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City Manager's Update



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The Florida Department of Health announced it will no longer provide daily statistics of coronavirus cases and deaths. Instead they will provide less-detailed weekly updates.

Florida COVID-19 #s

Positive cases: 2,300,786
Deaths: 37,265
People vaccinated: 10,460,797

Volusia County COVID-19 #s

Positive cases: 44,491
Hospitalizations: 2,457
Deaths: 858
People vaccinated: 246,971
**Updated stats from June 4-10, 2021*

For updates about the vaccine and distribution, visit www.codb.us/coronavirus or www.volusia.org/coronavirus.

Improvements at Campbell Aquatic Center near completion

New entry pavilion, shaded areas and ADA-compliant ramp added

Improvements to the city's Campbell Aquatic Center are scheduled to be completed this month. A new entry point has been constructed on the north side of the existing facility, which increases connectivity between the Dickerson Community Center and the pools.

New stairs and an ADA-compliant ramp to enter the pool area, sidewalk, and two oversized canopy shade structures over new picnic tables have been added.

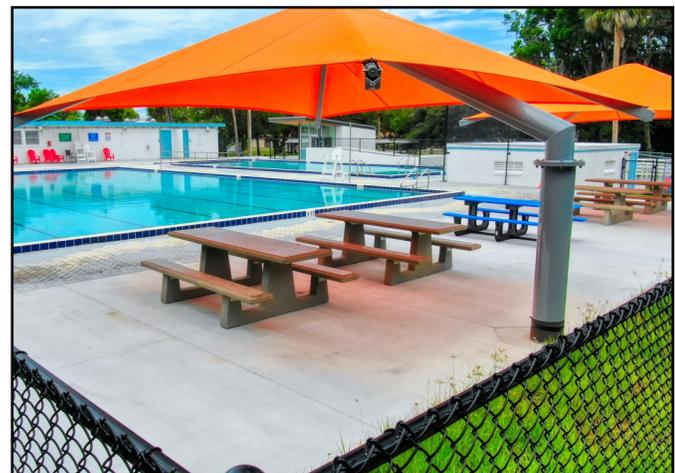
The improvements were funded in part by a grant of \$139,386 from the Daytona Beach Racing and Recreational Facilities District.

The city is pursuing additional funding opportunities to renovate and expand the restrooms and remodel office space into storage rooms.

During the construction, the pools were also resurfaced. The improvements are part of a multi-phased approach for upgrading amenities at the popular pools, which host about 35,000 swimmers each year. In recent years, a geothermal heater was installed to allow for year-round use.

When the pools reopen, it will be announced, and the hours will be from noon to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and closed on Sunday.

Admission to the Campbell Pool is \$1 per person, and children under age 5 must be accompanied by an adult.



Sweetheart Trail construction completed

Ribbon Cutting scheduled for 10 a.m. June 29

Studies show multipurpose trails are desirable community assets that improve the quality of life for existing residents, increase property values and help attract new people to the area. Since 2014, a focused effort was made to fund and build a trail, named the Sweetheart Trail, connecting existing trails and sidewalks from Sickler Avenue to the southern city limits.

The project was funded in part by the Shared-Use Nonmotorized (SUN) Trail program, which is a state program to help communities develop high priority paved trails and connections for bicyclists and pedestrians.

With the recent completion of the final segments, there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony at 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 29, at Bethune Point Park.



A family enjoys a walk along a recently completed section of the Sweetheart Trail.



Family, friends and loved ones of Norma J. Bland gathered late Saturday morning for a ceremony dedicating a new multipurpose field at Derbyshire Sport Complex to the outspoken resident and feisty community activist. Zone 5 Commissioner Dannette Henry served as the mistress of ceremonies while Mayor Derrick Henry provided the welcome, and Zone 6 Commissioner Paula R. Reed delivered a rousing prayer. Other speakers included local NAACP Chapter President Cynthia Slater and Norma's "son" Sheriff Michael Chitwood and her "nephew" Police Chief Jakari Young. Eighteen-year-old Jacqueline Williams, daughter of city employee Robin Williams and Detective Nate Williams, a classmate of Norma's at Bethune-Cookman University, sang an emotional rendition of Andra Day's "Rise Up."

Property values increase

New construction hits record high

Volusia County Property Appraiser Larry Bartlett recently released a pre-preliminary report showing taxable property values increased in Daytona Beach by \$429.8 million for an average of 7.4%.

Taxable value is the assessed value minus exemptions and it's what is used to calculate taxes due. The pre-preliminary value of new construction was \$286,726,194, a record high for the city. Pre-preliminary taxable values in the

Taxable Values	Final January 2020	Pre-Preliminary estimate	Difference	% Change
Citywide	\$5,801,598,955	\$6,231,412,362	\$429,813,407	+7.4%
Ballough Road	\$26,618,022	\$26,632,837	\$14,815	+0.06%
Downtown	\$151,439,828	\$195,752,108	\$44,312,280	+29.26%
Main Street	\$446,550,862	\$437,288,523	-\$9,262,339	-2.07%
South Atlantic	\$83,653,630	\$83,860,266	\$206,636	+0.25%
Midtown	\$117,036,850	\$121,413,186	\$4,376,336	+3.74%

city's five redevelopment areas increased with the exception of the Main Street area, which saw a decrease in property values of \$9.2 million or 2.07%. The largest increase was realized in the Downtown redevelopment area with the completion of the Brown & Brown Insurance headquarters. The project contributed to more than \$41 million in new construction value. Updated property values, which will be used to calculate rollback rates, will be released by July 1.

Rental assistance remains available

About \$114,000 remains in a city program offering rental relief to income-eligible tenants impacted with a financial hardship due to the pandemic. Applications are being accepted until the funds are depleted.



In the past year, about 1,800 city residents received assistance through the city-initiated program. The program began in May 2020 using funding from federal and state agencies.

Rental assistance is provided on a first-completed application and first qualified/eligible basis and is for rental housing costs incurred on or after March 11, 2020.

For more information about the program, visit www.codb.us.

COVID-19 vaccines available

The Florida Division of Emergency Management is hosting mobile, one-day vaccination clinic from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Tuesday, June 22, at the Hope Place Public Library, 1310 Wright St. No appointment is needed at the walk-up, outdoor clinic where the one-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine will be provided. For more information, visit www.volusia.org/coronavirus.



The Health Department continues to offer 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 #.

New legislation prohibits anonymous code complaints

A change in a local government's authority related to code enforcement complaints will affect how the City of Daytona Beach responds to code complaints in the future.

Senate Bill 60 and House Bill 833, passed in this year's legislative session, prohibits code inspectors from initiating investigations that are based on an anonymous complaint. The legislation, if given final approval by the Governor, will take effect on July 1.

The bill makes an exception for situations where an inspector has reason to believe an anonymously reported code violation poses "an imminent threat to public health, safety, or welfare" or the "imminent destruction of habitat or sensitive resources."

Police Captain Scott Lee leads the Neighborhood Services Division, which is responsible for code enforcement, and he doesn't anticipate the Legislature's action will create a significant impact to the city's code enforcement efforts. According to Captain Lee, the majority of cases worked by the code staff result from proactive field work by inspectors in their assigned areas. In 2020, 1,033 or 21% of all code violations were generated by anonymous complaints.

He says adjustments will be made in the code department's training and on its website in order to ensure compliance with the new law.



Public CodeStat meeting

6:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 20

Location to be announced

Online Code Enforcement map

Citizens can view open or closed violations in the city's GIS-based mapping program, which is updated daily.

For more information, to view the map or to file a code complaint, visit www.codb.us/CodeEnforcement.

Food distribution event, June 25

The Daytona Beach Police Department is teaming up with the Daytona Dream Center to host a free community food distribution event at police headquarters from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. **Friday, June 25**. For safety reasons, a one-way, drive-thru system will be implemented. Participants should remain in their vehicles and food will be placed in trunks.



Veterans Ceremony at Bandshell, June 26

There will be a ceremony to honor veterans at the Daytona Bandshell at 7 p.m. **Saturday, June 26**. As part of the ceremony, there will be the singing of the national anthem, a patriotic flyover and special recognition of four local veterans. Following the ceremony there will be a performance by the Turnstiles, a Billy Joel tribute band, and fireworks at 9:45 p.m.



July 4th Ceremony, parade, concert and fireworks to celebrate Independence Day

To honor and support our local veteran community, there will be a ceremony by the Clock Tower in front of the Hilton Daytona Beach Oceanfront Resort (100 N. Atlantic Ave.) at 9 a.m. **Sunday, July 4**. Presented by the Marine Corps League Daytona and sponsored by the city, Mayor Derrick Henry will read a proclamation as part of the ceremony that honors deceased Master Gunnery Sgt. Hobson McLeod-Bethune, who retired from the U.S. Marine Corps.



There are more than 20 participants in the parade including the Campbell Middle School Marching Spartans, the Coastal Florida Police and Fire Pipes & Drums, Team Red, White & Blue, numerous veterans' organizations and the city's fire and police departments. Residents attending the ceremony and parade are encouraged to park in the parking garage on Earl Street. There will be designated handicapped parking areas available.

Following the ceremony there will be a parade featuring combat veterans, as well as military organizations, beginning at 10 a.m. that starts at the east end of Main Street and travels to the base of the bridge (on the east side).

That evening, there will be a special fireworks' display and concert featuring Alter Eagles, an Eagles tribute band, starting at 7:15 p.m., followed by fireworks at 9:45 p.m.

Concert tickets are available at www.DaytonaBandshell.com.

