

NOV. 1, 2023

City Manager's Update



City brings street sweeping in-house to provide better service

Program to clean 12,000 miles of city's public streets in first year

Starting at 3 a.m. weekdays, two city employees in new street sweeping vehicles are hard at work removing debris from well-traveled roadways throughout Daytona Beach. The process of cleaning streets is not only for aesthetic purposes, it also helps keep sediment, leaves, trash and pollutants out of the stormwater system, which ultimately travels to the Halifax River and other waterways. One of the best ways to prevent pollutants from entering local waterways is to remove them from streets before wind and water carry them into storm drains. Street sweeping also helps prevent localized street flooding due to clogged catch basins.

For years, the city contracted with an outside street sweeping vendor at an annual cost of about \$354,830; however, servicing parking lots, the downtown and tourist areas and curbed streets often fell short. Additional servicing needed during and after special events and emergencies became difficult to schedule. To bring the essential service in-house, two personnel positions were created and the city purchased a Multihog sweeper for sidewalks and areas like the boardwalk and two heavy-duty Ravo 5 iSeries street sweepers earlier this year.

How much debris is collected?

A lot. Each week, about 70 cubic yards of sand and debris are removed from Daytona Beach's roadways. To put the amount in perspective, 70 cubic yards would fill the beds of 28 full-size pickup trucks.

How residents can help:

- Collect litter and trash around property, rather than sweeping these items into the street or gutter
- Do not rake or blow tree limbs or leaves into streets
- Move parked cars from roads on street sweeping day

For more information about the city's program, call (386) 671-8554.

Which streets are cleaned and how often?

All public streets with concrete curbs and gutters are cleaned. It is estimated that crews will sweep more than 12,000 miles of roadways each year.

Weekly: Major arterial roads and city-owned parking lots:

Ridgewood Ave.	Beville Road
Nova Road	Clyde Morris Blvd.
Beach Street	Main Street
Oakridge Blvd.	Seabreeze Blvd.
Mason Ave.	International Speedway Blvd.

Twice a month: Collector roads:

Dr. MLK Blvd.	Orange Ave.
Dr. MMB Blvd.	Silver Beach Ave.
Bellevue Ave.	White Street
Halifax Ave.	Peninsula Ave.

Every 4 to 6 weeks: All curbed, public streets in residential areas, which averages about nine times annually. Sweeping in residential areas takes place after 7 a.m.



Equipment Operators Caron Hayward and Jorden Brown clean streets in specialized vehicles from 3 to 11:30 a.m. weekdays.

Deposits refunded to utility customers with good payment histories

More than 10,000 Daytona Beach utility customers with 24 months of satisfactory payment histories received a refund of their deposits last month.

Approved by the City Commission in 2021, the refund was in the amount of the initial deposit, which was required when an account was opened, plus accrued interest. The refund was shown as a credit on monthly utility statements and will be applied to outstanding charges until depleted.

This refund only applies to accountholders of single-family residences. It does not apply to commercial properties or multi-family developments where multiple units are served by one water meter. If a customer's monthly utility account becomes delinquent after the refund of the deposit, the customer will be required to reestablish the water/sewer deposit at the current rate.

The current deposit amount for a single-family residential account with a ¾-inch meter is \$218.

Questions can be submitted and answered via email at UBemail@codb.us or by calling (386) 671-8100.



Meet Your COMMISSIONER VIDEOS

Redistricting triggered boundary shifts to all of the city's commission zones, and last month commissioners hosted public meetings to introduce themselves to their constituents. Residents who missed those meetings can still learn about their elected representatives by watching recently produced interviews with each commissioner. In the introductory videos, members of the City Commission discuss their background, priorities and accomplishments in their respective areas.

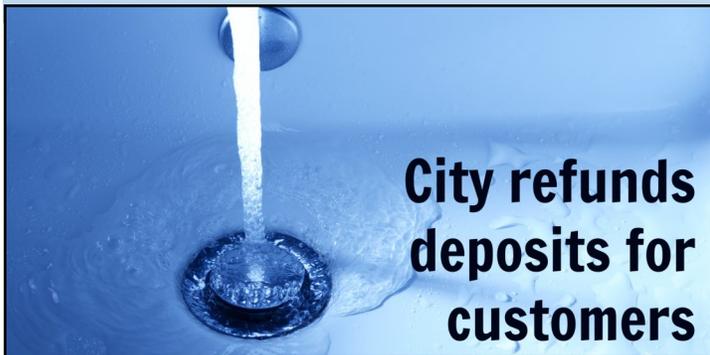
Videos can be found on the city's website, YouTube channel and DBTV, the city's government access channel airing on Spectrum Channel 490.

Two-year initiative to encourage reinvestment in Midtown ends

The two-year program to waive building permit fees in the area bordered by Mason Avenue to Shady Place and Ridgewood Avenue to Nova Road has concluded.

From Oct. 20, 2021, to Oct. 26, 2023, 1,116 residential and commercial permits were issued for repair, upgrades and beautification projects. Property owners saved \$517,363 in permit fees.

Roof replacements, upgraded electrical and fire suppression systems and new fences, doors, windows and air conditioners are some examples of the investment made by property owners in the city's core area.



City grows to 80,940 residents

The University of Florida's Bureau of Economic and Business Research provides the state's most sought-after population estimates. Recently released data estimates Daytona Beach's current population to be 80,940, reflecting an increase of 9,452 residents from 2020's census count of 71,488.



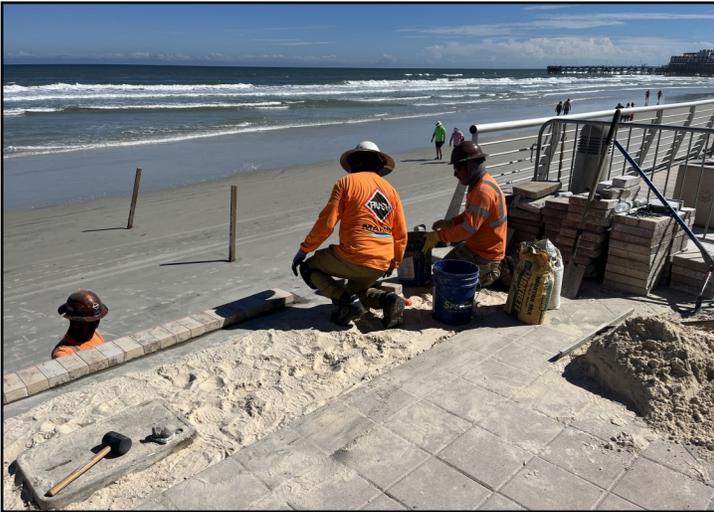
Daytona Beach's population growth is significantly larger than DeLand, which was the second fastest growing in Volusia County, with 3,913 more residents than the last census count. Volusia County's largest city, Deltona, grew by 3,645 residents bringing their population to 97,337. Pierson, the county's smallest city with a population estimate of 1,560, added 18 residents.



IN THE WORKS



Boardwalk Repairs (*under construction*): Repair is underway to the damaged section of the boardwalk, south of the Bandshell. Crews have removed the damaged stairwell, seawall cap and pavers. The sunken area has been filled, compacted and prepped for a new concrete slab and seawall cap. Work should be completed by month's end. In the near future, a temporary railing will be installed and permanent stairs constructed.



Borrow Pit Excavation (*ongoing*): Through September, P&S Paving has excavated and hauled away 1,028,000 cubic yards of borrow material from pits on more than 600 acres of city-owned land west of I-95 and behind the First Step Homeless Assistance Center. The operation, which began in December 2019, is part of the first phase in an agreement (Res. 18-336) between the city and P&S Paving to exchange fill dirt for a reduction in the price of the site work completed on the homeless shelter. Phase One of the agreement concludes when 1.42 million yards of dirt is removed.



Daisy Stocking Park (*under construction*): Underground electrical work is finished and pavilion frames are set to be finished by the end of the week. Pillars for the shade structures are installed and handicap ramps for the stage have been poured. The \$2.3 million project is expected to be completed in the spring.



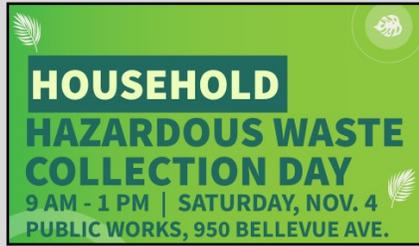
Heineman Water Tank (*under construction*): Construction is 70% completed on the five-million-gallon water storage tank, located in the rear of Suburbia Park. The tank was filled with water and is being monitored for settling and leakage. The contractor, Wharton-Smith, is currently painting the tank, installing fiber optic cable and adding a metal roof to the pump house. The \$12.4 million project remains on schedule to be completed in early 2024.



Yvonne Scarlett-Golden Cultural & Educational Center **Waterproofing** (*upcoming*): The exterior of the multipurpose facility will be waterproofed and sealed starting early next year. The \$56,792 project is expected to take about one month to complete. The popular community center will remain open during the maintenance work.

City hosts Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day Saturday

Residents can drop off unwanted household hazardous waste from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. **Saturday, Nov. 4** at the Public Works facility, 950 Bellevue Ave.



Accepted items include paint and paint thinners, solvents, pesticides, fertilizers, household chemicals, batteries, pool chemicals, anti-freeze, car wax, light bulbs, motor oil and propane tanks.

Fuel, gas cans, tires or lawn equipment (mowers, trimmers or gas-powered yard maintenance items) will not be accepted as well as commercial hazardous waste.

Residents will not be charged to drop off items; however, they will be asked to provide proof of residency at the site.

For questions about the drop-off event, contact Ajeenah Taylor at (386) 671-8670 or TaylorAjeenah@codb.us.

Deadline for Bike Week 2024 vendors

The Daytona Regional Chamber of Commerce is accepting vendor applications for Bike Week, which will be March 1-10. The deadline for submission to be included in the Master Plan is noon Tuesday, Nov. 14.



For guidelines, application forms, examples of site plans and contact information, visit www.CODB.us/BikerEvents or call (386) 255-0981.

A colorful promotional graphic for "WINE & CHEESE WALK". It features a wine glass, a cheese wheel, and the text: "SATURDAY NOV 11 1 to 5 PM WINE & CHEESE VARIETALS LIVE MUSIC ARTS & CRAFTS VENDORS DOWNTOWN SHOPS & RESTAURANTS". At the bottom, it says "LIMITED TICKETS: \$27 ADVANCE / \$32 AT EVENT www.DowntownDaytonaBeachEvents.com Join Us for Our Award-Winning Wine Walks!". There is also a "2023 CHOICE AWARDS" logo.

Registration open for Toys for Tots

The Marine Toys for Tots Foundation of Volusia County is accepting applications for its Toys for Tots program through **Sunday, Nov. 5.**



The program is open to Daytona Beach residents who meet the income qualifications on the Toys for Tots website.

To apply for the program or for more information, visit www.volusiacounty.toysfortots.org.



Enjoy beautiful and unique works of art at the 61st annual Halifax Art Festival on historic Beach Street in downtown Daytona Beach Nov. 4-5. The festival features juried local, regional and national original works of art from more than 150 artists.

Admission is free and there is plenty of free parking behind the shops on Beach Street. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.

50th Daytona Turkey Run Nov. 23-26

The 50th annual Daytona Turkey Run, the largest combined classic car show and swap meet in the U.S., will be Thursday, Nov. 23, to Sunday, Nov. 26, at Daytona International Speedway. Enjoy thousands of classic cars for show and sale, a swap meet, arts and crafts, food, music and family fun.



Hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$20 Thursday through Saturday, per person, per day, and \$15 Sunday. For more details, visit www.TurkeyRun.com.