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# City Manager's Update



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## Florida COVID-19 #s

Positive cases: 2,327,989  
Hospitalizations: 95,438  
Deaths: 36,924  
Daily positivity rate: 3.33%  
People vaccinated: 10,344,328

## Volusia County COVID-19 #s

Positive cases: 44,941  
Hospitalizations: 2,457  
Deaths: 844  
Daily positivity rate: 7.32%  
People vaccinated: 240,640

## 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).

## Public workshops to discuss changes to impact fees

*Water and wastewater impact fees are set to increase July 1*

Earlier this year, the City Commission approved increases to water and wastewater impact fees, which are set to go into effect **Thursday, July 1**. Due to proposed state legislation, which caps impact fee increases, the city is required to host two public workshops to explain the data used to justify the increases that will be higher than what is allowed if the legislation is approved.



The public workshops are at 6 p.m. **Thursday, June 17**, and at 9:30 a.m. **Friday, June 18**, in conference room 149 at City Hall.

Under the proposed legislation, which is still awaiting Governor Ron DeSantis' signature, impact fees can't be raised more than 12.5% in a given year and no more than 50% over a four-year period. There is a provision in the law, which allows local governments to show "extraordinary circumstances" that merit a greater increase.

A resolution confirming the impact fee increases will be presented to the City Commission at their July 8 meeting.

Prior to the City Commission's approval to increase water and sewer impact fees in February, the fees had not been evaluated or increased more than the annual Consumer Price Index in

39 years. The recommended increases of 18% to water impact fees and 40% to sewer impact fees were based on a comprehensive water and wastewater rate study by Raftelis Financial Consultants.

### What are impact fees?

Impact fees are a one-time fee assessed to either developers or builders for new homes, including townhouses, apartments and condominiums, as well as new commercial developments. The fees help pay for increased infrastructure demands created by new growth.

## Public invited to Meet & Greet for new city manager

The public is invited to meet Deric C. Feacher, the city's new manager, at a Meet and Greet event at 6 p.m. **Thursday, June 10**, at the John H. Dickerson Center at 308 S. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. After a brief introduction, there will be a question and answer session with the new manager.

The Meet and Greet is hosted by the Midtown Community Development Corporation. There is limited seating and masks and temperature checks are required.

For more information and to RSVP, email [MCDCE2020@gmail.com](mailto:MCDCE2020@gmail.com).



## New Derbyshire field to be dedicated to community activist, June 12

A ceremony to name the new multi-purpose playing field at the Derbyshire Park & Sports Complex in honor of longtime community activist Norma J. Bland, will be at 11 a.m. **Saturday, June 12.**

The field is being dedicated in honor of Bland, who was born and raised in Daytona Beach. As a resident of Zone 5, which includes the Derbyshire neighborhood, Bland worked tirelessly to improve the quality of life for all city residents and had a passion for social activism.

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. We lost this beloved community leader last year after she passed away due to COVID-19.



The multi-use playing field, located in the southwest corner of the 38-acre complex, was built last year and is part of Phase III of the Derbyshire Park & Sports Complex's masterplan. The \$285,000 project was funded in part by a \$169,000 grant from the Daytona Beach Racing and Recreational Facilities District.

The Derbyshire Park & Sports Complex is the city's most popular park and includes football and soccer fields, lighted basketball and tennis courts, baseball fields and a concession area.

Other improvements completed last year include a new paved parking lot and the tennis courts were resurfaced.

*In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will move indoors to the Yvonne Scarlett-Golden Cultural and Educational Center at 1000 Vine Street.*



Mayor Derrick Henry spoke at a Salute to Veterans pinning ceremony at Palmetto House Friday. As part of National Military Appreciation Month, 20 veterans were honored with an enameled pin and thanked for their service and sacrifice. City Commissioner Stacy Cantu and new City Manager Deric C. Feacher also attended to thank the veterans for their service and sacrifices.

## Mayor to read proclamation at Juneteenth Ceremony, June 16

The Juneteenth Festival Committee is hosting a special ceremony at 10 a.m. **Wednesday, June 16**, on the front steps of City Hall. The public is invited to the ceremony where Mayor Derrick Henry will read a proclamation. The city has sponsored the annual recognition of Juneteenth for more than 20 years. Last year's and this year's festivities, which include a banquet and festival, have been cancelled due to the pandemic.



Like last year (pictured), due to the pandemic the Juneteenth commemoration will be on the front steps of City Hall with Mayor Derrick Henry reading a proclamation.

## PD starts “Two Wheel Tuesday” initiative

The Police Department has started “Two Wheel Tuesday,” a new community engagement initiative where every Tuesday officers ride bikes through neighborhoods and talk to residents and business owners. Chief Jakari Young, Deputy Chief Jennifer Whittet, Patrol Captain Trisha Loomis and Officer Thomas Goble mounted bicycles and rode around the Midtown area last Tuesday to kick off the new program. Similar to the “Park, Walk & Talk” initiative that started earlier this year, “Two Wheel Tuesday” is designed to be a low-pressure way for officers and the community to engage with one another and share concerns face-to-face.



## City establishes business liaison

The city has assigned the role of new small business liaison to Kimberly Flaherty, a project manager in the Permits and Licensing department, who has more than 20 years’ experience in real estate, land use regulations and development. In this new role, Flaherty will serve as a single point of contact during the process of opening a small business in Daytona Beach.

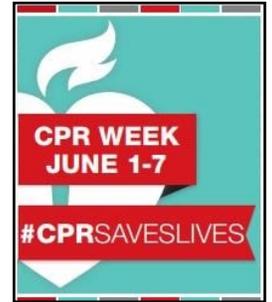


Flaherty has been with the city since 2017 and is certified as a code enforcement officer, zoning inspector, permit technician, property maintenance and housing inspector, fire safety inspector and fire plans examiner. Flaherty can be contacted in person at City Hall, 301 S Ridgewood Ave., room 127, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, by calling (386) 671-8264 or sending an email to [FlahertyKimberly@codb.us](mailto:FlahertyKimberly@codb.us).

## Employees receive CPR and AED training

**June 1-7 is National CPR & AED Awareness Week**

Every second counts. Each year nearly 383,000 people experience a heart attack outside of a hospital setting with 88% of those occurring at home or work. In an effort to provide city employees with essential lifesaving tools, Hands-Only CPR and AED training was offered to all employees this week. Personnel with the Fire Department provided the training in the City Commission chambers.



## Firefighters complete paramedic training

Three firefighters recently completed the one-year paramedic program at Daytona State College and are on their way to becoming state-certified paramedics. Samuel Melin, Alicia Shepard and Charles Stevenson have been with the Fire Department since 2019. Upon completion of a national exam, they will be able to work as paramedics.



Samuel Melin

Alicia Shepard

Charles Stevenson



Construction is underway of what will be a modernized Greyhound Station at 138 S. Ridgewood Ave. The new facility replaces the nearly 60-year-old former bus terminal. The new 1,472 square-foot “compact” terminal and ticket facility, with a construction value of \$1.2 million, is being built by Daytona Beach-based A.M. Weigel Construction and was designed by Hall and Ogle Architects, who are also from Daytona Beach.

## Midtown Music Concert Series starts June 12

The Midtown Music Concert Series kicks off at 7 p.m. **Saturday, June 12**, at Daisy Stocking Park with a performance by the 7 Street Band.

Established in 2008, the 7 Street Band has spent more than a decade touring throughout Florida and south Georgia. They have three talented female singers, who combined have a vocal range that covers many artists including Beyoncé, Alicia Keys, Shania Twain, Diana Ross, Aretha Franklin, Tina Turner, Katy Perry, Rihanna and Alannah Myles. They are known for performing timeless hits from a wide range of genres and artists.

The performance is part of the free summer concert series, which will bring the best local bands to the area. Upcoming performances include the Love Band (July 10), Daphne Cooper and Dante's Pride Musicians (Aug. 14), Flo Logan and Lois Williams (Sept. 11) and The Chris Clarke Jazz Trio (Sept. 25).



## Bruce McNorton football clinic, June 11

Bruce McNorton, former NFL star and current scout for the Pittsburgh Steelers, is conducting a FREE football clinic for boys and girls, ages 6 years and older, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. **Friday, June 11**, at the Derbyshire Park & Sports Complex located at 849 Derbyshire Road.

This hands-on clinic is an annual offering by McNorton, a Daytona Beach native who still resides in the city. Several former and current NFL players will also provide instruction during the clinic. The youth camp aims to teach and improve football technique, teamwork and sportsmanship skills.

There will be onsite registration starting at 4:30 p.m. the day of the clinic. For more information, call (386) 671-8337 or (386) 566-5601 or email [JChirillo@codb.us](mailto:JChirillo@codb.us).



## New scoreboard installed at stadium

A new scoreboard was installed at Municipal Stadium last week. The easy-to-read LED unit replaced a faulty scoreboard, which is part of the larger video board. Countdown clocks were also purchased for on-field use and mounted in the locker rooms.

Other recently completed work includes the reinforcement of the visitors' side bleachers where a fiber reinforced polymer was applied to the raker beams, which are the angled, notched concrete beams that support the stadium's riser units.

A structural engineer evaluated the integrity of the home side bleachers and they were deemed to be structurally sound; however, work is necessary to remove loose concrete fragments and apply a corrosive inhibitor to the raker beams. This work should be completed in the next 30 days.

The city's IT Department is in the process of upgrading networking and cable equipment to support future point of sale transactions in the concessions and ticket booth.

