



Deltona, DeBary, Enterprise and Osteen

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COUNTY COUNCIL UPDATE

JUNE 2014

HURRICANE SEASON IS HERE!



Are you ready?

**YOU STILL HAVE A FEW DAYS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS SALES TAX HOLIDAY.
SHOP TAX FREE ON QUALIFYING ITEMS SHOP UNTIL 11:59 P.M. ON SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 2014.**

GO TO WWW.VOLUSIA.ORG FOR A LIST OF THE QUALIFYING SUPPLIES.

Be Prepared!

"Every family should create a disaster plan and start stocking their disaster supply kits," said **Jim Judge**, Volusia County's 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.



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I am regularly posting content on County Council issues to this page. Like the page to get the most recent Council News.

AND ON TWITTER: @PNORTHEY

And 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

NATIONAL TRAILS DAY COMING UP



Celebrate National Trails Day by getting some fresh air and exercise in downtown New Smyrna Beach from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, June 7. The outdoor event, sponsored by Volusia County's Parks, Recreation and Culture Division and the City of New Smyrna Beach, will be staged at 150 Julia St., just south of City Hall.

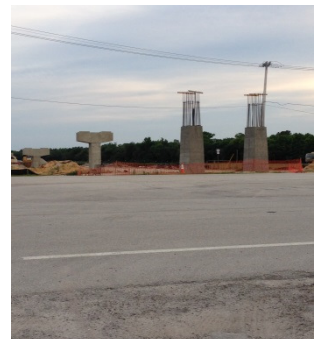
County and city employees will lead a history walk, while Volusia County Schools will set up Safety City, a mini-city that teaches kids safety while walking and riding a bike. The River to Sea Transportation Planning Organization will give away free children's bicycle helmets starting at 9 a.m. Local and statewide vendors will staff information booths.

For more information about Trails Day, contact Volusia County Trails Coordinator Bruce Piatek at 386-736-5953, ext.12663, or bpiatek@volusia.org.

AS PROMISED, HERE IS YOUR TRAILS UPDATE

Did you know that the little historic community of Enterprise located in SW Volusia is ground zero for the County's trail program? Traveling east from the Green Spring Park trail head, located in Enterprise, it is just the beginning of a recreation trail that will link the west side of Volusia with the eastside and with neighboring Brevard County to our South, all part of the State initiative called the Coast to Coast Connector.

Construction of the East Central Regional Rail Trail pedestrian bridges over State Road 415 in the Osteen/Deltona area (\$1.96 million) and over State Road 442 in Edgewater (\$2.1 million) is under way. And while not a part of this project but complementary to it is the trail that is part of the widening of state road 415, connecting Volusia to Seminole County. The trails will link in Osteen. Renovations of the Osteen Civic Center as a trailhead will be completed as part of the Ped. bridge project and Beck Ranch, along SR 415, is currently under



construction with trailhead amenities as well. Look for a ribbon cutting for the park this summer.

We will shortly be going to bid for those sections of Trail that will link the ped bridge in Osteen to the County's Hickory Bluff Park off of Guise Road and begin the trail extension to Rotary Park in Edgewater and along Cow Creek Road. I expect construction on both projects to be under way before the end of the summer. All other sections of the Rail Trail east to Edgewater and South to Titusville are now fully funded for construction in the FDOT 5 year construction program.

THANK YOU FDOT SECRETARY NORANNE DOWNS FOR YOUR INTEREST IN OUR TRAILS PROGRAM. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE FUNDING AND THE SUPPORT.

Head west out of Green Spring Park and you are on the beautiful and historic Spring-to-Spring Trail which will take you to Thornby Park, Gemini Springs, historic DeBary Hall and Lake Monroe Park and then points north to Blue Spring Park and DeLeon Springs Park. While many of the north and south sections of this trail are completed, others are in design and or construction. Here is the rundown!

A design/build contractor has been selected for the segment of the Spring-to-Spring Trail from French Avenue in Orange City through Blue Spring State Park to Detroit Terrace in DeBary. That segment will include a Pedestrian bridge over the SunRail track. We continue to identify alignments through DeBary for the Spring-to-Spring Trail and for several missing links north to DeLeon Springs. We are also working on an alignment as part of the widening project along Highway 17 in the DeLeon Springs community north to State Road 40.



Also recently completed is the Spring-to-Spring Trail's **MISSING LINK** from Mansion Boulevard in DeBary under Interstate 4 to Deltona Boulevard. With this link filled in, you can now travel from Lake Monroe Park in DeBary, through Gemini Springs Park and onto Thornby Park and Green Spring Park in Enterprise. From there the Trail becomes the East Central Rail Trail and it continues to State Road 415. This is a ribbon of asphalt and concrete that is all off road. **Come out and help us celebrate as we cut the Ribbon on the missing link, June 18th @ 9:00Am**

And while we are building trails that will connect our corners of the County, let's not forget about The World's Most Famous Beach Trail, which offers 35 miles of sandy beach and a great bike ride, the six-mile North Peninsula Trail in Ormond-by-the-Sea and the three-and-a-half-mile Ponce Inlet Trail. All links in our LOOP!

In other Trail news, the River to Sea Transportation Planning Organization is undertaking an alignment study for the Volusia Flagler segments of the St Johns River to Sea Loop, as well as

designing the connection from Volusia to Seminole County for the Coast to Coast Connector that will travel across the state to Tampa St Pete.

We are also looking at linkage with SunRail. I am convinced that DeBary is not the end of the line, but the beginning for Volusia County in maximizing SunRail and developing a nature based tourism economy that will be low impact to the residents and to the environment. By utilizing our assets and developing additional resources around the trail station, we can grow a nature based economy that will bring people from all over, riding the rails and hoping on our trails and seeing all of Volusia County.

Connecting historic resources and beautiful springs and parks, when complete the County trail system will be a 75-mile plus linear park that will link many of our ECHO resources and will connect to the 5 county trail initiative known as the St. Johns River to the Sea Loop and the State's Coast to Coast initiative. Almost completed, it has been an honor to work on the trails since 1993, providing residents and visitors with a place to reconnect with the outdoors.

You can learn more about the county's trails program at:

www.volusia.org/trails.

And come out this Sunday for the ECHO Half Marathon and the ECHO 5K.
More information under the Things to do tab.

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.



CONGRATULATIONS



Unanimously Selected by the
Florida Chapter of The Wildlife Society
Executive Board and Awards Committee, the **Friends of Thornby** was selected as the winner of the **2013 Citizen Conservation Award**. This small group of "Can Do" neighbors are ensuring that the story of Thornby will not be forgotten.

They took on the bureaucracy and won, saving a small but valuable piece of riverfront from intense development. Now a park along the banks of Lake Monroe, it is enjoyed by all ages.



The 2014 Volusia League of Cities Distinguished Service awards were recently given at the annual awards dinner. A special shout out to some of my elected colleagues who were recipients of the award. Congratulations to Deltona Vice Mayor **Heidi Herzberg** and Ponce Inlet Council Member **Tami Lewis**. Both of these city leaders were named by the Volusia League of Cities as Elected Officials of the Year award. And **Candace Lankford**, long time member of the Volusia District School Board, received the **Mayor Blaine O'Neal** Award of Excellence. Candace is retiring from elected office and well deserves the recognition for

her years of service. You can go on line at: <http://www.volusialeagueofcities.org/> for a complete listing of all awards.



Thanks to Our TRAIL BLAZER Sponsors!



And I was honored to be named as the Honoree by Art Haus as part of their Fun and Funky Dinner. Our theme was “**Happy Trails Gala for the Arts.**” Thanks to all the community leadership and businessmen and women who participated and contributed to the cause, which is a good one! The goal was to raise funds to continue to provide outstanding art programming for the youth in our community.

“Together, we are “Instilling the Spirit of Creativity and Self Expression in our Youth”

<http://www.arthaus.org/>

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Participated in the FAB (Females About Business) panel discussion on Transportation; Boys & Girls Wine and Cheese fund raiser; Congressman John Mica's Deltona open house; Sunrise Elementary "One Book, One Adventure" reading program; River to Sea TPO Executive and Board Meeting;



Ground Breaking. SunRail tour w/ The League of Women Voters "Politicos On Heritage Corridor meeting; Chaired the Council meeting'; Attended 2014 Women's Day Celebration at Steward Memorial UMC;



Orange City Mill Lake community leadership; Parade"; River of Lakes Tourism Development



Scholarships to graduating Seniors at University High and NSB High; Quality Board Florida Hospital Fish Memorial; Volusia League of Cities Awards Dinner; participated in the monthly Volusianaires program on WNDB; Ran my fist 5K (Fishstock 5K) and placed second in my age group! St. Johns River Alliance Board meeting; Panelist for the American Society of Transportation Engineers; ECHO Rangers End of Year Picnic.

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

NEW LISTING

Sunday, June 8: ECHO Half Marathon and 5K



The Volusia County Parks, Recreation and Culture Division, in partnership with Final Mile Race Management, will present the inaugural ECHO Half Marathon and 5K.

The half marathon will begin at 100 Lemon Bluff Road, Osteen. Runners will traverse 13.1 canopied miles on the East Central Regional Rail Trail and finish at Gemini Springs Park.

Participants should park at the starting point on Lemon Bluff Road; shuttle buses will take participants back to their vehicles. The 5K will begin and end at Gemini Springs Park. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Friends of Volusia County Trails. For registration information, visit www.EchoHalf.com.

NEW LISTING

June 18th: Ribbon Cutting for the Missing Link segment of the Spring to Spring Trail. 9:00am.

June 19th: Florida Hospital Fish presents the 2014 Johana Knox Award for Community Service Excellence Award Dinner. 6pm: Deltona City Commission Chambers; Know an out of this world volunteer? Someone who does good things in the Community? The Hospital is seeking nominations for the sixth annual Johana Knox Award for Community Service. Nominations will be accepted until May 16 and must be submitted via email. Contact Deborah.mcnabb@fhfm.org for more information



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