

CITY MANAGER'S UPDATE

12.18.24

FLORIDA TO LAUNCH A PROGRAM TO HELP HOMEOWNERS ELEVATE THEIR HOMES ABOVE FLOOD LEVELS

The initiative, called *Elevate Florida*, is the state's first statewide Residential Mitigation program administered by the Florida Division of Emergency Management. While full details about the plan have yet to be released, it involves offering grants and low-interest loans to help homeowners protect their homes from flood damage.

WHAT DOES ELEVATE FLORIDA OFFER?



Elevation: Physically raising an existing structure to protect against flooding



Mitigation Reconstruction: Construction of an improved, elevated building where an existing building has been partially or completely demolished or destroyed



Acquisition: A local community purchases a structure from voluntary sellers and the structure is demolished

HOW TO PREPARE FOR AN APPLICATION

To help applicants get ready, FDEM recommends gathering key information, including:

- ✓ Photos of flood damage or high-water marks.
- ✓ Insurance claims, receipts or cost estimates for previous repairs.
- ✓ Documentation of aesthetic alterations (e.g., roof replacement, window/door updates).

If you have any questions about the program, visit FloridaDisaster.org/dem/mitigation/residential-mitigation/, which will be updated as new information is released.

HURRICANE MILTON DISASTER RELIEF GRANTS: PROGRESS UPDATE

The City of Daytona Beach's Hurricane Milton Disaster Relief Grant Program has made significant progress in aiding recovery efforts. To date, **43 businesses have received grants totaling \$196,714, while 66 homeowners have been granted \$558,253.**

ABOUT THE GRANT PROGRAM

Created in response to Hurricane Milton's damage, the program offers financial relief to homeowners, renters and business owners. Grants of up to \$9,000 are available to cover costs such as:

- Insurance deductibles
- Home repairs
- Tree and debris removal
- Temporary relocation expenses

For small businesses with fewer than 50 employees, grants of up to \$5,000 are available to offset losses from spoiled food, revenue disruptions, insurance deductibles and necessary repairs.

ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATION PROCESS

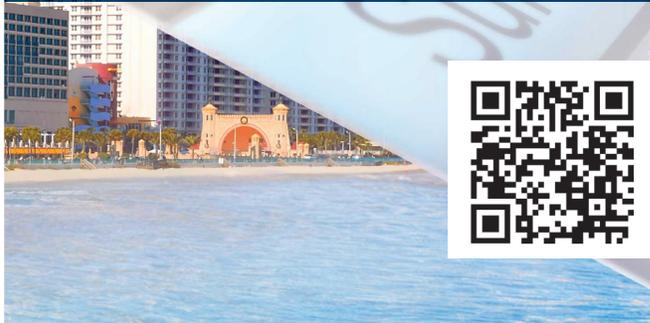
The program is first-come, first-served until funds are fully distributed. Applicants must meet specific qualifications. The city has partnered with local nonprofits Mid-Florida Housing Partnership and Greater Hope Community Development to streamline applications and ensure an efficient distribution of funds.

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SHARE YOUR INPUT ON VOLUSIA COUNTY BEACHES!



DAYTONA BEACH RESIDENTS: SHARE YOUR INPUT ON VOLUSIA COUNTY BEACHES!

Through Jan. 12, residents can complete Volusia County's survey about how they use local beaches and their perceptions of beach quality.

The survey is available online and can be completed in less than 10 minutes. In February, Volusia County will host public meetings to share information on potential beach resiliency improvements, answer questions and gather more community feedback.

For those who need help to complete the survey online, assistance is available at the Volusia County Beach Safety Headquarters at 515 S. Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach. Let's work together to ensure a vibrant and resilient coastline for future generations!

AWARDS WORTH RECOGNIZING



PUBLIC -PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP FOR VALENCIA SQUARE DEVELOPMENT WINS AWARD

The City of Daytona Beach and Framework Group, LLC, were awarded the Outstanding Private and Public Partnership Award from the Florida Planning and Zoning Association's Surfcoast Chapter for collaborating on Valencia Square, a mixed-income multi-family housing development on Orange Avenue in the Midtown Community Redevelopment Area (CRA). This transformative project will bring 62 residential units, including 24 affordable units for low- and moderate-income families, to an area of critical need within the city. The development, set to begin construction in 2025, will provide much-needed housing opportunities, spur economic investment and redevelop an underutilized city-owned property.

Once a storage yard and parking area for the city's Public Works department, the 3.2-acre property was identified as an ideal location for redevelopment. In 2022, the city entered into an agreement with Framework Group, LLC, providing the property at no cost in exchange for the inclusion of 24 affordable units. Since then, significant progress has been made under the leadership of Ken Thomas, redevelopment director, Michele Toliver, Midtown project manager, and in collaboration with Framework Group and representatives from Cobb Cole law firm.



HUMAN RESOURCES EMPLOYEE RECEIVES INDUSTRY RECOGNITION

Paula Eatman, the city's workers' compensation claims specialist, was honored with the 2024 Excellence Award for Risk Manager, Employee Representative, Safety and Human Resources. The Excellence Award recognizes professionals who go above and beyond to ensure injured workers receive the highest care, support and treatment. Throughout her nearly 25-year career at the city, Paula has demonstrated an ability to coordinate seamless care and treatment for injured workers.



IN THE WORKS



UNDER CONSTRUCTION

DERBYSHIRE SPORTS COMPLEX PARKING LOT:

A new parking lot with 105 spaces and five handicapped spaces is under construction at the Derbyshire Sports Complex. Crews are currently prepping the lot with grading. Once grading is finished, the lot will be paved and striped.

The new parking lot is expected to be completed in early 2025.



UNDER CONSTRUCTION

WATER TOWER DEMOLITION:

Work is underway to demolish two obsolete water towers on the beachside. The top section of the Thames Avenue water tower was being removed this week.

Once demolition is finished at Thames Avenue, work will begin to demolish the water tower at the Fire Station 3 on University Avenue.



ALMOST COMPLETE

HENRY LEE PARK & SUBURBIA PARK BASKETBALL COURTS RESURFACING:

Resurfacing of the basketball courts at Henry Lee Park and Suburbia Park is wrapping up this month. Crews have finished painting and striping both courts. Once the courts' perimeters are backfilled for safety, rims will be replaced on the backboards.

They're expected to reopen to the public this month.



UPCOMING

SUNNYLAND PRESS BOX TOWER:

Work will begin next month for a new concrete press box tower for the softball field at Sunnyland Park. Located directly behind home plate, the press box tower will be a two-story structure with a concession stand and storage room on the first floor and an announcer booth on the second floor.

The tower is expected to be completed in the spring. Sunnyland's facilities are available for rentals and will be used for Bethune-Cookman University's softball games.



HOLIDAY CLOSURES

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



HOLIDAY MOVIE - A DECEMBER TO REMEMBER

Details:
Friday, Dec. 20
from 6 to 7:45 p.m.
Riverfront Esplanade
More Details:
RiverfrontEsplanade.com



HOLIDAY BAZAAR - A DECEMBER TO REMEMBER

Details:
Friday, Dec. 20
from 6 to 9 p.m.
Riverfront Esplanade
More Details:
RiverfrontEsplanade.com



NEW YEAR'S EVE ON MAIN STREET

Details:
Tuesday, Dec. 31
from 6 p.m. to 2 a.m.
Main Street



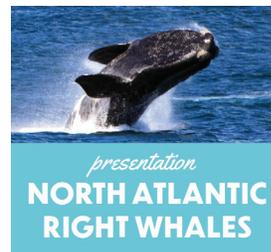
MAYOR'S FITNESS CHALLENGE

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



JANUARY COMMISSION MEETINGS

Details:
Wednesday, Jan. 8 and Jan. 22
6 p.m.
City Hall Chambers



RIGHT WHALE PRESENTATION

Details:
Thursday, Jan. 9
10 a.m.
**Breakers Environmental
Learning Center**
More Details:
DaytonaBeach.gov/Activities



THE MLK COMMUNITY HEALTH RESOURCE FAIR

Details:
Saturday, Jan. 11
from 9 a.m. 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*



MIDTOWN MUSIC CONCERT SERIES

Details:
Jan. 25, Feb. 22, March 29,
April 26 and May 31
7 to 9 p.m.
Daisy Stocking Park
More Details:
DaytonaBeach.gov/MldtownMusic