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City Manager's Update



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City mourns loss of Police Officer Jason Raynor

Memorial and services to be announced soon

A celebration of life and funeral services are being planned for Police Officer Jason Raynor, who passed away Tuesday evening at Halifax Health Medical Center with his family by his side. The 26-year old officer succumbed to his injuries from a shooting in June.

"Now more than ever, we ask for all of you to embrace the Raynor family and the Daytona Beach Police Department in your hearts during this devastating time and pray that God will give us all the strength to persevere through this senseless tragedy," said Chief Jakari Young. "Jason's sacrifice will never be forgotten."

The Chief is asking the public to send their condolences, donations and other sentiments for the officer to the Police Department instead of the family in an effort to ease some of their burden. Those who wish to do so, can contact Heather Jasminski at (386) 671-5364 or JasminskiHeather@dbpd.us.

From prayer vigils, blood drives and yard signs to organized drive-bys at the hospital and a GoFundMe account that was created in the days following the tragic event, the community has rallied behind Officer Raynor's family and the Police Department.

"On behalf of the family, thank you to everyone who has shown love and support," said Chief Young. "We are now asking for the public to respect the family's desire for privacy while they grieve for their loved one."

Officer Raynor becomes the tenth officer in the department's history to fall in the line of duty. Prior to Officer Raynor, the last DBPD officer to lose his life from injuries sustained while on patrol was Kevin Fischer in 1998. The last officer to pass away from injuries while on duty was Thomas Coulter in 2018 during a training exercise.



A community in solidarity
Hundreds attended a prayer vigil for the young officer at Halifax Health Medical Center.



Raynor Strong signs created to raise funds.

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Noon to 1 p.m.
Wednesday



Welcome banners installed on ISB

Today crews began installing 164 double-sided banners along International Speedway Boulevard to welcome thousands of incoming college students. With a goal to welcome this diverse group of future leaders, the banner program was developed to show appreciation to this vital part of our community.



Residents encouraged to get vaccine

Florida is seeing a record number of new COVID-19 cases. Those who have not been vaccinated are encouraged to get their vaccine as soon as possible to protect themselves and others.



Free COVID-19 vaccines will be available from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. **Sunday, Aug. 22, and Wednesday, Sept. 15**, at Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church located at 540 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. No appointments are required.

The Florida Department of Health offers vaccines weekly:

421 Keech St.
Monday & Wednesday
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

1845 Holsonback Drive
Tuesday & Thursday
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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

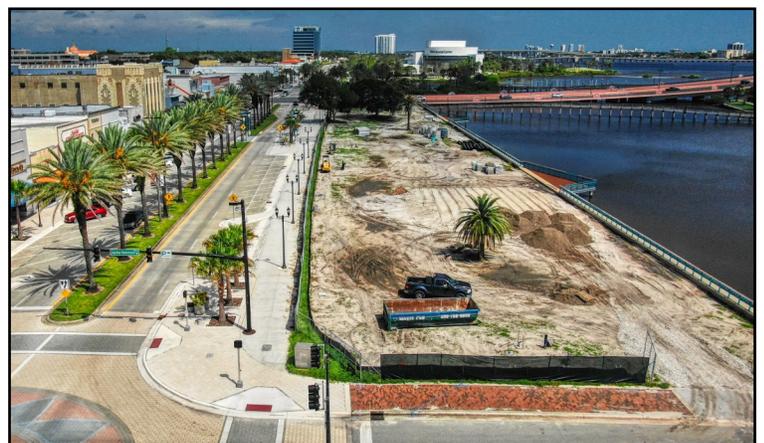
Riverfront Park seawall nears completion

Work on southern section of the park begins

Three observation decks made of long-lasting composite materials are now completed on the seawall restoration project in Riverfront Park. The only remaining item to finish is the custom fabrication of a transitional piece to connect railings on the outlooks with the railings on the lower level. The \$3.2 million project, which began in August, is partially funded by more than \$350,000 in grant funds and the city anticipates receiving another \$1.1 million.

The quarter-mile length seawall between Orange Avenue and International Speedway Boulevard is made of heavy-duty modern materials. In addition to the fortified seawall structure, 10 stormwater outfalls and backflow preventers are in place with protective gates to prevent manatees from getting trapped. The seawall is as functional as it is decorative and will complement future park improvements associated with the Brown Riverfront Esplanade Foundation's masterplan.

With the near completion of the seawall, the southern section (Phase 2) of the Riverfront Esplanade has begun. Fencing has been installed and existing landscaping has been removed to make way for botanical gardens, restroom facilities, a splash pad and water features. Phase 2 is scheduled to be completed by next summer.



Improvements underway at Golf Club

Work to repair and replace the leaking soffit, fascia and roof system at the Daytona Beach Golf Club's clubhouse is underway. Daytona Beach-based A.G. Pifer is contracted to complete the nearly \$200,000 project, which should be finished by Oct. 1. The facility's pro shop and restaurant remain open during construction.



New banking options in LPGA area

A new branch of Space Coast Credit Union is under construction on an outparcel in front of the Publix at Latitude Landings on LPGA Boulevard. The branch will be SCCU's ninth location in Volusia County. As the third largest credit union in Florida, SCCU has more than 500,000 members and \$6 billion in assets.

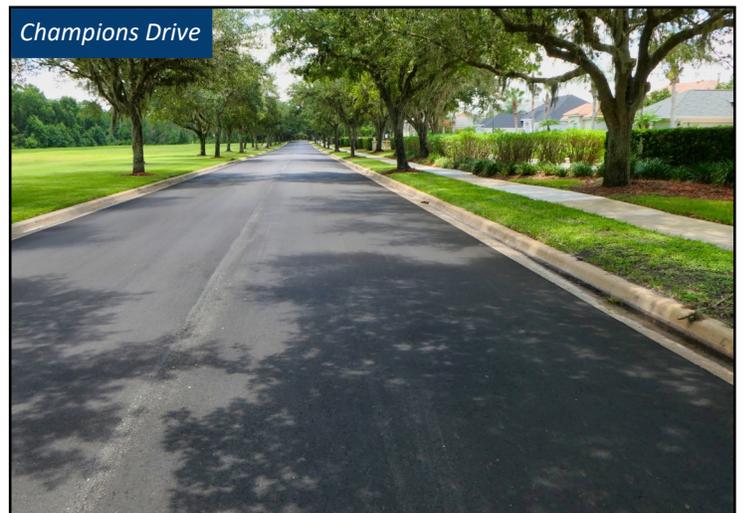
Roadway maintenance ongoing to improve city's infrastructure

Paving the way forward in the Public Works Streets and Grounds Maintenance Division is Bruce Black, who just started with the city Monday in a new position created specifically to oversee the implementation of the Road Resurfacing and Restoration program. With 35 years of road construction experience, Black will assess road conditions and coordinate the resurfacing and reconstruction of them as part of the city's ongoing investment in its infrastructure.

At the July 7 commission meeting, the road improvement program was allocated more than \$2.7 million to be spent by the end of the fiscal year (Sept. 30) to complete work on about 16 lane miles of roadway.

Due to a road rating, multiple customer concerns, ongoing construction projects and heavy tourism traffic, roadways on beachside and in City Commission Zones 2 and 3 will be addressed. Approximately 70% of the roadways identified to be repaired have ratings of 4 and 5, indicating a need for maintenance by the Paser Rating system, which is used to categorize them on a one to 10 scale (10 being the best and one being the worst).

The 16 lane miles are in addition to ongoing roadway improvements including the repaving of South Beach Street from Orange Avenue to Bellevue Avenue, which was just completed, and Champions Drive, which has been paved from LPGA Blvd. to International Golf Drive.



Head downtown Friday night for a Food Truck Rally

Check out the Downtown Daytona Nights Food Truck Rally for a night of music, fun and food trucks on Magnolia Avenue between Beach Street and Palmetto Avenue.

Attendees can enjoy a variety of dishes from 5 to 9 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 20, at the event. Participating food trucks including Bells Kitchen and Smokehouse, Carte Blanche Mobile Cuisine, Fat Boi Gourmet Potatoes, Grateful Cow, Ida Jeans Kettle Corn, Jersey Family Grill, Lee's Famous Cheesesteaks, Ritter's Ice Frozen Custard, Slapped Kitchen, Stoked Poké, Sweet Shelia's Funnel Cake, Taco's Land, Tainted Fruit & Treats The Adult Snack, The Big Cheese, Trenea's Tasty Treats, Wicked Good Mini Donuts and Willy Ts Crab Shack.

Free parking is available behind the Riverfront Shops on Beach Street. The Downtown Daytona Nights Food Truck Rally is sponsored by the Downtown Development Authority and Riverfront Shops of Daytona Beach.



Sign up to help clean up local waterways

Registration is open through **Friday, Aug. 27**, for the International Coastal Cleanup and Halifax/Indian River Cleanup, which will be **Saturday, Sept. 18**. There are still volunteer spots at the City Island Park location. For more information and to register, visit www.volusia.org/cleanups.



SEPTEMBER 11TH 20TH ANNIVERSARY CEREMONY

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Saturday, September 11, 2021
9:00am
Fire Station #1
301 S. Beach St. Daytona Beach



Join in recognizing the 20th Anniversary of September 11th during a ceremony at 9 a.m. **Saturday, Sept. 11**, at Fire Station #1 located at 301 S. Beach St. The Daytona Beach Fire Department is hosting the special recognition of this important date in our nation's history.



Registration is open for the Round 4 Raynor Golf Tournament **Friday, Aug. 27**, at LPGA International. This golf tournament is a fundraiser for Officer Jason Raynor, who passed away Tuesday. The entry fee is \$125 per person and includes golf, cart, continental breakfast and lunch following the tournament. Breakfast and registration will begin at 7:30 a.m. followed by a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m.



The Tony Bobbitt Tip-Off Classic Tournament was held at the Midtown Community Center this weekend, bringing together eight teams from across the county. The first-time event was organized by local Shelton Willis, who wanted to bring the community together and inspire youth. The weekend activities included special recognition of some area businesses for their community involvement, DJs, food trucks and halftime performances by Mainland High School cheerleaders.

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With City Manager Deric C. Feacher

City Manager leads senior staff in team-building retreat

Staff focused on accelerating the city's capabilities and services

Donning a bright yellow traffic vest, City Manager Deric C. Feacher brought together more than 30 senior-level teammates Friday for a working retreat. Using humor and specific exercises to build listening and leadership skills, Feacher reminded participants to stay in their own lane when working with others and “know when to lead and when to follow” while strategically pairing staff to maximize interactions between diverse personalities and leadership styles.

The manager told participants his overall mission is to remove bureaucratic barriers and find ways to get to “yes.” Once larger groups were assigned, staff discussed core values and developed a SWOT analysis – strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats – as well as wrote draft mission and vision statements and lists of practices and processes the city should stop doing and what initiatives should begin. Notes from the session will be compiled into a final report and presented to the City Commission by the beginning of the fiscal year. The manager also plans to facilitate a strategic planning session with commissioners in January.

Personnel assignment and organizational changes were announced at the conclusion of the teambuilding exercises. Changes include:

- The city will hire an Economic/Community Development Director, who will report to the City Manager and provide oversight to the Redevelopment and Community Development divisions.
- Leisure Services will report to the Assistant City Manager with the purpose of creating new programming, expanding offerings and highlighting the great work being done. In addition, the city will take advantage of the Florida Recreation and Parks Association’s programs as we work to create intergenerational programs and facilities.
- Deputy City Manager/Fire Chief Dru Driscoll will oversee the city’s legislative affairs, working with Hardy Smith and our grants consultant, as he continues to lead the Fire Department.
- Deputy City Manager Jim Morris will continue to oversee Development Services, which consists of the Planning and Permits and Licensing divisions; however, he will work in connection with the City Manager to develop a program to recruit concerts, performances and events to our signature facilities – the Peabody Auditorium, Bandshell and Daytona Stadium. This change is an effort to recruit major events and work with colleges, universities and the school board to recruit their conference championships and state competitions for football, soccer and similar events and tournaments.
- An *Inside Daytona Beach Tour* will be developed for employees to learn more about the overall mission and operations of our municipality.



Teams used available resources, institutional knowledge and teamwork to build model cities, complete with creative names, mission statements, roads, schools, landmarks, recreational spaces, utilities and more. This exercise was designed to show how we grow as a city and what shall we become.

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Special Election for Zone 2 City Commission Seat

Due to Commissioner Aaron Delgado's resignation, the city's Charter requires a special election to fill the vacated seat in Zone 2. The primary election will be Sept. 21 and the general election is set for Nov. 2. Only registered voters in Zone 2 will be able to cast a ballot. For candidates, election schedule and voter information, visit www.codb.us.

Purple Heart recipients' parking at City Hall

Purple Heart recipients have a new designated parking space at City Hall, which was announced by Mayor Derrick Henry at a ceremony commemorating National Purple Heart Day. The ceremony was organized by the Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter 316, Marine Corps League Daytona and Zone 4 Commissioner Stacy Cantu.



COVID-19 vaccines available

Florida is seeing a record number of new COVID-19 cases. 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. Find vaccine locations at www.vaccines.gov.

September 11 Ceremony

Join in recognizing the 20th Anniversary of September 11th during a ceremony at 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, at Fire Station #1 located at 301 S. Beach St. The Daytona Beach Fire Department is hosting the special recognition of this important date in our nation's history.





Lois Williams & Mackenzie Newton
7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11



Chris Clarke & Friends
7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25

Enjoy music under the stars at the city-sponsored Midtown Music Concerts at Daisy Stocking Park, 550 Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Blvd. Additional sponsors of the Midtown Music Concert Series include AdventHealth, VyStar Credit Union, Vitas Health Care and U-Store Daytona Beach.



Enjoy Food Trucks in Downtown Daytona Beach

Head to Downtown Beach Street for a Food Truck Rally from 5 to 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 17. Enjoy live music, food trucks and more! Details at www.RiverfrontShopsOfDaytona.com.

Adults' Game Night in the Park

It's game on for an adults-only Game Night in the Park from 7 to 11 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18, 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.



Residents can Adopt-A-Drain

Residents are invited to Adopt-A-Drain, a new volunteer program to help keep storm drains free of debris. Thousands of storm drains throughout the city empty into local waterways and should be kept clear of trash, grass clippings and other harmful pollutants. For more information, call Tracy Shirah at (386) 671-8884.



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