

SEPT. 20, 2023

City Manager's Update



Daytona Beach awarded \$500,000 federal grant to develop plan for Midtown

City partnered with Daytona Beach Housing Authority to apply for competitive grant

Daytona Beach is one of 14 communities nationwide to be awarded a \$500,000 federal Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The City partnered with the Housing Authority to apply for the highly competitive grant specifically for the Palmetto Park, Caroline Village and Walnut Oak properties and the surrounding Midtown neighborhood. The grant will fund the creation of a comprehensive neighborhood revitalization plan, called a Transformation Plan, to redevelop the severely distressed public housing properties, improve outcomes for residents and bring new amenities to high-poverty neighborhoods. This year's grant recipients were selected from a pool of 28 applications. Gainesville and Orlando were the other cities in Florida to be awarded grants.

Choice Neighborhood grants are focused on three core goals:

- **Housing:** Replace severely distressed public and HUD-assisted housing with high-quality, mixed-income housing that is well-managed and responsive to the needs of the surrounding neighborhood.
- **People:** Improve outcomes of households living in the target housing related to income and employment, health and education.
- **Neighborhood:** Create the conditions necessary for public and private reinvestment in distressed neighborhoods to offer the kinds of amenities and assets, including safety, good schools and commercial activity, that are important to families' choices about their community.

“The strategic partnership between the city and the Housing Authority marks a significant step toward repositioning the Midtown neighborhood to attract investment, increase economic diversity and expand affordable housing for Midtown residents. This project aligns with the City Commission’s priority to create and improve affordable housing for our residents.”

City Manager Deric C. Feacher

The planning grant is the initial step toward being awarded federal funding of up to \$50 million for a Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grant to implement the Transformation Plan.

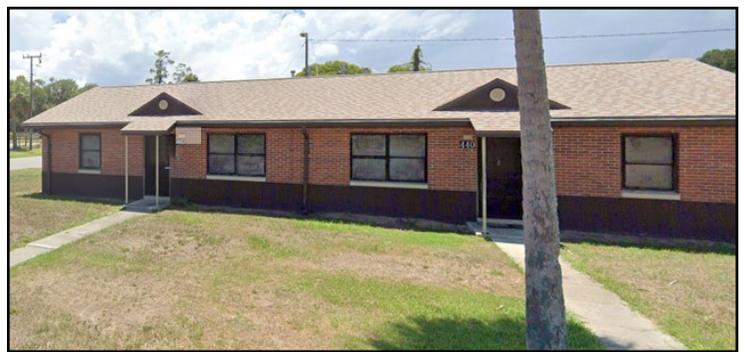
The joint application earned 88 out of a maximum of 104 points and was scored on multiple factors including need, soundness of approach and leverage for planning. The two-year plan includes opportunities to engage residents and community stakeholders in creating a vision for Midtown.



20 families reside at the Walnut Oak complex, on the corner of Walnut & Oak streets near Bethune-Cookman College's campus.



Caroline Village, on South Keech Street, houses 100 families.



Palmetto Park, on Whitney Street, is home to 130 families.

Youth can volunteer to serve on new city advisory board

Applications are being accepted from youth who want to serve on the city's new Youth Advisory Board. Participants will learn about local government and provide input and helpful information to the City Commission as it relates to issues affecting the city's youth. The board is open to students in grades ninth through 12, have at least a 2.25 GPA and are Daytona Beach residents.

Youth interested can apply on the city's website, www.CODB.us, click on "Boards."



Mayor's Honor Program seeks to recognize youth monthly

Mayor Derrick L. Henry is launching an Honor Program to recognize Daytona Beach elementary and middle school students. Mayor Henry has sent letters to area school principals, asking them to nominate students. Students must have As and Bs to be nominated.



Eight students will be treated to a special outing:

- Picked up by a limousine
- Chauffeured to a local restaurant for lunch
- Provided passes to a local business that offers an age-appropriate activity

The Mayor's Honor Program is part of the Mayor's Literacy Initiative, which seeks to instill a love of learning in today's youth. For more information, contact Assistant City Manager Bettye Goodman at (386) 671-8203 or GoodmanB@CODB.us.

FDOT hosts public meetings for LPGA Blvd. improvements and 5-year plan

LPGA Blvd. improvements

The Florida Department of Transportation is hosting a public hearing at 5:30 p.m. **Wednesday, Oct. 11**, at the News-Journal Center, 221 N. Beach St., 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 Oct. 11, or virtually or by phone (listening only) at 5:30 p.m. **Tuesday, Oct. 10**. For information, contact Jesse Blouin at (386) 943-5167 or Jesse.Blouin@dot.state.fl.us.

Tentative 5-year work program

The Florida Department of Transportation is hosting a public hearing from 3 to 5:30 p.m. **Tuesday, Oct. 17**, at the FDOT District Five Office, 719 S. Woodland Blvd., DeLand, for the public to learn about their tentative five-year work program for fiscal years 2024/2025 through 2028/2029. The program forecasts where and when funds are needed for improvements across all modes of transportation including roadway, bicycle, pedestrian, freight, trails, transit, aviation, seaports and spaceports.

There are three options to attend the meeting—in person Oct. 17, or virtually or at an in-person appointment between Oct. 16-20.

To make an appointment or for more information, contact Katherine Alexander-Corbin at (386) 943-5168 or via email at D5-WPPH@dot.state.fl.us.



Public meeting for beachside lift station replacement project

The public is invited to a meeting at 6 p.m. **Thursday, Oct. 12**, at City Hall (room 149B) to learn about the Lift Station 34 Replacement Project at 510 Ora St. The project includes the addition of an electrical/office building, construction of a wet well with four new submersible pumps (one serving as a dedicated standby during high-flow events) and installation of a new emergency generator in a sound-attenuating enclosure. The project also includes six-foot privacy fencing around the site, decorative landscaping in the building's front yard, sidewalk replacement/widening along the site's perimeter and demolition of the existing lift station.

Construction is expected to start early next year and take about 18 months to complete. Impacts to residents will include temporary traffic rerouting and noise typical of construction projects. If you would like project updates, email LloydNichole@CODB.us with your name and contact information.





IN THE WORKS



Daisy Stocking Park (under construction): Improvements to Daisy Stocking Park are continuing with the installation of a drainage pipe. Concrete footers for the shade structure and electrical work in the park will be added next. This \$2.3 million project, which was partially funded by a \$1 million grant from the African-American Cultural and Historical Grant and \$330,000 from Daytona Beach Racing and Recreational Facilities District, is expected to be completed in 2024.

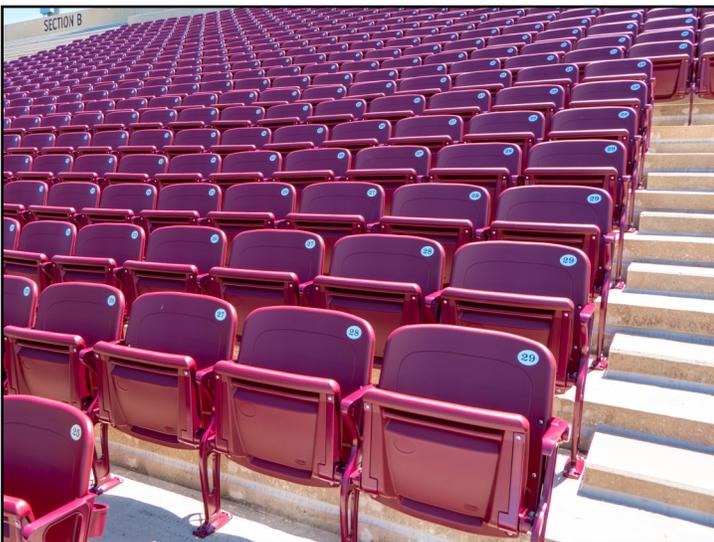


Dickerson Community Center (upcoming): ADA upgrades will be made to some of the restrooms at the Dickerson Community Center and Mickel Brown Building. Restrooms at both facilities will be transformed into single-occupant unisex restrooms for patrons use.

Peninsula Women’s Club (in progress): A new, paved parking lot featuring upgraded landscaping across from the Peninsula Club is substantially complete. With 19 new parking spaces including two handicap spaces, this lot will serve as additional parking for both the Peninsula Club and the Veterans Museum & Education Center.



Daytona Stadium (completed): Renovations to the home of Bethune-Cookman University, Mainland and Seabreeze High School football teams are nearly finished. Completed upgrades include weatherproofing of the entire stadium, new seating on the home side and enhanced locker rooms. A new camera roof deck is expected to be installed in the near future.



Suburbia Park Playground (completed): A new rubber surface has been installed in the playground area at Suburbia Park, 700 Heineman St. The new maintenance-free surface is more durable and safer for youth.



Midtown Café
PRESENTS

MIDTOWN Arts Fest & MURAL REVEAL

FROM CANVAS TO COMMUNITY

Meet the Artist
PEREGO
SAT, SEPT 23
1:00 - 10:00 PM
MIDTOWN CAFE DAYTONA
536 Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Blvd.
Daytona Beach (386) 238-9237

1:00 - 10:00 MIDTOWN ARTS FEST
Artist Vendors & Kids Activities in the Art Yard

6:00 - 7:00 Complimentary Drinks & Lite Bites

7:00 Reveal Celebration

South Side GRAND OPENING
OCTOBER 6TH
5-8 PM

RIVERFRONT ESPLANADE

DOWNTOWN DAYTONA BEACH

DOWNTOWN DAYTONA Nights

OCT. 6
5:00 - 9:00 PM

MAGNOLIA AVENUE
DOWNTOWN DAYTONA BEACH
FIRST FRIDAYS

FREE EVENT
FAMILY FRIENDLY

FOOD TRUCKS & FIRE TRUCKS
MUSIC, ARTS & CRAFTS VENDORS

Fire Extinguisher Training, Blood Pressure Checks, Arts & Crafts Table, Giveaways

MAGNOLIA AVENUE & BEACH STREET, DOWNTOWN DAYTONA BEACH

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DOWNTOWN DAYTONA BEACH

Fall WINE Chocolate WALK

SATURDAY
OCT 14
1:00 to 5:00 PM

WINE & CHOCOLATE VARIETALS / LIVE MUSIC / ARTS & CRAFTS VENDORS
DOWNTOWN SHOPS & RESTAURANTS

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LIMITED TICKETS: \$27 ADVANCE / \$32 AT EVENT
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NEW LOCATION: CITY ISLAND PARK

FREE EVENT

TRUNK or TREAT

6 TO 8 P.M. TUESDAY, OCT. 31

FACE PAINTING, FOOD, GAMES & COSTUME CONTEST AT 7 P.M.
CITY ISLAND PARK, 113 JACKIE ROBINSON PARKWAY, DAYTONA BEACH

PRESENTED BY ZONE 4 CITY COMMISSIONER STACY CANTU & CITY OF DAYTONA BEACH

DETAILS AT COBB.US