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# City Manager's Update



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## Daytona Beach's Midtown community featured in professionally produced play premiering in August

*Play written, directed & produced by people with ties to city*

A professionally produced play titled "A Chance for Redemption" will premiere **Saturday, Aug. 26**, at the Gillespy Theatre in the News-Journal Center on Beach Street. The enthralling theatrical production takes place in a Black-owned barber shop in 1977, within Midtown in Daytona Beach's core.

Produced by Sheila Kay Davis, written by Lynn Thompson and directed by Tai Thompson – all with direct ties to our Daytona Beach community – "A Chance for Redemption" delves into the lives and struggles of residents during that period in history, highlighting their resilience, community spirit and pursuit of redemption. It explores themes of hope, love and the power of second chances, resonating with audiences of diverse backgrounds.

The New Professional Theatre (NPT) company, founded by Ms. Davis, is the only African American theatre company located in the Broadway theatre district.

Mr. Thompson, the former Vice President for Intercollegiate Athletics at Bethune-Cookman University who retired in 2021 after 30 years with the institution, is a professional writer/producer. He writes plays, short films, radio and television projects. He also wrote and produced numerous promotional and historical video segments on Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune.

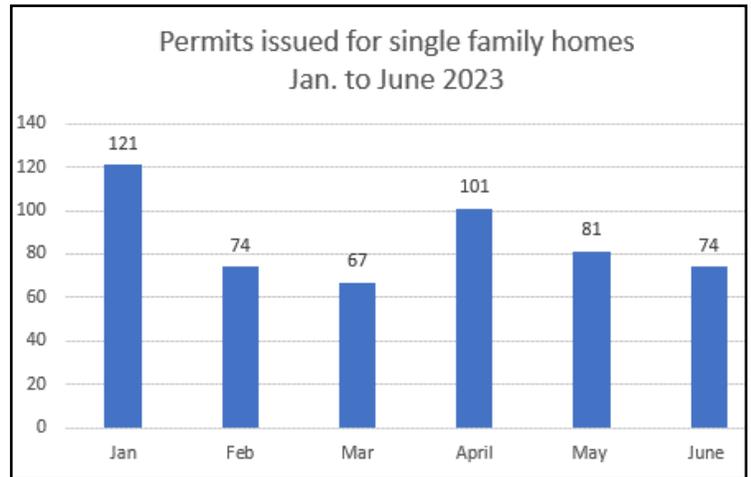
Tai Thompson, a graduate of Mainland High School and Florida State University, is a multi-disciplinary artist with a diverse background. Growing up in between Miami and Daytona Beach, she started performing in elementary school and continued throughout her high school years. In 2020, she was awarded the AUDELCO Award as Best Director of a Musical in Sharon Fallon Productions' "The Dark Start from Harlem: The Spectacular Rise of Josephine Baker."

Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased by calling (386) 226-1888.



## Permits for first half of year on pace with 2022

In the first six months of 2023, housing starts in Daytona Beach are keeping pace with 2022's record-breaking totals. Since January, 518 new building permits have been issued for residential construction with a cumulative value of more than \$198.5 million. There was one building permit issued for a 611-unit apartment complex for the Epsilon Apartment complex at 1700 LPGA Blvd. for a construction value of \$7.3 million. The project is north of LPGA Boulevard and east of Clyde Morris Boulevard. There were 95 building permits issued for new commercial construction.



Construction is underway of Phase 2 of Napier Apartments.



The Sanctuary at 1600 LPGA Blvd. is under construction.

## City installs four receptacles for used cooking oil

Improper disposal of cooking oil and grease can have a detrimental impact on the environment and the city's sanitary sewer system. When oil is poured down a drain or flushed down a toilet, it can contaminate water sources, harm aquatic life and disrupt ecosystems. Oil can also clog sewage systems and lead to costly repairs and maintenance. When such a blockage occurs, wastewater backs up in the sewage collection pipe, which could eventually back up homes and businesses.

The city has installed 55-gallon receptacles dedicated to collecting used cooking oil at these locations:

- Cherry Cultural and Educational Center, 925 George W. Engram Blvd.
- Daytona Stadium, 3917 LPGA Blvd.
- Florida Tennis Center, 1 Deuce Court
- Schnebly Recreation Center, 1101 N. Atlantic Ave.

The outdoor receptacles are available 24 hours a day with the exception of the one at Daytona Stadium, which is open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Cooking oil should be free of water, soap suds and food scraps and should be transported in a clean, non-breakable, leak-proof container with a tight lid. Collected cooking oil will be recycled and processed for use in many products including livestock feed, soaps, biofuels and fertilizer.





# IN THE WORKS



**Boardwalk (Complete):** Crews completed repairing the boardwalk's large hole just north of the Bandshell, which was caused by high tides and rough surf during Hurricane Nicole. Matching pavers were added on top of the concrete to finish the project.



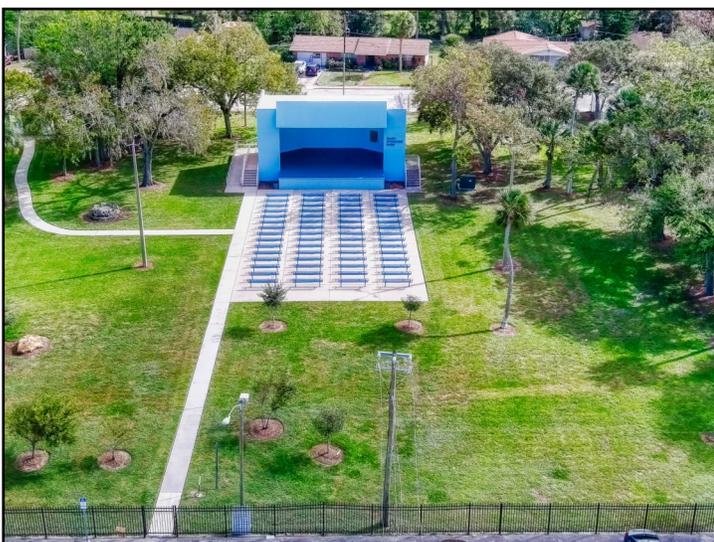
**Road repaving (Ongoing):** Crews are finishing work in Fairway Estates and will be starting the last phase of this year's road repaving program on beachside this week. Work will be from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, weather dependent, and is scheduled to be completed in one to two weeks. There will be temporary lane/road closures during paving operations on the following roads:

Road Name	To	From
University Blvd.	Atlantic Avenue	River
Flower Drive	Chaffee Place	Halifax Drive
Lantana Terrace	Chaffee Place	Halifax Drive
Chaffee Place	Wilmans Blvd.	University Blvd.
Zelda Blvd.	Atlantic Avenue	Halifax Drive
N. Peninsula Drive	Seaview Avenue	Zelda Blvd.
Seaview Avenue	Atlantic Avenue	Halifax Drive
N. Oleander Avenue	Seaview Avenue	Euclid Avenue



**Daisy Stocking Park (Soon to be under construction):** Improvements to Daisy Stocking Park are scheduled to begin **Monday, July 10**. The four-acre park will receive new lighting, a gateway entrance, playground equipment, landscaping and sidewalks/pathways to provide connectivity to Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Boulevard.

The \$2.3 million project is being funded in part from the Florida African-American Cultural and Historical Grant program (\$1 million) and Daytona Beach Racing and Recreational Facilities District (\$330,000).



**World's Most Famous Beach sign (Complete):** The iconic World's Most Famous Beach sign is back up over the beach entrance at E. International Speedway Boulevard and Atlantic Avenue. The sign had to be replaced due to being damaged in last year's hurricanes.



## Divas of Jazz perform July 15

The free, city-sponsored *Midtown Music Concert Series* continues **Saturday, July 15**, with a performance by Divas of Jazz at Cypress Park.

Divas of Jazz is the vision of Grammy award-winning pianist/keyboardist/producer Jeanine McAdams. Members include Joela Santil (bass), Kisha Pugh (drums) and Alex Bodytko Shaw (woodwinds). These ladies of distinction in music and entertainment have performed and recorded on national and international stages, television, Disney and Universal and toured with Broadway shows.

The concert starts at 7 p.m. and attendees can bring their own lawn chairs; however, coolers are not allowed. Enjoy Line Dancing with Eddra at 6:30 p.m. Food and drink vendors will be onsite. This year's *Midtown Music Concert Series* is sponsored by Humana and United Healthcare. For more information, visit [www.CODB.us/MidtownMusic](http://www.CODB.us/MidtownMusic).



## Free adult computer classes

Free adult computer classes are available for residents through Aug. 30. Beginner and intermediate classes are offered at these community centers:

- Every Monday: Cherry Cultural & Educational Center, 925 George W. Ingram Blvd.
- Every Tuesday: Yvonne Scarlett-Golden Cultural & Educational Center, 1000 Vine St.

Class times are:

- 6 to 6:50 p.m. Level 1 (Beginner)
- 7 to 7:50 p.m. Level 2 (Intermediate)

For more information or to register, call (386) 671-8266.

A graphic advertisement for computer classes. It features a blue background with a hexagonal pattern and a circular inset showing a person using a laptop. The text is white and yellow. A yellow circle with the word 'Free' is in the top right corner.

**Free**

# Computer Class for Adults

Classes are through Aug. 30  
Beginner & Intermediate levels offered

Reserve your spot by calling (386) 671-8266

A circular graphic advertisement for 'Summer Fun on the Run'. The background is orange with a sunburst pattern. The text is in yellow and green.

Calling all youth

# SUMMER FUN ON THE RUN

Music • Activities • Food • Drinks

July 13: Pine Haven Apartments

July 20: Lakeside Village

July 27: Palmetto Park

A graphic advertisement for food trucks. It features a blue truck with a sign that says 'Magnolia Ave'. The background is dark blue with a bridge and palm trees.

DOWNTOWN DAYTONA Nights

# Food Trucks

Magnolia Ave

DOWNTOWN DAYTONA BEACH  
FRIDAY, JULY 7  
5:00 - 9:00 PM

Featuring the area's best FOOD TRUCKS!  
MUSIC • DRINKS • FAMILY FRIENDLY

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