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City Manager's Update



U.S. Army Corps of Engineers study aims to find flooding solutions

Agreement expected to be signed at Jan. 17 City Commission meeting

A six-page agreement outlining the roles and responsibilities of the city and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) for the much-anticipated Daytona Beach Flood Control Study will be presented at the Jan. 17 City Commission meeting. Following approval and signing of the historic agreement, work will begin on the federal feasibility study for the city's core area.

The study area is bounded by the Nova Canal, Orange Avenue, Ridgewood Avenue and Beville Road (see graphic). This interior section of the city is highly susceptible to flooding during major storm events because of its bowl-shaped topography. The \$3 million study will kick off in February and conclude in February 2027.

A feasibility study is the first step toward a potential federally-cost shared project that could be part of the city's overall, long-range flood resiliency strategy. The study will explore effective, economically viable and environmentally sound solutions to mitigate flooding risks and build enduring resiliency.

The project delivery team assigned to the Daytona Beach study comprises 25 experts including planners, engineers, biologists, geologists, hydrologists, surveyors, archaeologists, economists, real estate specialists and others.

Numerous agencies and organizations will also be consulted throughout the comprehensive study. The following list includes some of the organizations that have shown a special interest in the study or have a certain area of expertise required for the study:

Federal:

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
U.S. Geological Survey
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
National Atmospheric and Oceanic Administration
National Park Service
Federal Emergency Management Agency
Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
U.S. Coast Guard
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency



State:

Florida Department of Transportation
Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
Florida Division of Historic Resources
Florida Inland Navigation District

Jim LaGrone will be the project manager from the USACE's Jacksonville district office.

The Jacksonville district office was established in 1884 and is the second-largest civil works district in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The district is responsible for the area encompassing Florida and the Caribbean. They are leading the restoration of the Everglades, the Corp's single largest ecosystem restoration project. The North Florida office also constructed, operates and maintains more than 30 percent of the nation's total shore protection projects and more than 125 miles of renourished beaches.

City displays “Remembering King” banners on main corridor

The City of Daytona Beach, with its rich history and commitment to inclusivity and equality, is proudly displaying street banners in the city’s heart to pay homage to civil rights icon Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The “Remembering King” initiative, which began in 2021 by Zone 6 City Commissioner Paula R. Reed with a partnership with the Midtown Community Development Corporation, features Dr. King’s most powerful and impactful quotes.

On display throughout January along International Speedway Boulevard between Nova Road and Dr. MLK Jr. Boulevard, the banners aim to celebrate Dr. King’s peaceful messages and foster a sense of unity, understanding and social progress.

New mural being created on MMB

Work is underway on the mural titled “Beauty & Brains” on the facade of Fifi’s Beauty Salon & Day Spa, 400 Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Blvd. A reveal date of the finished mural will be announced next month.

The mural depicts icons Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune and Marjorie Joyner. She was a businesswoman, hair care entrepreneur, philanthropist, educator and activist. In 1973, at the age of 77, she was awarded a bachelor’s degree in psychology from Bethune-Cookman College.

She is the first African American woman to receive a patent for her design of a permanent hair wave machine.

In 1945, Joyner, along with renowned educator Dr. Bethune and Congressman William Dawson, founded the sorority and fraternity Alpha Chi Pi Omega, which is dedicated to the advancement and promotion of the beauty industry. Joyner and Bethune also founded the United Beauty School Owners and Teachers Association, a national association for African American beauticians. In 1987, the Smithsonian Institution opened an exhibit featuring Joyner’s permanent wave machine and a replica of her original salon.

Joyner died in 1994 at the age of 98.



A few of the featured quotes:

“I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.”

“The time is always right to do what is right.”

“Darkness cannot drive out darkness only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate only love can do that.”

“The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge.”



Employees lead CPR training for teammates in Public Works



Last month Eddie Braziel, a maintenance supervisor in Public Works and a certified CPR/First Aid instructor with the Red Cross and the American Health and Safety Institute, teamed up with the city’s Safety Office to lead CPR and AED training sessions for his teammates in the Grounds Division.

Eddie gave class participants examples of how CPR and AEDs have saved lives when those who have been trained can act quickly in the event of a sudden cardiac arrest. He demonstrated the proper CPR techniques for adults, children and infants and actions to take when someone is choking. All the participants practiced their skills on CPR manikins as Eddie and his assistant instructor, Kelsey Cypher, an office specialist, roamed the room to help students perfect their techniques.

Thank you to Eddie and Kelsey for leading this skill-building session and providing potentially life-saving skills to your coworkers!



IN THE WORKS



Boardwalk stairs and ramp repairs *(upcoming)*:

Construction to repair and rebuild more than a dozen beach access staircases and several ramps will begin in early 2024. Concrete piles, aluminum railing stringers and reinforced fiberglass decking will be used to support the new access points. Construction is expected to continue throughout the year.



Daisy Stacking Park *(under construction)*: Shade structure sails have been installed over the audience area in front of the elevated stage, and the stage will be repainted.

Installation of a raised crosswalk is scheduled to begin this week, and seat wall construction is underway. Crews are staining the wooden pavilions and new concrete sidewalks are being poured. In the near future, the asphalt in the existing parking lot will be demolished. The \$2.3 million project remains on schedule to be completed in spring 2024.



Jackie Robinson Ballpark *(under construction)*: With the Daytona Tortugas season opener in early April, renovations are underway at the historic Jackie Robinson Ballpark. New outfield lights are being installed around the ballpark. Additionally, a new batter's eye will be stationed beyond the center field wall of the ballpark, and the grandstand roof will be repaired.



Schnebly Recreation Center Playground *(under construction)*: New playground equipment is being installed at the Schnebly Recreation Center, 1101 N. Atlantic Ave. Designed for older youth, the \$36,400 project includes a swing set and seesaw play structure. Once the playground is installed, mulch will be placed around the equipment. The new playground is expected to open to the public in the next few weeks.



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The city expanded its use of Flickr, a popular web-based photo-sharing program.

Thousands of high-resolution photos can be viewed, shared, commented on and downloaded by visiting www.flickr.com/CityofDaytonaBeach.

Popular community events and city-sponsored activities are organized by date in the "albums" tab.



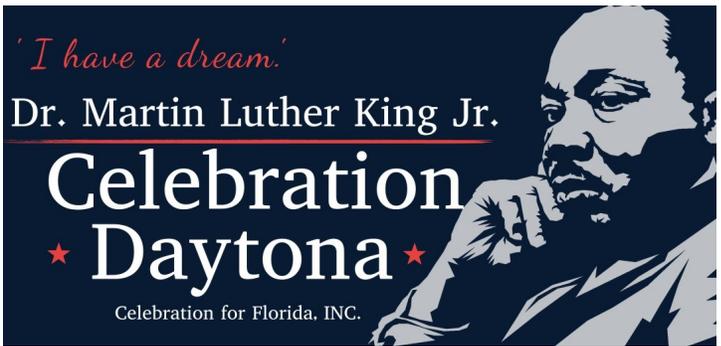
Join our team!

The City of Daytona Beach is now hiring.

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The City of Daytona Beach is hiring for various positions:

- AutoCADD Drafting Specialist
- Casual Workers (Clerical, Cultural Services, Golf Course, Maintenance, Tennis Center)
- Code Compliance Inspector
- Equipment Operator
- Lifeguard
- Lift Station Mechanic
- Maintenance Worker
- Police Officer
- Senior Planner
- Surveyor
- Utility Service Worker
- Wastewater Plant Operator



Sunday, Jan. 14 - 4 p.m.

7 Words from the King
Master's Domain Church of God in Christ
511 Fremont Ave.

Monday, Jan. 15 - Prayer Breakfast (begins at 8 a.m.)

Cherry Cultural & Educational Center
925 George W. Engram Blvd.

Monday, Jan. 15 - Annual March (begins at 9:45 a.m.)

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925 George W. Engram Blvd.

For more information, contact Kim Brown-Crawford at (386) 451-1108 or info@MLKDaytonaBeach.org.



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