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# City Manager's Update



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## Resident survey results provide valuable insight

### Responses help city leaders set priorities

Results of the recent resident survey have been compiled and the complete report is available for review on the city's website, [www.CODB.us](http://www.CODB.us). The purpose of the survey is to help policy makers better understand priorities for government action and citizen opinions on quality of life issues and public services. City commissioners reviewed the survey's findings at their Goal Setting and Strategic Planning Retreat last week.

The questionnaire was randomly mailed to 2,800 residents with 280 completed responses returned. About 38% of respondents have lived in Daytona Beach for more than 20 years and 54% rent their homes with 70% rating their neighborhoods as excellent or good.

Daytona Beach residents listed overall economic health and the quality of utility infrastructure as top priorities.

About two-thirds of residents rated Daytona Beach's shopping opportunities and the city as a place to visit as either excellent or good.

The quality of fire services gained marks of excellent or good by three-quarters of



survey respondents. Both the quality of police services and ambulance or emergency medical services were similarly rated by two-thirds of residents.

About 8 in 10 participants stated the quality of garbage collection was excellent or good. Roughly 6 in 10 residents rated the ease of traveling by car in Daytona Beach as excellent or good and about half of respondents similarly reviewed the traffic flow on major streets.

The survey was conducted by Polco, a social science research firm that specializes in gathering and analyzing information for public sector entities, including local governments, non-profit agencies and foundations.

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## City participates in annual program to dispose of prescription drugs

Residents can safely dispose unwanted, unused or expired prescription drugs between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. **Saturday, April 22**, in the lobby of the Daytona Beach Police Department's headquarters, 129 Valor Boulevard.

The drop-off is part of National Prescription Drug Take Back Day, which is organized by the Drug Enforcement Agency.

The service is free of charge with no questions asked.



## Police urge car owners to install free software upgrade to prevent thefts

Reports of stolen cars in Daytona Beach rose last year due in part to a nationwide theft epidemic ignited by social media challenges targeting certain Hyundai and Kia models. Daytona Beach police are asking Hyundai and Kia owners to have free software installed that updates their vehicle's theft alarm system.

Officers are distributing notices to owners of the affected vehicles with phone numbers to schedule appointments at local dealerships. Hyundai owners can call (800) 633-5151 and Kia owners should call (800) 333-4542.



## QR code campaign on fleet vehicles promotes city's mobile app

Soon more than 200 vehicles in the city's fleet will sport a custom QR code so people can directly download the city's popular mobile app onto their smartphones.



## Mainland High School Champs Parade on Beach Street

6 p.m. | Thursday, April 20

Begins in front of Brown & Brown Insurance on Beach St.



## "Inside Daytona Beach" provides snapshot into city services

The city produces an informative video series called "Inside Daytona Beach" where viewers get an in-depth look at specific municipal processes or facilities. Completed episodes to date have

information about requesting public records, applying for a Business Tax Receipt, paying a utility bill, a review of Daytona Beach's extensive network of parks and an overview of city-owned community centers.

Videos can be found on the city's [website](#), [YouTube channel](#), [DBTV - Channel 490](#) and the mobile app.



## Residents invited to Housing Fair & Financial Wellness Clinic, April 29

Residents are invited to a free Housing Fair & Financial Wellness Clinic from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. **Saturday, April 29**, at Allen Chapel AME Church at 580 George W. Engram Blvd. in Daytona Beach.

Free credit reports and mini-classes/workshops covering financial literacy topics will be offered throughout the day.

This event is hosted by Mid-Florida Housing Partnership, Inc. and Allen Daytona Development Inc. For more information, call (386) 274-4441 ext. 304 or email [Lydia.Gregg@mfhp.org](mailto:Lydia.Gregg@mfhp.org).



# IN THE WORKS



**Boardwalk repairs** (*In progress*): By mid April, work will begin to repair the boardwalk's 35'x25' hole created by high surf and winds from Hurricane Nicole. New sheet pilings will be installed and the hole will be filled with beach-quality sand. A new walking surface will be created to complement the existing surface on the boardwalk. Repairs are expected to be completed within 60 days.

**Dickerson Center** (*In progress*): Playground equipment is being installed this week. Play features, specifically designed for children ages 3 to 5 and 5 to 12 year olds, are being installed in designated areas separated and bordered by concrete seat walls. Both areas will feature shade structures. Construction of the outdoor basketball court and replacement of the gym's flooring will begin soon. Installation of new parking areas, a network of sidewalks, LED lighting and irrigation are completed. Painting of the exterior of the buildings should begin next month. During construction, the Dickerson Community Center remains open with access off of S. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard.



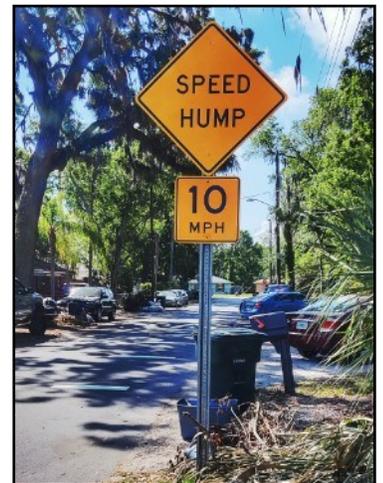
**Nova Canal** (*Ongoing*): Each spring, FDOT performs a series of maintenance work to the Nova Canal to keep it operating at capacity. Last month they applied herbicide and began removing vegetation and litter. Tree trimming and removal is the next step. Crews will also measure silt heights at the culverts and remove any extra silt. This year the berm near John's Appliance will be raised a foot. The final task, which is usually done in early summer and maintained throughout hurricane season, is removing rafts of vegetation that might block water flow during a storm event. In 2019, 400 dead or downed trees and tons of vegetation were removed.

**E. International Speedway Blvd. improvements** (*In progress*) Preliminary work has started on FDOT's safety and beautification project to overhaul East International Speedway Boulevard on the beachside. Crews from the city and TECO gas began locating utility lines this week. Construction is expected to ramp up after Memorial Day. For more information, visit the project page on FDOT's Central Florida Roads website, [www.cflroads.com](http://www.cflroads.com).



**Roadway speed bumps** (*Ongoing*)

Last week, an asphalt speed bump was reinstalled on Forest Lane in Daytona Beach. The well-marked speed bump is designed to reduce traffic speeds in the residential neighborhood. There are nearly 300 speed bumps installed throughout the city.



## Easter Beach Run set for Saturday

Look for bunny ears Saturday as hundreds participate in Daytona Beach's annual Easter Beach Run. New this year, the races will start on the beach behind Breakers Oceanfront Park at 13 S. Atlantic Ave. Kids' races start at 3:30 p.m. and the 2-mile/4-mile run/walk starts at 4 p.m.

Easter Beach Run participants should plan to arrive early to allow time to find parking in the area.

For more information or to register, visit [www.CODB.us/EasterBeachRun](http://www.CODB.us/EasterBeachRun).



## Midtown Music concerts start April 15

Enjoy a night of music under the stars as Blue Moon kicks off this year's *Midtown Music Concert Series* with a performance from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday, April 15, at Cypress Park. Playing a jazz fusion/funk and soul sound, they offer tight grooves, electric sounds and songs that will get people dancing. Attendees can enjoy free Line Dancing with Edra before the concert from 6:30 to 7 p.m. Food and drink vendors will be onsite during the concert. This year's sponsors of the *Midtown Music Concert Series* include Humana and United Healthcare. For more information, visit [www.CODB.us/MidtownMusic](http://www.CODB.us/MidtownMusic).



## APRIL IS WATER CONSERVATION MONTH



Replace older toilets with a WaterSense-labeled high-efficiency one



Run the dishwasher only when it's full



Turn off the faucet when lathering hands



Do not leave running water while brushing your teeth



Take shorter showers



Regularly check and repair water leaks

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FRIDAY, APRIL 7  
5:00 - 9:00 PM

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## Crab & Seafood Festival

11 AM - 8 PM | SATURDAY, APRIL 29  
FESTIVAL IS ON DR. MARY MCLEOD BETHUNE BLVD.

To become a vendor at the festival, contact Brittany Presley at (386) 366-0599 or [Brittany@DivineDesignsEvents.co](mailto:Brittany@DivineDesignsEvents.co).

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