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City Manager's Update



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Florida COVID-19 #s

Positive cases: 2,184,354
 Hospitalizations: 88,752
 Deaths: 34,616
 Daily positivity rate: 6.26%
 People vaccinated: 13,012,036

Volusia County COVID-19 #s

Positive cases: 41,652
 Hospitalizations: 2,114
 Deaths: 773
 Daily positivity rate: 8.62%
 People vaccinated: 198,242

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.

Police Department honors officers in annual awards ceremony

Ceremony held outside at the ballpark due to COVID-19

Last Friday the police department recognized dozens of its own in an outdoor awards ceremony at Jackie Robinson Ballpark. A highlight of the ceremony was presenting the Lifetime Achievement Award to Lt. Stevie Wright, who has served the police department since 1987.

"In his 34-years of service to the city, Wright brings a passion for his job and a connection to the community that is unwavering. With always a smile and friendly demeanor, he has a wealth of knowledge and is willing to help others at any time."

- Police Chief Jakari Young

Also at the ceremony, retiring Daytona Beach City Manager Jim Chisholm was presented special recognition for his almost 17 years of service to the city. Other recognitions included:

Volunteer of the Year: Annabelle O'Neill

Annabelle O'Neill joined the Citizens on Patrol program in 2000 and has volunteered 3,300 hours during her career.

Special Events Officer of the Year:

Jennifer Obradovich

Jennifer Obradovich started in 2014 and has been assigned as the part-time office manager since 2015. She has been a consistently superior employee.

Reserve Officer of the Year:

Sergeant Luther Cleckler

Sgt. Cleckler is an Army veteran who has been with the department since 1980. He retired at the end of 2020.

Detective of the Year:

Michael Jaeger

Detective Jaeger works in the Persons Crimes and Robbery Homicide units; working on more than 150 complex cases.



Chief Jakari Young and Lt. Stevie Wright.



Commissioners Ruth Trager, Stacy Cantu and Paula R. Reed (Front L-R). Mayor Derrick Henry and City Manager Jim Chisholm (Back L-R).

Civilian of the Year: James Crimins

Jim Crimins revamped how the agency conducts, disseminates and tracks the department's training. He also played a key role in the department receiving its highest accreditation status in 2020.

Officer of the Year: Dominic Besse

In August 2020, Officer Besse was shot while apprehending an attempted murder suspect. In spite of being injured, he engaged with the suspect until he was no longer a threat.

Senior living community opening soon

A new senior living rental community offering assisted living and memory care is under construction on a 5.3-acre site on North Williamson Blvd. Sunscape Daytona Beach, with a construction value of \$12.5 million, will feature 85 spacious apartments with balconies or patios. Other upgraded amenities include:

- Dining options with chef-prepared meals
- Lounge and bar
- Theater, game room and library
- Fitness center
- Salon and Spa
- Landscaped courtyards

The 80,000 square-foot facility will open later this year.



Reporting street light outages

Street lighting improves the quality of life in neighborhoods by making residents, motorists and pedestrians feel safer.

There are more than 7,000 street lights in the city, with FPL maintaining most of them. A team of four city employees from the traffic division visually inspect lighting systems twice a month from the hours of 4 to 7 a.m., but residents can also report lighting concerns.

To report a street light that's not working, flickering or if the LED is purple in color, call (386) 671-8659.



Community Needs Assessment underway

The city is seeking public feedback through an online survey that will help determine and prioritize needs and guide how grant funds will be spent. Data from the survey, which asks the relevancy on a range of topics from affordable housing to youth mentoring, will be included in the city's 5-Year Consolidated Plan prepared by the Community Development Department for 2021-2025.

This survey is online at www.codb.us and will be available through 5 p.m. **Friday, April 30.**

The 5-Year Consolidated Plan is similar to a company's strategic business plan in that it sets the city's long-term strategies and objectives for community needs. Additionally, it can be viewed as a business plan for a community's housing and community development delivery system, complete with performance benchmarks and financial projections. For more information and to review the city's current 5-Year Consolidated Plan, visit www.codb.us.



Travel lanes on Oakridge Blvd. reduced

The number of travel lanes on Oakridge Boulevard, between North Halifax Avenue and A1A, are being reduced from three to two lanes and a designated, 7-foot buffered bicycle lane is being created as part of this Florida Department of Transportation project. The road's existing surface will also be milled and resurfaced.



Boom Town Boulevard on west side of city continues to grow

Hundreds of acres of vacant land on the southern end of LPGA Boulevard are being cleared to make way for two separate residential subdivisions – The Preserve at LPGA and Integrated LPGA.

The Preserve at LPGA

Located on the west side of LPGA Boulevard and south of Father Lopez High School, The Preserve at LPGA encompasses 130 acres. It is owned by Kissimmee-based JTD Land Co, who purchased the property last year for \$2.8 million. Site work began in October. Once completed, the development will feature 139 single-family homes.

Integrated LPGA

Situated on nearly 400 acres on the east side of LPGA Boulevard, this project is directly south of Municipal Stadium. Phase 1 of this residential community will feature 199 single-family homes. Site work began in January.

Daytona Beach’s housing market remains strong. The Daytona Beach Area Association of Realtors® reported the sale of 824 single-family homes in Daytona Beach during 2020 with an average sale price of \$239,990.

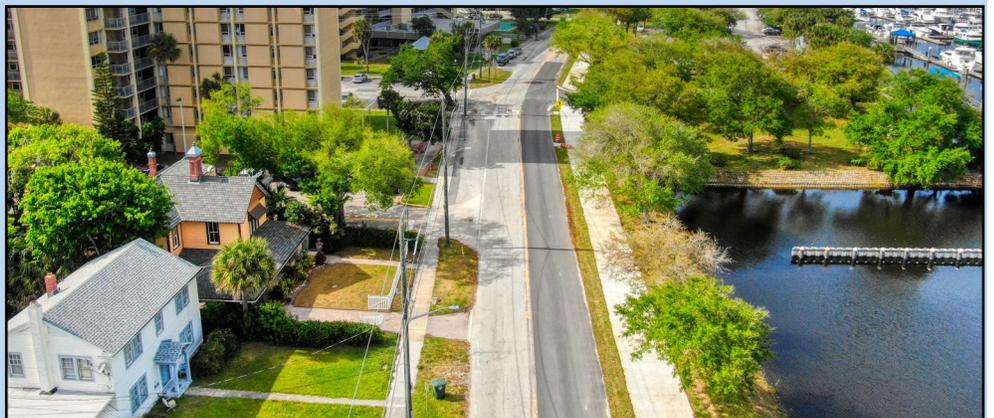


Two more segments of city’s Sweetheart Trail constructed

Two more sections of the city’s Sweetheart Trail have been constructed and are open for public use. The trail sections from Bellevue Avenue to Marina Point Drive and from Marina Point Drive to Orange Avenue complete the southern portion of the Sweetheart Trail, which ends at the city limits at Beville Road.

Work on these two newly installed sections was integrated into an \$8.1 million utility project that is underway on South Beach Street to increase capacity in the wastewater collection system serving the downtown area.

Now that these two sections have been installed, the four-mile Sweetheart Trail is complete with the exception of the area from Orange Avenue to Bay Street, which is under construction as part of the Riverfront Park transformation.



Free groceries for families in need

The Daytona Dream Center is coordinating a giveaway of free groceries for families beginning at 11 a.m. **Friday, April 23**, at Jackie Robinson Ballpark. For more information, visit the Daytona Dream Center's Facebook page at www.Facebook.com/DaytonaDreamCenter.



Tortugas hosting Barrier Breakers Creativity Contest for youth

To celebrate the 75th anniversary of Jackie Robinson's history-making debut in Daytona Beach, the Daytona Tortugas are inviting K-12 students to submit original essays and other creative works about breaking barriers in their lives.



Essays as well as poetry, spoken word and other forms of creative expression will be accepted. All submissions should address the following prompt: How did Jackie Robinson succeed in overcoming barriers in his life, and how do you succeed in overcoming barriers in your life?

The winning students will receive a pizza party, Tortugas prize pack and visit from one of the Tortugas' mascots. The deadline for entries is **Saturday, May 1**. For all of the details, visit www.milb.com/daytona.

Chamber launches new program to assist minority businesses

The Daytona Regional Chamber of Commerce has launched a new Daytona Business United program, a component of their Equity, Diversity and Inclusion initiative. A goal of the Daytona Business United Program is to help minority-owned businesses and provide them with mentorship, membership, education and a supportive network. Learn more and apply on the Chamber's website, www.DaytonaChamber.com. Completed applications for the program are due by **Friday, April 23**.



Celebrate Earth Day Thursday

This **Earth Day**, residents are encouraged to take a few minutes and enjoy the many beautiful areas of the city.

From the beach to the river and city parks, Daytona Beach is committed to providing natural green spaces for residents and visitors to enjoy. To find a city park near you, visit www.codb.us and click on "Leisure Services."



Henry Lee Park, 701 Bellevue Ave.

Special concert, fireworks and parade planned for July 4th

To honor and support our local veteran community, there will be a parade featuring combat veterans, as well as military organizations, beginning at 10 a.m. **Sunday, July 4**, on Main Street. The Star Spangled Summer Tribute Concert series at the Daytona Beach Oceanfront Bandshell will also host a special fireworks' display and concert featuring Alter Eagles, an Eagles tribute band, starting at 7:15 p.m. Tickets for the concerts are available at www.DaytonaBandshell.com.

