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City Manager's Update



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Odorless smoke testing of pipes starts on beachside

Residents in the area have been notified of the testing

This week crews began “smoke testing” the city’s sewer lines. Smoke testing is an efficient and common test method used to identify defects such as cracks, leaks or faulty connections in the sanitary sewer collection system, which allow rainwater to enter this underground pipe network. Since the sanitary sewer system is only designed to handle sewage, additional rainwater causes problems within the system.

Starting on the north end of the beachside and working to the southern city limits, all 970 manholes and 45 miles of pipes will be inspected on the peninsula.

During smoke testing, workers will blow a dense white smoke into the sewer system from the street and monitor where the smoke escapes, quickly revealing any cracks or breaks in pipes.

For example, if smoke permeates up through a yard, it indicates a break in the sewer line at that location. Smoke should only enter homes or businesses if a property’s traps are dry or defective, or if there are uncapped or broken drain pipes. Utilities will not be interrupted during the testing process.

The smoke is odorless, non-toxic and non-staining. It dissipates quickly and will not harm pets or plants or leave a residue.

Crews are working 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, weather permitting, and are in recognizable uniforms. Residents in the area have been notified of the smoke testing via informational door hangers and can call (888) 645-9570 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. if they have questions. The testing is scheduled to be complete by April 29.

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Opening planned for Veterans Museum and Education Center, June 4

Save the date of **Saturday, June 4**, for a ribbon-cutting celebration of the Veterans Museum and Education Center in the city's S. Cornelia Young Memorial Library at 302 Vermont Ave. Last year, city commissioners unanimously agreed to lease the 3,867 square-foot building to the organization to display their extensive military artifacts, collections, memorabilia and educational materials. Following the ribbon-cutting celebration, the museum will be open to the public Tuesday to Saturday.



Vertical construction has started on the four-acre oceanfront site of the Silver Hills project, a six-story apartment complex with a value of \$50 million. Expected to be completed by summer 2023, the multifamily residential complex will feature 150 one, two and three-bedroom rental units at 1216 N. Atlantic Ave.

Addressing blight through condemnations

The objective of the city's condemnation process is to get property owners to correct unsafe conditions at their properties. Since 2018, more than 270 properties have been targeted through the condemnation process with nearly half of the problem structures razed by either the city or their owners. About 42 properties have been brought into compliance.

Last year, 61 properties were cited by the city's chief building official as blighted and no longer fit for human occupancy. Out of the cited properties, more than half of them were demolished or brought into compliance, while three are in the appeal process.



In January, the owner of this property at 929 N. Beach St. was notified to close and secure this unsafe structure.



The owner of this fire-damaged dwelling at 464 S. Caroline St. was notified last month. The owner has 20 days to begin the appeal process or 30 days to initiate repairs or demolition.



Docks and signs are part of the city's condemnation program. This damaged dock on South Peninsula was cited as a dangerous structure earlier this year.

Health Department hosts Family Fun Day to celebrate Keech Street location

The Health Department is hosting a Family Fun Day from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. **Monday, April 25**, at their newest location at 421 S. Keech St. The event will include an expo of available community services, rock painting, scooter giveaways, grocery giveaways and vouchers, arts and crafts, food, music, games and a kids' zone. Families will be able to learn about WIC, health screenings and immunizations, dental services, responsible pet ownership and low-cost pet services, mobile hotspots available from Volusia County Library Services, utility and housing assistance and summer programs for children.

The Health Department opened the Southside Health Zone in 2020 in the heart of the city's Midtown area in an effort



to provide residents with easier access to its services. The Keech Street location is next to the John H. Dickerson Heritage Library, Halifax Health's Keech Pediatric Neighborhood Care and the East Volusia Educational Center Head Start. Campbell Middle School is also adjacent to the clinic.

Services at the Health Department's Southside Health Zone include the WIC program, which offers supplemental nutrition and education to pregnant, postpartum or breastfeeding women and children up to age 5; clinical services including birth control for men and women; pregnancy testing; breast exams and Pap smears; immunizations for children and adults, and testing and treatment for sexually transmitted diseases and HIV.

Road repaving continues in neighborhoods throughout city

The city's ambitious road resurfacing program is finishing up paving in the Cedar Highlands area and moving into the next phase, which is the 3rd Street corridor. Crews are working 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Both areas are scheduled to be complete by the beginning of May, weather dependent.



The new Beachside Elementary School at 1265 N. Grandview Ave. is taking shape. The school will serve up to 765 students in a two-story, 95,000-square-foot classroom building. The campus will feature two playgrounds and an outdoor learning space when it opens later this year.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 9 AT 7:05 PM

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A promotional poster for 'City of Daytona Beach Night'. It features a green background with a white outline of a person holding a tennis racket. The text is in white and blue. The top section says 'CITY OF DAYTONA BEACH NIGHT'. The middle section says '\$7 PER PERSON | GENERAL ADMISSION TICKET' and 'AVAILABLE TO ANYONE WHO LIVES AND WORKS IN THE DAYTONA BEACH AREA!'. The bottom section says 'SATURDAY, APRIL 9 AT 7:05 PM' and 'BUY ONLINE AT FEVO.ME/CITYOFDB'.

Crab & Seafood Festival, April 30

After taking a temporary pause due to the pandemic, the annual Crab and Seafood Festival is back and planned for **Saturday, April 30.**

The city is sponsoring this family event again, which will be from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. on

Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Boulevard between Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Charles Street. Enjoy food, arts and crafts and a Kids' Zone sponsored by Vystar Credit Union.

For more information, including vendor information, contact Brittany Presley at (386) 366-0599 or Brittany@DivineDesignsEvents.co.



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New Bethune's Farmers' Market

Head to Daisy Stocking Park Sunday afternoon to purchase farm-fresh produce at the Bethune's Farmers' Market.

The School of Health Sciences at Bethune-Cookman University hosts the farmers' market from noon to 4 p.m. every Sunday. The market is part of the Food Security Project to provide access to healthy food for those who live in food deserts and is funded by the Florida Blue Foundation.

For more information or to participate as a vendor, email BCUFarmersMarket@cookman.edu.

Gospel Extravaganza, May 21

The city is hosting a Gospel Extravaganza beginning at 7 p.m. **Saturday, May 21**, at Daisy Stocking Park. This free event will showcase the best local gospel singers. Enjoy music from the following:

- **Emerald McIntyre:**

Emerald McIntyre is a versatile singer who performs a mix between gospel, classical, jazz and rhythm and blues.

- **Tim Bush:** Orlando native Tim Bush comes from a

Grammy award-winning musical family. He's had the privilege of singing with notable artists including Travis Greene and Tasha Cobbs-Leonard.

- **Sparrow Ministries:** Local gospel band Sparrow Ministries is a team that loves to worship Jesus and unite and ignite the family of God.

- **CJ Jamison:** In 2010 CJ Jamison moved to Florida and began exclusively creating gospel rap music. Involved in many showcases, concerts and music videos, Jamison has been nominated for multiple music awards.

- **Gregory Byrd:** Gregory Byrd is a well-rounded worship leader with a voice like no other.



Food and drink vendors will be onsite during the concert. Attendees can bring their own lawn chairs. No coolers are allowed.