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City Manager's Update



Join us in celebrating Black History Month. Visit www.CelebratingBlackHistory.com as we reflect on our heritage and honor local leaders in Daytona Beach.

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Local Black pioneers honored with banners

City partners to recognize community leaders who helped shape city

This year the city has partnered with the Midtown Community Development Corporation again to recognize 16 Black pioneers with street banners that will be displayed on International Speedway Boulevard from Nova Road to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. Pioneers being recognized this month include:

- Dr. Oswald P. Bronson
- John H. Dickerson
- George W. Engram Sr.
- Theodore Roosevelt "Chief" Faircloth
- Rabie J. Gainous Jr.
- Thaddeus S. Gooden
- Dufferin Harris
- Joseph Harris
- Edward H. "Creamy" Hayes Jr.
- Dr. Charles M. Hendricks
- Dr. Cleo S. Higgins
- Senorita Locklear
- Rev. Rudolph Gonzalez "Bunky" Matthews
- Turie T. Small
- George Thayer
- John Tolliver

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Dr. Cleo S. Higgins



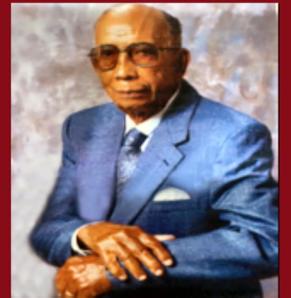
Sunrise: Aug. 25, 1923

Educator
 Designed Bethune-Cookman College Seal
 Charter Member
 Daytona Beach Chapters
 The Links Inc. and
 Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc.
 Former National Grand Basilius of Sigma Gamma Rho Inc.



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George W. Engram Sr.



Sunrise: Feb. 6, 1913
Sunset: Nov. 25, 1998

First Black to receive Electrical Master License in the State of Florida
 Organized development of Bethune Beach in NSB
 Created First Black Business Incubator in Daytona Beach
 1996 Summer Olympic Torch Bearer



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Photography exhibit featuring locals opens at OneDaytona

Kenneth Grant Inzpirations is hosting its second annual "rePresent" photography exhibit through **Wednesday, Feb. 9**. The exhibit features the beauty of Black people in our local community and is open from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. The exhibit is located at OneDaytona in Suite G600 between Pink Narcissus and GameTime.

City representatives travel to Tallahassee for Volusia Days

While in Tallahassee for the annual Volusia Days event, City Manager Deric C. Feacher, along with Fire Chief/Deputy City Manager Dru Driscoll, Government Relations Administrator Hardy Smith and Planning Director Dennis Mrozek, maximized their time in the state's capitol.

The group toured the successful, publicly and privately funded redevelopment entertainment district known as College Town with Tallahassee Mayor John Dailey and the project's developer. Opened in 2015, the vibrant development is a mix of retail, restaurant and entertainment space, which transformed the abandoned warehouse district between the campuses of Florida State University and Florida A&M University.

They rounded out their busy four-day stay with a visit to Cascades Park and meetings with key lawmakers to reinforce the city's position on issues being considered in the current session.

The team attended the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture and Natural Resources and was able to watch the committee approve HB 4209. Sponsored by Representative Elizabeth Fetterhoff and Senator Tom Wright, this bill is the city's request for funding a new reuse pump system. The city's other funding request, HB 4211, also sponsored by Representative Fetterhoff and Senator Wright, for installing a data program to predict breaks in the city's stormwater system has been previously approved by the same committee.



Pictured is City Manager Deric C. Feacher with Senator Jason Brodeur, who is chair of the Senate's Environment and Natural Resources committee. Feacher advocated for the city's two appropriation requests.

The delegation also attended a meeting of the House Subcommittee on Criminal Justice & Public Safety where Representative Tom Leek presented HB 1435. (Its companion bill is SB 1954 sponsored by Senator Wright.) This bill gives local governments tools for managing pop-up, nonpermitted events. The committee approved the bill and it will move forward in the legislative process.

Study to improve LPGA Blvd. begins

The Florida Department of Transportation has started the Project Development & Environment (PD&E) study for LPGA Boulevard from U.S. 92 to Williamson Boulevard. The study will take about 22 months to complete and will review existing and future travel demand and improve safety along the busy corridor including the existing I-95 interchange (exit 265).

During the process, transportation experts will evaluate a range of improvements, known as alternatives, and their potential impacts and enhancements to the natural, social, cultural and physical environments. Public engagement activities are planned throughout the study, including individual stakeholder coordination meetings, an alternatives public workshop and a public hearing. The study is estimated to cost \$3.1 million and the design improvements will be about \$7 million.

Residents can get more information on the project's web page at www.cflroads.com/project/448456-1.



Kroger expands grocery delivery service

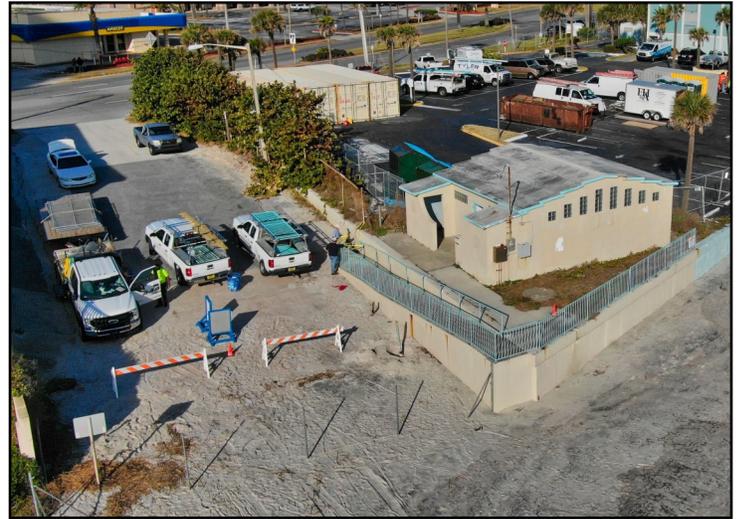
Kroger Delivery, which delivers groceries in Daytona Beach and throughout Central Florida, is offering expanded services for a limited time starting **Wednesday, Feb. 9**, through **Sunday, Feb. 20**, during Speedweeks. This special service is available to all residents and visitors.



When placing an order at www.kroger.com or via the [Kroger app](#), enter 1808 W. International Speedway Blvd., Daytona Beach, FL 32114, as the delivery address and your orders will be available near Suite 204 in The Shoppes at One Daytona during the one-hour timeslot you choose. This option is especially convenient for campers and race fans!

This is an addition to the usual Kroger Delivery service that delivers to homes and hotels. Kroger Delivery is new to Central Florida and excited to offer a digital, store-less experience that conveniently delivers fresh food and grocery items in temperature controlled vehicles right to your door. Items available for delivery include a full assortment of fresh, healthy food, grocery items, bags of ice, all your favorite beverages, paper products, cleaning supplies, beauty items, pet food, and more.

The City will continue to partner with Kroger Delivery to better support areas which lack a grocery store.



Beach ramp & restroom improvements

The county began work Tuesday to replace the beach ramp and restroom at Boylston Avenue, which is north of the Schnebly Recreation Center. The restroom is being replaced because the existing structure has exceeded its life expectancy, while the ramp is being landscaped to improve aesthetics.

The beach ramp and restroom is closed to vehicles and pedestrians during construction, which is expected to last about five months. Pedestrians can access the beach using the Williams Avenue beach ramp, which is about a tenth of a mile south of Boylston Avenue.

Veterans Memorial Plaza project at City Island moves forward

With the approval by the County Council of a \$600,000 Volusia ECHO grant earlier last month, plans to create the beautiful Veterans Memorial Plaza continue to move forward. The new memorial will be beneath the northwest side of the Veterans Memorial Bridge, has already been designed and is expected to cost \$1.2 million. It will serve as a tie-in to the bridge itself, which includes a series of scenic overlooks with plaques commemorating conflicts in America's military history.

The new plaza will feature an amphitheater, large stones representing the various branches of the U.S. military and raised plaques containing the names of Volusia County residents who died in battle. A veterans group is planning to place an invisible wounds memorial and purple heart monument in the plaza.

The plaza is being funded by ECHO and Daytona Beach Racing and Recreational Facilities District grants, along with citizen contributions and private fundraising. The Daytona Beach chapter of Remember Vets, Inc. and the local chapter of the Military Order of the Purple Heart have helped with the fundraising efforts that include the sale of



personalized commemorative bricks, which will be in the center perimeter of the plaza.

The county hopes to break ground on the veterans plaza in November, with construction expected to take about 10 months. Engraved bricks are still available for donations of either \$125 or \$300 and can be ordered at www.VolusiaVeterans.com.

City hosts free youth sports clinics

The city is hosting free clinics for three youth sports programs in February. The clinics are **Feb. 7-9** and **Feb. 14-16**.

Youth can participate every day the clinics are offered, which are from 5 to 7 p.m. daily.



- **T-Ball Clinic:** For youth ages 4 to 5 at Derbyshire Park and Sports Complex. Youth will need to wear rubber cleats and provide their own baseball glove. *This clinic is sponsored in part by the Daytona Tortugas Care Foundation.*
- **Little League Baseball:** For youth ages 6 to 12 at Bethune Point Park. Youth will need to wear rubber cleats and bring a baseball glove. *This clinic is sponsored in part by the Daytona Tortugas Care Foundation.*
- **Soccer:** For youth ages 4 to 12 at Municipal Stadium. Participating youth will need to provide their own shin guards.

The clinics are free; however, participating youth should register at www.codb.us/activities. For more information, call (386) 671-3483 or email bethunecharles@codb.us.

Children's Business Fair, March 26

If you have an entrepreneur in the house, sign them up to showcase their business idea at the first annual Daytona Beach Children's Business Fair planned for 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. **Saturday, March 26**. This event is sponsored in part by the Downtown Farmers' Market and will also be where the market is on Magnolia Avenue between Beach Street and Palmetto Avenue. This is an opportunity for kids to launch their own startup business and open for one day at the market! For details, visit www.childrensbusinessfair.org.



Baseball & t-ball sign-up day, Feb. 12

Leisure Services and Sheldon Tortuga visited Palm Terrace and Turie T. Small elementary schools this past week to promote the baseball and t-ball clinics in February, as well as a season registration day event **Saturday, Feb. 12**.



Youth ages 4-12 will be able to sign up for the baseball and t-ball season from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Jackie Robinson Ballpark Feb. 12. Free hotdogs and treats will be provided to youth who register at the ballpark.

