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City Manager's Update



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City lots donated to Homes Bring Hope

Affordable homes to be built within a year on vacant lots

There is no place like home and next year in Daytona Beach, there will be four first-time homeowners thanks to a partnership between the City of Daytona Beach and Homes Bring Hopes (HBH).

The city recently donated four buildable lots to HBH, a non-profit founded by Forough Hosseini who is committed to fighting homelessness, unemployment and generational poverty in our community. HBH's goal is to build homes on these lots within a year.



Seated and signing documents are Homes Bring Hope founder and chairwoman Forough Hosseini and Mayor Derrick Henry and standing are attorneys Nika Hosseini and Jessica Gow.



This lot at 630 Aberdeen St. was donated to HBH, as well as an adjacent lot on Aberdeen St.



The 63'x103' lot on Walnut Street was donated to HBH.

The newly built 3 bedroom, 2 bath homes will be 1,200 to 1,600-square-feet and will be priced from \$175,000 and up, depending on cost.

HBH's goal is to help clients, who are low-income renters, to become homeowners by pairing resources for down payment assistance and reduced fees for services like home inspections, closing costs and survey fees. The ultimate goal is for homeowners to pay less in mortgage payments than they would in rent while building equity.

HBH relies on agencies, businesses, individuals and volunteers to reduce costs. HBH partners with the Daytona Beach Housing Authority, Halifax Urban Ministries, Mid-Florida Housing Partnership, Realty Pros Assured, Southern Title, Sliger & Associates, Daytona State College, four local attorneys and other companies and organizations.



U.S. News and World Report recently ranked Daytona Beach as the #69 Best Place to Live and #15 Best Place to Retire! U.S. News analyzed 150 metro areas in the United States to find the best places to live based on quality of life and job market in each metro area, as well as the value of

living there and people's desire to live there. In addition to great weather being a factor, they included that "life in Daytona Beach is balanced by museums, theaters, performing arts centers, antique markets, restaurants, malls and colleges that combine to make Daytona Beach one of Florida's most well-rounded metro areas."



PreCon meeting for Derbyshire sidewalk project

A team of city staff from multiple departments, contractors, engineers and regulatory agencies met last week for a preconstruction meeting to discuss timelines, coordinate resources and set expectations for the upcoming construction of the Derbyshire sidewalk project.

With construction expected to begin later this summer, the \$746,919 project will build concrete sidewalks on Vine Street between Brentwood Drive and Fourth Street and on Third Street between Vine Street and Nova Road. Pedestrian crosswalks will also be added throughout

the project area. In addition to new sidewalks, a 24-inch stormwater pipe will be installed underground to fill in the ditch located in the right-of-way on the west side of Vine Street. Eliminating the open ditch will make room for the sidewalk and improve pedestrian safety. The pipe will cross Vine Street in a couple of locations via an open-cut trench, and then it will be properly backfilled and paved when complete. There is also a section of existing sanitary sewer pipe along Vine Street that will be in conflict with the proposed stormwater system which needs to be replaced.

The city is working with an arborist to protect a large oak tree when constructing the sidewalk adjacent to the tree on the north side of Third Street.

Largest Rooms To Go store in Florida is under construction in Daytona Beach

A new "prototype" store for furniture giant Rooms To Go is taking shape on a five-acre site in the Tomoka Town Center. The 55,400 square-foot store is more than 3 times larger than the existing store on International Speedway Boulevard, which opened in 1993. In addition to traditional household furniture, the new store will feature outdoor and children's furnishings.

Maitland-based Welbro Building Corp. is the contractor and the construction value is \$6.9 million. The new store is expected to open early next year and have between 40-50 employees.



Daytona Beach Police Department partners with local clergy, NAACP and judicial system for Operation Safe Surrender, Aug. 4

The Daytona Beach Police Department is partnering with local clergy, Daytona Beach NAACP, the State Attorney's Office and Public Defender's Office to offer Operation Safe Surrender, a program which gives people with outstanding, non-violent warrants a chance to clear up past troubles.

This one-day event will be **Wednesday, Aug. 4**, from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Master's Domain Church of God in Christ, 511 Fremont Avenue in Daytona Beach.



Pastor Derrick Harris and members of the clergy are partnering with the Police Department.

Members of the clergy and representatives from the judicial system will welcome and process individuals with outstanding warrants issued in Volusia County. People who turn themselves in will have a chance to get legal assistance from a public defender, attend first appearance before a judge at the church and go home if they are a non-violent offender. There are 5,204 active warrants in Volusia County.

Operation Safe Surrender is proactive initiative modeled after a successful program pioneered by the U.S. Marshals Service. The idea is to create a safe and inviting atmosphere, where family members are welcome, and issues are resolved onsite. While the program is not an amnesty program, those who voluntarily turn themselves in will receive favorable consideration from the court, often in the form of reduced fines, probation requirements or a new court date as an alternative to incarceration. DBPD was the first law enforcement agency in Florida to offer Operation Safe Surrender in 2010.



Master's Domain Church of God in Christ, 511 Fremont Ave. in Daytona Beach will be the site for the next Operation Safe Surrender event.

Excavation continues on city land



Daytona Beach-based P&S Paving has excavated and hauled away almost 500,000 cubic yards of borrow material from a pit on 600+ acres of city-owned land west of I-95 and behind the First Step Homeless Assistance Center.

The operation, which began in December 2019, is part of the first phase in an agreement (Res. 18-336) between the city and P&S Paving to exchange fill dirt for a reduction in the price of the site work completed on the homeless shelter.

Phase One of the agreement concludes when 1.42 million yards of dirt is excavated.

Commission meeting dates in September changed to Sept. 8 and 22

Due to timelines established by the Florida Department of Revenue, dates of City Commission meetings in September have been adjusted to the second and fourth Wednesdays.

Public hearings to establish the city's tax rate and approve the next fiscal year's budget are scheduled for **September 8** and **September 22**.

The proposed tax rate is \$5.5300 per \$1,000 in assessed value. The proposed budget, which takes effect on October 1, 2021, includes \$262.9 million in operating and \$12.2 million capital expenditures and funds 943 fulltime positions.



Project Vaccinate Daytona Beach

Last week, Florida saw the highest surge of new COVID-19 cases since summer 2020. The Florida Department of Health reported over 45,000 new cases of COVID-19 from July 9 – July 15, an average of 6,500+ new infections daily.

Those who have not been vaccinated are encouraged to get their vaccine as soon as possible to protect themselves and others. Vaccines are widely available in Daytona Beach.

Not vaccinated yet?

There will be three community vaccination clinics where a \$25 Walmart gift card* will be given to anyone who gets vaccinated. Family Health Source will supply and administer vaccines. The gift card incentive is part of Mayor Derrick Henry's initiative to encourage reluctant residents to get vaccinated.



“When COVID vaccines were first introduced, we saw a lot of people eager to protect their health, but now we are seeing people on the fence, and we want to incentivize those people to get vaccinated,” said Mayor Henry.

Dates and times of upcoming city-sponsored vaccination clinics where gift cards will be given:

Tuesday, August 10

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Dickerson Community Center

Wednesday, August 11

2 to 6 p.m.

Midtown Community Center

Thursday, August 12

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Schnebly Rec Center

*a \$25 gift card will be given for each shot, for up to \$50 for the two-shot series.

It's Game On for an adults-only **Game Night in the Park** on **Saturday, September 18**, from 7 to 11 p.m. at Daisy Stocking Park.

Presented by Commissioner Paula R. Reed and City Manager Deric C. Feacher, this is a chance for neighbors to meet one another and socialize. Residents are welcome to bring their favorite table games. There will be a DJ, food and beverage concessions and door prizes will be given throughout the evening. This event is for entertainment purposes; therefore, no gambling will be allowed.

Game Night in the Park

Saturday, September 18, 7 to 11 p.m.

Daisy Stocking Park



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