Center

Residents can enjoy outdoor line dancing and swimming from 6:45 to 7:45 p.m. every Thursday at the Cypress Aquatic Center. Line dancing classes are \$2 per person. Line dance classes and swimming are \$4 per adult and \$2 per child. Participants will have their temperature checked before entering the center, and masks are required when not physically distanced from others. For more information, call (386) 671-8337.



Daylight Saving Time begins March 14

Clocks should “spring forward” on Sunday, March 14. This is also a good time to replace batteries in smoke detectors. All homes should have working smoke detectors to reduce the risk of a house fire. Smoke alarms that are properly installed and maintained play a vital role in reducing fire deaths and injuries. If there is a fire in a home, smoke spreads fast and smoke alarms can give people time to get out.



31st Daytona Turkey Run, March 26-28

Thousands of classic cars will be on display **March 26-28** during the 31st Daytona Turkey Run at the Daytona International Speedway.



Known as one of the largest combined car shows and swap meets in the U.S., this family-friendly event includes food, music as well as homemade crafts and fashion items for sale.

Hours during the 3-day event are from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$10 per day Friday and Saturday, and \$5 for Sunday. Children 11 and under are free. For more information, visit www.turkeyrun.com.



Updates to popular oceanfront splash pad

This week city crews removed the existing padded flooring surface of the splash pad at Breakers Oceanfront Park and repainted it with a durable two-part epoxy with a nonskid additive. The splash pad will reopen as soon as the work is completed.

Sign up for TSA PreCheck at DBIA

A TSA Precheck enrollment event is coming to Daytona Beach International Airport from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday March 15 – 19 in the baggage claim area. Precheck allows participating travelers to experience a more efficient airport screening process by leaving on shoes, light jackets and belts and leaving laptops and compliant liquids in carry-on bags.



Applicants should pre-enroll at www.tsa.gov/precheck. When enrolling, enter “Daytona Beach, FL” as the location and choose Daytona Beach International Airport.

During the onsite enrollment at DAB, applicants will be fingerprinted for a background check. The \$85 application fee can be paid by credit card, money order, company check or certified/cashier's check. Cash and personal checks are not accepted.

To complete the on-site process, applicants must bring proof of identity and U.S. citizen documentation, such as a U.S. passport or a birth certificate and a driver's license. For specifics of required documentation, visit www.universalenroll.dhs.gov/programs/precheck.

Due to COVID-19, applicants are required to wear face coverings inside the airport and during the appointments and adhere to social distancing guidelines.

For more information, contact Terminal Manager Pat O'Brien at (386) 248-8030, ext. 18318. To learn more about TSA Precheck, visit tsa.gov/tsa-precheck. For more information about the airport, visit www.flydab.com.