

CITY MANAGER'S UPDATE

11.20.24

A SPARK FOR THE FUTURE: DAYTONA BEACH BREAKS GROUND ON NEW FIRE STATION HEADQUARTERS

Tuesday afternoon marked a significant moment for the Daytona Beach Fire Department (DBFD) as they officially broke ground on Fire Station One - Headquarters, a cutting-edge facility set to replace the nearly century-old building at the corner of Beach Street and Orange Avenue.

Located at 420 S. Ridgewood Ave., the new station represents more than just bricks and mortar; it symbolizes a leap forward in the department's ability to serve the community. Fire Chief Dru Driscoll spoke passionately, saying,

"At 100 years old, Fire Station Number One has acted as the heart of our department, serving as the source of prideful memories and a foundation for which our storied history has been written. However, with the time-honored tradition and mission of unwavering service to our community, the flood-prone station has become operationally obsolete and restrictive to our mission."

The groundbreaking ceremony brought together a diverse and enthusiastic crowd, including City Commissioners, DBFD firefighters past and present, families, friends and residents eager to witness the beginning of a new chapter. Key representatives from JL2 Architecture and Wharton Smith Inc.—the firms spearheading the construction project—also addressed attendees.

True to DBFD's reputation for innovation, the traditional golden shovel ceremony didn't seem fiery enough. In a fitting twist, the occasion was made official with a ceremonial blaze ignited and promptly extinguished by City Commissioners and City Manager Deric C. Feacher and former City Manager Jim Chisholm.

The upcoming two-story, 31,000-square-foot headquarters is designed to meet Daytona Beach's current and future demands. This hurricane-hardened structure will feature full solar power and other green technologies, community space, an emergency operations center and a fire department museum showcasing historical treasures like "Rosie," the beloved 1952 Mack Fire Truck. Additional amenities include a training tower, fitness facilities, repair areas and modern health and safety elements.

The new headquarters building is anticipated to be completed by March 2026.



The Daytona Beach Fire Department thanks everyone who participated in this historic celebration!



DAYTONA BEACH RECEIVES MILESTONE AWARD

Daytona Beach was awarded a Milestone Award at last week's National League of Cities (NLC) City Summit in Tampa, Florida. City Manager Deric C. Feacher accepted the award on the city's behalf. Daytona Beach was one of 24 municipalities to receive the award, which celebrates a city's 50-year membership to the NLC.



EASY DISPOSAL OF HOLIDAY MEAL FATS, OILS & GREASE

Fats, oils and grease (FOG) poured down drains can cause major problems for sewer pipes. FOG can create massive clogs that cause sewer backups and overflows, resulting in costly repairs.

The city has made proper disposal of FOG easy by installing 55-gallon receptacles at these locations:

- Cherry Cultural & Educational Center, 925 George W. Engram Blvd.
- Daytona Stadium, 3917 LPGA Blvd.
- Florida Tennis Center, 1 Deuce Court
- Schnebly Recreation Center, 1101 N. Atlantic Ave.

The outdoor receptacles are available 24 hours a day, with the exception of the one at Daytona Stadium, which is open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Cooking oil should be free of water, soap suds and food scraps and transported in a clean, non-breakable, leak-proof container with a tight lid. Collected cooking oil will be recycled and processed for use in many products, such as livestock feed, soaps, biofuels and fertilizer.



THANKSGIVING DAY GARBAGE COLLECTION SCHEDULE

There will be a change in the garbage and recycling collection schedule for Thanksgiving week.

There will be no garbage collection on Thanksgiving. Thursday's garbage and recycling collection will be Friday, Nov. 29. Friday's garbage and recycling collection will be Saturday, Nov. 30.



IN THE WORKS



HURRICANE MILTON STORM DEBRIS COLLECTION (ONGOING):

About 90% of vegetative debris left curbside has been picked up since operations began on Oct. 22. Residents are reminded to create separate piles for vegetative and construction debris, and piles should be kept away from obstacles such as mailboxes, fences, utility meters or overhead power lines. Collection crews are working 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., 7 days a week with operations expected to be completed by January. The resident drop-off lot off LPGA Boulevard will close at noon Wednesday, Nov. 27 and remain closed until reopening at 8 a.m. Monday, Dec. 2.

LOOMIS AVENUE FOUR-WAY STOPS (UNDER CONSTRUCTION):

Two new four-way stops are being added to Loomis Avenue to make a safer walking route for students at Campbell Middle School and Turie T. Small Elementary School. The first four-way stop installed was at the intersection of Caroline Street and Loomis Avenue and is now being enforced. Currently, crews are removing existing asphalt and prepping for new sidewalks, curbing and sod at the intersection of Keech Street and Loomis Avenue. Work is expected to be finished by the end of November.



CITY HALL COMMISSION CHAMBER (UNDER CONSTRUCTION):

Audio and visual equipment and technology inside City Hall's Commission Chambers are being upgraded to include five cameras, a video wall in the lobby, new microphones on the dais, ceiling speakers, controls, acoustic panels on the walls and a surface on the dais. Upgrades are expected to be finished by next month.



HENRY LEE & SUBURBIA PARK BASKETBALL COURT (UNDER CONSTRUCTION):

New outdoor basketball courts are coming to Henry Lee Park, 701 Bellevue Ave. and Suburbia Park, 700 Heineman St. Crews demolished the existing courts and leveled the ground. Currently, asphalt has been applied to both courts and requires 14 to 28 days to cure. Both basketball courts are expected to reopen to the public by the end of December.



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DAYTONA BEACH **UPCOMING EVENTS**



MANATEE ISLAND SEAFOOD & BBQ FESTIVAL

Details:
 Saturday, Nov. 23
 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
 420 S. Ridgewood Ave.



DAYTONA TURKEY RUN

Details:
 Nov. 28 - Dec. 1
 Thursday - Saturday
 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 Sunday 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 1801 W. ISB Blvd.



ARTS & CRAFTS FESTIVAL

Details:
 Saturday, Dec. 7
 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 YSG Cultural & Educational Center



STADIUM MOVIE NIGHT: ELF

Details:
 Saturday, Dec. 7 at 5 p.m.
Daytona Stadium
 3917 LPGA Blvd.
**Sponsored by Commissioners Dannelle Henry and Stacy Cantu*



HOLIDAY COOKIE & WINE WALK

Details:
 Saturday, Dec. 14 at 1 to 5 p.m.
 S. Beach Street
Tickets Required



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Details:
 Friday, Dec. 13 at 6 to 8 p.m.
Jackie Robinson Ballpark
**Sponsored by Commissioner Paula R. Reed and Daytona Tortugas*



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 Saturday, Dec. 14 at 6 p.m.
 Beach Street



HOLIDAY CLOSURES

City Hall will be closed on
 Nov. 28, Nov. 29, Dec. 25,
 Dec. 26 and Jan. 1.



MAYOR'S FITNESS CHALLENGE

Kick off:
 Tuesday, Jan. 7 at 5:30 p.m.
Cherry Cultural & Educational Center
Register NOW!
DaytonaBeach.gov/Activities



THE MLK COMMUNITY HEALTH RESOURCE FAIR

Details:
 Saturday, Jan. 11 from 9 to 1 p.m.
Daisy Stocking Park
**Sponsored by Commissioner Paula R. Reed, National Panhellenic Council, Kappa Alpha Psi, Mayo Clinic and the Health District*