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City Manager's Update



Renderings reveal mid-century modern design for future Fire Station No. 1



With its wave-inspired roof, bold red accents, ample floor-to-ceiling windows and exposed steel supports, the city has released near-final design renderings of a new fire complex.

The 28,000-square-foot headquarters will be located on South Ridgewood Avenue and will replace the nearly 100-year-old historic facility on South Beach Street, Volusia County's busiest station with more than 4,500 calls for service last year.

The impressive renderings reveal a two-story design incorporating Daytona Beach's rich history with exterior coquina tile and modern craftsman-style windows.

"The commencement of our new headquarters not only marks a milestone in our city's progress but also stands as a testament to our cherished heritage. This new facility blends tradition with innovation, embodying our commitment to sustainable growth."



— Deputy City Manager/Fire Chief Dru Driscoll

The design of the fortified concrete firehouse includes:

- ◆ a working station complete with four, double truck bays for fire apparatus and accommodations for up to 14 firefighters
- ◆ office space to bring all administrative personnel under one roof
- ◆ an 80-seat community room, which could double as a secondary Emergency Operations Center
- ◆ museum space to showcase the department's history and permanently feature Rosie, a 1952 fire engine which was in service through 1987
- ◆ Solar powered and wired for future EV fire engines

The fire complex will be located on a 3.6-acre site at 420 S. Ridgewood Ave. Construction documents should be finalized this month. Driscoll is hopeful site work and vertical construction will begin this summer, and completion is projected for late 2025.

New high-tech golf carts aim to provide better customer service

The Daytona Beach Golf Club upgraded its fleet of electric golf carts with state-of-the-art models featuring GPS and Bluetooth capabilities and maintenance-free lithium batteries.

Each two-seater EZ-GO Elite cart is equipped with a GPS system, taking the guesswork out of figuring out the distance to the green. Now on a large, easy-to-read monitor, it shows a map of the hole the player is currently on and how far the front and back of the green and pin are, along with hazards such as sand traps and water.



Hungry and want a snack? Using the touch screen, golfers can order food and beverages from the SandTrap Bar & Grill, the city-owned course's onsite restaurant, and refreshments will be conveniently delivered to them on the course.



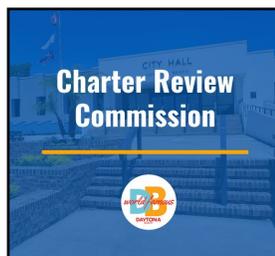
While the technology is helpful to players, it's also beneficial to course management. The GPS system allows geofencing capabilities to keep carts off restricted areas to help with course maintenance. Carts automatically shut down when they try to enter those spaces.

The lithium batteries used to power the carts cut the charging time and cost in half compared to the previous fleet used by the golf club. These carts are expected to last four years, compared to the previous models that needed to be replaced every three years.

The Daytona Beach Golf Club is located at 600 Wilder Blvd. About 60,000 rounds of golf are played annually on the two 18-hole courses on the manicured property. From April to October, the course is open from 7:30 a.m. to dusk. To book a tee time, call (386) 671-3508.

Charter Review Commission hosts two public Town Hall meetings this month

Members of the Charter Review Commission (CRC) have met several times to discuss changes to the city's charter. A final report will be presented to the City Commission on June 5. The CRC is hosting two Town Hall meetings this month where the public can share their recommendations.



Monday, April 8

Daytona Beach Police Department's Community Room
129 Valor Blvd.

Monday, April 22

Schnebly Recreation Center
1101 N. Atlantic Ave.

Meetings begin at 6 p.m. More information about the CRC can be found at www.codb.us/CharterReview.

Daytona Chamber offices reopen and city Economic Development staff move in

On Tuesday, Daytona Regional Chamber of Commerce officials, city leaders and members of the business community celebrated the reopening of the renovated Chamber office at 126 E. Orange Ave. The two-story, riverfront facility features various meeting spaces and a podcast studio, which are available for rent. Staff from the city's Economic Development and Business Enterprise departments have moved into offices on the first floor. City staff can be reached at (386) 671-8464.





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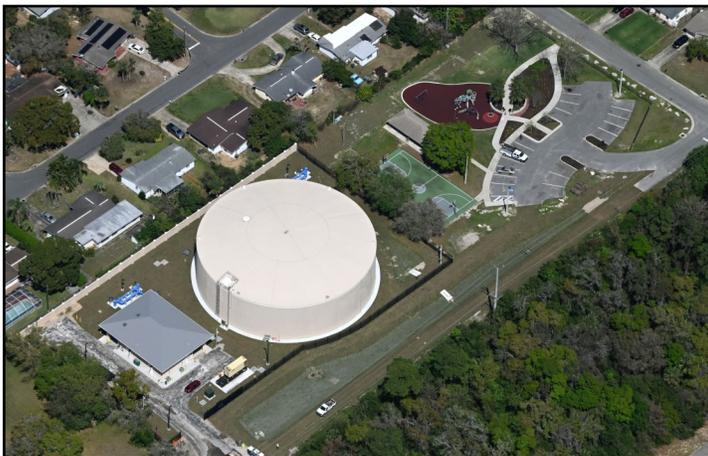


Daisy Stocking Park (under construction): Assembly of custom picnic tables is wrapping up this week at Daisy Stocking Park. Crews will finish stone work which tells the story of Daisy Stocking's life once materials arrive. All landscaping and irrigation to the park are complete. Fencing around the property is expected to be installed before the grand reopening celebration at 5 p.m. Saturday, April 20.



Florida Tennis Center (under construction): The court resurfacing and fence replacement project is in its final phase and nearly complete. The facility's 24 courts have been renovated, and windscreens will be installed this week. Once all windscreens are in place, the project will be complete.

Heineman Street Water Tank and Pump Station (under construction): Construction is substantially complete on the five-million-gallon water storage tank, located in the rear of Suburbia Park. The contractor, Wharton-Smith, is performing functional testing of the pump station and the parking area and access roadway still need to be paved. The \$12.4 million project is expected to be completed next month.



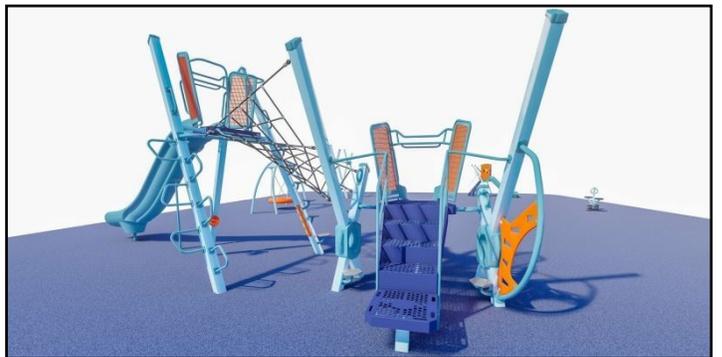
Land clearing on airport property (ongoing): Volusia County's crews are clearing dense vegetation and underbrush on county-owned property along Hancock Boulevard and on the southwest corner of the Clyde Morris Boulevard and Bellevue Avenue Extension.



Riverfront Day Docks (under construction): Construction to the Riverfront and Manatee Island day docks are underway. Once demolition is finished, crews will replace floating finger docks and concrete piles to both day docks. Additionally, any damaged mooring lights will be repaired. Both day docks are expected to be reopened to the public this fall.



Sunnyland Park (upcoming): Installation of new playground equipment is expected to begin by the end of this month. The apparatus is designed for youth ages 2 to 12. There will be a wood fiber surface underneath the new equipment. New ADA-compliant sidewalks will be created around the play features. The playground is expected to reopen by the beginning of June.



Citywide Mural Madness, April 5-14

Dive into "Mural Madness" in Daytona Beach, a vibrant celebration of art from April 5 through 14. This free, city-spanning event transforms ONE DAYTONA, Beach Street and Midtown into open-air galleries, where streets come alive with a spectacular array of murals.

The festival kicks off with the Mobile Mural Competition at the **ONE DAYTONA Art Festival**. Artists will paint from 10 a.m. on April 5 until 3 p.m. on April 7. Awards announced 4:30 p.m. April 7. For more information visit www.onedaytonaartfestival.net

The third **Daytona Beach Arts Fest** will feature more than 40 mini chalk murals along Beach Street and the Riverfront Esplanade. Unveiling of the mini murals and viewer's choice voting begins Friday, April 5 at 5 p.m. and throughout the Daytona Beach Arts Fest, April 13 & 14. An awards ceremony is 2 p.m. Sunday, April 14. For more information, visit www.DaytonaBeachArtsFest.com



In Midtown, there are two featured locations with large-scale artworks: **Midtown Café Daytona**, 536 Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Blvd. and **Fifi's Beauty Salon & Day Spa**, 400 Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Blvd.



The **2024 Easter Beach Run** was a resounding success, with a sold-out event drawing 700 runners to the beautiful shores behind the Oceanfront Bandshell on March 30.

Congratulations go to the swift-footed Jacob Montgomery, who won the 4-mile race with an impressive time of 23:33.94. Maddie Bosch blazed through as the female frontrunner, clocking in at 27:46.47.

A special thanks to our incredible sponsors: Advent Health, Humana, Florida Health Care Plans, Brown & Brown Insurance, Academy Sports + Outdoors, Paul Culver Construction, The Vitamin Shoppe and Tom Cook Jeweler. See you next year!

Housing Fair & Financial Clinic, April 27

Residents are invited to the Housing Fair & Financial Wellness Clinic **Saturday, April 27**, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Allen Chapel AME Church, 580 George W. Engram Blvd.



This free event offers invaluable resources such as credit reports and educational mini-classes on financial literacy. Industry experts will discuss the home-buying process, innovative mortgage products, down payment aid and new affordable housing efforts. The event is presented by Mid-Florida Housing Partnership, Inc. and Allen Daytona Development Inc.



For details, call (386) 274-4441 ext. 304 or email Lydia.Gregg@mfhp.org.

Don't miss the chance to elevate your financial wellbeing and homeownership knowledge.

Hurricane Readiness Events, May 1 & 4

As we approach another hurricane season, weather experts are predicting an active Atlantic hurricane season with 20-25 named storms. Residents can equip themselves with vital information at two key events:



A **Town Hall meeting** is slated for **May 1**, from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m., at the Daytona Beach Regional Library, 105 Jackie Robinson Parkway. Volusia County's Emergency Management Director Clint Mecham will cover essential topics like emergency kits, evacuation protocols and property protection measures.

Additionally, the **2024 Hurricane Expo on May 4**, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Volusia County UF/IFAS Extension Office, 3100 E. New York Ave. in DeLand, will provide interactive safety demos and presentations. This free event is a must-attend for anyone seeking to improve their hurricane readiness.

For more information, contact Yolanda Buckles at (386) 254-1500 or ybuckles@volusia.org.