

JULY 17, 2024

City Manager's Update



New city-sponsored mural underway on West ISB in Midtown

Artist Natasha Azari begins music-themed wallscape on Total Entertainment's west-facing wall



Rendering of "Still My Guitar Gently Leaps," a 15'x46' vibrant mural being painted on the side of Total Entertainment.

Daytona Beach's outdoor art scene is getting another colorful addition with a large-scale mural featuring musical instruments on the west-facing wall at Total Entertainment, located at 501 W. International Speedway Blvd. in the Midtown Community Redevelopment Area.

The proposed mural, titled "Still My Guitar Gently Leaps," is a collaborative effort between property owner Steve Weinreich and local artist Natasha Azari. Known for her vibrant and dynamic style, Azari aims to capture the energy and emotion of music in this piece. The city paid Azari \$10,000 from its American Rescue Plan Act funds.



Artist Natasha Azari

Total Entertainment has been at its current location since the 1990s. It specializes in sales, rental and repair of all types of instruments including guitars, basses, ukuleles, drums, keyboards and DJ equipment. Lessons are also offered.

The mural project started last week and is expected to be completed by October. It will be the seventh mural sponsored by the city as part of its ongoing public art initiative.

The Daytona Beach Mural Trail offers a delightful way for residents and visitors to experience these artworks while exploring locally owned shops, restaurants and attractions.

Keep an eye out for "Still My Guitar Gently Leaps" as it progresses toward completion, joining the ranks of Daytona Beach's celebrated public art pieces.

The City of Daytona Beach routinely tests and monitors the quality of its drinking water. Recent testing indicated that the city's drinking water supply complies with the Safe Drinking Water Act's standards; however, slightly elevated concentrations of Chloramines were identified over a 12-month period.

The average Chloramine level over the last 12 months was 4.1 milligrams per liter (mg/L), and the standard for Chloramines is 4 mg/L.

The city is required to notify its water customers about the elevated level of Chloramines. Statements on utility bills, the city's website and social media channels will serve as notifications to residents.

Is the drinking water safe?

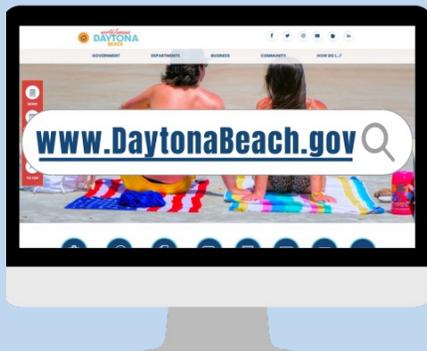
Yes. Residents do not need an alternative water supply like bottled water. If you have specific health concerns, don't hesitate to consult a doctor. Some people who use water containing Chloramines well above the maximum level could experience irritating effects in their eyes and nose, stomach discomfort or anemia.

What are Chloramines?

Chloramines are disinfectants used to treat drinking water. They are bacteria-killing compounds formed when chlorine and ammonia react in water. Water treated with chloramines is safe for consumption and daily use.

DaytonaBeach.GOV domain active

The city's official website domain name has changed to DaytonaBeach.GOV. Staff is updating all online and offline materials to reflect the new domain; however, www.CODB.us and all redirects will continue to be operational.



The Information Technology Systems department will migrate email addresses to the new domain by the end of the year.

.GOV domains are explicitly reserved for United States government entities and are only approved after a thorough vetting process. They are administered by an agency within Homeland Security to ensure that only legitimate government entities use the domain.

The city qualified for the shortened domain name of DaytonaBeach.GOV since it is an internationally recognized and unique name.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

How is the city addressing the issue?

The city has already decreased the disinfectant level leaving the water treatment plant and anticipates the average concentration to be within parameters by the end of the month. However, since the assessment is conducted quarterly, compliance cannot be re-established until the end of September. Residents with questions or concerns should contact the Utilities Department Communications Division at (386) 671-8815 or email RegulatoryCompliance@DaytonaBeach.gov.



Great news! The National Park Service (NPS) has determined that Jackie Robinson Ballpark warrants further consideration for designation as a National Historic Landmark (NHL). This decision highlights the ballpark's crucial role in American professional sports history and the Civil Rights Movement.

"The most convincing argument for the ballpark's national significance under NHL criteria is its association with the participation of African Americans Jackie Robinson and Johnny Wright in the game played there on March 17, 1946—a game often understood as a major moment and turning point in the integration of American athletics," said Julie Earnstein, Ph.D., a division manager with the NPS' Atlanta office, in the agency's response to the city's Letter of Inquiry.



IN THE WORKS

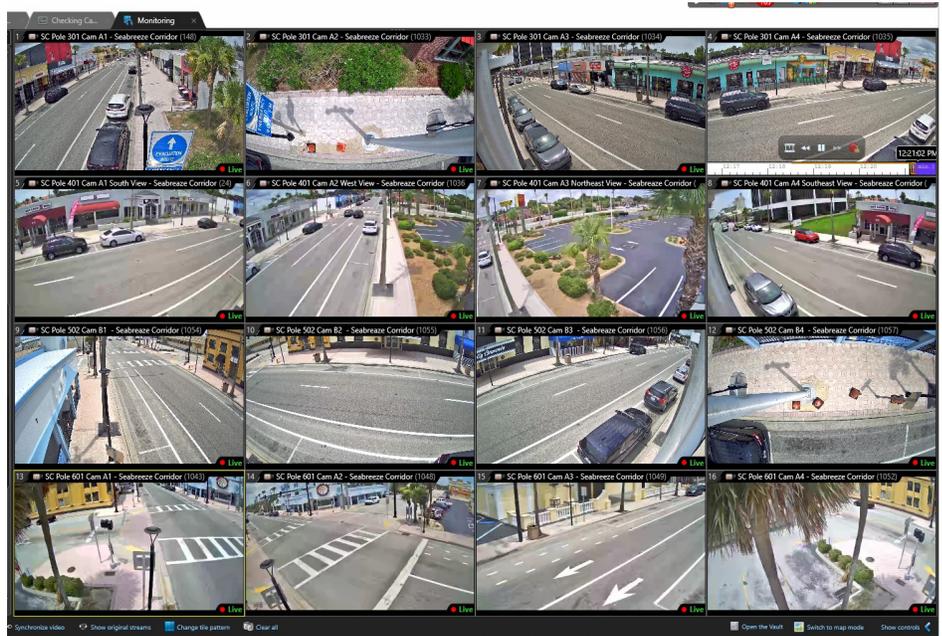


Seabreeze Boulevard Camera Project (in progress):

All eight 20-foot aluminum poles for high-tech security cameras have been installed in the entertainment area along Seabreeze Boulevard, and quad-lens cameras have been installed on seven of those poles.

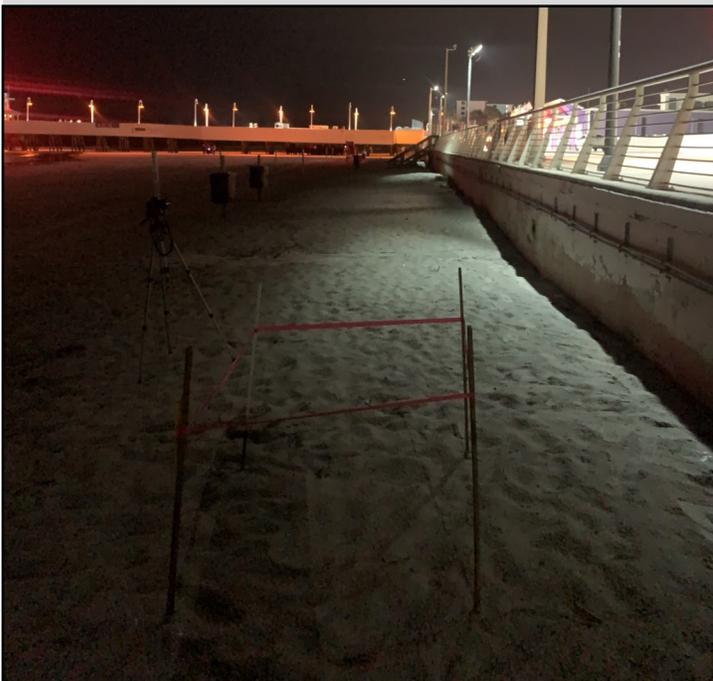
The cameras are operational and live feed is being streamed into the Police Department's Grandview substation. The last camera to be installed will be on Wild Olive Avenue, just south of Seabreeze Boulevard.

The \$147,000 initiative was partially funded by a \$20,000 contribution from Mayor Derrick Henry and \$80,000 from Zone 2 City Commissioner Ken Strickland. The contributions were from their respective American Rescue Plan Act funds.



Boardwalk Beach Access (upcoming): A sea turtle's nest was detected along the seawall just north of the Daytona Beach Pier. To accommodate the nest, plans to modify the new boardwalk stairs are in discussion.

Once plans are finalized, the project will go out to bid followed by construction. The current plan is to have concrete stairs to help mitigate future damage from storms.



Electric Vehicle Chargers (under construction):

Installation of a new EV charging unit is finished at the Magnolia Avenue and Beach Street intersection. This is the second site to have a Blink EV charger installed by the city. Work has started at the next location, which is the Florida Tennis Center. Once installation is complete, Breakers Oceanfront Park and the Cherry Cultural & Educational Center will receive charging stations.





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**Lift Station 5 Replacement Project
Neighborhood Review Meeting**

The City of Daytona Beach is hosting a neighborhood meeting to discuss the upcoming Lift Station 5 Replacement Project at 647 Shady Place at 6 p.m., **Thursday, July 18**. The meeting is at City Hall, Room 149B, 301 S. Ridgewood Ave.



For more information on the project visit, www.DaytonaBeach.gov/LiftStation5



Doggy Day

5 to 8 p.m.
Tuesday, Aug. 6

**Let's Paw-ty
Lenox Park
825 S. Grandview Ave.**

Bring your four-legged friends for an evening of paw-some fun!
Refreshments included

Pet costume contest at 6 p.m.

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Daytona Beach's
Free Midtown Music Concert
July 20 - 7 p.m.
Soul Fire

Other free concerts Aug. 17 & Sept. 14

CODB.us/MidtownMusic | Daisy Stocking Park, 550 Dr. MMB Blvd.

**Public comment period open for
Community Development's Annual
Action Plan**

The Annual Action Plan is a document of programs and activities anticipated to take place during the program year. A draft summary of the plan is available in City Hall for citizens, public agencies and any other interested parties to review in-person and submit comments.



A 30-day comment period is underway where the public is encouraged to view the plan. The comment period began on June 21, 2024 and extends through July 21, 2024. Comments can be sent to communitydevelopment@codb.us.



End of
**SUMMER
SPLASH**
Friday, Aug. 9
Free 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

- Pool Games
- Activities by DBFD
- Music
- Free Refreshments

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