

DEC. 7, 2022

# City Manager's Update



Join us at 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, for the Bells & Shells Christmas Parade on Beach Street!  
The parade starts at Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Blvd. Details at [www.CODB.us/ChristmasParade](http://www.CODB.us/ChristmasParade).

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## Residents and business owners find relief with grants

### City used ARCA funds to provide immediate assistance

#### Hurricane Recovery Grants

Following three public meetings, 185 applications have been received from residents and business owners. Due to overwhelming demand and limited funding, no additional applications are being accepted. Staff members in the Redevelopment and Neighborhood Services department are in the process of reviewing all of the collected information and requesting additional documentation from applicants. Supporting documentation is required to be submitted by **Thursday, Dec. 8.**



Of the applications received, the majority (80%) are from homeowners and renters. Payments have been processed for 20 grant recipients, and the cost of mold remediation is most common reason given by applicants for use of the funds. The average payout per applicant is \$6,559.

#### Building permit fees waived for storm damage

This program, which expired Monday, waived building permit fees for work to repair or restore damage caused by hurricanes Ian or Nicole. Waivers applied to commercial and residential properties. Throughout the program's two-month period, 136 permits were issued, representing a collective job value of \$2.7 million. The dollar amount of waived fees was \$38,094. More than 75% of the waivers were issued for residential projects such as reroofs, fences, docks, replacement of windows and doors and plumbing and electric repairs.

#### Landscaping Grants

Processing applications for landscaping grants is underway. Staff has accepted 34 applications to date with 20 applications approved. Applications are still being accepted for the program, which offers up to \$1,000 to qualified homeowners for landscaping improvements including:

- Installing new or repairing existing irrigation systems
- Laying new sod and mulch
- Planting of trees, shrubs and flowers
- Pruning hedges or trees
- Removing weeds, debris, trees and limbs

Successful grant recipients must provide proof of home ownership, occupancy and income for the last three months. In addition, applicants must provide bank statements for the past two months and copies of government-issued identification for all people living in the household who are ages 18 and older. Once a homeowner is approved, a city-selected contractor will meet directly with the homeowner to discuss their needs and schedule the work.

Applications are available at City Hall and online at [www.CODB.us](http://www.CODB.us).

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## Fire Department receives high rating

The Daytona Beach Fire Department provides outstanding service to our community. Recently the department received a rating of "2" on its fire protection services on a scale from 1 to 10, with 1 representing the highest level of fire suppression standards. This rating, issued by the Insurance Service Office (ISO), provides savings for our citizens and business owners on their fire and casualty insurance premiums.



Using a uniform set of criteria, fire departments are evaluated on categories including fire alarm and communication systems, fire apparatus and equipment, personnel training and number of firefighters on duty, emergency response and station locations, pre-emergency planning, fire hydrant testing and the water distribution system and capacity.

Since 2009, the Fire Department has improved its rating from a "4" to a "2." For reference, out of 486 fire departments in Florida, only 46 received a rating of "1."



## Groundbreaking for 400 Beach complex

It was a picture perfect morning Thursday as some of the city's elected officials and community leaders came together for the groundbreaking of a new apartment complex on Beach Street. When completed, 400 Beach on northern Beach Street will feature about 307 new apartments and a 461-space parking garage overlooking the Riverfront Esplanade and Intracoastal Waterway. The first phase of construction is scheduled to be complete in about a year, with the complex fully built by early 2024.



## FACILITY RENAMING CEREMONY

Julia T. and Charles W. Cherry, Sr.

CULTURAL & EDUCATIONAL CENTER

DEC. 17 | 9AM

925 George W. Engram Blvd.  
Daytona Beach



## Register today for fitness challenge

Registration is open for the annual Mayor's Fitness Challenge, which begins **Tuesday, Jan. 10**. The healthy program features a schedule of fun indoor/outdoor activities for adults of all ages and fitness levels. Line dancing, strength training, walk/runs and yoga are some of the sessions offered biweekly during the program.

Registration is only \$20 per participant. Classes will be at 5:30 p.m. every Tuesday and 8:30 a.m. every Saturday during the program. There will be a weigh-in at the beginning of the program and again at the end to track results. Prizes will be awarded to those who lose the highest percentage of weight.

Registration is at [www.CODB.us/FitnessChallenge](http://www.CODB.us/FitnessChallenge) or at the first session/weigh-in at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 10, at the Midtown Cultural & Educational Center (being renamed the Julia T. and Charles W. Cherry Sr. Cultural and Educational Center). For more information, contact Sharonda Irvin at (386) 671-8250 or [IrvinSharonda@codb.us](mailto:IrvinSharonda@codb.us).



# IN THE WORKS



Responsible for maintaining city facilities, transportation infrastructure and keeping Daytona Beach beautiful, the Public Infrastructure and Capital Projects department keeps busy with a variety of projects.

### **Beville Road Sidewalk** *(Under construction)*

Construction of 12-foot wide concrete sidewalks is continuing along the southside of Beville Road. ADA ramps are being added to intersections. Several sections were damaged during Hurricane Ian, and the contractor is working with its insurance carrier to repair or replace these areas.



### **Boardwalk Beach Access** *(Under construction)*

Three of the 16 damaged beach access staircases from the boardwalk have been repaired and are open for public access. Restoration will start this week on the boardwalk's handicapped-accessible ramps and the popular beach access staircase and ramp at Breakers Oceanfront Park.



### **Storm debris collection** *(In process)*

Curbside cleanup of debris generated from Hurricane Ian is winding down. Some areas along the edges of the city have been completely cleared. Nearly 7,000 loads totaling 310,000 cubic yards have been collected to date.

Residents in the hardest hit areas should place any remaining debris in the right of way no later than **Friday, Dec. 9**. This will allow FEMA monitors to plan for final collections and encompasses the area bordered by Ridgewood Avenue and Clyde Morris Boulevard to the east and west, between the northern and southern city limits.

Residents are reminded to create separate piles for vegetative and construction debris, and piles should be kept away from obstacles such as mailboxes, fences, utility meters or overhead power lines.

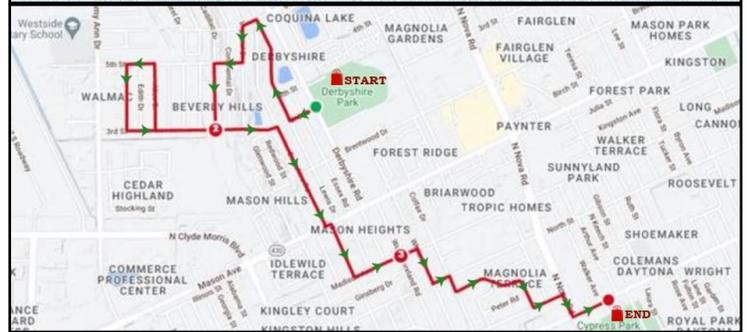
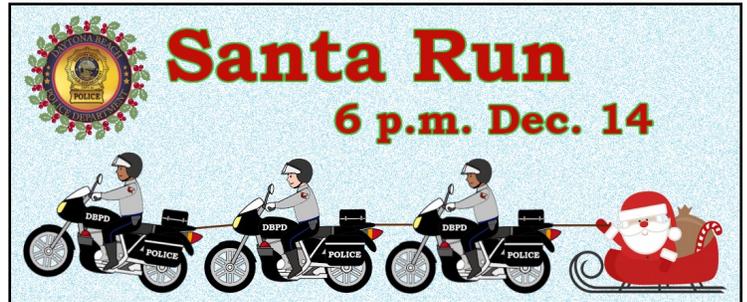
### **Little League Baseball Field in Derbyshire Sport Complex**

*(Nearly completed)* Batter up! Construction is nearly completed on the Little League baseball field in the Derbyshire Sports Complex. The new field was formerly one of two softball fields in the complex. The Daytona Tortugas donated \$50,000 for the regulation-sized field in an effort to get more kids into the sport. After months of construction and renovations, the field's new turf needs time to get established and a sign will be erected to recognize the Daytona Tortugas' contribution. The city's youth baseball program will start in the spring.



### **Nova Road Median** *(Under construction)*

To help keep Daytona Beach's gateways beautiful, city crews are sprucing up existing landscaping in Nova Road's medians by installing new groundcover to create a more efficient maintenance process. This includes new irrigation, pruning and weeding in needed areas along Nova Road, from Beville Road to Mason Avenue.



### Santa is coming to town

Police officers, firefighters and city leaders will escort Santa through Daytona Beach’s neighborhoods **Wednesday, Dec. 14**, for the city’s annual Santa Run. The moving vehicle parade will begin at 6 p.m. in the Derbyshire area and wind through residential streets until ending at the Midtown Cultural & Educational Center (being renamed the Julia T. and Charles W. Cherry Sr. Cultural and Educational Center), where Santa will pose for pictures and refreshments will be available. The route’s length is about four miles.

- From Derbyshire Park, 849 Derbyshire Road
- South to 3rd Street
- Right/WB on 3rd Street to Lewis Drive
- Right/NB on Lewis Drive to 6th Street
- Left/WB 6th Street to Imperial Drive
- Left/SB on Imperial Drive to 5th Street
- Right/WB on 5th Street to Cadillac Drive
- Left/SB Cadillac Drive to 3rd Street
- Right/WB on 3rd Street to Alice Drive
- Right/NB on Alice Drive to 5th Street
- Left/WB on 5th Street to Barbara Drive
- Left/SB on Barbara Drive to 3rd Street
- Left /EB on 3rd Street to Berkshire Road
- Right/SB on Berkshire Road to Madison Avenue
- Left/EB on Madison Avenue to White Street
- Right/SB on White Street to North Street
- Left/EB on North Street to Colfax Drive
- Right/SB on Colfax Drive to Amanda Road
- Left/EB on Amanda Road to Janice Avenue (same road)
- Left/EB on Hampton Road to Nova Road
- Right/SB Nova Road to George W. Engram Boulevard
- Left/EB on George W. Engram Boulevard to Midtown Cultural & Educational Center
- Turn into Midtown Cultural & Educational Center, 925 George W. Engram Blvd.

