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# City Manager's Update



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## Homes Bring Hope selects families for new homes in city

*Neighborhood clean-ups planned for Saturday, April 30*

Homes Bring Hope will make the dream of home ownership a reality for two families as construction wraps up on single-family homes on Aberdeen and Walnut streets. Each home features three bedrooms and two baths with a garage. The city donated the vacant lots to HBH last summer along with three buildable lots on Caroline Street for the purpose of creating affordable housing. Construction has recently started on the three lots on Caroline Street.

Homes Bring Hope's goal is to help low-income renters become homeowners by bringing together realtors, lenders, down payment assistance programs, title companies and other housing experts to help clients navigate the path to homeownership. Ultimately, homeowners would pay less in mortgage payments than they would in rent while building equity.

An RFP will be issued soon to find persons interested in creating housing on 27 vacant, residential lots in the city's redevelopment areas.

## Community Clean-up April 30

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

- Aberdeen Street
- Walnut Street

Volunteers should meet in Greater Friendship Baptist Church's parking lot.

With permission from property owners, volunteers will plant fresh annuals, trim branches, rake leaves and pressure wash driveways and sidewalks. Each home will receive a bougainvillea plant.

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This two-story, 1,966 square-foot home is being built at 451 Walnut St.



This 1,478 square-foot home is being built at 632 Aberdeen St.

## City resumes luncheons to recognize teammates and their years of service

After a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic, the city has resumed its annual tradition of hosting a Service Awards luncheon where teammates are recognized by senior management for their milestone anniversaries. Teammates with 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 and 35 years of service are treated to a three-course meal, certificates and custom lapel pins or charms depicting the number of years with the city. The 49th Service Awards luncheon was April 12 at the Palmetto Club, and the canceled luncheons in 2020 and 2021 are rescheduled for April 28 and May 27, respectively. Between the three lunch events, 350 employees will be recognized, representing a combined 4,855 years of service.



City Manager Deric C. Feacher with teammates from Utilities (L-R): McKenzie Davis, James PeKala, Shannon Ponitz and Sonji Hadley.



Zone 4 Commissioner Stacy Cantu with teammates from Utilities (L-R): Steve Jones, Joseph Reed, William (Larry) Ellsworth and Robert Wiltsie.



Human Resources teammates Alexis Zamora, Lana Loss and Ronette Williams.

## CRA annual report is available online

The 2021 annual report for Daytona Beach's Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) is posted on the [Redevelopment Department's web page](#). The [report](#) highlights projects during the CRA's fiscal year, beginning Oct. 1, 2020, and ending Sept. 30, 2021. The CRA is responsible for approving an annual budget and funding projects and programs in the city's five redevelopment areas.

New projects highlighted in the report include:

- Construction update on the Riverfront Esplanade opening this year
- Completion of the Brown & Brown Insurance headquarters on Beach Street
- Opening of two new businesses on Beach Street: Galerie Elan and Little Italy Ristorante
- The Daytona Grande Hotel, a \$192 million project, opened in the Main Street Redevelopment Area.



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## Roadway work at intersection of Magnolia and Palmetto avenues

The intersection at Magnolia and Palmetto avenues in downtown is closed while city crews replace the roadway surface damaged from previous utility work. Some of the decorative pavers will be replaced with asphalt to avoid future issues with the brick pavers.

Message boards are in place to notify motorists of the closure and a detour is in effect. The project is scheduled to be completed within a week.

Access to area businesses is not impacted by the project and Saturday's Farmers' Market on Magnolia will not be affected.



## Security and lighting enhancements in targeted neighborhoods

City Manager Deric C. Feacher met with personnel from several departments to discuss adding technology and improving lighting on major corridors and residential areas throughout the city. Public Works, Development Services, Code Enforcement, Police, Information Technology and Communications will work together to recommend objective standards and security enhancements and identify funding sources for the improvements. Targeted areas include Seabreeze Boulevard, Main Street, Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Boulevard and their surrounding residential neighborhoods.

## Housing Fair & Financial Clinic, April 30

If you are thinking about buying a home, make plans to attend the free Housing Fair & Financial Clinic from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Saturday, April 30**, at Allen Chapel AME Church at 580 George W. Engram Blvd.

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development counselors, realtors, lenders, insurance agents, home inspectors and title companies will be available to provide answers to questions. For more information, call (386) 274-4441 ext. 304 or email [Lydia.Gregg@mfhp.org](mailto:Lydia.Gregg@mfhp.org).



## Boylston Ave. beach approach update

The county project to improve the beach ramp and replace the restrooms at Boylston Avenue is underway. The contractor has finalized demolition and installed pilings that will support the restroom structure. Crews are also making the utility connections for water and sewer.

The beach ramp and restroom is closed to vehicles and pedestrians during construction, which is scheduled to be completed by July. Pedestrians can access the beach using the Williams Avenue beach ramp, which is about a tenth of a mile south of Boylston Avenue.



## Weekly 3-point basketball contest at Dickerson Community Center

A 2-on-2, 3-point basketball contest is underway at the Dickerson Community Center at 6 p.m. every Wednesday. This weekly sharp-shooting contest is open to all ages, with winners advancing to the finals, which are Wednesday, May 18. Overall winners will receive a championship trophy and \$10 Wawa gift cards.



## City Nature Challenge

The city is teaming up with The Nature Conservancy, the county and area cities in the City Nature Challenge, April 29 through May 2. During



those days, residents are invited to help document the amazing plant and wildlife in the city's parks and green spaces through the iNaturalist app. For a list of city parks and to participate, visit [www.codb.us/parks](http://www.codb.us/parks).

## Easter Beach Run hops back to success

After being on a temporary pause due to the pandemic, the city's annual Easter Beach Run hopped back to success Saturday with nearly 600 participants. This festive, Easter-themed beach run was established in 1967 by the city for visiting college students, and up until the pandemic, was the oldest, consecutive footrace in Florida.

This year's event started with a warm up with Line Dancing by Lisa, followed by kids' races and an 11 a.m. start of the 2-mile and 4-mile Easter Beach Run.

The event was coordinated by the Leisure Services team, with support from other city departments. Many thanks to this year's sponsors including Academy Sports + Outdoors, Advent Health Daytona Beach, Brown & Brown Insurance, Daytona Auto Mall, Florida Health Care Plans, Tom Cook Jeweler, Walmart and VyStar Credit Union.



## Jeep Beach, April 24 to May 1

Jeep enthusiasts will come together for one of the largest Jeep events in the U.S. starting Sunday through May 1. The event is expected to attract 200,000 visitors and 20,000 Jeeps to the area.

Events are planned throughout the city including Daytona International Speedway, Tanger Outlets and the beach. A 5K fun run at 9 a.m. Sunday will kick off the events on the beach in front of the LandShark Bar and Grill at 471 S. Atlantic Ave.

Since 2012, Jeep Beach has donated more than \$2 million to local charities through the event's fundraising efforts. Charities for 2019 included the Boys & Girls Clubs of Volusia & Flagler Counties, the NASCAR Foundation, the Childhood Cancer Foundation and the Petty Family Foundation/Victory Junction. Jeep Beach also was able to support more than 30 other 501(c)(3) organizations.

For more information, visit [www.JeepBeach.com](http://www.JeepBeach.com).



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