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# City Manager's Update



Join us at 9 a.m. Friday on the steps of City Hall for a National Purple Heart Day ceremony to honor the sacrifices of men and women who have been wounded or killed while serving in the U.S. military.

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## Dates set to distribute doorbell cameras to qualified residents

*Police will also provide safety tips during brief presentation*

There will soon be almost 300 extra set of "eyes" in neighborhoods throughout the city. Blink Video Doorbell cameras, purchased using the city's allocation of federal Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, will be distributed during several community meetings to residents who have already agreed to partner with the Police Department on a crime prevention initiative. The partnership lets police request the video recorded by homeowners' cameras within a specific time and area, helping officers see footage from the location.

*"Our mission is to collaborate with residents to help deter crime and if a crime happens, to be able to solve it quickly. Footage from doorbell cameras are another tool that may provide detectives additional information during an investigation," said Police Chief Jakari Young.*

### Meeting dates, times and locations are as follows:

- **Thursday, Aug. 4, 11 a.m.**  
Daytona Beach Police Headquarters  
129 Valor Blvd.
- **Friday, Aug. 5, 7 p.m.**  
Daytona Beach Police Headquarters  
129 Valor Blvd.
- **Wednesday, Aug. 10, 11 a.m.**  
Midtown Cultural & Educational Center  
925 George W. Engram Blvd.
- **Thursday, Aug. 11, 7 p.m.**  
Schnebley Recreation Center  
1101 N. Atlantic Ave.

*Residents, who have already submitted applications, are required to bring identification and proof of Wi-Fi service at their residence.*

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Sergeant Tim Ehrenkauffer displays one of the Blink Video Doorbell cameras. The cameras are weather resistant, have a two-way audio feature and can send notifications with video to a user's Blink app.

## Welcome banners installed on ISB

For the second consecutive year, 164 double-sided street banners were installed on International Speedway Boulevard to welcome thousands of incoming college students and recognize the six institutions of higher learning located in our city.

With a goal to acknowledge a diverse group of future leaders, the banner program was developed to show appreciation to this vital part of our dynamic community, both culturally and economically.



## Southern section of Riverfront Esplanade on schedule to open in December

Crews are turning every inch of dirt in Phase II of the Riverfront Esplanade to complete the Brown Riverfront Foundation's vision for a totally transformed, welcoming and engaging space along Beach Street in downtown.

When completed in December, this area will feature a disappearing stream surrounded by exotic plants (see photo and rendering below), a wedding trellis near Orange Avenue, a rose garden as well as other gardens, restrooms and a large splash pad.



## Internal promotions announced

City Manager Deric C. Feacher recently announced the promotion of two Public Works teammates. Andy Holmes, the director of the 100-person Public Works department since 2018, was named as the Assistant City Manager for Public Infrastructure and Capital Projects, a newly created position. In his new role, Andy will oversee the Utilities and Public Works departments as well as capital projects.



Andy Holmes

"This past year I have examined Andy's work and leadership skills, and he will be an integral part of my senior leadership team as we create a capital improvement plan, tackle deferred maintenance and make sure our city leads the way in creating our community as the desired destination when choosing a place to live, work, play, learn and raise a family," said Feacher.

Deputy Public Works Director David Waller, who has been with the city since 2015, was promoted to Public Works Director. He will oversee the Grounds, Streets, Property Maintenance, Solid Waste, Traffic and Technical Services divisions.



David Waller

## Midtown Music Concert Series moves to Cypress Park for last two performances

The final two concerts in this year's Midtown Music Concert Series will be at Cypress Park, 981 George W. Engram Blvd., because of anticipated construction at Daisy Stocking Park.

The next free concert is **Saturday, Aug 13** with a performance by 7th Street Band at 7:30 p.m. The final concert will be **Saturday, Sept. 17** with Franchise Players featuring Andrew Luv.

Food and drink vendors will be onsite during the concerts. Attendees should bring their own lawn chairs and coolers are prohibited.

This year's sponsors of the *Midtown Music Concert Series* include New York Life Insurance, VITAS, VyStar Credit Union and U-Store, Daytona Beach.



## Racing & Rec District provides grants to support enhancements at city facilities

Last week the Racing and Recreational Facilities District awarded the city \$41,000 for new playground equipment at Sunnyland Park, 825 Washington Street. The city originally requested \$50,000 toward the estimated \$150,000 cost of the new equipment.

The city has been committed to renovating Sunnyland Park and Community Center since 2020. Improvements already made include:

- ◇ Upgraded landscaping
- ◇ New windows, doors and window coverings
- ◇ Two new pavilions
- ◇ Two, single-unit exterior restrooms
- ◇ Sidewalk accessibility
- ◇ New parking lot
- ◇ Softball field improvements
- ◇ New multi-station outdoor exercise equipment
- ◇ New exterior barbecue grill



In addition to the new playgroup equipment, future phases of improvements include new dugouts, additional restrooms and renovations to the existing press box and concession stand.

At the same board meeting, the District also awarded \$54,000 to the Council on Aging for upgrades to the kitchen facility at the Dickerson Center.

A total of \$180,000 was awarded to the top five applicants, with the two highest awards supporting Daytona Beach projects.

## Paw & Order: Daytona Beach's police officers and firefighters pose with rescued pets for 2023 *Heroes & Rescued Pets* charity calendar, on sale now

Daytona Beach's finest are the cat's meow for teaming up to help raise funds to benefit local pet rescue organization Furry Nation Salvation.



Eighteen officers and firefighters posed with previously rescued pets in the 2023 edition of the "Heroes and Rescued Pets" calendar.

Furry Nation Salvation, a non-profit animal rescue, was founded by Tonja Heer, a driver engineer/EMT with DBFD. Since 2010, the foster-based rescue has rehomed about 200 pets each year.

The 12-month calendar is on sale now for \$20 each with 100% of online sales going to the pet rescue.

Free shipping is offered for calendars ordered online and discounts are available for the purchase of multiple calendars. To place an order, visit [www.furrynationalsalvation.org](http://www.furrynationalsalvation.org).





Daytona Beach's Police and Fire departments have been busy this summer visiting the city's summer camps and participating in community events like Tuesday night's National Night Out at Derbyshire Park. Children and adults interacted with public safety personnel for fun-filled activities and games.



Residents were treated to a free movie, hot dogs, popcorn and candy Friday at Derbyshire Park during Showtime in the Parks. The next movie night will be at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 12, at Suburbia Park. Attendees will enjoy a free showing of Space Jam, A New Legacy. Showtime in the Parks is sponsored by Zone 5 Commissioner Dannette Henry.



Congratulations to Sacramento Kings rookie Keegan Murray (DME #31) and his twin Kris Murray (DME #25), a forward at the University of Iowa, for having their jerseys retired at DME Academy. The duo averaged double digits per game during their time in Daytona Beach and led DME to a 29-8 record. Earlier this summer, Keegan was drafted 4th overall in the 2022 NBA Draft and was named MVP of

