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City Manager's Update



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City Manager launches walking tour initiative

Neighbor to Neighbor, Block by Block

Starting in November, City Manager Deric C. Feacher will host walking tours in select neighborhoods where key staff members will join him to help identify areas where businesses can grow, seek better zoning for individuals to have greater use of their properties, locate code issues and discuss how the city can best position itself as a destination of choice. The collective team will provide feedback from their professional perspective on, "What can be done to help this area be more successful?"

The walks are another example of the city manager's commitment to removing bureaucratic barriers and improving community engagement.

"We encourage residents and business owners to come and join us" he said. "Together, we are all part of the solution to improve the economic viability and quality of life in our city."

The walking tours will include senior staff from the City Manager's Office, Development Services, Economic and Redevelopment, Code Enforcement, Planning, Zoning, Permits and Licensing, Public Works, Leisure Services, Code Enforcement, Utilities, Police and Communications.

City Walking Tours

Thursday, Nov. 4

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Midtown streets including MMB, MLK, Orange, George W Engram, Mason, ISB

Wednesday, Nov. 10

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Downtown and Beachside
Beach Street, Main Street, Seabreeze, A1A, Ocean Center

Thursday, Nov. 18

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Citywide tour of key areas for transportation, infrastructures, parks, code concerns, commercial and residential growth

During the walking tours, staff will also talk with property owners, residents and concerned stakeholders who want to provide insight on what is working and what is not working in their communities.

"Initially, we will visit three main areas and also have a tour of key locations throughout the city where we have identified opportunities for growth and redevelopment. Tours of the targeted areas will help us determine locations for new parks and address transportation and infrastructure concerns on the west side, flooding and code issues," he added.

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COVID-19 testing continues at Midtown

The free COVID-19 testing site at the Midtown Community Center has administered 170 tests since opening Sept. 3.

The testing site is offered through a partnership the city has with private provider Curative Inc., the Florida Department of Health and Volusia County. The testing site is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Appointments are preferred; however, walk-ups are welcome.

Appointments can be booked on Curative's website at www.curative.com or by calling (888)702-9042. The test is available for symptomatic and asymptomatic patients ages one year and older. Patients can expect results within 48 hours upon receipt at the lab.



Special Events Taskforce meeting

The Special Events Taskforce created following the Truck Meet in June will have a meeting from 6 to 7:30 p.m. **Wednesday, Sept. 29**, at the Ocean Center. The meeting will bring together city and county leaders and elected officials to discuss managing unsanctioned events and how they work together with mutual aid during sanctioned events.

Invited attendees include mayors, managers and police chiefs from cities on the county's east side, the Volusia Sheriff's Office, the Volusia County Chair and Volusia County Beach Safety as well as leaders from the Daytona Regional Chamber of Commerce, the Daytona Beach Area Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Lodging and Hospitality Association of Volusia County. The public is welcome to attend the meeting. The meeting will air online at www.codb.us.



New Daytona State College residency hall goes vertical

Construction is moving at a good pace on the new student residency hall at Daytona State College. College and community leaders broke ground in April on the four-story building that will accommodate about 250 students.

The new student dorms are located on the north side of the campus adjacent to the Arts & Sciences Hall, the Greene Center and Nunamann Hall (bookstore).

The \$16.3 million project is anticipated to be complete in August.



Daytona Beach sees 19% population increase over last decade

U.S. Census numbers reveal Daytona Beach's official population is 72,647. The city added 11,642 residents, a 19% increase since the previous census count.

While the population grew in all of Volusia County's cities, Daytona Beach gained more residents than any other city. (Information was not released for cities with populations of 5,000 or less.)

Volusia County's population is 553,543, an increase of 58,950 residents from the 2010 census.

City	2020	2010	Difference
Daytona Beach	72,647	61,005	+11,642
Daytona Beach Shores	5,179	4,247	+932
DeBary	22,260	19,320	+2,940
DeLand	37,351	27,031	+10,320
Deltona	93,692	85,182	+8,510
Edgewater	23,097	20,750	+2,347
Holly Hill	12,958	11,659	+1,299
New Smyrna Beach	30,142	22,464	+7,678
Orange City	12,632	10,599	+2,033
Ormond Beach	43,080	38,137	+4,943
Port Orange	62,596	56,048	+6,548
South Daytona	12,865	12,252	+613

City featured by *Southern Living Travel*

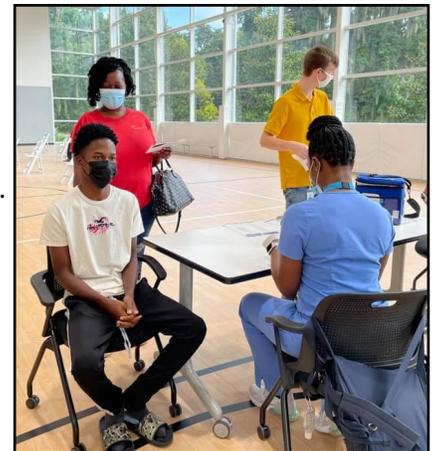
People are taking notice of Daytona Beach! The city is featured on *Southern Living's Travel* website this month. *Southern Living* is one of the largest lifestyle brands in the country that celebrates the essence of life in the south, covering the best in southern food, home, travel and style through its magazine, website, social sites, videos, cookbooks, special editions and licensed products. *Southern Living* reaches more than 26.2 million people each month — connecting consumers to the region's rich culture through a variety of platforms.

Link to Daytona Beach story on *Southern Living*: www.southernliving.com/travel/florida/things-to-do-in-daytona-beach

City sponsors vaccine clinics

Project Vaccinate Daytona Beach is underway as city-sponsored COVID-19 vaccine clinics continue to be offered. This past week, more than 69 vaccines were distributed at clinics Saturday and Tuesday.

Vaccine clinic updates are posted on the city's website at www.codb.us/coronavirus.



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Daytona Beach is perhaps best known for the Daytona International Speedway, which brings racing enthusiasts from all over to this slice of Florida's Atlantic Coast for fast cars and revving engines. That's not all there is to Daytona, though. Beyond the racetrack, visitors can find a coastal escape with big sandy beaches and big city charm too.

Chris Clarke and Friends take the stage Saturday at Daisy Stocking Park

Chris Clarke and Friends will take the stage at 7 p.m. **Saturday** for the final performance of the free city-sponsored Midtown Music Concert Series at Daisy Stocking Park. Clarke will be performing with Randy Bordon and Dimas Sanchez.



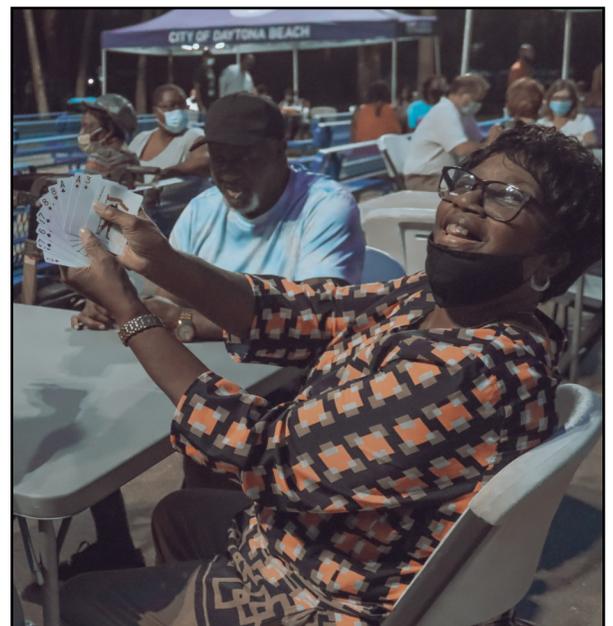
Clarke studied at The Juilliard School, the Manhattan School of Music and Berklee College of Music. Clarke was mentored by Kansas City artists including Claude "Fiddler" Williams, Frank Smith, Elbert James "Coots" Dye

and Ahmad Aladeen. Bordon is a multi-genre bass player who studied at the Amadeo Roldan Conservatory in Havana, Cuba. Sanchez is a drummer and percussionist who integrates Puerto Rican folklore with jazz, blues and other musical styles.

Additional sponsors of the concert series include AdventHealth, VyStar Credit Union, Vitas Health Care and U-Store Daytona Beach.

First community Game Night a hit!

The city's first Game Night hosted by Commissioner Paula R. Reed and City Manager Deric C. Feacher was a success as more than 100 people enjoyed a night of playing board games and line dancing under a full moon.



Ceremony marks 20 years since 9/11

City leaders and the community came together to recognize the 20th anniversary of Sept. 11 with a special ceremony at Fire Station #1 in downtown Daytona Beach.





Free COVID-19 testing

The city is continuing to offer free COVID-19 testing through a partnership with private provider Curative, the Florida Department of Health and Volusia County. Curative is operating a mobile site that people can walk up to and receive a COVID-19 test regardless of symptoms. The self-collected, shallow nasal PCR test is available for people ages one year and older. Results are provided within 2-4 days. For the testing site location and hours, visit www.codb.us/coronavirus. Appointments are preferred; however, walk-ups are welcome. Make an appointment at www.curative.com or (888) 702-9042.

COVID-19 vaccines available

There continues to be a high number of COVID-19 cases in the community. Those who have not been vaccinated are encouraged to get their vaccine as soon as possible to protect themselves and others. Find vaccine locations at www.vaccines.gov.



Sign up to receive the City Manager's Update

Learn about the city's latest initiatives, programs and projects in the City Manager's Update. This informative newsletter is distributed on days the City Commission meets. Sign up on the city's website at www.codb.us and click on "Notify Me" to receive the newsletter automatically via email and/or text message.

Learn-to-swim lessons offered at city's pools

Learn-to-swim lessons are offered for youth ages 6 to 10 at the city's two pools. Get the details at www.codb.us/SwimLessons or call (386) 671-8393. The Mayor's Swim Club is an effort by Mayor Derrick Henry that is working toward making sure all youth in Daytona Beach learn to swim. Additional sponsors include Advent Health, VyStar Credit Union, Vitas Health Care, Walmart, Bank of America, Dick's Sporting Goods and Embassy of Hope.



City prepares for Biketoberfest

Large crowds are anticipated for the 29th annual Biketoberfest Oct. 14-17. This year, traffic will be restricted to only motorcycles on Main Street from Peninsula Drive to Atlantic Avenue during the 4-day event. Other motorists must use the side roadways or receive special permission to access the area. Curbside parking on Main Street will be limited to allow for greater physical distancing on the sidewalks.



Utility rate changes as of Oct. 1

Beginning Oct. 1, the city is implementing a new rate structure to calculate your monthly utility bill. Most single-family residential customers will see a reduction in their statements because minimum-use quantities are being replaced with the actual number of gallons used, which encourages water conservation.

The last time service rates were modified other than the annual Consumer Price Index adjustment was in 2004. In addition, as of Oct. 1, if a single-family residential customer makes timely payment of monthly utility bills for 24 consecutive months, the deposit will be refunded through a credit to the customer's utility account (after the consecutive 24 months). Customers with questions can call (386) 671-8100 or email UBEmail@codb.us.

Downtown Farmers' Market every Saturday

Head downtown Saturday mornings to purchase farm-fresh produce and vegetables at the Downtown Farmers' Market. The market is open from 7 a.m. to noon every Saturday and is located on Magnolia Avenue between Beach Street and Palmetto Avenue. Residents enrolled in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program can use their benefits at the farmers' market. For more information, visit www.riverfrontshopsofdaytona.com/farmers-market.



Explore our parks

This fall, fall in love with your city parks. Daytona Beach is committed to providing amenities and natural green spaces for residents and visitors of all ages to enjoy. To find a city park near you, visit www.codb.us/Parks.



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On The Move With Leisure Services

Registration open for flag football

Registration is open for the city's youth flag football league for boys and girls ages 6 to 10. A football skills clinic is from 5 to 7:30 p.m. today and Thursday at the Derbyshire Sports Complex at 849 Derbyshire Road.

The last day to register for flag football is **Thursday, Sept. 30**, with practices beginning Monday, Oct. 4. The registration fee is \$40 and includes the clinic, practices and games, which will be at the Derbyshire Sports Complex. Games begin Monday, Oct. 11, and continue through Thursday, Nov. 18.

To register call (386) 671-8337 or visit www.codb.us/activities.



Swim league makes a splash at Cypress Aquatic Center

The City of Daytona Beach is starting a non-competitive swim league that focuses on endurance, strength, dives, turns and more. Swimmers must be at least 7 years old and able to swim front crawl and backstroke 25 yards to participate. Practices will be from 6 to 7 p.m. every Monday and Wednesday at Cypress Aquatic Center at 981 George W. Engram Blvd.

Swim league memberships are \$40 per month for each participant; however, financial scholarships are available for qualifying youth. Registration is at Cypress Aquatic Center, which is open from noon to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

For more information, call (386) 671-8393.

Register for learn-to-swim lessons

Registration is ongoing for learn-to-swim lessons, which are for youth ages 6 to 10. Participants are divided into three groups: beginner, intermediate and advanced.

Lessons for each group are 30 minutes in duration, starting with beginners at 4:30 p.m. every Monday and Wednesday at Cypress Aquatic Center at 981 George W. Engram Blvd.

Lessons are every Tuesday and Thursday, starting with beginners at 4:30 p.m. at Campbell Aquatic Center at 400 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

Lessons are \$30 per participant for a total of eight lessons. Financial scholarships are available for qualifying youth. Registration is at Cypress Aquatic Center, which is open from noon to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

For more information, call (386) 671-8393.



Update on Dickerson renovations

The Dickerson Center's computer lab and weight room remained closed while renovations are underway. Improvements include ceiling tiles being replaced throughout the center, painting the interior walls and replacing flooring.

The center's gym is open to the public from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The Boys & Girls Club continue to use the Dickerson Center from 5 to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, at which time the gym is closed to the public.



Open gym basketball

Residents can enjoy playing pick-up basketball from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Dickerson Center at 308 S. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. and at the Yvonne Scarlett-Golden Cultural and Educational Center at 1000 Vine St.

Programs at Schnebly Recreation Center

Bailey's Best with Diane

Interested in ballroom dancing? Then check out Bailey's Best with Diane. This group meets from 2 to 4 p.m. every Wednesday at Schnebly Recreation Center at 1101 N. Atlantic Ave. Learn ballroom dances including the foxtrot and tango. The fee is \$5 per person and refreshments are available. For more information, call (386) 214-2316.

After-School Program

An after-school program is offered from 3 to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday from 3 to 5:30 p.m. at Schnebly Recreation Center. For more information, call (386) 671-3560.

Let's Market

Join the Schnebly Writers' Marketing Group from 10 a.m. to noon on the first Friday of the month at Schnebly Recreation Center. This writing group is led by published author Sarah Kage. A separate writing group called the, "Owls" meets the same day from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Don't miss out on the opportunity to share marketing ideas with other authors. The fee is \$1 per person. For more information, call (386) 671-3560.



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