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City Manager's Update



City to begin EPA-required inventory of utility service lines

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In January 2021, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) strengthened regulations for reducing lead in drinking water to improve public health protections by focusing on identifying and removing lead service lines. The EPA's mandate, known as the Lead and Copper Rule (LCRR), affects all water utilities in the nation.

New regulations require water utilities to conduct an inventory of service line

materials. (A service line is a pipe connecting a home or building to public water mains.)

Beginning this summer, Daytona Beach's Utilities Department will launch a comprehensive initiative to meet the requirements of the revised regulations.

As part of this effort, homeowners with unknown service line materials will be asked to complete self-assessment surveys. (Lead was discontinued as service line material in 1977.)

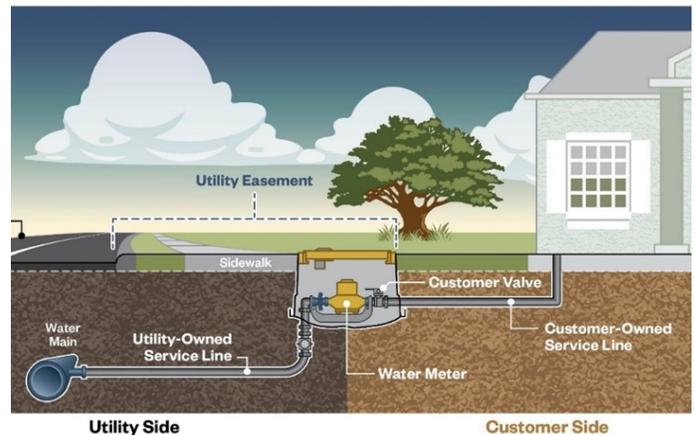
Surveys will include detailed instructions on how to determine what material the service line is made of and how to self-report the information to the city.

For more information, visit www.codb.us/LCRR.

Cooperation with the survey process is vital to this initiative.

QUICK FACTS:

- **The City of Daytona Beach banned the use of lead in water service lines in 1977.**
- **Drinking water has been regularly tested for lead and copper levels in accordance with federal regulations since 1992.**
- **Over the past 32 years, hundreds of samples have been collected throughout the city, and lead and copper levels have consistently remained below action limits.**



Where is a water service line located?

A service line is the privately owned water pipe that connects a home to the public water main. The service line conveys water from the main to the faucets, toilets and other fixtures within homes and can typically be found where it enters a home on the customer side of the water meter.



Daytona Beach's Utilities Department recently released its Water Quality Report, which provides an analysis of drinking water collected during 2023.

The report is designed to inform the community about the quality of water the city delivers every day. It includes details on where water comes from, how it's treated, ongoing water system improvements, tips on water conservation and information about the city's Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG) program.

Since 1999, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has required drinking water providers to publish annual water quality reports.

The report can be viewed online at www.codb.us/WaterQualityReport.

Property Appraiser releases pre-preliminary taxable property values

Pre-preliminary projections recently released by the Volusia County Property Appraiser’s Office show Daytona Beach’s taxable property values will increase by \$993.4 million for an average of 11.7% citywide.

Taxable value is the assessed value minus exemptions, and it helps the county, municipalities and other taxing authorities project their budgets and tax rates.

According to the report, the value of new construction was \$381.8 million. Pre-preliminary taxable values increased in all of the city’s five redevelopment areas.

Updated and final property values will be released by July 1.

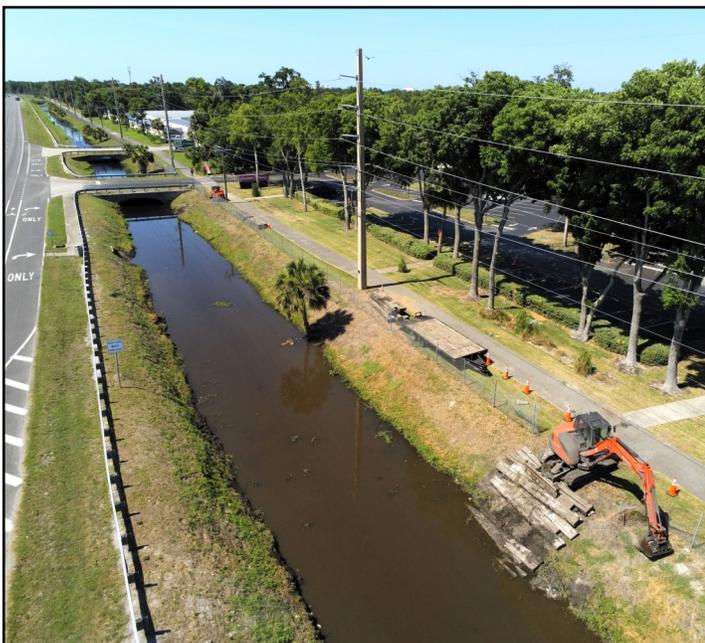
The City Commission will set the proposed millage rate at a public meeting next month.

	FY 2023/24	FY 2024/25	Increase	Percentage
Citywide	8,491,498,617	9,484,936,683	993,438,066	11.7%
CRAs				
Ballough	32,296,233	34,001,090	1,704,857	5.3%
Downtown	239,990,680	266,048,115	26,057,435	10.9%
Main Street	572,309,887	619,451,271	47,141,384	8.2%
Midtown	153,467,155	167,472,105	14,004,950	9.1%
S. Atlantic	101,833,680	108,375,312	6,541,632	6.4%

FDOT’s Nova Canal clearing project reaches Daytona Beach

The Florida Department of Transportation is dredging the state-owned Nova Canal to remove silt, debris, vegetation and muck. “We haven’t had a project in the Nova Canal of this scale in recent memory,” said FDOT Project Manager Alexander MacKey. Using historic plans from the mid-1970s, the \$875,000 project will restore the canal’s original depth and width.

While the entire project will cover a 7.5-mile stretch from Port Orange to Holly Hill, crews are currently working in Daytona Beach, in the area north of Beville Road. The project is expected to be completed late this year.



Staff train for natural disasters

Last week senior staff participated in a training exercise to identify critical issues and better define personnel roles in the event of a natural disaster.

The refresher course simulated a Category 4 hurricane with sustained winds of 145 mph forecasted to hit Daytona Beach directly. In the fictional scenario, there was significant devastation from wind and rainfall and residents were without electricity. The tabletop drill was coordinated by Daytona Beach Police Captain Byron Williams, the city’s Emergency Operations Center manager, and allowed staff to discuss the city’s response, recovery, communication and outreach efforts and coordination of resources.

NOAA, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association, is predicting above-normal tropical activity this year with a range of 17 to 25 total named storms. Of those, 8 to 13 are forecast to become hurricanes (winds of 74 mph or higher), including 4 to 7 major hurricanes (category 3, 4 or 5; with winds of 111 mph or higher).





IN THE WORKS



Electric Car Charging Stations (under construction): Prep work has started at City Hall to install two electric car charging stations. Installation is expected to be completed this month.

Following installation at City Hall, the Florida Tennis Center will be the next location to receive car charging stations. Other locations include Breakers Oceanfront Park, Cherry Cultural & Educational Center and the corner of Beach Street and Magnolia Avenue. All stations are planned to be operational by summer's end.



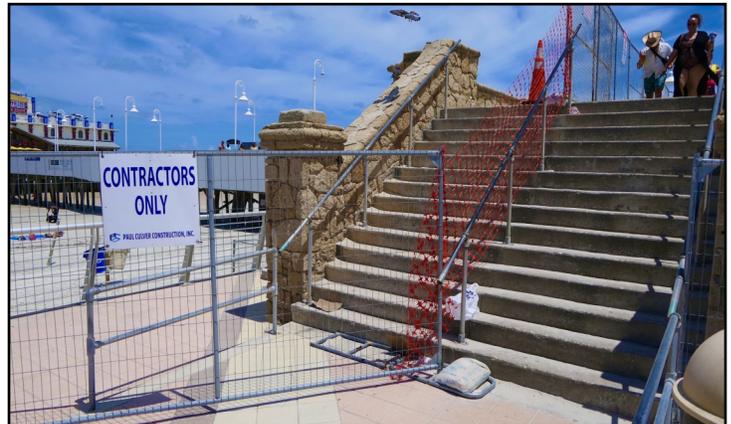
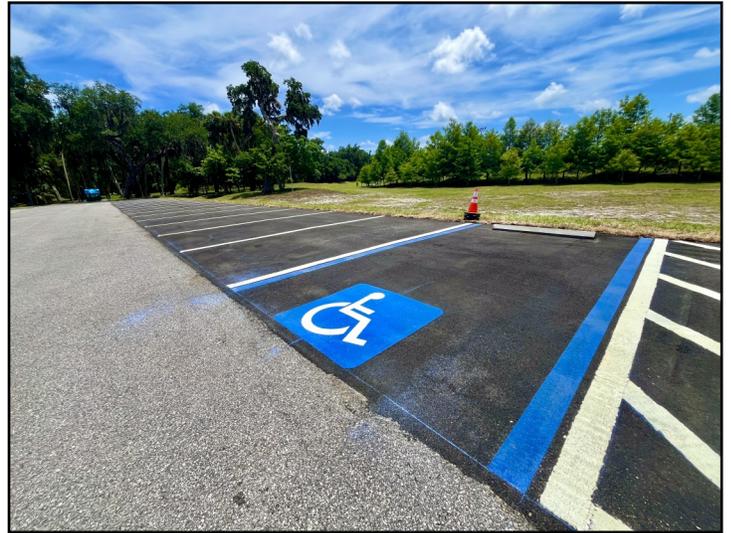
Main Street Beach Approach Arch (under construction): Public Works staff initially identified structural issues with the nearly 90-year-old Main Street Coquina Arch at the beach access ramp. Significant exterior cracking was documented, and at the recommendation of consulting engineers, the area underneath and around the arch was closed to pedestrians as well as sections of the walkover portion.

Following exploratory work, deteriorated steel and concrete inside the historic arch was discovered. The city is working with the engineering firm Graef-USA Inc. to develop a comprehensive repair and restoration plan. Once this plan is created, costs and a schedule for the necessary repairs can be made to ensure the safety and preservation of this iconic coquina structure.

Pedestrian access to the beach remains available from the boardwalk and Breakers Park.

The Main Street Arch was built in 1936 at the same time as the Oceanfront Bandshell and Clocktower as projects of the Works Progress Administration, a federal agency created by President Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal to alleviate unemployment during the Great Depression.

Parking lot expanded at Yvonne Scarlett-Golden Cultural & Educational Center (nearly complete): Parking availability more than doubled with the creation of 40 new spaces, plus two ADA spaces, in YSG Cultural & Educational Center's parking lot. Construction of the parking spaces, curbing and striping was done by city crews. Concrete parking wheel stops will be added in the near future, but visitors to the popular community center can still use the new parking spaces.



U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to give residents an update on flood study

Two public meetings will be offered to provide residents with the opportunity to learn about the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' ongoing comprehensive flooding study in the area bounded by the Nova Canal, Orange Avenue, Ridgewood Avenue and Beville Road. This is a chance for residents to interact and ask questions of engineers, economists, biologists and plan formulators. The meetings are **Tuesday, July 16 at 2 and 6 p.m.** in the Dickerson Community Center's gym, 308 S. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

Since February, experts have collaborated on a three-year, fully funded federal study in an area susceptible to flooding during major storm events. The study will conclude and a final report is due February 2027.



Flag giveaway and collection box

The city is offering free American flags to Daytona Beach residents with IDs starting at 4 p.m. **Friday, June 14**, while supplies last. Drive on Auditorium Boulevard, in front of the Peabody Auditorium, and a team will provide flags to drivers. Additionally, bring worn or damaged flags for respectful disposal.



Retired American flags can also be placed in a new outdoor collection box at the east entrance of City Hall. The Volusia Young Marines will maintain the flag box and ensure proper disposal of each flag received. Donations are welcome with proceeds benefiting the Volusia Young Marines. Both of these initiatives are supported by Zone 4 City Commissioner Stacy Cantu and the Military Order of the Purple Heart Volusia County Chapter 316.



Father's Day photo contest

This Father's Day, capture a special moment with dad at the iconic LOVE Daytona Beach sign and enter the city's photo contest for a chance to win fantastic prizes! To enter, visit the LOVE Daytona Beach sign at City Hall, 301 S. Ridgewood Ave., snap a family photo with dad, and email your photo and contact details to Communications@CODB.us by noon on **Monday, June 17**. Winners will be announced Wednesday, June 19. Prizes, sponsored by City Commissioners Stacy Cantu and Dannette Henry, include gift cards to Harbor Freight Tools and Mama Foo Foo. For more information, visit: codb.us/FathersDayPhotoContest.



Parks & Rec Master Plan survey open

The city invites residents to help shape the Parks and Recreation Master Plan, which will guide the city's parks, recreation areas, trails and programs for the next decade. Community input is vital to the plan's success. To gather feedback, an online survey option is available in addition to the in-person meetings. This voluntary survey takes about 8-10 minutes to complete, and responses are confidential. Input will help the city enhance our parks and programs to better meet the needs of the community. To learn more or participate, scan the QR code or visit www.codbparksplan.com.

