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HURRICANE SEASON IS HERE!



In the last 10 years, Volusia County has been affected by four hurricanes, three tropical storms, four major tornadoes and several heavy rainstorms that produced severe regional flooding. Forecasters are predicting above-average hurricane activity this year.

Hurricane season started June 1.

Are you ready?

"Every family should create a disaster plan and start stocking their disaster supply kits," said Jim Judge, Volusia County's new emergency management director. "After a disaster, emergency workers may not be able to reach everyone right away. In some cases, it may take three or more days for help to arrive. A disaster plan will help to prepare your family for these difficult times."

Families should discuss their plan as a group so everyone understands what to do and where to go in the event of a disaster, he added.

Residents should decide now where they will stay if an evacuation order is issued. Most people find it more comfortable to stay with friends or relatives who live well inland. For those who have no alternatives, hurricane shelters will be available at key locations across the county.

For help creating a personalized family disaster plan, visit www.floridadisaster.org.

According to Judge, your disaster supply kit should include a two-week supply of medications and enough drinking water and nonperishable food to last five to seven days. For a list of other items you should include in your disaster supply kit, visit www.volusia.org/emergency.

Emergency operations center

In the event of an impending hurricane or other emergency, Volusia County will activate its emergency operations center, which serves as the central coordination center for disaster management. Key disaster response officials - including the Volusia County chair, county manager, and emergency management director - convene in the center to make strategic decisions necessary to protect the public during emergencies.

Working space is provided for all disaster response functions and representatives from the county's 16 municipalities. The operations room, which serves as the "nerve center" during emergency operations, is equipped with extensive telephone, data and radio systems that allow personnel to coordinate disaster operations.

Public information

Keeping the public informed during a disaster is one of the county's major responsibilities. Community Information employees work closely with the news media, provide a citizens hotline, and update the county's website constantly during emergencies.

If you would like to receive emergency telephone or email notifications or follow our social media feeds from Volusia County's Emergency Management Division, visit www.volusia.org/emergency and click on the "get connected" button on the left menu.

They're back!

Mosquitoes have returned.

They lurk in tall grass. They lie in wait in gutters filled with stagnant rainwater. They rise on stealthy wings from salt marshes.

With mosquito season off to a flying start, Volusia County is ramping up its efforts to kill these pesky invaders. Mosquito Control staff is out in full force, spraying with larvicides, managing production sites in tidal wetlands, digging and clearing ditches, and stocking ponds with minnows.

Homeowners can help by doing simple things like tipping containers and disposing of old tires and broken appliances.



"There are a lot of steps you can take around your home," said Jim McNelly, director of Volusia County Mosquito Control. "The most important thing is to remove standing water from your yard because mosquito larvae thrive in standing water. Start by cleaning out your gutters, draining water from boats and tarps, and changing the water in your birdbaths and pet bowls at least once a week."

Sometimes mosquitoes like to come inside for a bite to eat. You can keep them outside by having well-fitting screens on windows and doors. Check for tears and gaps and fix them immediately.

How can you fight the bite? Mosquitoes are most active at dawn and dusk, so it's best to avoid outdoor activities at these times. If you must go outside, wear long pants, long sleeves and shoes with socks. Apply mosquito repellent to clothing and exposed skin, and use mosquito netting to protect children younger than 2 months.

Mosquito-borne illnesses

Mosquitoes are not just annoying. They can transmit serious diseases including West Nile virus, Eastern equine encephalitis virus and St. Louis encephalitis virus.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, the chance that any one person is going to become ill from a single mosquito bite remains low. Although people of all ages can become ill, the risk of severe illness and death is highest for people over 50.

Symptoms of a mosquito-transmitted virus may include fever, headache, tiredness, dizziness and confusion.

Animals can get sick from mosquito bites too. Horses should be vaccinated against Eastern equine encephalitis and West Nile virus. Cats and dogs should receive monthly heartworm treatments.

How to request mosquito service

County residents who live within the mosquito control district can request service online at www.volusia.org/mosquito 386-424-2920 in New Smyrna Beach or 386-239-6516 Residents of Deltona, DeBary, Orange City, Lake Helen, DeLand and Pierson should call their city.

Stop by for a visit:

Volusia County's Mosquito Control Division will host an open house from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, June 28, to discuss and display its mosquito-fighting equipment at 801 South St., New Smyrna Beach.

Staff will offer guided tours and tips on mosquito-proofing your home and protecting your skin.



Participants will get a close-up view of the county's mosquito-fish hatchery, spray trucks, helicopters, air boats, sentinel chickens and mosquito traps. Hot dogs, popcorn and bottled water will be available.

The open house is being presented in recognition of National Mosquito Awareness Week, June 23 to 29.



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You can find many of our County services on Facebook and twitter as well. You can also sign up for email notifications from the manager's office, parks, rec and culture, emergency management and other important county services. WWW.Volusia.org

GET ON THE BUS, GUS!



All Volusia County municipalities have been invited to attend a public presentation June 24 at 6 p.m. hosted by the Volusia County Council on the service and funding challenges facing Votran, the county's public transit system. The presentation will address Votran service levels and impact on city residents, fares, funding/partnerships with cities, and current and future challenges. The presentation followed by discussion will be held in the Volusia Room at Daytona International Airport.

Votran, the county's public transit service, began in 1975 to serve the Daytona Beach area. As Volusia continued to urbanize, population growth supported an expansion of service. Today, Votran service is available countywide. The Votran family of services includes fixed-route bus service, beachside trolleys, express bus commuter service, dial-a-ride paratransit service and commuter assistance programs.

For the fifth consecutive year, Votran's ridership increased, with fixed route ridership in fiscal year 2011-12 reaching nearly 3.6 million, 6 percent higher than the previous year. Votran's adopted budget is approximately \$20 million and is funded by federal and state grants, fares and \$7.4 million from the county's general tax fund.

Information can be viewed at Votran's website at www.votran.org .

CONGRATULATIONS

Maritza Vasquez (Deltona) and Rick McBride (DeBary)

Both were named as recipients of the

Volusia League of Cities Citizen of the Year award.

Honored for their community service work, both are wonderful examples of
"SERVICE ABOVE SELF"



WELL DONE, MARITZA AND RICK!

WORKING FOR YOU!

Breakfast with Deltona City Commissioner Fred Lowry; Attended TPO Executive Board Meeting and the General Membership Meeting, Chaired the TPO Bylaws Subcommittee meeting; Attended Deltona Eco Tourism planning Meeting; Attended ECHO Listening Sessions in District 2 Daytona Beach, 3 New Smyrna Beach, 4 Ormond Beach, and hosted the District 5, Deltona ECHO meeting; Chaired the Healthy Start Executive Committee meeting; Attended Enterprise Elementary Awards Program; Radio interview on WSBB; Attended Deltona-EPS meeting; attended Healthy Volusia Town Hall meeting; Participated in the St. Johns River to the Sea Loop Annual meeting; attended the Farmton Master DRI Pre-application meeting; Participated in WNDB Volusianians program; Dined with the DeLand Library Volunteers at their Annual Thank You lunch. Volusia League of Cities Annual Awards Dinner



PLACES TO GO AND THINGS TO DO!

We are blessed to live here in Volusia County. The weather is perfect this time of year. Now is the time to get out and explore our county. There is so much to do right here at home. Begin by going on line and check out our county web site. www.volusia.org

Other activities for the next few months include:

NEW LISTING

Tuesday, June 25: Meteorologist Jeff Day and county staff will offer tips to prepare your home and family for hurricane season, at the Deltona Regional Library, 2150 Eustace Ave.

Day, chief meteorologist for Central Florida News 13, will review recent storms and discuss the potential impact of a major hurricane on Volusia County at 2 p.m.

At 3 p.m., Volusia County Emergency Management employees will give a brief history of their department and describe the services the county provides during emergencies. Attendees may pick up informational brochures and sign up for the county's emergency email and telephone notification system. Reservations are not required for this free program.

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NEW LISTING

August 17th, 2pm, at DeBary Hall in the restored stable, there will be a photo documentary by **Lani Friend** about steamboat captain Jacob Brock and Commodore Rose, the slave who saved his life.

Following this, the Enterprise Players will be performing a special "sneak preview" of scenes from *A Grand Tour Upriver with Jacob Brock and Commodore Rose*, a Reader's Theater production coming to Gateway Center for the Arts Feb. 22nd, 2014. This will be a preview, not the whole play. This presentation is part of the Lemonade Lecture series and is free to the public.

Please note: This is a monthly newsletter, written and edited by yours truly, updating you on what is happening in District 5 and in the County. This is a public record and is intended for broad distribution. It may be shared. Please feel free to email me on any issue that you have a concern. My email address for official county business is pnorthey@volusia.org. My cell phone is 386-717-0505. Or you can reach my assistant at the numbers O) 386-943-7026; F) 386-943-7028. Photo credits: photos provided by Pat Northey; Jeff Crumbley; Votran Bus; Nancy Schleicher; Maritza Vasquez; City of DeBary; Rick McBride.

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