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# City Manager's Update



## Prioritizing roadway maintenance

*City budgets \$4 million in improvements this fiscal year*

Roadway maintenance is currently funded by the City Commission at \$4 million for this fiscal year. For planning purposes, these funds were divided into the following amounts and categories: sidewalks, \$1 million; road resurfacing, \$2.5 million; road reconstruction, \$500,000.

Roadways and adjacent sidewalks and ramps are visually evaluated to identify issues needing to be addressed. Utilities Department staff also evaluates underground utilities. Groups of candidate roads are selected from all parts of the city, taking into consideration other planned or recently completed projects, so that all areas of the city will benefit from roadway improvements. These groups of roadways are presented to the City Manager and City Commission when the funding agenda item is under consideration. To view a list of roads currently being improved, visit [www.codb.us](http://www.codb.us).

### Roadway Condition Rating System

Rating	Condition	Maintenance Category
1-3	Poor	Reconstruction
4-5	Fair	Resurfacing
6-10	Good	Routine Minor Maintenance

Staff uses the Pavement Surface Evaluation & Rating (PASER) system to evaluate, document and develop maintenance plans for roads. The 10-point rating system (one is the worst score and 10 is the best) is widely used by communities and road agencies across the country.

#### Differences between

- **Routine Minor Maintenance**
- **Resurfacing**
- **Reconstruction**

**Routine minor maintenance:** Occasionally required through life of roadway; includes right-of-way mowing, sign replacement, striping, and repairs to shoulders, sidewalks and ramps.

**Resurfacing:** Removing the top layer of asphalt and replacing it with a new surface layer; generally needs to be done every 20 years on average with higher volume roadways needing more frequent resurfacing. An average cost for resurfacing work is about \$100,000 per lane mile (12' width x 1-mile length).

**Reconstruction:** Most involved and costly option. Necessary when the roadway base has deteriorated to the point where it loses structural strength to support the weight of traffic. This process involves removing the entire pavement and base material, reworking and recompacting the base material (about 8"-10" below the asphalt), and replacing the asphalt layer(s). The average cost is approximately \$500,000 per lane mile. Fortunately, the list of roadways in this maintenance category is relatively short in Daytona Beach.

Roadways are selected based on the condition rating and if there is any necessary underground utility work, as is often the case, and the amount of traffic on the roadway. These projects tend to be longer term since many of these roadways need extensive utility work (for example Grandview Avenue), and this coordination and construction can take years to design and complete.

## City mobile app in development

Mobile devices, primarily smart phones, are being used by two-thirds of visitors to the city's website. Recognizing and embracing this trend, staff is working with its current website provider, CivicPlus, to develop a mobile app to give residents easier access to city information and make it simpler to stay connected with their local government.



The city's website was redesigned in 2019. It was a cosmetic remodel of the site incorporating new images, colors, navigation and updated branding as well as a reorganization of main menu options. These updates made the site more user-friendly, vibrant and more reflective of the city.

User data compiled over the last 12 months will assist in the development of the new app. From November 2020 to November 2021, the top web pages visited were:

1. Utility Billing
2. Police Department
3. Coronavirus
4. Beach Information
5. Permits and Licensing
6. Job opportunities
7. Biker events
8. Alert Center
9. Staff directory

Development of the app should take about seven months. The app will be available in the Apple store as well as the Google Play store for Android and Apple phones.

## Derbyshire area improvements update

From a new scoreboard at a multi-purpose field to a project underway to add sidewalks to neighborhood streets, improvements are continuing in the Derbyshire Sports Complex area.

**New scoreboard:** A scoreboard previously used at Municipal Stadium was installed at the busy sports field where youth play soccer and two high schools and several other leagues play football.



**Sidewalk construction:** P&S Paving is in the process of installing the stormwater system along the west side of Vine Street between Brentwood Drive and the entrance to the Yvonne Scarlett-Golden Community Center.



## Special Magistrate fines Hookah Pub

When nightclubs along Seabreeze Boulevard close at 3 a.m., many bar patrons gravitate to the nearby Hookah Pub, which stays open until the wee hours Saturday and Sunday mornings. Multiple public safety issues became increasingly evident to police and code enforcement officers. Although the hookah bar isn't licensed to sell or allow alcohol beverages on its premises, officers found the establishment was operating as an illegal "bottle club" and a case was presented to the city's Special Magistrate David Vukelja last month. In addition to operating a bottle club, the owner of the property, 500 Seabreeze LLC, was cited for creating a fire code issue by locking the business' front door while patrons were inside. The Special Magistrate fined the property owner \$3,500. The fine must be paid or appealed within 30 days of the order.

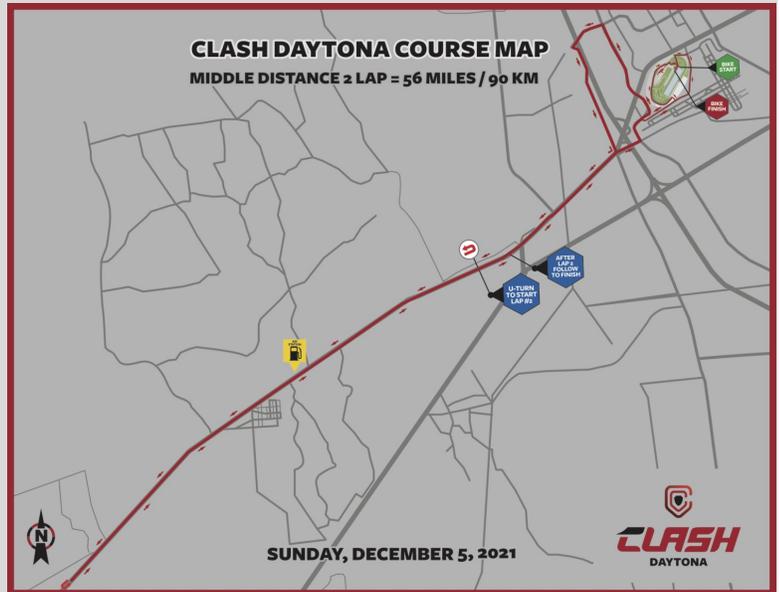


## World's best triathletes compete this weekend at the Speedway

This weekend the Daytona International Speedway will host hundreds of triathletes for [CLASH Daytona](#), an endurance sports festival previously known as Challenge Daytona. The main event is **Sunday, Dec. 5**, and features a mid-distance race where the world's best triathletes will compete for one of the largest prize purses in the sport. Prize money will be shared among the top men and women professionals from around the world. There will also be races for athletes of all ages and abilities as part of the weekend's activities. Spectators are welcome to attend the events.

Sunday's competition starts with a 1.2-mile swim in the 29-acre Lake Lloyd, followed by a 56-mile bike ride throughout streets in Daytona Beach, west on U.S. 92 to DeLand and back to the speedway, followed by a 11.2-mile run at the world-famous track.

**Motorists can expect major traffic delays along the route of the bike race from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday. Motorists coming to Daytona Beach from DeLand are encouraged to take alternate routes including I-4, S.R. 40 and S.R. 44, instead of U.S. 92.**



Daytona Beach police officers and personnel will close most intersections on the course with assistance from the Volusia Sheriff's Office, Florida Highway Patrol and law enforcement officers from Port Orange and New Smyrna Beach.



### Visit MMB Exhibit before Dec. 12

Don't miss the Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune statue exhibit at the News-Journal Center. There is no cost to see the exhibit; however, tickets are required. The statue is on temporary display through **Sunday, Dec. 12**. The exhibit is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. For more information and tickets, visit [www.MMBStatue.org](http://www.MMBStatue.org).

### City begins redistricting process

Every 10 years, cities use newly released census data to redraw their district lines to adjust for population shifts. Districts must be redrawn so that each district is substantially equal in population. This process, called redistricting, is important in ensuring each city commissioner represents the same number of constituents.



Recently released census data shows Daytona Beach has 73,481 residents, which means each zone would ideally have 12,246 residents. The growth in population hasn't been uniform across all zones. Zone 4 has 16,495 people and is 4,249 persons above the ideal population. Zone 2, on the other hand, has 9,675 residents, which is 2,571 below the ideal population.

The city has begun the local redistricting process. A Request For Proposal (RFP) was released Nov. 1 to solicit a consultant to review census information, analyze changes in population and minority composition, revise maps and/or redistricting plan and present an executive summary to the City Commission. A selection committee met Tuesday to rank proposals and make a recommendation to the City Manager. Upon finalization of a contract with the top proposer, the City Commission will be presented an agreement with the recommended consultant.

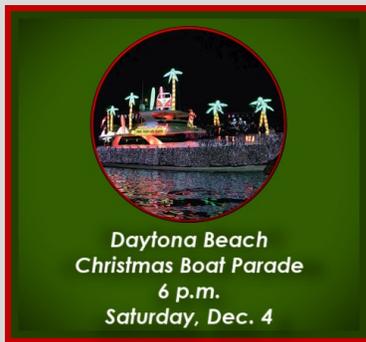
## COVID-19 vaccine clinic, Dec. 3

There will be a free COVID-19 vaccine clinic for people ages five and older from 3 to 6:30 p.m. **Friday, Dec. 3**, at the Florida Department of Health in Volusia County (1845 Holsonback Drive). People interested in receiving a COVID-19 vaccine or test at another time should call (386) 274-0500 to schedule an appointment.



## Holiday Boat Parade, Dec. 4

This year's Daytona Beach Christmas Boat Parade is set for 6 p.m. **Saturday, Dec. 4**. Watch boats travel south along the Halifax River starting at the Seabreeze Bridge and ending at the Halifax Harbor Marina. For more information, visit [www.hryc.com](http://www.hryc.com) or call (386) 255-7459.



## Light Up Volusia, Dec. 4

The Ocean Center will host the 11th annual Light up Volusia from 5 to 6:30 p.m. **Saturday, Dec. 4**, on the east plaza of the convention center. The public is invited to kick off the holiday season with this free holiday event, complete with a tree lighting.

Frank Scott, morning radio host on 104.7 Rock of Daytona, will emcee the night's events. Highlights include live performances by The Love Band and America's Got Talent season 10 finalist Benton Blount, as well as the traditional lighting of the Ocean Center's holiday tree, complete with over 1,300 lights. Parking is available for \$10 in the Ocean Center lots or parking garage. For more details, visit [www.OceanCenter.com](http://www.OceanCenter.com) or call (386) 254-4500.



**Collecting new, unwrapped toys at all Daytona Beach Fire Stations until December 10th**



## Downtown Wine Walk, Dec. 11

Head to beautiful downtown Daytona Beach **Saturday, Dec. 11**, for the December Wine Walk. Participants can sip, sample and socialize from 1 to 5 p.m. strolling through unique shops and enjoying live music while tasting fine red and white wines served by participating merchants. Parking is available behind the shops on Beach Street. Make sure to stay downtown after the event for the city's [Bright Lights & Merry Nights Christmas Parade](#), which starts at 6 p.m. and is also on Beach Street. Visit [www.RiverfrontShopsOfDaytona.com](http://www.RiverfrontShopsOfDaytona.com) for more information and tickets to the Wine Walk.