

Volusia County Government Activities
Dec. 29, 2018 – Jan. 11, 2019

Aviation and Economic Resources

Daytona Beach International Airport

- **Business Development**
 - Passenger traffic for November was up 11.1%, rolling 12-months up 5.3%. Both American and Delta added daily flights in November.

Economic Development

- **Projects/services**
 - An interested group is considering how to re-purpose the closed WyoTech campus located north of US1 and west of Interstate 95.
 - Mr. Anthony Bedell, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the DOT, will visit Space Florida HQ on Jan. 23 and the West Volusia Chamber of Commerce event in DeBary on Jan. 24.

Updates to previously submitted activity

- **Business Development**
 - Silver Airways will begin flight operations on Jan. 16. The ribbon cutting will be 7:30 a.m. on Jan. 17 followed by a “Familiarization Trip” departing at 8:30 a.m. with local area dignitaries to Fort Lauderdale. The trip will be an all-day event in Fort Lauderdale. The group of local leaders will return to DBIA at 8 p.m.
- **Economic Development**
 - Staff received the application for the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act (TEFRA) hearing for the Antares Assisted Living Facility project at 720 West Granada Boulevard. An IDA meeting on Jan. 23, will consider the application. The City of Ormond Beach has been informed.

Business Services

- **Information Technology**
 - **Telephone System Upgrade**
 - Information Technology completed planned software and hardware upgrades to the county's telephone system. The servers forming the core hub of the system have been replaced, and software updates have been made to 32 additional servers. The county's 3,200 telephone handsets have also received software updates from the servers. This work was carefully coordinated to minimize the impact to the public and employees, especially those in Public Protection, where phones must be operational 24/7. This work was also planned to avoid issues with county computers, which can be affected if an attached telephone stops working.
 - **Online Application: Unaltered Animal Permit**
 - Information Technology has worked with Animal Services to develop an online application allowing citizens to apply for an unaltered animal permit without having to visit county offices. The online form allows citizens to register their animal and upload any attachments needed for certifying the exemption. This is the first in a series of paper-based activities which Animal Services is moving into an internet-based process.

- **Revenue**
 - **Tax Collections**
 - For the two months ending Dec. 31, Revenue has collected over 1/2 billion dollars in taxes, representing 85% of 2018 taxes billed.
 - **Tax, Tax and Title**
 - Staff has been meeting with an architect to develop plans for the buildout of space for Daytona Beach Tax, Tag and Title, which will be relocated to Holsonback Drive. This is to relocate the offices that were lost in the flooding at 250 N. Beach St.

Community Services

Community Assistance

- **Inclusionary Leadership Training (ILT)**
 - The Community Services Department is committed to developing its employees in an inclusionary manner. This year-long program is designed to help employees learn that growing outward is just as important as moving up — in addition that it is necessary to function in an inclusionary manner regardless of promotional opportunity in order to truly succeed not only as an individual but as a contributing member of our government.
 - The Inaugural class has successfully completed the program. Graduation will be held on Jan. 23rd. Fifteen committed department employees spent a year learning and growing and will celebrate with a breakfast with senior management and their mentors.
 - Kickoff for the second class begins the third week of January.
- **Housing & Grants**
 - In anticipation of the upcoming summer camp scholarship program, staff held a Summer Camp Provider application workshop on Jan. 7.
 - It was attended by 22 participants representing 17 organizations interested in providing summer camp programs.
 - Staff reviewed the 2019 Summer Camp Service Provider application and explained changes made by the Children and Families Advisory Board to improve the upcoming scholarship cycle.
 - The FY 2018/2019 budget for summer camp is \$399,405.
- **Human Services**
 - A new temporary case worker aide has been selected. This position will help with clerical duties such as processing client paperwork and answering phone calls.

Health Department

- **Children's Medical Services joins FDOH**
 - Children's Medical Services (CMS) has located its staff inside the Florida Department of Health in Volusia County location.
 - By co-locating services with other medical, governmental and non-profit partners, clients can more easily seek needed assistance.
- **Influenza activity continues to increase statewide**
 - Influenza activity continues to increase across the state.
 - For week 52 ending Dec. 29 (the most recent published data), influenza-like activity was above levels observed at this time in past seasons.
 - Mild influenza activity has continued in Volusia County.
 - This season, Volusia County reported two first influenza or influenza-like illness outbreaks.
 - Flu shots are available without an appointment at FDOH locations in Daytona Beach, New Smyrna Beach and Orange City.

Library Services

- **Grant Series**

- National Endowment for the Arts Grant – “BIG READ” - Jan. 19 – Feb. 28.
 - This year’s grant series will celebrate, *A Wizard of Earthsea* by Ursula k. Le Guin. The library will kickoff the grant series with special programming 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Jan. 19, at the Daytona Beach Regional Library. There will be many diverse and exciting programs. Program information is available on volusia.org, volusialibrary.org, or by picking up a program magazine at any library branch.
- New resource: Creativebug
 - Library cardholders wanting to learn new crafting and making skills will want to check out the library’s new database, Creativebug. Library cardholders now have access to explore more than 1,000 video classes with new classes added daily, covering subjects such as: painting, sewing, crocheting, knitting, quilting and food.
 - Creativebug is designed so people of all skill levels can work alongside instructors to learn techniques. Library cardholders can easily download patterns, templates, recipes and a materials list. Access to Creativebug is available on volusialibrary.org.

Parks, Recreation & Culture

- **Events**

- Park staff is preparing logistical support for the Daytona Beach Half Marathon on Feb. 9 - 10.
- Park staff is in the planning stages for a national mountain bike event at the Chuck Lennon Park mountain bike trails. The event is estimated to draw over 300 racers from around the nation.

- **Deep Creek Preserve**

- A prescribed burn was completed at Deep Creek Preserve; approximately 10 acres were burned
- The hog trapping program at Deep Creek Preserve continues.

- **Highbridge Park**

- Completed walk thru at newly constructed Highbridge Park restroom. The restroom should be completed within a month.

- **Strickland Park**

- A radio-controlled competition was held at Strickland RC Park on Jan. 5. Over 170 racers participated in the event, becoming the largest event held at the raceway. Participants came from as far away as Texas and New York.
- Renovations continue at the BMX track at Strickland Park. Renovations will be complete in time for the March BMX season opening

- **Longleaf Pine Preserve**

- Staff are working with law enforcement on the Longleaf Pine Preserve to minimize ATV trespass issues.

Votran

- **Employee Recognition**

- Jan. 9 – Votran staff participated on the SunRail Technical Advisory Committee.
- Jan. 11 – Votran staff participated with Volusia County Purchasing Evaluation Committee for Accessible Taxi Cab Services.
- **Marketing**
 - Jan. 2 - Schedules and information about services that Votran provides were distributed to the Ormond Beach Library by Votran staff.
 - Jan. 7 - Votran staff developed a marketing plan to promote new Howland Blvd. Connector Route 25. The route slogan is "Ride to the Big 5 on Route 25." Marketing items include updates to the Votran webpage, a bus wrap, WSBB Radio call-ins, a community day at the Center at Deltona, a promotional mailer and outreach to locations along the route. Staff will meet weekly to discuss progress.
 - Jan. 9 - Votran staff attended the BPAC (Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee) monthly meeting at the River to Sea TPO.
- **Operations – Maintenance**
 - Jan. 2 - Votran staff continuing to finalize plans in preparation for the February 2019 launch of new Howland Blvd. Route 25 Connector.

AG Center

- Food and Nutrition Program (FNP) staff along with a horticulture agent will be meeting with a city of Daytona Beach Commissioner to discuss City Island Farmers Market. The meeting will focus on setting the market up to accept Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) as well as other Food Systems and Public Health projects in the city of Daytona Beach.
- The 2019 Master Gardener training class series started. The classes are from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday for six weeks.
- Construction began this week at the new community garden project at Derbyshire Place. The garden will be managed by Derbyshire staff under the tutelage of UF/IFAS Extension Master Gardener volunteers.
- "Urban Oasis" efforts continue at Florida Hospital Community Center in Orange City.

County Manager's Office

Community Information

- **Front TCK Desk** – Calls: 52, Walk-ins: 242
- **Media Requests** – Staff worked with six reporters on ten media requests received. Topics included County employees' personal files, the legislative agenda and cancer presumption, and the proposed sales tax.
- **Public Records Requests** - Five public records request were received pertaining to insurance requests, basic ordering agreements with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), and Votran video acquisition.
- **Community Facebook Page**
 - Total page likes- 4,631
 - New page likes- 35
 - Top post: 6,495 impressions
Volusia County Community Information · January 2 at 12:57 PM ·
We recently celebrated the opening of the newest segment of the Spring-to-Spring Trail! The 1.2-mile segment runs from DeBary Plantation Boulevard to Blue Spring State Park.

Learn more about Volusia County's growing trail system at www.volusia.org/trails. (1:34 video on ribbon cutting)

- Lowest post: 638 impressions
Published by Dave VoCo · January 8 at 11:15 AM ·
You're invited to the 2019 State of the County address! Reservations are required and seating is limited—RSVP today by phone (386-943-7026) or email (dzakaluzny@volusia.org). (Shared State of the County event.)
- **Futures Foundation – Tomorrow's Leaders**
 - Staff from Community Information hosted a luncheon with the Tomorrow's Leaders group, who were invited to sit-in on a portion of the County Council meeting on Jan. 10, followed by lunch and an educational presentation about the structure and function of county government.

Growth and Resource Management

Building & Code Administration

- Meeting: The Contractor Licensing and Construction Appeals Board (CLCA) met on Jan. 9.

Environmental Management

- **Public Outreach (Explore Volusia)**
 - On Jan. 4, Explore Volusia staff led Bike-about Spruce Creek, an educational bike ride on a portion of Martin Dairy Trails within the Doris Leeper Spruce Creek Preserve.
 - On Jan. 10, Explore Volusia staff led an educational paddle tour of the Indian River Lagoon from Riverbreeze Park to the surrounding areas.
- **Public Outreach (Lyonia Environmental Center)**
 - On Dec. 29, the LEC hosted "What's on the Menu," an educational opportunity for participants to meet the LEC's animal ambassadors while learning about their eating habits and how they avoid being eaten.
 - On Jan. 5, the LEC hosted a popcorn and movie night, showing "Snowbound: Animals of the Winter."
 - On Jan. 10, the LEC, in conjunction with the Museums of Arts and Sciences, hosted "View the Night Sky," allowing participants to view and ask questions about the winter's celestial objects.
 - The LEC hosted a Scrub Stroll and an educational hike, teaching participants about the scrub habitat on Jan. 4, 7, and 11.

Planning and Development Services

- **Applications**
 - Staff completed the Planned Unit Development (PUD) minor amendment process for four requested amendments. Staff is processing another three PUD minor amendment applications.
 - Staff took in six new zoning applications tentatively scheduled for the Planning and Land Development Regulation Commission (PLDRC) meeting of Feb. 21.
 - Planning staff has reviewed and commented on five site development projects.
- **Meetings**

- The Development Review Committee met on Wednesday, Jan. 2.
- The Review staff met on Jan. 10.
- Planning staff conducted five pre-application meetings for potential future rezoning, variance, special exception and PUD applications.
- The PLDRC agenda package for the meeting on Jan. 17, was finalized and distributed.
- **Permits**
 - Zoning staff reviewed and processed 63 building permits through Jan. 9, and processed 24 ZCC items.
- **Staffing**
 - Staff began interviewing for the new real estate specialist position.

Ocean Center

- **January Events** - The new year started with a bash, that's a "Slime Bash" on Jan. 5-6, with more than 3,000 kids, teens and their families in attendance. The 8th Annual Volusia County Home and Garden Show on Jan. 4-6. The show included builders, decks, pools, spas, entertainment systems, storage, plants, kitchenware and more. The third weekend of January will see a return of Joseph Volleyball Tournament in the Exhibit Hall while Daytona Beach Classic Gymnastics takes over the arena for the weekend as we continue a busy January.
- **Capital Projects**
 - **Arena Barrel Roof** - Work is complete on the north and east side of the arena. Scaffolding has been relocated to the west and south sides and sandblasting is beginning on those sections.
 - **A1A Marquee** – Temporary fencing is being placed now with all portions of the current marquee being powered off so demolition of current sign can begin.
 - **Parking Contract** - A transition meeting was held Jan. 4 with LAZ Parking. A target start date of March 1 is now in the works with transition meetings scheduled on a regular basis. Employment information regarding opportunities available have been extended to all current garage staff who will be affected by the transition. LAZ will be bringing their new project manager to the facility Jan. 15 for the second transition meeting.

Public Protection

Animal Control

- **Weekly stats for Dec. 23 through Dec. 28:**
 - Number of Incidents responded to: 57
 - Number of Spay/Neuter Surgeries: 32
- **Weekly stats for Dec. 29 through Jan. 4, 2018:**
 - Number of Incidents responded to: 88
 - Number of Spay/Neuter Surgeries: 46
 - Adam Leath began as Animal Services Director on Jan. 2.

Beach Safety

- **Information for week of Dec. 24 – Dec. 30:**
 - **Beach Rescues** –
 - Beach Safety rescued five victims from the ocean over the last week.
 - Beach Safety responded to 827 different calls for service, which included lifeguard, EMS, law enforcement and environmental issues.
- **Information for week of Dec. 31 – Jan.6:**
 - **Beach Rescues**

- Beach Safety rescued 11 victims from the ocean.
- Over the last week Beach Safety responded to 1,114 different calls for service, which included lifeguard, EMS, law enforcement and environmental issues.
 - Dec. 31 – A Beach Safety officer was staffed at the Hard Rock Hotel for their fireworks display. The event went off without any issues.

Corrections

- **The average daily population for week ending Jan. 2, was 1,399 inmates.**
 - The third bargaining meeting with the International Union of Police Officers was conducted on Dec. 28.
 - On Jan. 1, a new law took effect requiring that DNA specimens be taken for all individuals arrested for a felony.
- **The average daily population for week ending Jan. 9, was 1,458 inmates.**
 - Corrections count is up due to Florida DOC shutting down transfers over the holidays. Transfers will resume this week.
 - Halifax Health is now the primary transport location for inmates going to the hospital. This is a result of the new contracts with each hospital.

Emergency Management

- **Dec. 31 – Jan. 4**
 - The Emergency Management Accreditation Program Review continues.
- **Jan.7 – Jan. 11**
 - A tornado drill mid-term planning meeting was conducted on Jan. 8.
 - A Community Organization Active in Disaster (COAD) meeting was conducted Jan. 8.

Emergency Medical Administration

- **New**
 - The Continuous Quality Improvement database was set up for VCEMS Field Training Officers and call takers for Emergency Medical Dispatch.
 - The System Status Controller end-of-shift report for managers was implemented.
 - The Municipal Transport Agreement was finalized.
- **Pending/Ongoing**
 - Daily reviews continue for all emergency incidents in which Volusia EMS division response time was greater than eight minutes, fifty-nine seconds (>0:08:59).
 - Awaiting disposition of the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CoPCN) application process for alternative transport services (Ferrer's Transportation and Crown Transport).
 - Medical directors are preparing the rollout of first response agency scene release (patient awaits ambulance arrival alone) and working with Mr. Pozzo's EMS response plan group to include safeguards for delayed ambulance responses.
 - Working with internal stakeholders (Information Technology, Purchasing, EMS and Accounting) to address concerns and questions relating to the ZOLL project slated under the EMS trust fund for fiscal year 2019.
 - Analyzing new emergency medical dispatch call taking criteria; specifically as it relates to effect on response volume.
 - Conducting ZOLL administration and upgrade preparation.
 - Creating a training video with segments from the recent six-hour hazmat/health department training class.

Emergency Medical Services/EVAC

- **EMS Report – Dec.23 through Dec. 29:**
 - Calls: 1,151
 - Transports: 844
 - Interfacility Requests: 110
 - Interfacility Transports: 110
 - BLS Ambulance Calls: 40
 - BLS Transports: 27
 - A training calendar was developed to provide training to field staff on both sides of the county, east and west and both day and night shifts.
 - Senior leadership met with human resources regarding recruitment for paramedics and EMTs.
- **EMS Report – Dec. 30 through Jan. 5:**
 - Calls: 1,261
 - Transports: 896
 - Interfacility Requests: 125
 - Interfacility Transports: 123
 - BLS Ambulance Calls: 54
 - BLS Transports: 241
 - Jan. 11 – Meeting with the West Volusia Chamber of Commerce regarding Emergency Medical Services Employee Recognition opportunities.
 - Jan. 6 – Emergency Medical Services participated in recruitment event at Three Kings Festival in Deltona. The event was held at Deltona Plaza and was well attended.

Fire Rescue

- **Fire Response Dec. 23 through Dec. 29:**
 - Fire Calls: 118
 - EMS Calls: 222
 - Transport: 08
 - Dec. 23 – Dec. 29, one fire plan reviewed and comments given (fire alarm, sprinkler, underground piping, and suppression systems) and 15 field inspections were performed.
- **Fire Response Dec. 30 through Jan. 5:**
 - Fire Calls: 103
 - EMS Calls: 212
 - Transport: 13
 - Construction on Fire Station 36 is 80% structurally complete.
 - 12 Request for Fire Prevention Commercial Permit. Ten Business Tax Receipt request, 8 for new occupancy and 2 for existing businesses. Three Fire plans reviewed and comments given (fire alarm, sprinkler, underground piping, and suppression systems) and 2 field inspections performed.
 - Paving project at Fire Service Training Institute in progress, due to be completed 1/11/19. Budgeted/approved item. Paving of existing dirt parking lot and (2) existing connection roads (dirt) that feed into sheriff's office (evidence facility) project.

Public Works

Coastal

- **Dune Walkovers**
 - Coastal Division trade workers renovated the timber dune walkover at Bullhead Ave. in New Smyrna Beach.
- **Invasive Exotic Vegetation Removal**
 - The mechanical removal and disposal of approximately 10 acres of Brazilian pepper from Smyrna Dunes Park in New Smyrna Beach is underway. The management and reduction of exotic vegetation is part of the County's agreement with the Federal Bureau of Land Management.
- **27th Ave. Beach Ramp Replacement**
 - Design plans for the replacement of the 27th Ave. Beach Ramp have been finalized and will be bid within the next month.

Engineering & Construction

- **Roadway & Trails**
 - Veterans Memorial Bridge project in Daytona Beach
 - Pier caps poured.
 - Began pipe placement on the west approach.
 - Installed arch beams.
 - Formed and poured arch pedestals and piers.
 - The Turnbull Bay Bridge project in New Smyrna Beach had slip form walls completed and rubble riprap. Working on roadway approaches next.
 - The West Park Avenue widening project in Edgewater had power poles installed. Stormwater drainage installation continues. Pond construction on the west end of the project was started.
 - Doyle Road Paved Shoulders project in Deltona: The widening and shoulder work continues. The sidewalk placement has begun.
 - New York Avenue sidewalk project in Orange City: The sidewalk is complete; grading and sodding remain. The company performing the project has dissolved. The County will be working with the bonding company to finish the work.
- **Vertical Construction -**
 - Daytona Beach Airport Terminal Update project: County staff provided comments to the architect on 90% plans. The consultant is preparing 100% bid set of plans. Construction Manager/General Contractor (CMGC) is revising the budget based on updated plans.
 - Hope Place Library project: Roof/MEP/stucco is complete. Interior trim/MEP/drywall/painting in process; storefront delayed due to glass manufacturer delays. Project completion pushed back to mid-January.
 - VCSO Evidence Building project: Paving is complete. Water and electric service completed and "on." Beginning rear storage building foundations pending building permit approval.
 - Highbridge Park Restroom project: Construction portion of the project is complete. Septic tank installation is beginning. Staff met with the FDOH on potable well conversion, which is now underway.
 - Branch Jail Boiler modifications project: One hundred percent of construction documents have been received. The cost estimate is being update and it is out for bid.

- Corrections chiller replacement project: Bidding closed Dec. 20. Bids reviewed and preparation is underway for Council approval.
- Votran IT Buildout project: Footings have been completed.
- Votran Hardening project: Pre-con meeting scheduled for Jan. 15.
- Fire Station 36 project in Osteen: Interior/exterior painting underway; targeting mid-February for completion.
- Fire Station 23 project in New Smyrna Beach: Main building approved for demolition. Electrical service relocation scheduled to start Jan. 13.
- Fire Station 22 project in Oak Hill: Sixty percent of plans are under review; starting permitting with Oak Hill.
- Roberta Pier project: Project start date revised to mid-January.
- City Island HVAC project: The contractor is verifying equipment delivery (12-week lead time). Pre-con is scheduled based on upcoming delivery.

Mosquito Control

- **Operations**
 - Staff continues to proactively monitor and treat mosquito production. The field conditions are still favorable for mosquitoes and larval production is occurring even with the lower temperatures. The Oak Hill and Edgewater areas are experiencing an increase in the pesky salt marsh mosquitoes due to recent rainfall.
 - Staff is conducting annual hand ditch cleaning as part of our source reduction program to increase drainage and reduce mosquito production sites.

Road & Bridge

- **Construction and Maintenance**
 - Road and Bridge Maintenance Crews completed repairs to a damaged sidewalk on Turtlemound Road in New Smyrna Beach. This work was initiated based on observations noted during routine asset inspections.
 - Road & Bridge Drainage Maintenance Crews completed repairs to the inlet grates on a drainage structure at the intersection of South Palmetto Ave. and South Florida Ave. in DeLand. This work was initiated based on observations noted during routine drainage structure inspections.
 - Road and Bridge Staff are continuing to monitor the repairs to the Taylor Road Bridge and roadway near the B-19 Canal. A break on a Port Orange Utilities' water line near the bridge washed out a significant portion of material under the concrete bridge approach. The city's contractor has completed repairs to the water main, adjacent stormwater piping and approach slab, and the roadway was reopened on Jan 8.

Solid Waste

- **Disposal Activities:** In the past two weeks, the Tomoka Farms Road Landfill received and processed over 13,682 tons of garbage, 3,867 tons of construction and demolition debris, and 2,422 tons of yard waste.
- **Electronics Recycling:** This past week residents from Volusia County dropped off 200 televisions and computer monitors for recycling. This service is offered free of charge to all Volusia County residents.

Traffic Engineering

- **Construction and Maintenance**

- Signal staff is performing preventative maintenance on traffic signals in the cities of Daytona Beach, Ormond Beach, DeBary and Orange City in January.
- **Planning and Development Review**
 - Staff participated in the R2C TPO Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC).
- **Operational Studies**
 - Staff is reviewing a request for multi-way stops along New Hampshire Ave. and Beresford Ave. in the Spring Hill community. Staff is in the process of writing the draft report.
 - Staff completed the traffic signal warrant for Howland Blvd. & Austin Ave. A Deltona finding is that the signal was not justified.

Water Resources and Utilities

- **Construction**
 - Rehabilitation of the Halifax Plantation wastewater treatment plant, serving the county's northeast service area, has passed the midpoint and remains on schedule. Operations staff is coordinating with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) on renewal of the facility's five-year operating permit scheduled for March.
- **Administration**
 - Finalized task assignments with Jones Edmunds & Associates and Raftelis Financial Consultants for wastewater feasibility analyses involving Gemini and DeLeon Springs. Scheduled for County Council consideration on Jan 22, the two professional services will be 100% cost reimbursable through a DEP springs protection grant recently approved by Council.
 - Staff attended a pre-application meeting with St. Johns River Water Management District staff to review water quality and supply projects eligible for the District's FY 2019-20 cost share program. Applications for the program will be due in mid-Feb.