

# CITY MANAGER'S UPDATE

11.19.25



## DAYTONA BEACH SET TO RECEIVE NEARLY \$55 MILLION IN FORGIVABLE LOANS FOR WATER AND SEWER RESILIENCY PROJECTS

The City of Daytona Beach is poised to receive more than \$54 million in forgivable state loans to harden and modernize its water and wastewater systems, helping protect essential services before, during and after major storms. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) has allocated:

- \$19.17 million from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF)
- \$35.14 million from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF)

for a combined \$54.3 million in funding. These allocations come from the Supplemental Appropriation for Hurricanes Helene and Milton and Hawai'i Wildfires (SAHM), a federal program created in response to recent catastrophic natural disasters.

The SAHM program offers 100% principal forgiveness to communities that meet "financially disadvantaged" criteria, which Daytona Beach does based on census data.

This funding was secured because of the hard work and dedication of staff in the Utilities Department. They continue to search and secure funding for critical projects to improve the quality of life for our residents.

## FUNDING FOCUSED ON RESILIENCY NOT GENERAL FLOOD MITIGATION PROJECTS

While tied to disasters like hurricanes and wildfires, SAHM funding is specific. Projects must "reduce flood or fire damage risk and vulnerability or enhance resiliency to rapid hydrologic change or natural disasters at treatment works." The money cannot be used for general neighborhood stormwater or flood-mitigation projects. Instead, it is designed to make critical utility facilities more resilient so the city can continue providing safe drinking water and reliable wastewater service during extreme weather.

### TURNING THE ALLOCATION INTO PROJECTS

This is currently an allocation, not a finalized agreement. Over the coming months, Utilities staff will:

**Engage a consultant** to ensure compliance with state and federal requirements.

**Prioritize projects** by reviewing and ranking proposals to determine which will move forward.

**Coordinate designs** to meet program standards and disaster resiliency requirements.

Staff expect it will take several weeks to finalize the project list and will continue sharing updates with residents through regular communication channels.





## THE CITY WELCOMES MICHAEL CHAMBLISS

The City of Daytona Beach welcomes Michael Chambliss as its new Government Relations Coordinator. As Government Relations Coordinator, Chambliss will provide administrative and professional support on key initiatives. He will serve as a liaison between the City Manager's Office, city lobbyists, elected officials and community groups, helping to strengthen communication and collaboration on important city priorities. Most recently, Chambliss served as President & Head of School at Warner Christian Academy, leading a multi-year turnaround that increased revenue, strengthened partnerships, modernized communications, and improved staff and student experiences.

## MAIN STREET STREETScape

Thank you to everyone who attended last night's community meeting to review design concepts for the proposed streetscape project on historic Main Street. About 75 residents, business owners and community stakeholders provided valuable feedback.

Designs developed by Catalyst Design Group highlighted potential improvements to sidewalks, lighting, parking, landscaping and pedestrian areas along Main Street, from the Halifax River to the Atlantic Ocean. The project aims to create a more vibrant, walkable corridor that serves both residents and visitors while maintaining the area's character.

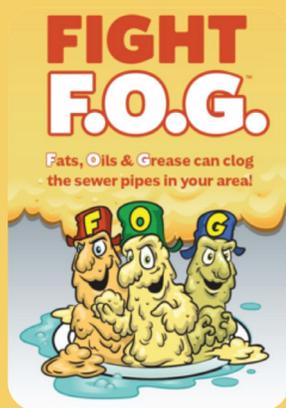
Attendees' input will help refine the preferred design direction before it is presented to the Community Redevelopment Agency. A link to view the design presentation is available on our website's highlights section for those who could not attend.



## FOG PROGRAM PROTECTS SEWER SYSTEM

The city's Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG) program protects the sewer system from grease pollution. Required by the EPA and the city's Land Development Code, the program regulates FOG discharges from food service establishments and other businesses to prevent blockages and overflows. All facilities that discharge FOG must install a separation device and participate in the city's permitting process.

Residents can help prevent FOG pollution by pouring cooled fats, oils and grease into a covered container for disposal in the trash, soaking up remaining grease with paper towels, scraping food scraps into the garbage and using sink strainers to catch food waste. For more information, [DaytonaBeach.gov/FOG](http://DaytonaBeach.gov/FOG).



# IN THE WORKS



**UNDER CONSTRUCTION**

## **FIRE STATION NO. 1**

**Project Status:** 60% **Project Value:** \$27,222,806

Today, Nov. 19, marks the one-year anniversary of the groundbreaking for the new two-story Fire Station No. 1 headquarters at 420 S. Ridgewood Ave. **Construction remains on schedule and within budget.** The 31,000-square-foot facility's exterior and roof are nearly finished, windows have been installed and crews are continuing work on the mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems. Upcoming site work includes grading for the retention pond and parking lot. When completed, the station will serve as the Fire Department's administrative headquarters, an Emergency Operations Center during emergencies and a state-of-the-art training hub for first responders. The project is expected to be completed in spring 2026.



**UNDER CONSTRUCTION**

## **CITY ISLAND SEAWALL**

**Project Status:** Under Construction

The city will begin the first phase of seawall reconstruction around City Island this week. Work will take place from Orange Avenue to Magnolia Avenue. As part of construction preparations, barges have been brought to the site and will be placed by crane this week. Power to City Island will be turned off for about 36 hours during the project, scheduled for Nov. 22 and Nov. 23. The project is supported by more than \$900,000 in grant funding, with design and permitting costs totaling about \$196,000.



**UPCOMING**

## **ORANGE AVENUE REC. CENTER**

**Project Status:** Demolition estimated to begin Dec. 2025

Demolition and environmental remediation at the Orange Avenue Rec Center are moving forward. Sample collections were completed Nov. 10, and the city received asbestos test results this week. The results were positive. Before demolition can begin, utility disconnects must be completed, and a 10-day waiting period for asbestos requirements must be observed. If everything stays on schedule, work could begin in mid-to late December.



### GARBAGE COLLECTION & HOLIDAY CLOSURES

There will be no garbage collection on Thanksgiving Day. Due to the holiday, Thursday's garbage and recycling collection will take place Friday, Nov. 28, and Friday's collection will occur Saturday, Nov. 29.

**Our offices will also be closed Thursday, Nov. 27, and Friday, Nov. 28, and will reopen Monday, Dec. 1. Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving!**

## UPCOMING EVENTS



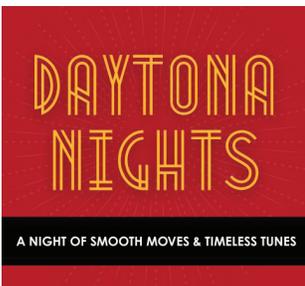
### TICKETS REQUIRED DAYTONA TURKEY RUN

**Nov. 27 through 30**  
Thursday-Saturday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Sunday 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Daytona International Speedway



### TICKETS REQUIRED CIRQUE DREAMS HOLIDAZE

**Dec. 2 at 7:30 p.m.**  
Peabody Auditorium  
600 Auditorium Blvd.



### FREE TO ATTEND DAYTONA NIGHTS: SENIORS 60+

**Dec. 5 from 6 to 9 p.m.**  
Cherry Cultural & Educational Center  
925 George W. Engram Blvd.



### FREE TO ATTEND DASHING THROUGH DAYTONA CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

**Dec. 12 from 6 to 8 p.m.**  
City Island Park



### FREE TO ATTEND DASHING THROUGH DAYTONA CHRISTMAS PARADE

**Dec. 13 at 6 p.m.**  
Beach Street



### FREE TO ATTEND HOLIDAY MIDTOWN SUNDAYZ

**Dec. 14 from 3 to 8 p.m.**  
Daisy Stocking Park  
555 Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Blvd.