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City of Belleview Enhances Public Safety with AED Installation at Community Center

BELLEVIEW, FL – The City of Belleview has taken a critical step toward enhancing public safety and emergency preparedness with the installation of a new Automated External Defibrillator (AED) at the Belleview Community Center. This initiative was made possible through a collaborative effort between the City Events Team and the Belleview Police Department and reflects a shared commitment to protecting the health and well-being of residents and visitors.

An AED is a portable medical device designed to treat sudden cardiac arrest (SCA)—a condition in which the heart unexpectedly stops beating, cutting off blood flow to the brain and other vital organs. The AED analyzes a person's heart rhythm and, if necessary, delivers an electric shock to help restore a normal heartbeat. These devices are designed for ease of use, offering audible and visual instructions so that even individuals without medical training can take immediate action during an emergency.

Placing an AED at the Belleview Community Center—a hub for community events, recreation programs, activities, and meetings ensures that this vital tool is available where people gather most frequently.

“The safety and well-being of our residents is our highest priority,” said Robert Vass, Events and Promotions Manager for the City of Belleview. “Installing an AED in a high-traffic, multi-use facility like the Belleview Community Center is a proactive investment in community health. Emergencies don’t wait, and neither should we. By equipping our facilities with these life-saving devices, we’re giving our community the tools to respond quickly and effectively in those critical first moments. We deeply appreciate the Belleview Police Department’s ongoing support and leadership in public safety.”

The initiative is part of a larger citywide strategy to evaluate and address safety readiness in public spaces. The Belleview Police Department played a key role in identifying the need for AED accessibility and assisting in the coordination of this effort.

“This AED installation is a prime example of what it means to serve and protect beyond traditional policing,” said Sergeant Mike Miley of the Belleview Police Department. “When someone suffers cardiac arrest, every second counts. Immediate access to an AED can drastically improve survival rates. We are proud to partner with the City to bring life-saving tools like this directly into the heart of our community. Our mission is not only to respond to emergencies—but to help prevent tragedies before they happen. We look forward to continuing this work in more public spaces across Belleview.”

While the AED is designed for public use, the Events Team is looking to provide additional CPR and AED training opportunities to further empower the community to act confidently in times of crisis. This project underscores the City of Belleview’s commitment to proactive governance, collaboration, and the continuous improvement of public health infrastructure within the city.