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City Manager's Update



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Florida COVID-19 #s

Positive cases: 2,253,929
Hospitalizations: 91,425
Deaths: 35,478
Daily positivity rate: 5.16%
People vaccinated: 14,981,650

Volusia County COVID-19 #s

Positive cases: 43,124
Hospitalizations: 2,248
Deaths: 797
Daily positivity rate: 6.22%
People vaccinated: 217,399

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.

Dirty work: City uses robot technology to inspect sewer pipes

Advanced technology inspecting oldest pipes on beachside and Midtown

Routine inspections of the city's vast underground wastewater network have gone high tech. Self-operating "sewer robots" are being deployed to assess conditions in the city's oldest sections of its 280 miles of sanitary sewer pipes. The advanced technology, developed by Pennsylvania-based RedZone Robotics, uses cameras and various sensors to identify and map blocked, corroded or leaking pipes.



RedZone Robotics Solo

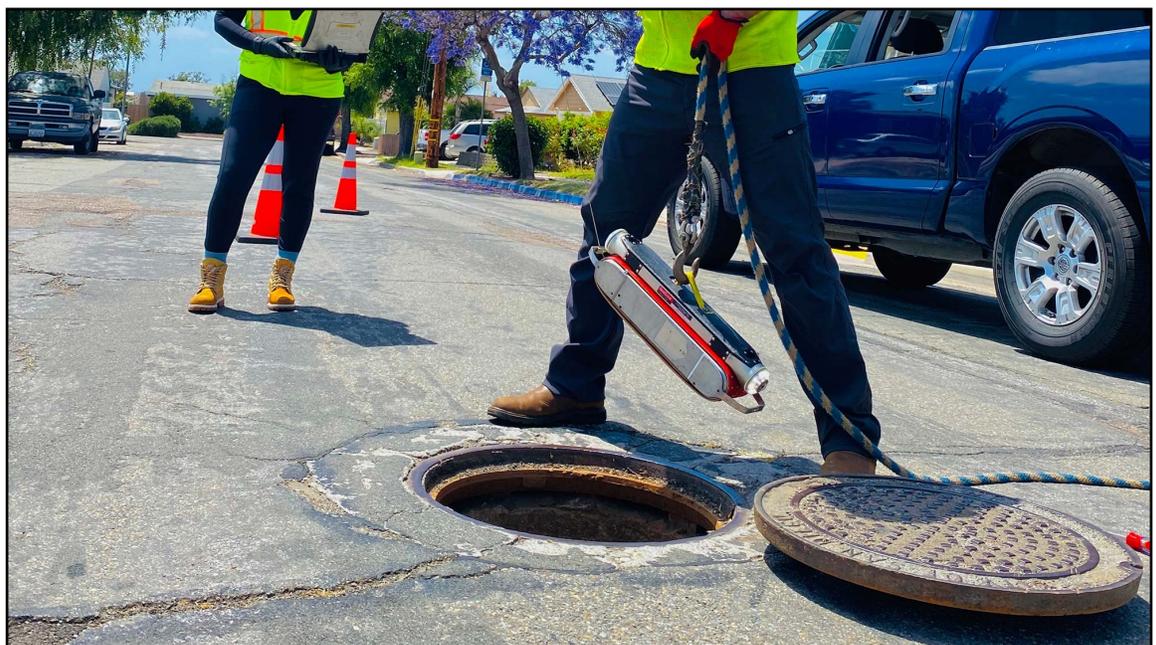
During this first phase of the five-year project, aging infrastructure is being inspected in Midtown and beachside. Most of the pipes are 40 to 60 years old.

The roving and lightweight robots are simply dropped down a manhole, allowed to collect data and then picked up later. The robots'

data is then sent to a team at RedZone's headquarters and relayed to the city to create a comprehensive database. The information collected will be used to prioritize future pipe lining, repair and replacement projects.

Before using these new generation robots, city crews utilized manually operated CCTV trucks to inspect pipes and would cover about 2,000 feet of pipe per day.

The autonomous robots, in comparison, can examine up to 10,000 linear feet of pipe in a single day. In addition to the new technology's efficiency, the process requires virtually no traffic interruptions and the robots can be used to inspect underground pipes in backyards and remote areas, where traditional inspection trucks cannot easily access.



City continues to fight blight

Since 2018, the city has focused on cleaning up neighborhoods and improving property values by identifying and removing blighted buildings, which are no longer fit for human occupancy, unsafe docks and signs. Through the condemnation process, more than 260 properties have been targeted with half of them razed by either the city or their owners. About 50 properties have been brought into compliance.

Recent actions:



Wal-Mart Stores, the property owner of 949 Mason Ave., was noticed in late April for this concrete wall, which is routinely covered in graffiti. They have 20 days to appeal the city's determination, demolish it or bring the structure into compliance.

Health Dept. offers COVID-19 vaccine

The Health Department is offering COVID-19 vaccines weekly at their two Daytona Beach locations:

421 Keech St.

Monday & Wednesday
8 to 11:30 a.m. & 1 to 4:30 p.m.

1845 Holsonback Drive

Tuesday: 8 to 11:30 a.m. & 1 to 4:30 p.m.
Thursday: 8 to 11:30 a.m. & 1 to 6 p.m.

For more information and to make an appointment, call (386) 274-0500, press #.

The Health Department will also offer a no appointment vaccine clinic from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. **Saturday, May 22**, at 1845 Holsonback Drive.

**FREE
COVID-19
Vaccines**

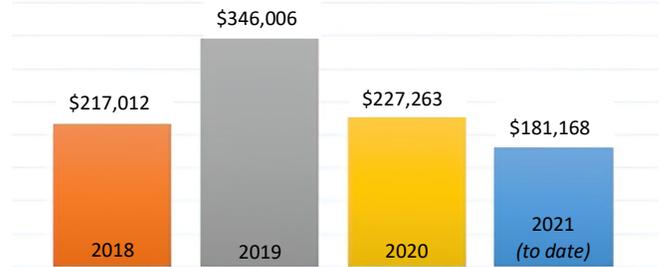


Offered at
Health Department
in Daytona Beach



Health Department at 521 Keech St.

City Dollars Spent on Demos



This dwelling at 329 Division Lane was demolished by the city last month. The property's condemnation process began in August 2020.

Midtown concert series starts in June

The city is hosting the Midtown Music Concert Series starting **Saturday, June 12**, at Daisy Stocking Park. The best local bands in the area will perform throughout the summer from 7 to 9 p.m. on Saturday nights as part of the free concert series. Food and drink vendors will be onsite. Performers include:

June 12

7th Street Band

July 10

Love Band

Aug. 14

Daphne Cooper and Dante's Pride Musicians

Sept. 11

Flo Logan and Lois Williams

Sept. 25

The Chris Clarke Jazz Trio



Love Band



S. Beach Street project on time & budget

The roadway along S. Beach Street has reopened as an \$8.1 million utility project has been substantially completed.

Work included installing a 36-inch force main, backflow preventers to help mitigate backups due to high water levels in the Halifax River and construction of two segments of the Sweetheart Trail.



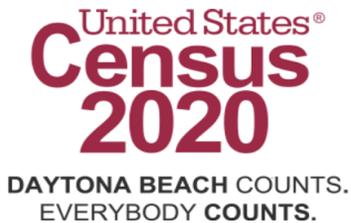
Florida's population increases by 14.6%

The U.S. population is now 331,449,281 with a growth rate of 7.4% since 2010, according to released data from the U.S. Census.

Florida's population increased to 21,538,187, an increase of 14.6% over the previous 10 years.

Specific data on Daytona Beach's population and demographics will be released by Sept. 30.

For more information about the census, visit www.census.gov.



Improvements to the Campbell Aquatic Center that include a new entry pavilion on the north side, an ADA-compliant access ramp and additional shaded, seating areas are nearing completion.

From rocky roads to smooth sailing

Crews have been making significant progress on multiple neighborhood streets in the city.

Improvements to the roadway and sidewalk on the 2.5-mile stretch of **Champions Drive** from LPGA Boulevard to International Golf Drive is on schedule. Crews are finishing pouring the sidewalks and then will start curb replacement in the coming weeks.

The roadway rehabilitation of **Willis Avenue** and **Seneca Street** has been substantially completed, with the contractor completing the final work this week.

Repaving work is scheduled in the beginning of June for **South Beach Street** from Orange Avenue to Bellevue Avenue.



Fishing section of pier closed until June

Maintenance work began last week on the Daytona Beach Pier to replace cross bracing and piles damaged by rough surf over the winter months. Construct Co. Inc. is performing the maintenance budgeted at about \$67,044.

The fishing section has been temporarily closed; however, Joe's Crab Shack remains open and has regular operating hours. The work is scheduled to be finished in early June.



Community Shred Event, May 15

Reduce your chances of becoming a victim of identity fraud by safely shredding your outdated and unwanted documents at a



Community Shred Event from 9 a.m. to noon **Saturday, May 15**, in Mainland High School's parking lot. This event is hosted by the Daytona Beach Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Tennis Center offers FUNDamentals class

The Florida Tennis Center offers tennis lessons on the first Tuesday of the month for adults and teens.

The program includes one-hour lessons for three weeks at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. Rackets are provided, and lessons are free if you bring a friend.

For more information, call (386) 671-8901.



Downtown Farmers' Market offers free photos with mom Saturday

The Farmers' Market in Downtown Daytona Beach is celebrating Mother's Day by offering free professional photos from 10 a.m. to noon **Saturday, May 8**.



Moms will also get a free carnation flower

(while they last) when they stop by the photo booth. Bring the whole family to join in making memories.

The Downtown Farmers' Market is on Magnolia Avenue, between Beach Street and Palmetto Avenue. There is plenty of free parking behind the Riverfront Shops.

Academy Sports + Outdoors provides sports equipment for city programs

Thanks to the Academy Sports + Outdoors at the Tomoka Town Center, the city has some new sports equipment for its recreational programs. The sporting goods and outdoor store recently donated two \$500 gift cards, which enabled the city to purchase new equipment for baseball, basketball and other sports programs.



Enjoy events in Downtown Daytona Beach

Brews & Burgers Walk

1 to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 22

Downtown Daytona Nights

5 to 10 p.m. Friday, June 11

Downtown Daytona Nights

5 to 10 p.m. Friday, July 23

Downtown Daytona Nights

5 to 10 p.m. Friday, Aug. 20



Details and tickets available at www.RiverfrontShopsOfDaytona.com