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Upgraded amenities planned for Daisy Stocking Park

Daytona Beach Racing & Recreational Facilities District provides grant

A $330,000 grant will help fund new and upgraded amenities at Daisy Stocking Park, a four-acre neighborhood park near Bethune-Cookman University. The grant award was announced by the Daytona Beach Racing and Recreational Facilities District at their board meeting last month. Planned improvements include adding a new children's playground, shading and upgraded seating for the existing outdoor amphitheater, a walking trail with fitness stations, a family pavilion with barbecue grills, new sidewalks and landscaping.

Upgrades are planned for the outdoor amphitheater at Daisy Stocking Park located at 550 Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Blvd.

Annually about 3,000 people attend one of the many community events at Daisy Stocking Park, which is open to the public year round. Last summer the city moved the popular Midtown Music Concert Series to the park and hosted its first Game Night there in September.

The park is a destination on the city's Black Heritage Trail and was named after Daisy Hardy Stocking, one of the city's foremost humanitarians and medical practitioners.

Stocking came to Daytona in 1916 at the behest of fellow South Carolinian and Scotia Seminary alumni Mary McLeod Bethune. Having trained as a registered nurse, Stocking supervised McLeod Hospital on the campus of Daytona Normal and Industrial Institute (now Bethune-Cookman University) from 1916 to 1918. In 1971, three years after her death, the park was established by the Daytona Beach City Commission.

3rd Ave.

Existing Restroom Facility

Park Gateway (2) (remove fencing)

Existing Covered Stage

Freestanding Shade Structure w/upgraded seating

Seawall w/ concert lawn

Walking Trail w/Fitness Stations

Family Pavilion w/Large BBQ Grill (4)

Walnut St.

Green St.

Playground with safety surface

Dr. Martin Luther/King Jr. Blvd.

Landscape Island w/ pedestrian crosswalk

Close ROW to provide pedestrian-only connection between Daisy Stocking Park and Joseph Harris Park

Police Department transitioning crime reports to new, more detailed system

Like all law enforcement agencies in Florida, the Daytona Beach Police Department is transitioning to a new crime reporting system, which will provide more accurate, detailed and transparent data about the various types of crimes happening in the community. The conversion to the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS or FIBRS, Florida's version of the system) is part of a major initiative nationwide to improve crime data collection and provide consistency in reporting across agencies. The Florida Department of Law Enforcement will oversee the collection of FIBRS crime data.

What are the differences between the outgoing UCR system and NIBRS?

Prior to this year, the Police Department used the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) system to collect and report crime data. The key difference between the UCR system and NIBRS is that UCR only counts the most serious crime of a particular incident, while NIBRS counts ALL crimes committed during an incident. For example, using the UCR system, if someone is murdered during a robbery, only the murder stat is documented. With NIBRS, both crimes are recorded. NIBRS captures details on each single crime incident – as well as on separate offenses within the same incident. This includes information on victims, known offenders, relationships between victims and offenders, arrestees and stolen or recovered property involved in crimes.

Due to this change in reporting, crime statistics will initially appear to increase; however, this does NOT mean the crime rate is rising.

Another difference is the frequency of submitting information – UCR information was reported twice a year, while NIBRS is submitted monthly.

UCR vs. NIBRS	UCR	NIBRS
Collects data on homicide, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, auto theft and arson	X	X
Has "Crime Against Persons" and "Crime Against Property" categories	X	X
Uses a "hierarchy rule" that only recognizes the most extreme crime in a particular incident	X	
Collects data on as many as 10 criminal offenses within a particular incident		X
Collects incident and arrest data on 50+ Group A offenses and arrest data on 10 Group B offenses		X
Documents animal cruelty, extortion and identity theft offenses		X
Includes a "Crime Against Society" category		X
Gathers incident-related data, including the relationships between victims and offenders, types and quantities of drugs involved and types of property that were damaged or stolen		X

What categories and offenses are captured through NIBRS?

GROUP A OFFENSES

Arson

Assault Offenses
- Aggravated Assault
- Simple Assault
- Intimidation

Bribery

Burglary

Counterfeiting/Forgery

Destruction/Damage/ Vandalism

Drug/Narcotic Violations

Embezzlement

Extortion/Blackmail

Fraud Offenses
- False Pretenses/Swindle
- Credit/Debit Card Fraud
- Impersonation
- Welfare Fraud
- Wire Fraud
- Identity Theft
- Hacking/Computer Invasion

Gambling Offenses
- Betting/Wagering
- Operating/Promoting/Assisting Gambling
- Gambling Equipment Violations
- Sports Tampering

Homicide Offenses
- Murder and Nonnegligent

Manslaughter
- Negligent Manslaughter
- Justifiable Homicide

Human Trafficking Offenses
- Commercial Sex Acts
- Involuntary Servitude

Kidnapping/Abduction

Larceny-Theft Offenses
- Pocket-Picking/Purse Snatching
- Shoplifting
- Thefts from Building
- Theft from Coin-Operated Machine
- Theft from Motor Vehicle
- Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts
- All other Larceny

Motor Vehicle Theft

Pornography/Obscene Material

Prostitution Offenses
- Prostitution
- Assisting or Promoting

Prostitution
- Purchasing Prostitution

Robbery

Sex Offenses
- Rape/Sodomy
- Sexual Assault with an Object
- Fondling

Stolen Property Offenses

Weapon Law Violations

Animal Cruelty

GROUP B OFFENSES

Bad Checks

Curfew/Loitering/ Vagrancy

Disorderly Conduct

Driving Under the Influence

Drunkenness

Family Offenses (nonviolent)

Liquor Law Violations

Peeping Tom

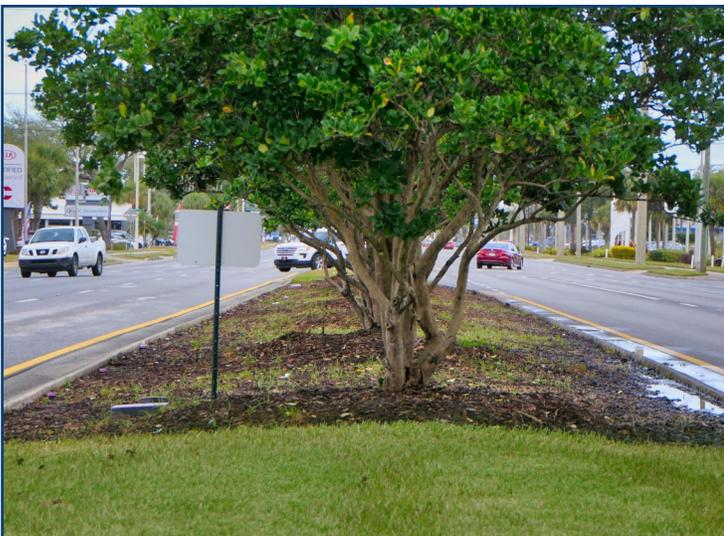**Trespass of Real Property**

All Other Offenses

Initiative encourages investment in city's core area

In the nearly four months since waiving building permit and inspection fees for improvements made in the core area of the city, 84 permits have been issued representing a whopping 600% increase over the same time period in the previous year when only 12 permits were issued.

Roof replacements, upgraded electrical and fire suppression systems and new fences, doors, windows and air conditioning are some examples of the investment being made by residential and commercial property owners in the area bordered by Mason Avenue to Shady Place and Ridgewood Avenue to Nova Road.

The suspension of fees was approved by city commissioners for a two-year period from Oct. 2021 to Oct. 2023.

	Oct. 2020 to Feb. 2021	Oct. 2021 to Feb. 2022	Change
Commercial Permits Issued	7	31	**+24 permits**
Residential Permits Issued	5	53	**+48 permits**
Job Value	$632,194	$2,015,269	**+$1,383,075**
Assessed Fees	$12,906		
Waived Fees	$0	$16,158	

This median on Nova Road is being prepped for new landscaping upgrades.

New landscaping in Nova Road medians

Keeping Daytona Beach beautiful…Underperforming plants in the medians along Nova Road from Beville Road to Mason Avenue are currently being replaced with other varieties expected to thrive. The landscaping maintenance contractor Verdego Landscaping is covering the bulk of the cost per their contract obligations. The upgrades should be completed this month.

New redistricting webpage launched

An informational and interactive webpage created to explain the city's redistricting process, timeline, requirements and population statistics has been linked to the city's homepage. The newly created page also includes a brief survey designed to gather residents' feedback on possible "communities of interest" that should be considered in the redistricting process and asks about preferences for public review.
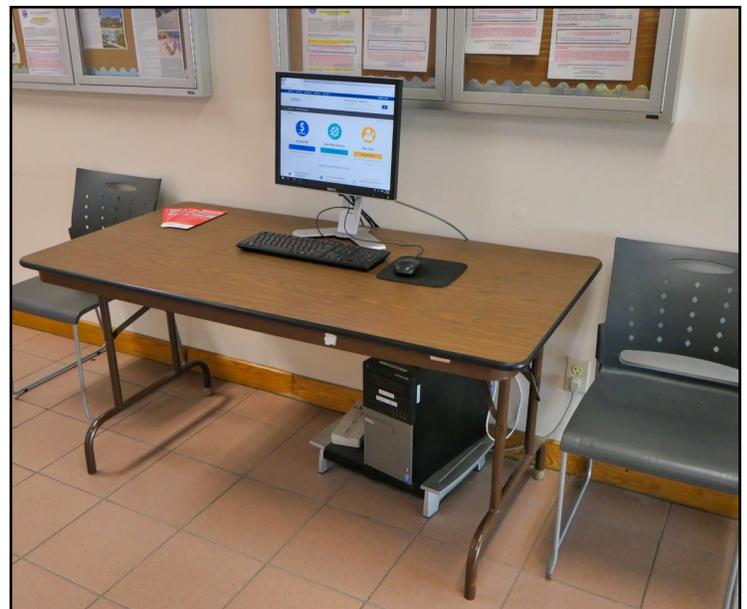

What is a "community of interest?"

A community of interest is a geographically connected population that shares common social and economic interests such as major neighborhoods, college and university campuses, active HOAs, Community Redevelopment Areas or geographically compact or contiguous populations of minorities and ethnic backgrounds. Visit www.codb.us/Redistricting to learn more about the city's redistricting effort.

City expands payment options

Last month, a new internal process was put in place to receive credit card and checks payments in the Permits and Licensing, Business Tax Receipts and Code Enforcement offices making it easier and more efficient for customers to pay fees. Prior to the workflow change, payments were only accepted by the Utility Billing department, which required customers to visit multiple offices to complete a transaction. Now there are payment "stations" in the main hallway at City Hall and Permits and Licensing, Business Tax Receipts and Code Enforcement offices.

Black History Month ceremony, Feb. 25

Banners celebrating local Black pioneers are being displayed on International Speedway Boulevard between Nova Road and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard in recognition of Black History Month.
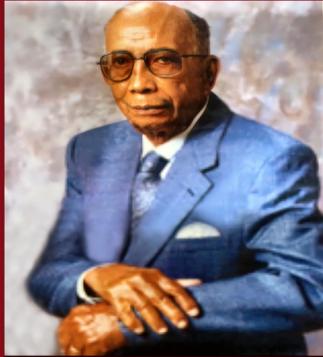
The city partnered with the Midtown Community Development Corporation again this year to recognize the 16 local Black leaders.

A ceremony to celebrate the banners honoring these community leaders is planned for noon **Friday, Feb. 25**, at the corner of International Speedway Boulevard and Lincoln Street.

For information about the pioneers featured, visit www.CelebratingBlackHistory.com.

Celebrating Black History

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

Free baseball clinics offered in March
Registration is open for youth baseball league

Hit a home run when you sign your kids up for the city's baseball league! Open to youth ages 4 to 12, register at www.codb.us/Activities. A series of free clinics will be offered in March to teach kids baseball fundamentals. Participants will learn hitting, base running, throwing, catching and fielding from former coaches with Major League Baseball experience. The clinics are 5 to 7 p.m. **March 1-3**, **March 8-10** and **March 15-17** at Bethune Point Park, 11 Bellevue Avenue. This year's baseball clinics and season are sponsored by the Daytona Tortugas and the Tortugas Care Foundation.

Registration open for Easter Beach Run

Registration is open for this year's annual Easter Beach Run, which is **Saturday, April 16**. The race begins at 11 a.m. on the beach behind the Hilton Daytona Beach Oceanfront Resort located at 100 N. Atlantic Ave. Participants of all ages and fitness levels can enjoy a scenic view while traveling out and back for the 2-mile or 4-mile run/walk. Kids can participate in the 1/4-mile race, 100 and 50-yard dash. There also will be fun for the entire family with sponsors and vendors with treats and plenty of prizes.

Sign up at www.codb.us/EasterBeachRun.

Tickets are on sale for Latin Music Festival by The Beach starring La Princesa De La Salsa, India, planned for 5 p.m. **Saturday, May 7**, at the Bandshell. Tickets are available at www.ticketmaster.com and the Peabody Box Office.