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City Manager's Update



New single-family housing starts remain robust in first six months of 2024

New home construction permits spike in March

While Florida's red-hot housing market is starting to cool due to increased supply and higher mortgage and insurance rates, new home construction remains robust in Daytona Beach with most of the activity still happening along the burgeoning LPGA Boulevard corridor.

In the first six months of this year, 579 building permits were issued for a combined construction value of \$257.2 million. March was the peak month with 181 permits issued. 78 of them in the Preserve at LPGA subdivision, which is on LPGA Blvd., just south of Daytona Stadium.

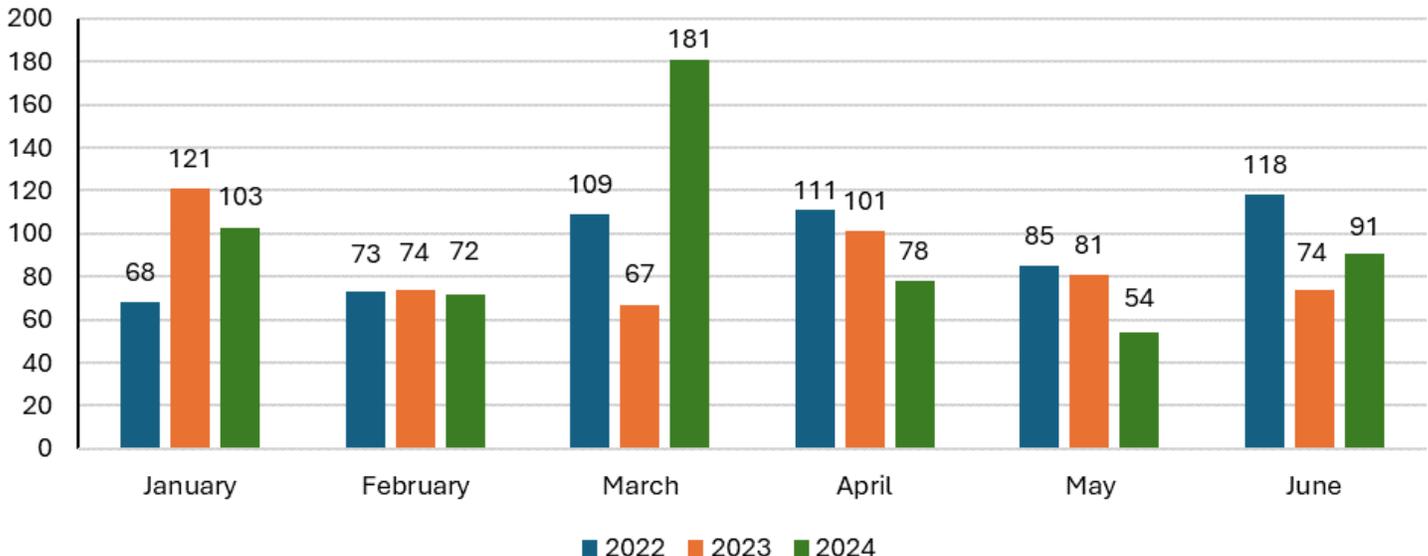
From January to June, 206 permits were issued in Margaritaville. The popular Jimmy Buffett-themed development, originally approved in April 2016, is expected to be fully built out by the end of the year with close to 3,900 homes.

According to statistics from multiple MLS agencies compiled by Rocket Mortgage, the median price of homes sold in Daytona Beach was \$298,996, an increase of 10.8% from June 2023 to June 2024. There are currently 787 homes and condos for sale in the city. In June, 79 properties sold with an average listing time of 52 days.



In the first six months of 2024, 134 permits were issued in the Preserve at LPGA subdivision, located just south of Daytona Stadium on LPGA Boulevard. Approved in 2019, this Lennar Homes subdivision is approved to build up to 600 homes.

Permits issued for single-family homes January to June



Citywide fire hydrant maintenance program underway



Testing of Daytona Beach's 2,635 fire hydrants is underway in the northwestern section of the city.

Each hydrant is being tested as part of a citywide annual maintenance program to ensure it is free of obstruction and is adequately repainted. Inspections also include locating, accessing and exercising the fire hydrant isolation valve; checking the nozzle height for ground clearance; identifying the make, model, nozzle size and year of hydrant manufacture; lubricating the operating nut; checking for seal leakage; obtaining an inventory and recording the GPS site coordinates of the hydrant; checking for minor repairs or failed components; installing a hydrant ID tag and reflective road markers; and conducting a flow test to determine both the amount of water available for fighting fires and the general condition of the distribution system.

Hydromax USA is the company performing the annual maintenance and will be easily recognizable in uniforms and marked vehicles. Crews work from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The project will be completed by the end of September.

Will service be interrupted during maintenance?

Since this is not a full flushing program, only minimal utility service interruptions are anticipated. When maintenance is being performed, residents in the immediate vicinity of the work may experience a temporary drop in water pressure or temporary discoloration of their water. This discoloration consists of harmless sediment and does not affect the safety of the water. If residents notice discoloration of their water after crews have been testing hydrants, it is best to run the cold water tap for 5-10 minutes or until the water clears up. Homes on a cul-de-sac or dead-end may take a little longer for the water to return to normal.

For more information about the project, call (386) 671-8815.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers hosts public meetings about flood study

Tuesday, July 16, 2 & 6 p.m. at Dickerson Community Center gym

Project managers with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will give Daytona Beach residents an update and answer questions about the current three-year flood study in the area bounded by the Nova Canal, Orange Avenue, Ridgewood Avenue and Beville Road. A virtual meeting option is available by scanning the QR code.



City's Triage Business Development Program accepting participants

Last month, the city launched a business development program named "Triage" designed to help local businesses prosper. To date, 21 Daytona Beach businesses and nonprofit organizations have signed up for the free program, which offers participants the opportunity to have their businesses assessed and help identify strategies to foster growth and success. The program is still accepting applications.

Under the guidance of the city's Redevelopment and Neighborhood Services, Economic Development and Permits and Licensing departments, participants gain exclusive access to experts and resources, tailored assessments to pinpoint a business' needs and strategic growth planning to ensure lasting success.

For more information or to apply, contact Redevelopment Project Manager Phebe Fuqua at (386) 671-8127.





IN THE WORKS



Campbell Aquatic Center (nearly complete): Repairs are wrapping up at the Campbell Aquatic Center, 400 S. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

Hundred of tiles have been replaced at both pools, and caulking is expected to be finished by the end of the week.

Once work is complete, the pool will be open to the public from noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Admission is \$1 per day, per person.



Electric Vehicle Charging Stations (under construction): Installation of the new level 2 Blink car charging station at City Hall is complete. Users need to download the user-friendly Blink mobile app on Google Play or the Apple Store and create an account to charge their cars.

A charging station is currently being installed in downtown on Beach Street and Magnolia Avenue. Other locations slated for charger installation include the Florida Tennis Center, Breakers Oceanfront Park and Cherry Cultural & Educational Center.



Heineman Street Water Tank and Pump Station (complete): The five-million-gallon water storage tank, located in the rear of Suburbia Park, is constructed and operational. The contractor, Wharton-Smith, started the project in January 2023. The centrally located tank doubles the storage capacity of the city's water supply and provides emergency water for peak demand periods.



East International Speedway Boulevard Road Improvements (under construction): The project is progressing on schedule and according to FDOT officials, is expected to be completed by the end of fall 2024. The original completion date was this summer, but the timeline was extended due to additional work at the intersection of SR A1A and US 92.

Current work necessitates daytime and nighttime lane closures throughout the corridor. All driveways will remain open during operations, and no detours are required. For more information, visit the project page on FDOT's Central Florida Roads website, www.cflroads.com.



SUMMER FUN ON THE RUN

Dickerson Community Center
308 S. Dr. MLK Jr. Blvd.
Wednesday, July 10 - 4 to 7 p.m.

Lakeside Village
155 Ontario Court
Wednesday, July 17 - 4 to 7 p.m.

Daisy Stocking Park
550 Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Blvd.
Wednesday, July 24 - 4 to 7 p.m.

The city's oldest subdivision kicks off celebration of its 100-year anniversary

The Tarragona Arch, a well-known landmark on International Speedway Boulevard, made for an impressive backdrop during Monday morning's unveiling of commemorative signage signifying the Daytona Highlands 100-year anniversary.

Coordinated by Zone 6 Commissioner Paula R. Reed and members of the subdivision's HOA, this week's event brought neighbors together to see the permanent signage and a temporary banner on the coquina arch.

The public can learn more about the history of the city's oldest subdivision and the iconic coquina arch **Tuesday, Aug. 20, from 7 to 9 p.m.**, at the Museum of Arts & Sciences. There is no admission charge for the catered reception and presentation, which is sponsored by Commissioner Reed.



Extend the July 4th celebration

Thursday, July 4

An extended fireworks display over the Atlantic Ocean in Daytona Beach will start at about **9:45 p.m.** Spectators can view the show from the boardwalk behind the Hilton Oceanfront Resort, on the beach or in Breakers Oceanfront Park. The pyrotechnic extravaganza follows a free concert at 7:15 p.m. by the Alter Eagles, an Eagles tribute band, at the Oceanfront Bandshell.



Friday, July 5, 7:15 p.m.

U.S. Bee Gees: Bee Gees tribute concert at Daytona Bandshell

Saturday, July 6, 7:15 p.m.

Southern Cross & Bad Moon Rising: Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young and Creedence Clearwater Revival tribute concert at Daytona Bandshell. A fireworks display will begin at about 9:45 p.m., following the concert.

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