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# City Manager's Update



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## City continues to waive fees for permits and inspections *Initiative boosts number of permits issued in core area of city*

There is more private investment being made for neighborhood improvements and beautification projects in the core area of the city since commissioners approved suspending fees for a two-year period starting in October 2021.

In the seven months since the city began waiving building permit and inspection fees for improvements made in a select area, 213 permits have been issued representing a 38% increase over the same time period in the previous year when 154 permits were issued, according to reports from the Permits and Licensing division.

Roof replacements, upgraded electrical and fire suppression systems and new fences, doors, windows and air conditioners 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.

Eligible projects include, but are not limited to, interior renovations, replacing or repairing a roof, adding fencing, improving or adding a driveway and adding windows or doors. Ineligible projects include, but are not limited to, building a new structure separate from an existing building or any new single-family home.

Permit applications are available [online](#) and can also be picked up at the [Permits and Licensing](#) office at City Hall, 301 S. Ridgewood Ave.

Completed applications can be dropped off at Permits and Licensing from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, faxed to (386) 671-8149 or emailed to [Contact\\_PnL@codb.us](mailto:Contact_PnL@codb.us). For more information, call Permits and Licensing at (386) 671-8178 for assistance.

The suspension of fees is effective through Oct. 2023.

	Oct. 2020 to May 2021	Oct. 2021 to May 2022	Change
<b>Commercial Permits Issued</b>	50	72	<b>+22 permits</b>
<b>Residential Permits Issued</b>	104	141	<b>+37 permits</b>
<b>Job Value</b>	\$3,181,284	\$3,702,651	<b>+\$521,367</b>
<b>Assessed Fees</b>	\$76,972		
<b>Waived Fees</b>	\$0	\$41,511	

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## Teammates in the spotlight

Assistant City Manager **Bettye Goodman** was awarded the President's Award at Thursday night's Volusia League of Cities (VLOC) annual banquet in Deltona. Bettye was presented the night's top award by City Commissioner and VLOC's President Paula R. Reed. Bettye, who has been with the city for more than 22 years, is a native of Daytona Beach. Her love for her hometown is evident in the passion she radiates in every interaction she has with citizens and coworkers.



**Wordley Jean**, a plans reviewer in the Permits and Licensing division, recently completed a plans examiner internship through the Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR) of Florida. This is a new program that allows individuals to pursue licensure through an internship as opposed to having the required

background. Wordley completed the required two years of training and schooling to obtain his licensure from the state. The city's Permits and Licensing division was the second program in Florida to be approved by the DBPR and Wordley is one of the first people to complete the internship. Congratulations to Wordley for his dedication in obtaining this accomplishment!

Purchasing Agent **Kirk Zimmerman** was named "Volunteer of the Year" by the Florida Association of Public Procurement Officials. Kirk was also recognized for the work he did as chairman for coordinating the association's workshop and trade show in 2021 and 2022. Keep up the good deeds Kirk! You are a positive reflection on this city and our community.



## Bike ribbon-cutting celebrates new innovative bicycle buffering system

Last Monday, city, county and Florida Department of Transportation officials celebrated the opening of an innovative bicycle buffering system installed on Oakridge Boulevard as part of an overall project to enhance motorist, cyclist and pedestrian safety.

The new bicycle lane's bright green color is a ZICLA Zipper System, which consists of a series of reflective, raised separators to protect cyclists by preventing vehicles from entering the bike lane. This buffering system is the first of its kind to be used in an FDOT project in Florida.



(L-R) Volusia County Council District 2 Representative Billie Wheeler, Daytona Beach Zone 3 Commissioner Quanita May, Daytona Beach Mayor Derrick L. Henry, Florida Department of Transportation District 5 Secretary John Tyler, Daytona Beach Police Chief Jakari Young, Volusia County Chair Jeff Brower, Deltona City Commissioner District 5 Victor Ramos, Daytona Beach City Manager Deric C. Feacher and Daytona Beach Zone 2 Commissioner Ken Strickland at the bike ribbon-cutting ceremony May 23.



Volusia County's former admin building at 250 N. Beach St. is in the process of being demolished. It's been closed since suffering damage from Hurricane Irma in 2017. Razing the 60-year-old structure is expected to take about four months. Crews from Down To Earth Trucking are currently working on the interior.

## Meet new tennis manager Steve Cook

For the first time in 20 years, the Florida Tennis Center is under new leadership with the hire of Steve Cook, who has been involved with the game of tennis for most of his life. He has more than 10 years of experience managing tennis centers.

Before moving to the sunshine state, he coached at the collegiate level at Converse College and managed the country's largest indoor and outdoor tennis center, Greater Midland Tennis Center in Michigan. Excited to grow memberships, Cook also wants to add more junior and adult programs to the tennis center.



Last week, the Division of State Fire Marshal presented a check for \$3,148.34 to the Fire Department to go toward its cancer reduction initiative. This generous donation helps the Fire Department purchase a new gear extractor that thoroughly washes bunker gear to remove carcinogens and other harmful toxins.

## Beville Road multi-use trail, Derbyshire sidewalks, Safe Routes to School

Several critical pedestrian safety projects are simultaneously underway throughout the city.

The multi-use trail project on the south side of **Beville Road** is about one-third complete; however, construction has stalled due to supply issues, specifically, concrete shortages.

As construction wraps up on Phase I of the Derbyshire sidewalk project (*area indicated by green on the map*), design work is nearly complete on Phase II and should go out to bid by summer's end. Phase II includes the installation of six-foot wide concrete sidewalks, drainage improvements and making all walking surfaces ADA-compliant throughout the Derbyshire neighborhood area (*see streets in red on the map*). Improvements to the Derbyshire Park and Sports Complex will be made in a separate, future project.

Design is underway on the "Safe Route to School" federally-funded project, which addresses pedestrian safety in the areas surrounding Campbell Middle School and Turie T. Small Elementary School. Existing sidewalks will be widened, new sidewalks added and all walking surfaces will be made ADA-compliant.



## Governor signs "pop-up event" bill

Governor Ron DeSantis gave Florida police new powers to manage "pop-up events" after signing HB 1435 on Thursday. The legislation targets non-permitted events organized via social media on short notice that feature loud partying, cars inhibiting traffic, and often violence. Several episodes in Daytona Beach led Senator Tom Wright and Representative Tom Leek to sponsor bills, which were supported by about two dozen law enforcement agencies.

Under the new law, sheriffs can now designate an area within their jurisdiction a "special event zone" in reaction to a pop-up party. Fines for noncriminal traffic infractions within the zone are doubled, police can impound a vehicle for up to 72 hours and police can recover costs involved with enforcing the special event zone from the organizer or promoter of the event.



## Veterans Museum & Education Center opens Saturday, June 4

Join in the celebration of the Veterans Museum and Education Center opening in its new location at 9 a.m. Saturday, June 4, at 302 Vermont Ave. The renovated facility is filled with historical and educational pieces, which tell the story and honor our U.S. Armed Forces. Parking is available across the street from the Center, which is on the corner of Peninsula Drive and Vermont Avenue. For more information, call (386) 256-7909.



## Financial Literacy Fair for high school students

There will be a Financial Literacy Fair for high school students at 11 a.m. **Saturday, June 4**. This educational forum will be at Mt. Carmel Missionary Baptist Church at 703 George W. Engram Blvd. in Daytona Beach. Students will learn how to manage their future finances as an adult, and are asked to register in advance.



Sponsors of the program include VyStar Credit Union and Zone 6 City Commissioner Paula R. Reed. For more information, visit the city's [website](#).

## July 4th Veterans Parade on Main Street

There will be a Fourth of July Veterans Parade, beginning at 10 a.m. **Monday, July 4**, on Main Street in Daytona Beach. This is the event's second year. The parade will pay tribute to veterans and first responders. Organized by the Marine Corps League Daytona, the parade's lineup will feature nearly 30 local military organizations, as well as combat veterans, and the city's police and fire departments.



Interested veteran organizations, youth groups and bands wanting to participate in the parade, should contact Rolf Mattar at [RJMattar@yahoo.com](mailto:RJMattar@yahoo.com) or Daytona Beach Zone 4 Commissioner Stacy Cantu at [CantuStacy@codb.us](mailto:CantuStacy@codb.us).

There will also be a special July 4th Veterans Ceremony beginning at 9 a.m. by the Clock Tower between the Boardwalk and the Hilton Daytona Beach Oceanfront Resort that will be presented by the Marine Corps League Daytona and sponsored by the city.

## Veterans of the Year Tribute, June 4

There will be a special tribute to eight local veterans at 7 p.m. **Saturday, June 4**, at the Daytona Beach Oceanfront Bandshell.

These local veterans will be recognized at the tribute:

- Kim Gadson, U.S. Army
- Joe LaTorre, U.S. Army
- Rolf Mattar, U.S. Marines
- Philip Peickert, Army National Guard
- Jose Rosa, U.S. Air Force
- Vincent Terry, Army National Guard
- John T. Vaccaro, U.S. Marines
- Larry Wells, U.S. Army

Enjoy the singing of the national anthem, a patriotic flyover followed by a free concert at 7:15 p.m. by Fleetwood Max, a Fleetwood Mac Tribute.

Fireworks over the ocean will follow the concert at about 9:45 p.m. The free concert is sponsored by the Friends of the Bandshell and the Boardwalk Merchants and the City of Daytona Beach.



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