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HERE COMES THE SUMMER!
AND WITH THAT THE RETURN OF OUR NESTING SEA TURTLES.
MAY 1 BEGINS THE SEASON.



A loggerhead sea turtle returns to the ocean after laying eggs on the beach.

From May 1 through Oct. 31, Volusia beaches host an unusual marine visitor -- the sea turtle. These magnificent animals emerge from the surf at night to lay their eggs in nests dug into the dry sand, then return to the sea. Two months later, about a hundred baby turtles or hatchlings emerge from each of these nests and crawl to the ocean. This amazing cycle of Mother Nature is thousands of years old.

The beaches also are home to hundreds of fascinating plant and animal species. Some animals, such as the loggerhead sea turtle and the piping plover, are threatened with extinction. As a result, they are protected by state and federal laws. To preserve this beautiful natural resource for future generations of beachgoers, all of us must work together to care for and protect this fragile beach ecosystem.

Want to learn more about our beach and marine environment?

Take a trip to Ponce Inlet and visit the County's Marine Science Center. We are open Tuesday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Sunday 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. It is one of the best values around at just \$5.00 for adults, with seniors' admission at \$4. Children age 3-12 are just \$3.00. Go to www.marinesciencecenter.com for everything you need to know to plan your visit.

SUMMER ALSO MEANS DAY CAMPS FOR KIDS!

Check our website for all the information. www.volusia.org



Lyonia Environmental Center

Children can experience the wonders of Volusia County through guided hikes, field studies and games at Lyonia Environmental Center 2150 Eustace Ave., Deltona. Participants will design a T-shirt, create crafts, and learn how they can help protect the environment. Each week will have a different theme. The cost is \$65 per week plus a one-time \$15 registration fee. Please call 386-789-7207 ext. 251, to register.





The Marine Science Center

Get ready for an exciting summer of exploration and adventure at the Marine Science Center, which is offering 10 camps for ages 6 through 16. Activities include seine netting, eco walks, exploring the estuary, fishing, and canoeing, reptile and live raptor encounters, feeding stingrays, and more. Call the Center for details.

Clown-Tastics! camps



A professional clown will lead Clown-Tastics! Camps from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 10 through 14 at the Deltona Regional Library, 2150 Eustace Ave.; and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 29 through Aug. 2 at the Port Orange Regional Library, 1005 City Center Circle. Children will learn clown basics, characterization, costumes, makeup, balloon creations, juggling, comedy magic, performance skills and acting. Tuition for each five-day class is \$50. Class size is limited to 10 children. To register, please contact Karen "Bubbles" Poulsen at 386-248-1745 ext. 11213, or kpoulsen@volusia.org.

4-H Clubs



Volusia County's 4-H clubs will sponsor an "Out of this world" residential summer camp from June 17 to 21 at 4-H Camp Ocala. Children who are 8 to 13 as of Sept. 1, 2012, are eligible. Youths ages 14 to 18 can apply for counselor positions. Activities include kayaking, swimming, archery, line dancing, fishing, sewing, crafts, outside games and environmental education. The \$225 fee is due by June 7. Registration forms will be available in early April at www.volusia.org/4-h. For more information, call 386-822-5778

Junior Lifeguard Program

The Junior Lifeguard Program was started in 1990 as a springboard for education in water safety, lifesaving techniques, and beach ecology.

Junior Lifeguards get plenty of fresh air and sunshine along with exercise and professional surf training. For students interested in learning competition skills, a mini team will be created in each session.



Junior Lifeguards participate in daily team relays involving surfboard paddling, swimming, running and beach flags. Additionally, professional training in CPR and first aid will be provided.

Tryouts and camps are held each summer. To participate, youths must be between 9 and 15 and meet the swim requirements at a tryout. Selected youths then can attend the junior lifeguard camps held weekly beginning in June.

So, unless you're looking forward to another hot, dry summer, register for a summer of fun! For more information, contact us at jrlifeguard@co.volusia.fl.us or 386-547-0246



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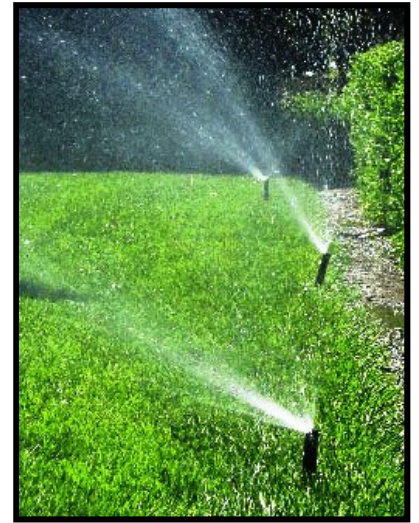
Watering Days and Money Saving Tips

With the return of Daylight Saving Time residents and businesses throughout the state can now water their lawns two times per week.

Residents who live at odd-numbered or no addresses may water on Wednesdays and Saturdays, while those living at even-numbered addresses may water on Thursdays and Sundays. Businesses may irrigate on Tuesdays and Fridays. Be sure to water only when needed and not between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., and no more than 1 hour per zone. Visit www.floridaswater.com/waterconservation/ for more information.

As you begin to irrigate more often, be sure to check your in-ground irrigation system frequently for broken or missing sprinkler heads. A damaged or missing sprinkler head can cause you to lose up to 20 gallons per minute, or as much as 300 gallons if your zone runs for 15 minutes. If you multiply that amount by 2 times per week, you could lose over 2,400 gallons per month for just one broken sprinkler head! Also be sure to regularly check all hoses, spigots, and connectors. If left unattended, a garden hose can pour out hundreds of gallons of water in just one hour. So taking just a few minutes to check your irrigation system will help you save water and prevent higher utility bills.

Volusia County Utilities, like most of the cities in our county, utilizes an inclining rate schedule. This means the actual unit rate for water increases as the customer uses more water. This type of rate schedule helps to encourage conservation of our precious water resources. If you are a Volusia County water customer and have questions regarding your usage or the conservation rate schedule, please call Customer Service at (386) 736-5971.



Meeting and Greeting in March

Attended the Executive committee meeting and general meeting for the Volusia TPO; Met with Interim Deltona City manager, **Dave Denny**; Chaired the Healthy Start Board Meeting; Read the Cat in the Hat, by **Dr. Seuss** to first graders at Enterprise Elementary, Participated in **WSSB** radio call in while at Volusia Day in Tallahassee and at home; hosted The County wide Trails Summit; Attended County Council Retreat; Brought greetings to the annual Youth Celebration of the Arts festival; participated in the rollout of the Tourism Study; Participated in **WNDB Marc Bernier's**, Volusianaires program; Met with Halifax Area Advertising Authority tourism executive, **Jeff Hentz**;



Panelist in the Walter Boardman Environmental program on emergent issues in land management; attended the DeLand Chamber of Commerce State of the Region Luncheon and provided color commentary for WSSB Radio; Brought greetings to the DeBary Pubic Library Annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner, shot film for a documentary on



Thank You DeBary Library Volunteers for all your work!

Historic Thornby Property; Attended the Deltona City Commission meeting; Traveled to Tallahassee for Volusia Day and met with our Delegation members; Participated in a panel discussion on

Members of the Volusia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce in Tallahassee for Volusia Days. Working for all of us!



political service with the Daytona Chamber's Leadership Class; attended the County Council Retreat;



Frank Bruno, Carl Lentz, Pat Patterson and me

Addressing the Delegation in Tallahassee



Love the message. Shannee Green, Legislative Aide to Rep. Taylor going green!

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

April 13th 9:00 am – 4:00 pm Art Among the Trees Fine Arts, Fine Crafts, Old Tyme and Bluegrass Festival: under the canopy of majestic Heritage Oaks at the Historic Porter House, 5030 Hwy. 17. Old Tyme and Bluegrass bands will perform throughout the day. In addition, musicians invite visitors to bring their own musical instrument and join in the jam sessions for FREE at one of several Picker's Tents. Meander the spacious grounds of the Historic Porter House, visiting display booths of fine artists and craftsmen from around the state and purchase that one of a kind fine art or craft treasure to take home. DSCA, Inc. is proud to include local student art on display for your enjoyment. Visit the FREE children's Arts & Crafts area, themed "Beneficial Bugs," featuring live Ladybug releases and bug related activities.

And come hungry! Delectable food and goodies will be available for purchase throughout the day.

April 13 – 14: Deltona Relay for Life at Dewey O' Boster Park. The opening ceremonies begin at noon followed by a survivor lap. A luminary lap happens at dark (around 8-9pm). During this time the track is lined with lit luminary bag. Each bag represents some who is battling cancer, survived cancer or lost their fight to the disease. The closing ceremonies are at 6am on the 14th.

April 18th: Florida Hospital Fish presents the **2013 Johana Knox Award for Community Service Excellence Award Dinner.** The event will be held at the Club at Victoria Gardens beginning at 6:30. Contact Deborah.mcnabb@fhfm.org for more information

NEW LISTING

April 19 and 20: Volusia County's Solid Waste Division will host free collection events for household hazardous materials. Residents may drop off old paint, solvents, automobile and household batteries, pool chemicals, pesticides, motor oil, gasoline, other household chemicals, and up to 10 fluorescent lamps at these locations:

- Ormond Beach Public Works, 501 N. Orchard St., from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, April 19
- DeBary City Hall, 16 Columba Road, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 20

Only unmixed household hazardous waste will be accepted. Insulin needles will be accepted in approved containers; the containers will not be returned. Businesses are not eligible for free disposal.

Residents also may bring their household hazardous waste to the Tomoka Landfill in Port Orange or the West Volusia Transfer Station in DeLand year-round for free disposal. The landfill is open from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The transfer station is open from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. Both facilities provide free paint exchange programs and electronic waste recycling.

For more information, please call Volusia County's Solid Waste Division at 386-947-2952

NEW LISTING

St. Johns River Cleanup

April 20: The 17th annual St. Johns River Cleanup will take place 8 - 11 a.m. . Boaters, scouts, civic organizations, environmental groups, businesses and individual volunteers are encouraged to help clean up the St. Johns River by removing trash and debris.



For this year's cleanup, all pre-registered participants will receive a free T-shirt and reusable shopping bag. The cleanup sites are:

- **Ninemile Point Park**, at the west end of Ninemile Point Road, Pierson
- **Butler Street Boat Ramp**, East end of Butler Street, Astor Lake County
- **DeLeon Springs State Park**, 601 Burts Park Road, DeLeon Springs
- **Ed Stone Park**, 2990 W. S.R. 44, DeLand
- **French Avenue boat launch / Starks Landing** (where French Avenue meets the St. Johns River), Orange City
- **Lake Monroe Park**, 975 S. U.S. 17-92, DeBary
- **Lemon Bluff boat ramp**, 907 Lemon Bluff Road, Osteen
- **Lake Harney Woods subdivision**, end of Boat Ramp Road

Participants are encouraged to bring water and wear sunglasses, a hat, sunscreen, work gloves and comfortable clothing. They also may bring rakes and canoes or boats.

Green Symposium set for April 26

The fifth annual Green Symposium, "The Green Edge," will be from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Friday, April 26, at Stetson University's Lynn Business Center. The symposium is hosted by Volusia County's Green Volusia Program, Stetson University and the City of DeLand.

Featured speakers include **Dr. Henry H. Fishkind** of Fishkind and Associates; **Dr. Kent Portney** of Tufts University; and **Michael Hewett**, manager of environmental services at Publix Supermarkets. Continuing education units are available for planners, architects, interior designers, landscape architects and engineers. Registration is \$50 per person. For more information and to register, contact Stetson University's Office of Continuing Education at 386-822-7500 or visit www.stetson.edu/conted/greenedge.php.



April 27th: Marine Science Center Turtle Day Festival: (10-3: Free admission to the Center). Join us at the Marine Science Center to learn all about turtles, marine habitat and shore and wading birds. Check out the Sting Ray Touch Tank and stick around for the turtle and shore bird release at 3pm. For more info on the Center go to the County web site at www.volusia.org.

May 4, 2013: Relay for Life of Orange City-DeBary; Gemini Springs Park Opening Ceremony 12:00PM

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