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# City Manager's Update



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## Record number of home construction starts in 2021

*Average of 23 new home construction permits issued each week*

Demand for single-family homes remains strong with housing starts increasing 52% in 2021 over the previous year. The city's Permits and Licensing division issued 1,161 new construction permits for a record construction value of \$337.4 million.

|      | # OF PERMITS ISSUED | CONSTRUCTION VALUE |
|------|---------------------|--------------------|
| 2019 | 444                 | \$145.5 million    |
| 2020 | 762                 | \$241.9 million    |
| 2021 | 1,161               | \$337.4 million    |

Staff processed 265 permits in June with 143 of those dedicated to the Capstone Cottages project, which is on the southwest corner of Williamson Boulevard and Strickland Range Road. When completed the development will feature 283 cottage-style rental units.

The health of the local housing market often indicates an area's overall economic health. The National Association of Realtors estimates a local economic impact of \$90,300 for every home sold in Florida.



The Cottages

## Homes Bring Hope starts construction on former city-owned lots

Construction has started on two buildable lots the city donated to Homes Bring Hope: 632 Aberdeen and 451 Walnut streets with additional permit applications being processed for three homes on North Caroline Street. Each home features three bedrooms and two bathrooms with a value of \$122,000.



632 Aberdeen St.

“We are working with qualified candidates for both of the homes under construction as well as the three lots on Caroline Street. We have many interested clients and are working to see if we can help them through the process to qualify to purchase one of these homes. We believe we should have all five lots under contract by end of February and hope to be able to close on them before June 2022,” said Kathy Clark, executive director at Homes Bring Hope.

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## State of the City, Jan. 19

The public is welcome to attend Daytona Beach’s annual State of the City address, delivered by Mayor Derrick Henry, at 5:15 p.m. **Wednesday, Jan. 19**, in the Commission Chambers at City Hall.

A brief video and comments from Mayor Henry will be broadcast on the city’s website at [www.codb.us](http://www.codb.us) and on Spectrum Channel 490.



## Mason Avenue Corridor Planning Study public information meeting, Jan. 19



There is a meeting **Wednesday, Jan. 19**, at the Midtown Cultural and Educational Center for residents to learn about the Florida Department of Transportation’s project to improve Mason Avenue from Clyde Morris Boulevard to N. Beach Street. The project will analyze the corridor and evaluate possible improvements to Mason Avenue by enhancing multimodal safety, operations and connectivity for all modes of travel on the busy thoroughfare.

To accommodate the public, FDOT is offering multiple ways to learn about the project and provide feedback:

- **In-Person Open House Option:** People can stop by the Midtown Cultural and Educational Center any time between 5:30 and 7 p.m. **Wednesday, Jan. 19**, to view a looping presentation and project displays, speak with project team members and submit comments or questions.
- **Virtual Option:** People may attend the public meeting virtually. Advance registration is required. People can register at <https://bit.ly/SR430PlanningStudy>.
- **Phone Option:** Participants may join the meeting in listen-only mode by dialing (877) 309-2071 and entering the passcode 814-151-454 when prompted.

Meeting materials, including the presentation, will be available at <https://www.cflroads.com/project/446756-1> prior to the meeting. For more information, contact Ennis Davis at (386) 943-5422 or [ennis.davis@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:ennis.davis@dot.state.fl.us).

## Citywide road improvements continue

Roadway resurfacing in the Woodcliff Estates subdivision was completed last week, with the restriping of the road scheduled.



Woodcliff Estates

P&S Paving is scheduled to begin work along the Bellevue Avenue corridor starting **Monday, Jan. 10**. Crews will work from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Door hangers to notify residents are being distributed. Eight lane miles of roadways will be improved in this next phase. Roadways include:

| Road            | From           | To               |
|-----------------|----------------|------------------|
| Gatepark Drive  | Cul-de-sac     | Bellevue Avenue  |
| Benecia Avenue  | Shady Place    | Bellevue Avenue  |
| Cook Street     | Benecia Avenue | Valencia Avenue  |
| Edna Street     | End of road    | Benecia Avenue   |
| Valencia Avenue | Shady Place    | Bellevue Avenue  |
| Ellen Street    | Cul-de-sac     | Cul-de-sac       |
| Lora Street     | Emma Street    | Bellevue Avenue  |
| Lora Court      | Lora Street    | Cul-de-sac       |
| Emma Street     | Ellen Street   | Ruby Street      |
| Ruby Street     | Emma Street    | Kathy Street     |
| Kathy Street    | Ellen Street   | Cul-de-sac       |
| Kathy Court     | Kathy Street   | Cul-de-sac       |
| Niles Street    | Shady Place    | Bellevue Avenue  |
| Vernon Street   | Shady Place    | Bellevue Avenue  |
| School Street   | Shady Place    | Dead End         |
| Sycamore Street | Shady Place    | Fremont Avenue   |
| Marion Street   | Shady Place    | Bellevue Avenue  |
| Fremont Avenue  | Niles Street   | Ridgewood Avenue |
| Shady Place     | W. Dead End    | E. Dead End      |

Paving work should take about three to four weeks to complete, weather dependent. There will be marked temporary lane/road closures during paving operations.

## Mayor's Fitness Challenge starts Jan. 18

Registration is open for the Mayor's Fitness Challenge, which begins **Tuesday, Jan. 18**. The first session starts at 5:30 p.m. at the Midtown Community Center and includes a weigh-in as well as



further information regarding the 10-week program. Registration is only \$20 per participant. Classes will be at 5:30 p.m. every Tuesday and 8:30 a.m. every Saturday. *There is a virtual option available for participants.*

To register, visit [www.codb.us/Activities](http://www.codb.us/Activities). For more information, contact Sharonda Irvin at (386) 671-8250 or [IrvinSharonda@codb.us](mailto:IrvinSharonda@codb.us).

## Park improvements underway

Improvements to the pavilion and footbridge at Samuel Butts Youth Archaeological Park are underway. Crews from Saboungi Construction are replacing the hand railing, deck board and pavilion benches with new marine-grade lumber. Public Works staff are also installing six new light posts with LED fixtures as part of the improvements. The \$179,000 project is scheduled to be complete in February.



## Fallen Officer Ceremony and Open House

Daytona Beach Police Department will host two public events next week at their headquarters, 129 Valor Blvd.

### Fallen Officer Monument Rededication Ceremony

Wednesday, Jan. 12

3 p.m.

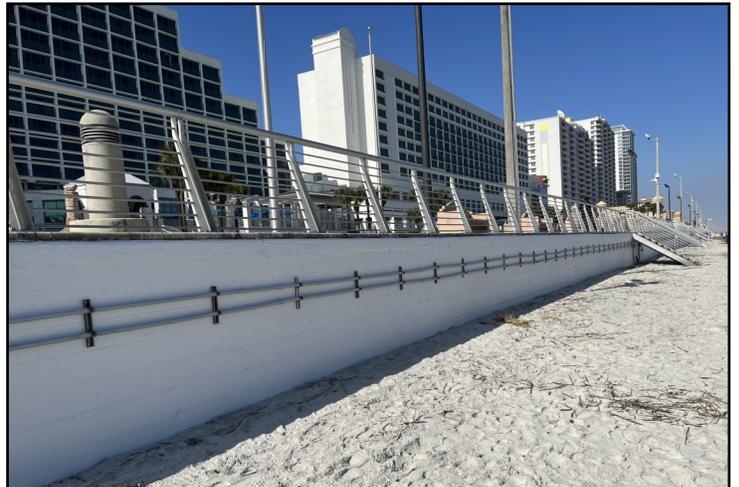
The new monument honors the 10 Daytona Beach police officers who have fallen in the line of duty. It replaces the former monument, which was damaged in 2020.

### Police Explorers Program Open House

Thursday, Jan. 13

6 p.m.

Interested young men and women, ages 14 to 18 years old, who want to learn about a career in law enforcement are invited to attend an open house to find out about Daytona Beach's volunteer Police Explorers program. Requirements include a 2.5 GPA or above and parent or guardian permission.



An oceanfront seawall in a busy tourist area has a new coat of paint. Work was completed from the Bandshell to Breakers Oceanfront Park after erosion from storms in November exposed the wall, which revealed the need for repainting.

## Improvements at Dickerson Center

Improvements at the John H. Dickerson Community Center have recently been completed. New flooring, ceiling tiles and an HVAC dust system were installed and mold remediation in a portion of the building was finished. The interior of the southern portion of the building, which includes the computer lab, weight room and rooms used by the Boys and Girls Club, was also repainted.



## Street pole banners to honor Dr. King

Street pole banners honoring the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. will be adorning the streets in the Midtown area starting this week. Featuring seven of his powerful quotes, the banners will be displayed on International Speedway Blvd. from Nova Road to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

The city's American flag banners will also be displayed in his honor on Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Blvd., the ISB Bridge and A1A.

### REMEMBERING KING



"I HAVE A DREAM THAT MY FOUR LITTLE CHILDREN WILL ONE DAY LIVE IN A NATION WHERE THEY WILL NOT BE JUDGED BY THE COLOR OF THEIR SKIN BUT BY THE CONTENT OF THEIR CHARACTER"

SUNRISE  
JANUARY 15, 1929  
SUNSET  
APRIL 4, 1968

## Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. events

### King: A Film Record, Montgomery to Memphis

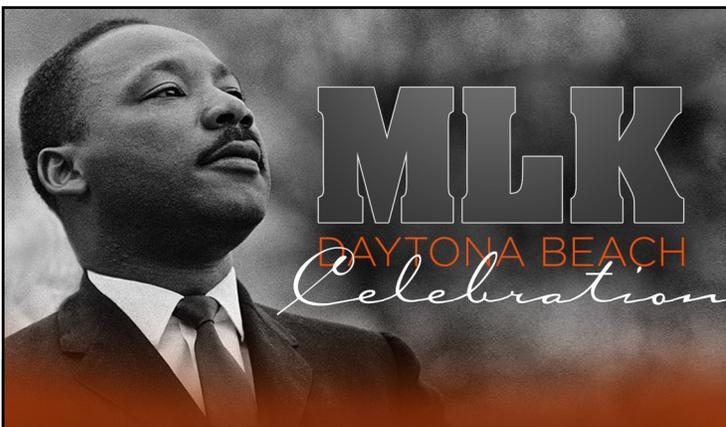
Free admission, Museum of Arts and Sciences  
Showing at 2 p.m. **Feb. 1** and **March 1**

### The Trumpet of Conscience:

#### Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Speaks

A spoken word and musical experience featuring the greatest speeches of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.  
4 p.m. **Saturday, Jan. 15**, Allen Chapel AME Church

Both events sponsored by Zone 3 City Commissioner Quanita May, Allen Chapel AME Church & 623 Management Inc.



### MLK Daytona Beach Celebration, Jan. 17

Prayer, 9:30 a.m.

March, 10 a.m.

Allen Chapel AME Church

### Community Festival, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Daisy Stocking Park

COVID-19 vaccines and booster shots available

Voter registration/education, giveaways, food trucks

Presented by the MLK Celebration for Florida, Inc.

## F.R.E.S.H. Book Festival starts Thursday

The F.R.E.S.H. Book Festival starts **Thursday, Jan. 6**, with a film festival at Peabody Auditorium and a full schedule



of activities this weekend at the Midtown Cultural and Educational Center. This engaging festival offers entertainment with film, book and author presentations and more! For details, visit [www.freshbookfestivals.net](http://www.freshbookfestivals.net).



# On The Move With Leisure Services

## Youth can sign up for gymnastics

Registration is open for Daytona Beach Gymnastics winter session, which is Jan. 5 through April 1. This session is offered for boys and girls of all ages (preschool to teen). Participants will learn proper technique, teamwork and basic gymnastics fundamentals in a fun environment.

Daytona Beach Gymnastics classes are offered at the Schnebly Recreation Center at 1101 N. Atlantic Ave. For more information, visit [www.codb.us/Gymnastics](http://www.codb.us/Gymnastics).



## Weight room reopens at Dickerson Community Center

The weight room at the John. H. Dickerson Community Center has reopened for residents after several improvements were made to the fitness center. A new television and blinds were installed and the room was repainted.

The weight room is open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Dickerson Center at 308 S. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

## Youth basketball underway

It's a fast-moving winter for the more than 100 kids participating in the city's youth basketball league. The season started in December with games being played at the Midtown and Yvonne Scarlett-Golden Cultural and Educational Centers.

Participating youth, who are ages 6 to 17, are learning basketball fundamentals, teamwork and sportsmanship during the season, which ends Feb. 12.

For more information about the city's basketball leagues, visit (386) 589-2858.



## City offers three youth sports clinics in February

The city is offering three free co-ed youth clinics for soccer and baseball in February. The three clinics will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 7.

### T-Ball

The T-Ball clinic for youth ages 4 to 5 will be at the Derbyshire Park and Sports Complex at 849 Derbyshire Road. The clinic will teach kids the fundamentals of baseball and, most importantly, sportsmanship. Participating youth will need to wear rubber cleats and provide their own baseball glove.

### Little League Baseball

Youth ages 6 to 12 will have the opportunity to learn hitting, catching, throwing, fielding and base running at this clinic at Bethune Point Park at 11 Bellevue Ave. Participating youth will need to wear rubber cleats and bring a baseball glove.

*The Daytona Tortugas Care Foundation is a sponsor of the T-Ball and Little League Baseball clinics.*

### Soccer

The soccer clinic is for youth ages 4 to 11 and will be at Municipal Stadium at 3917 LPGA Blvd. Participants will learn the basic fundamentals of soccer including passing, dribbling, trapping, receiving a pass, goalkeeping, precision and shooting. Participating youth will need to provide their own shin guards.

For more information, contact Charles Bethune at (386) 453-0315 or [bethunecharles@codb.us](mailto:bethunecharles@codb.us).



## Improvements completed at Daytona Beach Golf Club

With beautiful weather, the Daytona Beach Golf Club has been staying busy with residents enjoying its courses. Recently improvements to its Clubhouse were completed including the replacement of the leaking soffit, fascia and roof system at a cost of \$270,000. In addition, the exterior doors and windows were sealed with caulk and energy efficient LED lighting was installed.

Renovations to the concrete walkway between the pro shop and restaurant are underway and scheduled to be complete by spring.

