

APRIL 7, 2021

# City Manager's Update



April is National Donate a Life Month. One organ donor can change, save and heal the lives of 75 people with the gift of donation. It's easy to register as an organ donor. Visit [www.donatelifeflorida.org](http://www.donatelifeflorida.org).

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## City hosts multiple COVID-19 vaccine clinics

*Residents age 18 and older are now eligible for vaccine*

In partnership with Family Health Source, a one-day COVID-19 vaccine distribution event was held Tuesday at the former Department of Motor Vehicles office on Jean Street. More than 175 first doses of the Moderna vaccine were distributed to people ages 18 and older. Those who received the vaccine Tuesday will return to the same location for their second dose May 4. It was a team effort to notify residents in the area of the vaccination event. The police department's patrol units, area neighborhood churches and the NAACP canvassed the area with fliers to help encourage residents to get the vaccine. Information was also posted on the city's social media pages.

COVID-19 vaccine events continue to be offered regularly at the Midtown Cultural & Educational Center through a partnership with the county, local health department and area churches.

Persons who are homebound and unable to travel for the vaccine can visit [www.volusia.org/coronavirus](http://www.volusia.org/coronavirus) to complete a survey. After completing the survey, the applicant's information will be assigned to a strike team, who will contact the individual to schedule a time for vaccination. For assistance completing the survey, email [homeboundvaccine@EM.MyFlorida.com](mailto:homeboundvaccine@EM.MyFlorida.com) or call the Florida Department of Health in Volusia County at (386) 274-0500 and press # for coronavirus information.

For more information about where to get a COVID-19 vaccination, 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.codb.us/coronavirus](http://www.codb.us/coronavirus).

### COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic

FREE  
Johnson & Johnson  
Vaccine  
**Thursday, April 8**  
1 to 4 p.m.  
326 S. Palmetto Ave.  
First Christian Church of  
Daytona Beach



*For people 18 and older  
Photo ID required  
No appointment needed*

### Florida COVID-19 #s

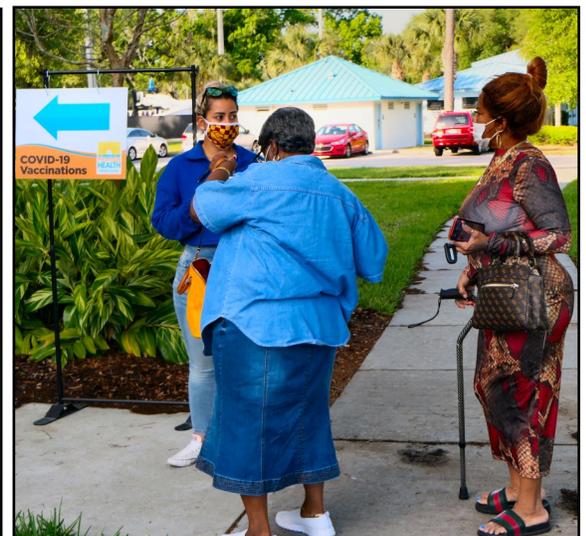
Positive cases: 2,096,747  
Hospitalizations: 86,292  
Deaths: 33,822  
Daily positivity rate: 6.95%  
People vaccinated: 10,212,057

### Volusia County COVID-19 #s

Positive cases: 38,633  
Hospitalizations: 1,995  
Deaths: 732  
Daily positivity rate: 10.27%  
People vaccinated: 162,267

### 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](http://www.volusia.org/coronavirus).



## Riverfront Park seawall progresses

The \$3.1 million seawall project continues in Riverfront Park between Orange Avenue and International Speedway Boulevard. The new 1,400 linear foot seawall, made of heavy-duty modern materials, is built, stormwater backflow preventers are in place and 10 stormwater pipe outfalls have been installed with protective manatee grates. The cap of the seawall has a decorative enhancement with a product called Dryvit, which offers a long-lasting, radiant finish. Not only will it complement future park improvements associated with the Brown Riverfront Esplanade Foundation's masterplan, it also is resistant to dirt pick up, mildew growth and UV degradation. Still needed is the installation of decorative railings, building of new observation decks with composite materials and the restoration of the pedestrian bridge.



## Police Department launches updated app

With more than 80 percent of people using smartphones as their primary means of communication, the police department has redesigned its free mobile app with new interactive features. The goal was to offer an easy way for users to access many items of public interest including the ability to receive real-time traffic and weather alerts and emergency notifications, file a police report without having to call or visit the police department, and submit anonymous crime tips.



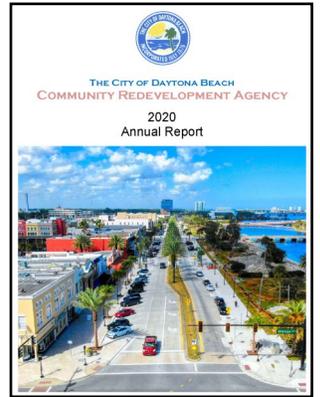
Other app features include:

- Push Notifications: Receive real-time traffic conditions, severe weather and emergencies such as a reported threat to public areas like schools, malls and stadiums
- Provide direct feedback to DBPD
- Request a Vacation Home Check
- Asset Tracker: Store vital details useful for locating stolen property

The app is available in Apple's App Store and Google Play.

## CRA annual report is available online

Residents can view the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) annual report for 2020 on the city's website, [www.codb.us](http://www.codb.us). The report highlights projects during the CRA's fiscal year, beginning Oct. 1, 2019, and ending Sept. 30, 2020. The CRA is responsible for approving the annual CRA budget, funding projects and programs, and implementing four redevelopment plans.



From Downtown's Beach Street and Magnolia Avenue to Midtown's Dr. Martin Luther King Boulevard and Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Boulevard projects, the city successfully improved utilities, streets, and sidewalks in these redevelopment areas, with the majority of funds coming from the city and grant funds. Other highlights include:

- The Sweetheart Trail along the Halifax River is nearing completion.
- The Downtown Farmers' Market moved from City Island to Magnolia Avenue.
- Thirty-three public parking spaces were added to the parking lot behind the Beach Street businesses as part of a lease with an option to buy 125 S. Palmetto Avenue.

## DBPD releases Bike Week stats

This year's 80th anniversary of Bike Week in March was well attended and went smoothly, thanks in large part to the efforts of the police department. Recently the police department released their stats, which included five fatalities, the most since Bike Week in 2018, and 53 traffic crashes involving motorcycles.

Police Department Bike Week 2021 Stats			
<b>Citations: 330</b>			
Details:	Motorcycles: 157	Vehicle: 173	DUI: 28
<b>Parking Citations: 34</b>			
<b>Traffic Crashes: 167</b>			
Details:	Involving motorcycles: 53	Fatalities: 5	
<b>Arrests: 135</b>			
Details:	Creation of noise: 49	Other: 49	DUI: 11
	Disorderly Conduct: 19	Open Container: 7	

## Registration open for summer camps

The city's popular summer camp program will begin **Monday, June 7**, and continue through **Friday, Aug. 6**, with safety protocols in place due to the pandemic. The nine-week program is for children ages 5 to 16 years old and will be from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday (closed Monday, July 5). Breakfast and lunch, sports, crafts and games are provided at the summer camps. Due to the pandemic, camp participation will be reduced to 50 percent occupancy, and there are no field trips planned for participants.

There are four sites in Daytona Beach for the summer camps:

- Midtown Community Center, 925 George W. Engram Blvd.
- Schnebly Recreation Center, 1101 N. Atlantic Ave.
- Sunnyland Park, 825 Washington St.
- YSG Community Center, 1000 Vine St.

Registration for the summer camps is open to current after-school participants through Friday, April 30, at the city's Leisure Services office from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Registration for the general public will begin Monday, May 3. Registration for a summer camp spot is on a first-come, first-served basis. The summer camp registration fee has been waived for this year. The cost for the nine-week program is \$270 per participant. A payment plan of \$30 per week is available. For more information, call (386) 671-8337.



### County plans summer camps

Volusia County's Parks, Recreation and Cultural Division will host summer camps for children ages 5-13 in the Daytona Beach area from **Monday, June 14** through **Friday, July 30**. The camps will be offered from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at the following locations:

- David C. Hinson Sr. Middle School, 1860 N. Clyde Morris Blvd.
- Turie T. Small Elementary School, 800 South St.
- RJ Longstreet Elementary School, 2745 S. Peninsula Drive

The cost is \$65 per week plus a one-time \$15 registration fee. Parents must pay the registration and first-week fees when they register. For more information visit [www.volusia.org/recreation](http://www.volusia.org/recreation) or call (386) 736-5953.

## DAYTONA BEACH COASTAL RESILIENCY PLANNING

The public is invited to attend virtual meetings to learn about two utility-related studies, which will help protect the city from projected sea-level rise and flooding events.

### 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 20

#### Anticipating effects of sea-level rise and flooding events

The first study includes conducting a vulnerability assessment and creating an adaptation plan to address sea-level rise associated with global climate and environmental change.

### 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 27

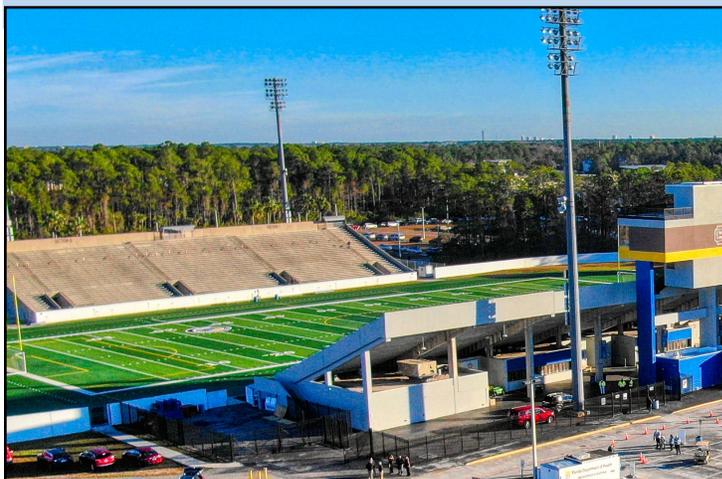
#### Assessing impact of sea-level rise to critical infrastructure

The second study will assess the impact of potential sea-level rise to the Bethune Point Wastewater Treatment Plant.

The two complementary projects are funded in part by a \$75,000 grant from the Florida Resilient Coastlines Program.

## Stadium gearing up for football season

Equipment is being mobilized by the Chicago-based contractor who was awarded the bid to structurally reinforce the visitors' side bleachers at Municipal Stadium. A fiber reinforced polymer will be applied to the raker beams, which are the angled, notched concrete beams that support the stadium's riser units. Work is expected to be completed by the time football season starts.



*Save the date...*

## Norma J. Bland field naming June 12



A ceremony for the naming of a new multipurpose field at Derbyshire Park to the “Norma J. Bland Football & Soccer Field” is planned for **4:30 p.m. Saturday, June 12**. Norma Bland was born and raised in Daytona Beach and had a passion for social activism. Last year, the community activist passed away due to COVID-19.

Norma Bland was a beloved, well-known fixture in the community. A few of her many accomplishments include co-founding the Citizens Coalition to Improve Race Relations, working on the Volusia County-Daytona Beach NAACP executive committee and serving on the Committee for Civic Engagement.



## Summer concerts return to Bandshell

See your favorite tribute bands all summer long at the Daytona Beach Bandshell! Tickets are on sale now for the Star

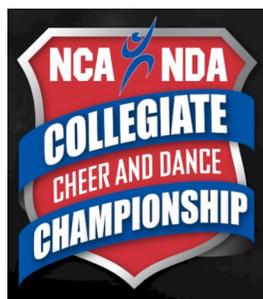


Spangled Summer Tribute Concert series planned for Saturday nights this summer. The concert series is sponsored by the Friends of the Bandshell and the Boardwalk Merchants.

Tickets can be purchased from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. through **Friday, April 9**, at the Peabody Auditorium box office at 600 Auditorium Blvd. Tickets are also available online at [www.DaytonaBandshell.com](http://www.DaytonaBandshell.com). For more information, call (386) 671-3460 or visit [www.daytonabandshell.com](http://www.daytonabandshell.com).

## National cheer and dance marks 25 years of competition in Daytona Beach

After a hiatus in 2020 due to the pandemic, the National Cheerleaders Association and National Dance Alliance are returning this week to Daytona Beach for their annual competition. Since 1996, cheer and dance teams from top universities throughout the country have gathered in Daytona Beach annually to compete for the national title.



Competition events will take place at the Bandshell and Ocean Center through the weekend. Attendance is limited due to safety protocols to mitigate and reduce the spread of COVID-19. The competition can be watched on Varsity TV. For more information, visit [www.varsity.com](http://www.varsity.com).

## News to Note

### Call for artists for next exhibition in ECHO Gallery

Volusia County's ECHO Gallery Committee is accepting proposals for a new exhibition in the ECHO Gallery at the Ocean Center. All works submitted for consideration should depict environmental themes from within Volusia County. The deadline for submission is **April 30**. For more information, contact Cultural Coordinator Robert Redd at (386) 736-5953, ext. 15872, or [rredd@volusia.org](mailto:rredd@volusia.org).

### ECHO and Volusia Forever listening sessions

A series of listening sessions for the ECHO and Volusia Forever advisory committees are being held so residents can provide input into these important conservation programs. In Daytona Beach, in-person and virtual sessions are on the following dates:

- ECHO: 6 p.m. **Thursday, April 15**, Daytona Beach Regional Library, 105 E. Magnolia Ave.
- Volusia Forever: 6 p.m. **Wednesday, May 5**, Beach Safety, 515 S. Atlantic Ave.

For more information, visit [www.volusia.org/echo](http://www.volusia.org/echo) and [www.volusia.org/forever-advisory](http://www.volusia.org/forever-advisory).

### JAXPORT and Volusia County create partnership

The Jacksonville Port Authority (JAXPORT) in Northeast Florida and Volusia County in Central Florida have signed a Memorandum of Understanding that establishes a working relationship to promote each other's geographical and business advantages. The goal of the partnership is to attract more global businesses to Volusia County, bring more Florida-bound cargo through JAXPORT and create high-wage jobs for Florida.