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City Manager's Update



Join us in celebrating Black History Month. Visit www.CelebratingBlackHistory.com as we reflect on our heritage and honor local leaders in Daytona Beach.

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Second phase of community survey is underway

Deadline for responses is Monday, Feb. 20

Daytona Beach residents are invited to complete the city's [community survey](#) during the open participation window through Feb. 20. The survey can be found on the city's website, www.CODB.us.

The online questionnaire allows residents to provide valuable feedback on Daytona Beach's economic health, community building, traffic flow, service by city departments even the "neighborliness of Daytona Beach residents."

Residents are asked to think about how safe they feel in relation to different types of dangers (including property crime, violent crime and natural disasters) and whether they'd recommend Daytona Beach to someone else.

The survey takes an average of 16 minutes to complete and responses are

confidential, and no identifying information will be shared.

Residents who received the survey in the mail in January are urged to respond by following the instructions provided.

The questions are the same in the mailed and electronic versions.

City staff worked with independent consultant Polco to develop the survey. The instrument, known as The National Community Survey, allows the city to compare results and benchmark residents' opinions against other communities across the country.

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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Groundbreaking Friday morning for beachside ISB improvements

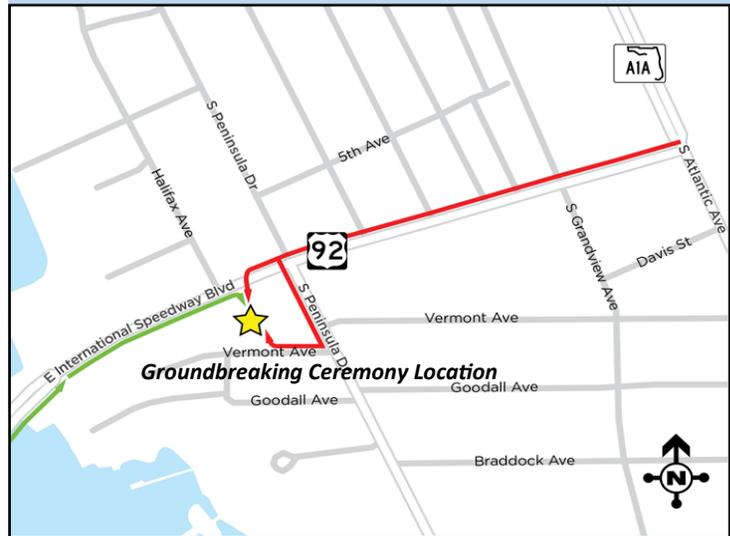
The long-awaited overhaul of East International Speedway Boulevard (ISB) - the city's main gateway to the beach – is set to begin in April. The safety and beautification project will encompass the eight blocks of roadway from Halifax to Atlantic avenues and should be completed by summer 2024. **The public is invited to join representatives from the Florida Department of Transportation, elected officials and community stakeholders for a groundbreaking ceremony at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 17, at the eastern base of the Broadway Bridge (also known as the ISB Bridge).**

Removing blighted conditions and improving the safety and aesthetics for motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists of the well-traveled roadway have been a priority for the city and community for the last decade. In 2017, the city advanced \$750,000 to help offset the cost of engineering and design work. The city also purchased the blighted properties on the north and south sides of ISB and A1A and funded the undergrounding of overhead utilities and necessary adjustments to water and sewer pipes to accommodate the wider traffic lanes.

Upgrades to the state-owned road include:

- Wider travel lanes and sidewalks on both sides of the roadway
- Enhanced crosswalks at Halifax and Grandview avenues
- A raised and landscaped median
- A resurfaced roadway
- Reconstructed signals at Halifax Avenue, Peninsula Drive and Grandview Avenue
- Dedicated turning lanes for traffic headed south on A1A and traffic heading eastbound from A1A to ISB
- Undergrounding of overhead utilities

Groundbreaking Ceremony 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 17 Eastern base of the Broadway Bridge



During construction, motorists should expect intermittent nighttime lane closures on ISB between the hours of 9 p.m. and 7 a.m. Intermittent sidewalk detours will be implemented to accommodate pedestrian traffic around the work area. Electronic message boards and other signage will be used to direct traffic around closures.

Access to residences and businesses, as well as pedestrian access, will be maintained throughout the duration of the project. The level of work activity will vary during different phases of construction, and the schedule may change due to weather or other unforeseen circumstances.

For more information, visit the project page on FDOT's Central Florida Roads website, www.cflroads.com.



Senators pen letter in support of city's flood mitigation project

U.S. Senators Marco Rubio and Rick Scott have submitted a co-authored letter of support to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, which includes a list of critical projects including the city's Flood Mitigation Project. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers must submit a Work Plan for fiscal year 2023 funds appropriated by Congress no later than Feb. 27. The Work Plan will have long-term implications for communities across the country, especially in Florida.

The letter detailed critical projects in Florida that merit new and continued funding and stated, "Given the severity of Hurricanes Ian and Nicole, it is our hope that you will use as much of these funds as practicable to fully address hurricane impacts in the communities that were most devastated by the storms. It is our hope you will work as collaboratively as possible with the State of Florida, disaster-declared counties, and local project sponsors to identify and address hurricane-related needs."



City hosts listening session, Feb. 23

The city's Growth Management & Planning Department is hosting quarterly listening sessions to provide an opportunity for the public to meet with Planning, Permits & Licensing, Redevelopment and Code Compliance staff. The meeting will allow for staff to listen to and, to the extent possible, address issues and concerns from residents and stakeholders. The meeting is at 2 p.m. and will adjourn no later than 4 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 23, at City Hall, in room 149B.

Ceremony celebrates 16 Black leaders

Commissioner Paula R. Reed joined with community leaders recently in a ceremony to celebrate 16 local Black pioneers being recognized with street banners on International Speedway Boulevard between Nova Road and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. The commemorative banners are possible through a partnership between the city and the Midtown Community Development Corporation. For more information, visit www.CelebratingBlackHistory.com.



FDOT hosts public meeting about improvements to LPGA Boulevard

The Florida Department of Transportation is hosting a community meeting at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 28, at the LPGA International Clubhouse, 1000 Champions Drive, for the public to learn about a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study for LPGA Boulevard from International Speedway Boulevard/U.S. 92 to Williamson Boulevard. The purpose of this study is to accommodate existing and future travel demand and improve safety on LPGA Boulevard and the I-95 interchange.

There are three options to attend the meeting—in person, virtually (advance registration required) and by calling in (listening only). For more information, visit www.CODB.us or contact Jesse Blouin at (386) 943-5167 or Jesse.Blouin@dot.state.fl.us.



Vendors being accepted for city's Crab & Seafood Festival

Vendors are now being accepted for the city's annual Crab & Seafood Festival. The family-friendly event will be from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, April 29.

Attendees can enjoy a variety of delicious dishes served up fresh at this festival happening on Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Boulevard between Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Charles Street. The city is sponsoring this event, which will also have live music, local vendors and a Kids Zone.

For more information and details on becoming a vendor at the festival, contact Brittany Presley at (386) 366-0599 or Brittany@DivineDesignsEvents.co.



Daytona 500 draws thousands to area

Thousands of people will be in and around Daytona International Speedway between now and Feb. 19 for the 2023 Speedweeks.



If you're not going to the races, it is recommend avoiding the roads around Daytona International Speedway when possible, especially International Speedway Boulevard (ISB), Williamson Boulevard, Midway Avenue, Bill France Boulevard, Fentress Boulevard, Richard Petty Boulevard and Clyde Morris Boulevard.

Alternate roadways include:

- Beville Road and Ridgewood Avenue (U.S. 1)
- Mason Avenue

For those going north or south, we suggest these roads instead of I-95 or Williamson Boulevard:

- Atlantic Avenue (S.R. A1A)
- Clyde Morris Boulevard
- Nova Road (S.R. 5A)
- Ridgewood Avenue (U.S. 1)

Daytona Beach Police will have additional law enforcement officers present to assist in managing increased traffic and ensuring public safety.

New modular library opens in Midtown

The John H. Dickerson Heritage Library sustained significant damage from Hurricane Ian and is closed until further notice. However, the county has placed a modular library at this location to provide services. The new library, at 411 S. Keech St., is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday.

Residents are able to enjoy many of the services available at other library branches, such as internet and computer access for children and adults, book and magazine selections for all ages, and the ability to print and photocopy documents. Reserved items, such as books and hotspots, can also be retrieved from this location. For more information, call (386) 239-6478.



Riverfront Esplanade hosts market

The Riverfront Esplanade is hosting its first Riverfront Market from 8 to 11 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 26. Planned to be a regular offering on the last Sunday of the month, the market will feature local vendors, music and a Wellness Walk at 9 a.m. For more information, visit www.RiverfrontEsplanade.com.

