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City Manager's Update



Redevelopment staff positioned to offer more personalized service

Meet & Greet with downtown merchants scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 7

The Redevelopment and Neighborhood Services Department has new personnel eager to engage with homeowners, merchants, developers and property owners in the city's five redevelopment areas.

A team of three project managers, led by Director Ken Thomas, is focused on meeting with merchants and residents to discuss the city's supportive efforts and upcoming opportunities for their businesses, homes and properties.

A special Meet and Greet is 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 7 at Cinematique Theater, 242 S. Beach Street.

Project Manager Phebe Fuqua will host the reception to introduce herself and the rest of the department's staff to the community. The Meet and Greet is an opportunity for merchants to network, provide feedback to the city and learn about the various grants available to promote business growth and property improvements.

The new fiscal year brought a renewed allocation for grant funding for residential and small business property owners. Grants are intended to help owners make additional investments in their properties. While each grant has its own criteria, they are available year-round and once a completed application is submitted, it takes about 10 business days to process.

Grants are available in the Ballough Road, Downtown, Main Street, Midtown and South Atlantic areas, which are designated Community Redevelopment Areas.



Pictured from left to right: Project Managers Phebe Fuqua (Downtown, Downtown Development Authority, Ballough Road); Angela Armstrong (Main Street and South Atlantic) and Michele Toliver (Midtown).

Types of grants

- **Residential/Commercial Façade:** Matching grant to improve the exterior of properties.
- **Business Façade:** Matching grant to assist a new or expanding business with exterior improvements.
- **Leasehold Improvement:** Matching grant to assist a new or expanding business with certain interior improvements.
- **Lease Subsidy:** Funds to subsidize initial rent for new target businesses.
- **Historic Preservation Residential/Commercial:** Matching grant to improve historic buildings in designated local historic sites or districts.
- **Upper Floor Residential:** Matching grant to assist commercial property owners to add upperstory.
- **Landscape Improvement:** Matching grant to provide landscaping along certain major thoroughfares.

City makes it easy to recycle used cooking oil at four locations

Fats, oils and grease (FOG) poured down drains create a huge problem for sewer pipes. FOG can create massive clogs that cause sewer backups and overflows resulting in costly repairs. The city has made proper disposal of FOG easy by installing 55-gallon receptacles at these locations:



- Cherry Community 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 such as livestock feed, soaps biofuels and fertilizer.

THANKSGIVING SCHEDULE

Thursday, Nov. 23	City of Daytona Beach offices closed Community Centers & Aquatic Centers closed
Friday, Nov. 24	Community Centers & Aquatic Centers OPEN City of Daytona Beach offices closed

Dates for Planning Board meetings adjusted during holiday season

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday falling on the fourth Thursday, which is the regular monthly Planning Board meeting date, the seven-member board will meet 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16 in the Commission Chambers. The meeting's agenda is posted online at www.codb.us/agendas.

In addition, December's Planning Board meeting is rescheduled to 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 21.

Meetings are broadcast live on the city's website, www.codb.us/DBTV and Spectrum Channel 490.

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Thanksgiving Collection Schedule

The holiday will affect regular collection schedules. Collections will be pushed back one day.



**Thursday
Nov. 23**

No collection

Thursday's collection will be picked up Friday

**Friday
Nov. 24**

Friday's collection will be picked up Saturday

**Saturday
Nov. 25**





IN THE WORKS



Daisy Stocking Park (under construction): Framing of the picnic pavilions is complete, and a handicap ramp to the stage was built. Concrete walkways have started to be poured throughout the four-acre park as well. Soon, a seat wall will be constructed around the viewing area of the stage, and playground equipment, specifically designed for youth ages 2 to 12, is expected to be installed in December. The \$2.3 million project is on schedule to be finished in spring 2024. Two grants helped finance the park's improvements—\$1 million from the African-American Cultural and Historical Grant and \$330,000 from Daytona Beach Racing and Recreational Facilities District. Daisy Stocking Park is located at 550 Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Blvd.



Dickerson Recreation Complex Indoor Basketball Court (in progress): After removing excess moisture from the existing floor, installation of a new vinyl surface is underway. Once installed, the floor will be striped as a basketball court. While the gym is closed, the outdoor basketball court remains opened until 10 p.m. seven days a week. Dickerson Rec Complex is located at 308 S. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.



ISB Bridge Footbridge (nearly completed): The \$288,000 project to repair the wooden footbridge connecting the north end of the Riverfront Esplanade to City Island is almost finished. Two light poles will be added in early 2024.



Samuel Butts Youth Archeological Park Restrooms

(completed): Upgrades to the restrooms are completed and facilities have reopened to visitors of the park. Renovations consisted of refurbishing the floors, installing new sinks, toilets and urinals and repainting both restrooms. The park, located at 750 Bellevue Ave., features a paved trail, fishing pier and pavilion. It is open everyday from dawn to dusk.



Wayfinding Signs (in progress): With four signs left to be erected, the project to replace damaged wayfinding signs is nearly complete. More than a dozen signs, designed to help motorists locate landmarks and parking, have been replaced after sustaining damage during last year's storms.



Daytona Turkey Run celebrates 50 years

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 on Sunday. Visit www.TurkeyRun.com for more information.

Entries being accepted for Jingle All the Waves Christmas Parade

The city is currently accepting parade entries for its Jingle All the Waves Christmas Parade on Beach Street. Presented by Brown & Brown Insurance, the parade will begin at 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, at Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Boulevard and travel south on Beach Street to Jackie Robinson Parkway.



There is no application or entry fee to participate in the parade, and the deadline to submit an entry is Monday, Nov. 27. For more information, visit www.CODB.us/ChristmasParade or contact Katie Prestwood at (386) 671-8268.

Children's Christmas Party, Dec. 8

Bring the family to the Children's Christmas Party from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8, at Jackie Robinson Ballpark. Hosted by Zone 6 City Commissioner Paula R. Reed and the Daytona Tortugas, kids ages 3 to 12 can enjoy various activities including photos with Santa, face painting, running the bases, music, games and refreshments. Guests are encouraged to bring nonperishable food items for a community collection.

Hosted by Zone 6 City Commissioner Paula R. Reed
CITY OF DAYTONA BEACH
CHILDREN'S
Christmas Party
Hosted by Daytona Tortugas
JACKIE ROBINSON BALLPARK
HOME TO THE DAYTONA TORTUGAS
FREE
6 to 9 PM
FRIDAY, DEC. 8
JACKIE ROBINSON BALLPARK
FOR YOUTH AGES 3-12

- Ages: 3-12
- Book Giveaway
- Free Refreshments
- Games
- Line Dancing
- Photos with Santa
- Showing of "Elf"
- Run the Bases

 Visit CODB.us for more information

DOWNTOWN DAYTONA BEACH
DOWNTOWN DAYTONA Nights
DEC. 1
5:00 - 9:00 PM
MAGNOLIA AVENUE
DOWNTOWN DAYTONA BEACH
FIRST FRIDAYS
FREE EVENT
FAMILY FRIENDLY
FOOD TRUCKS
MUSIC, ARTS & CRAFTS VENDORS
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to Remember
at the Riverfront Esplanade
NOV 25TH - JAN 1ST
PHOTOS WITH SANTA
EVERY FRIDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS
ENJOY RIVERFRONT VIEWS
DOWNTOWN DAYTONA BEACH
HOLIDAY LIGHTS ON DISPLAY NIGHTLY FROM 6-9PM

DOWNTOWN DAYTONA BEACH
SATURDAY
DEC 9
Holiday
Cookie & Wine Walk
1 to 5 PM
The Sweetest Event of the Season!
WINE & HOLIDAY COOKIE TASTINGS
LIVE MUSIC | ARTS & CRAFTS VENDORS | DOWNTOWN SHOPS & RESTAURANTS
Don Your Fun Holiday Attire... OH WHAT FUN!