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City Manager's Update



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City will survey residents to gather valuable feedback

Two phases: Mail-in questionnaire & communitywide online option

The city will soon be asking residents for their valuable feedback on an array of topics regarding quality of life issues and city services. Resident input will aid in strategic planning and help policy makers determine priorities for government action.

"Daytona Beach is a great community and results from the survey will help us make it even better," said City Manager Deric C. Feacher. "Responses will help city commissioners identify priorities for the community and improve the quality of life for our residents."

The first phase of the survey will kick off in mid January as a random sample of 2,400 residents will be asked to fill out the questionnaire over a span of four weeks.

The second phase, which opens the survey online to the community at large, will start in February, giving the public a chance to respond to the same questions.

Survey responses are confidential and no identifying information will be shared.

The questions start on a broader spectrum, asking respondents to rate Daytona Beach as a place to live, to raise kids, to work, to visit and to retire. There's also a request to rate the "overall quality of life in Daytona Beach."

Over a span of 150 questions, the survey hits multiple angles of the city: there are chances for residents to rate Daytona Beach's economic health, community building, traffic flow, service by city department....even the "neighborliness of Daytona Beach residents."

City staff worked with independent consultant Polco to develop the survey, known as The National Community Survey. The city's results will be compared to results of other communities across the country.

The survey will take an average of 15 minutes to complete. A final report of responses will be ready by late March and help elected officials finalize goals leading into the budget process.

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Florida is the nation's fastest-growing state for first time since 1957

The U.S. Census Bureau has announced that after decades of rapid population increase, Florida now is the nation's fastest-growing state for the first time since 1957. Florida's population increased by 1.9% to 22,244,823 between 2021 and 2022, surpassing Idaho, the previous year's fastest-growing state. Florida's percentage gains since 1946 have been impressive: its 2022 population is just over nine times its 1946 population of 2,440,000.



Excavation project reaches halfway mark of first phase

Through December, P&S Paving has excavated and hauled away 717,200 cubic yards of borrow material from a pit on 600+ acres of city-owned land west of I-95 and behind the First Step Homeless Assistance Center. The operation, which began in December 2019, is part of the first phase in an agreement (Res. 18-336) between the city and P&S Paving to exchange fill dirt for a reduction in the price of the site work completed on the homeless shelter. Phase One of the agreement concludes when 1.42 million yards of dirt is excavated.



Landscaping grants remain available

Landscaping grants remain available to Daytona Beach qualifying residential property owners. At the end of 2022, there had been 60 applicants for the program. According to program coordinators, 20 of the applications have been approved and work by landscapers has begun. About 40 grants remain available.



The grant program, offered on a first-come, first-served basis, is funded through the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds derived from the American Rescue Plan Act. Up to \$1,000 can be awarded for landscaping improvements. For more information, visit www.CODB.us.

Public comment period opens for Annual Action Plan

The City of Daytona Beach is an Entitlement Community and recipient of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership Grant (HOME) funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on a yearly basis. Every five years, the city must develop a Consolidated Plan which sets goals, priorities for funding and target areas within the city. CDBG and HOME funds can be used for a variety of activities but must meet one of the following national objectives: assisting low and moderate-income households, eliminating or preventing slums/blight or responding to an urgent need.

A 30-day comment period is underway where the public is encouraged to view the Annual Action Plan on the city's website at www.CODB.us. The comment period began Dec. 27 and extends through Friday, Jan. 27, at the close of business. Written comments can be sent to CommunityDevelopment@CODB.us.

**30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
FOR 2022-2023 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN**

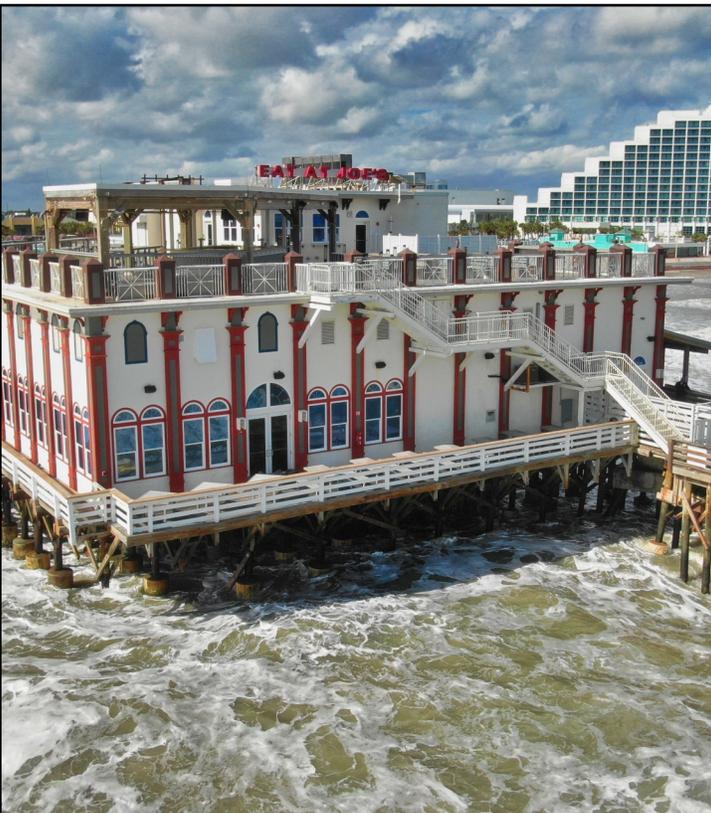




Teachers and administrators at the new Beachside Elementary campus welcomed its first crop of students this week. Located on N. Grandview Avenue in Daytona Beach, about 560 students attend the modern educational facility, which consolidated two former beachside elementary schools. The school, featuring a two-story classroom building, can accommodate up to 765 students.

Daytona Beach Pier repairs underway

After noticing extensive damage along the popular Daytona Beach Pier, temporary support pilings were installed last month under the southeast corner of Joe's Crab Shack, and the contractor installed two of the four permanent pilings. Next, cross bracing will be added in the same area for added support of the structure. Additional damage has been uncovered in various locations of the pier and will be addressed as work progresses.



Storm debris collection wraps up

Curbside cleanup of debris generated from hurricanes Ian and Nicole has been completed. Crews completed two passes citywide and a third pass in the hardest hit areas between Nova Road and Ridgewood Avenue in 75 days collecting nearly 7,000 loads of storm debris. Crews are now mulching the vegetation and hauling it away.



New substation to open in February

The build-out of the Police Department's Grandview Substation hit some delays related to hurricanes Ian and Nicole. The roof of the 2,900 square-foot building on the 600 block of N. Grandview Avenue was damaged. The new move-in date is February.

Once open, the substation will house two shifts in District 2, allowing more space at the Beachside Precinct on Harvey Avenue for the other two shifts. The substation will feature a lobby and police personnel will be onsite most of the time. In the event the building is empty, a call box will be located on the building's exterior should someone need assistance. In June, commissioners approved a 10-year lease with an option to renew for two additional five-year terms.





Banners on display to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Street pole banners honoring the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. are adorning International Speedway Blvd. from Nova Road to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Featuring seven of his powerful quotes, the banners will be displayed throughout January.

REMEMBERING KING



"DARKNESS CANNOT DRIVE OUT DARKNESS ONLY LIGHT CAN DO THAT
HATE CANNOT DRIVE OUT HATE ONLY LOVE CAN DO THAT"

Events celebrating

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Sunday, Jan. 15 - Doors open at 4:30 p.m.

The Art of the Possible: The Life & Legacy of Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, A Journey to National Statuary Hall
Mary McLeod Bethune Performing Arts Center
698 W. International Speedway Blvd.

Monday, Jan. 16 - Prayer Breakfast (begins at 8 a.m.)

Julia T. and Charles W. Cherry Sr.
Cultural & Educational Center
925 George W. Engram Blvd.

Monday, Jan. 16 - Annual March (begins at 9:45 a.m.)

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All events are free. For more information, contact Kim Brown-Crawford at (386) 451-1108 or info@MLKDaytonaBeach.org.

Motorcycle events workshop, Jan. 11

City Commission Workshop
5:30 p.m. at City Hall

Review of the current Master Plan process and existing boundaries of the annual biker events. Also, discussions will center around LDC requirements for participation and standards for parking lots.



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