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City Manager's Update



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Dr. Josie Rogers' home being completely renovated

Home will welcome Riverfront Esplanade visitors and offer refreshments

One of the oldest homes in the city, the Dr. Josie Rogers' house, is undergoing extensive renovations to transform it into a space to welcome, educate and offer respite to visitors of the \$31 million Riverfront Esplanade in downtown Daytona Beach. Located on the north side of the 28-acre riverfront sanctuary, the two-story structure was badly damaged by last year's storms. Renovations include new exterior siding, windows, doors, interior walls, ceilings, restrooms and a 900-square-foot porch; upgraded electrical and plumbing; refinished floors; an HVAC system replacement; as well as making the 144-year-old structure's access ADA compliant.



Dr. Josie Rogers was born in Daytona Beach in 1876, which is the same year the city was incorporated. In 1879, her father, David Rogers, built the wood-frame house, where she grew up and later, started her medical practice on the first floor.

Dr. Rogers became the first woman mayor of Daytona Beach in 1922, only two years after passage of women's right to vote.

Dr. Rogers lived in the house until her death in 1975 at the age of 98.

Funding for the renovations was provided to the Brown Riverfront Esplanade Foundation from a \$204,500 grant from the Daytona Beach Racing and Recreational Facilities District and the city provided \$600,000. The Foundation is responsible for the continued maintenance and repair of the house.

Renovation work should be completed by the end of the year, and in addition to historic displays about Dr. Rogers' life and career, the home is expected to feature a commercial element with food and beverage service to attract visitors.



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Mayor's Golf Tournament a success

Mayor Derrick L. Henry and the community came together Saturday for the 44th annual Mayor's Golf Tournament at the Daytona Beach Golf Club. Teeing off to raise money to benefit Dolly Parton's Imagination Library program and scholarships for youth to the city's summer camp program, the winning team, Bobby Thigpen, Trey Thigpen, Jaret Blake and Austin Mass, shot a winning score of 54 in the scramble format (*pictured with Mayor Henry*).

Many thanks to volunteers Bobby Thigpen and Carol Kilian for helping to secure players and sponsorships.



Planning Director receives countywide recognition from Volusia League of Cities

The Volusia League of Cities will honor Dennis Mrozek, the city's planning director, as their Employee of the Year in the Community Planning and Development category. He will receive the prestigious award at the organization's banquet at 6 p.m. at the Brannon Center May 25.

Nominated by City Manager Deric C. Feacher, Dennis was selected for his quality of work, demeanor, fairness and his ability to reach reasonable solutions for a myriad of issues brought before him. Dennis, who has been with the city for 14 years, leads a team of seven colleagues. His hands-on, lead-by-example approach is a gift to the public he serves and to his peers working alongside him. Congratulations Dennis!



Housing Fair & Financial Wellness Clinic planned for Saturday, April 29

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



For more information, call (386) 274-4441 ext. 304 or email Lydia.Gregg@mfhp.org.

Biketoberfest vendor application deadline extended to June 30

The Daytona Beach Area Convention and Visitors Bureau is accepting vendor applications for Biketoberfest®, which is Oct. 19-22. The deadline for submission to be included in the Master Plan has been extended to **Friday, June 30**.



For guidelines, application forms, examples of site plans and contact information, visit www.CODB.us/BikerEvents or call the Daytona Beach Area CVB at (386) 255-0415. Completed applications should be submitted by mail or in person to the Daytona Beach Area CVB, 140 S. Atlantic Avenue, Floor 5, Ormond Beach, FL 32176.



IN THE WORKS



Daytona Stadium (In progress): In preparation for a busy football season, Daytona Stadium is undergoing renovations that include weatherproofing and caulking the entire stadium, replacing outside seating for the home side and renovating the home and visitor locker rooms with new flooring, paint, showers and lockers. Revamping of the stadium is scheduled to be completed by September.



Dickerson Center (In progress): Playground equipment and an irrigation system are being installed, and outdoor lights for the basketball court are now operational. In addition to exterior renovations, the Dickerson Center's indoor basketball court is undergoing a makeover with the construction of a new vinyl floor. Installation is anticipated to be completed in the coming weeks once striping is finished.



Campbell Aquatic Center (In progress) With summer right around the corner, the bathrooms at Campbell Aquatic Center are being improved with new floors, paint and exhaust fans. A new sidewalk will be installed from Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard to Campbell Aquatic Center to improve connectivity and safety for guests.

Road Repaving (Ongoing) During this year, the city's road resurfacing program has repaved nearly 22 lane miles. Starting dates and specific locations are expected to be announced soon for this fiscal year's final phases, which involve some roads in Fairway Estates and select streets on beachside between University Boulevard and Euclid Avenue.



U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (In progress) City staff is working with Beau Corbett, a project manager from Jacksonville's district office, to draft an agreement between the two agencies. Once the agreement is approved by the city and USACE's district office, it will be forwarded to USACE's headquarters and to the Assistant Secretary of the Army Civil Works for final review. This process could take up to six months and possibly longer, if changes are made to the agreement during any step of the process.



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About two months after an agreement is finalized, a design charret will be scheduled with stakeholders. The flood mitigation study is expected to take three years to complete. The study will help determine if a solution is feasible, and if it is feasible, recommend it for design and construction funding by Congress. If a solution is funded by the federal government, the city would be responsible for 35% of the design and construction costs. In addition, the city would be responsible for all land acquisition required for the project, as well as relocating all utilities that may be in conflict with the flood control project's construction.

Mainland High School Champs Parade celebrates student athletes Thursday

Get ready to celebrate Daytona Beach! Join us for the Mainland High School Champs Parade **Thursday, April 20**, as we congratulate the Bucs on their many athletic accomplishments this year including the girls basketball team being crowned the Class 5A State Champion for the first time in school history!

The parade will start at 6 p.m. at Brown & Brown Insurance and travel south on Beach Street to Jackie Robinson Parkway, where we will have a celebration for these student athletes at Jackie Robinson Ballpark. The parade is sponsored in part by the Daytona Tortugas, 93.1 Coast Country, HOT 94.1, 95.7 The Hog and 103.3 The Vibe.

Fresh food and family fun on tap at Crab & Seafood Festival, April 29



11 AM - 8 PM | SATURDAY, APRIL 29
 FESTIVAL IS AT 554 DR. MARY MCLEOD BETHUNE BOULEVARD
 BETWEEN DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. BOULEVARD & CHARLES STREET
 FOOD | ARTS & CRAFTS | LIVE MUSIC | KIDS ZONE & FACE PAINTING



The city-sponsored Crab & Seafood Festival will be from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. **Saturday, April 29**, on Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Boulevard between Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Charles Street. The city is sponsoring this family festival, which will also have live music, local vendors and a Kids Zone with a 360-degree photo booth, carnival games, caricature artist and face painting.

Entertainment for the Crab & Seafood Festival:

- 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.: DJ Chi Town
- Noon: Lip Sync
- 3 to 5 p.m.: Saxman Fuqua
- 5 to 8 p.m.: Love Band

Food and beverage vendors:

- 3 Kings Catering
- Allecia's Island Cuisine
- Brother Burgers
- Chris B Kreme
- Citrus Conch of Miami
- Crab Shack 386
- Deez Nutz & More
- DEM Boys BBQN
- Dolly Cupz
- Eat & Wash – the Lunch Box Food Truck
- Flournoy Family Country Style Cooking
- Gran Arepa Daytona
- Laila's Lemonade
- MYX International
- Orgasmic Eats
- SB & B Seafood
- Seafood Shack

Additionally, there will be local accessory vendors selling a variety of crafts and merchandise and Midtown Cafe & Grill and A Golden Taste of Jamaican Foods & Treats will be open on Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Boulevard.

 CITY OF DAYTONA BEACH PRESENTS

MAINLAND HIGH SCHOOL CHAMPS PARADE

6 PM | THURSDAY, APRIL 20
 ON BEACH STREET

COME CELEBRATE THE BUCS SUCCESSFUL YEAR IN CLASS 5A BOYS & GIRLS SPORTS



CLASS 5A STATE CHAMPS

★ CELEBRATION AT JACKIE ROBINSON BALLPARK IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE PARADE



Spring
Wine Walk
 SATURDAY, APRIL 29
 1 to 5 pm

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 WINE, LIVE MUSIC
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