

## Volusia County Government Activities August 27 – September 2, 2022

### AVIATION & ECONOMIC RESOURCES

**Daytona Beach International Airport (DAB): Operations & Maintenance** – On the evening of Aug. 31, a powerful thunderstorm moved over the DAB Airfield. The storm's wind and lightning damaged several airfield lighting systems, CCTV security cameras and electronic gates (a scorched transformer is pictured at right). Most of the damage that was sustained occurred on the southeast portion of the airfield. Maintenance and Operations teams quickly worked throughout the night and all day to repair the damaged systems and return the airport to normal safety and security postures.



**Projects & Maintenance-** Airport terminal emergency generator project is moving ahead begins Sept. 6. The contractor will begin removing dirt and mulch and one tree for underground utility modifications. For more information, contact Joanne Magley at [jmagley@volusia.org](mailto:jmagley@volusia.org).

### COMMUNITY SERVICES

**Community Assistance:** Starting Sept. 7, Community Assistance will no longer have staff in the New Smyrna Health Department, 717 Canal St., New Smyrna Beach. Community Assistance staff will join other staff at the Daytona Beach Health Department, 1845 Holsonback Dr., Daytona Beach. On the same date, Veteran Services will assume, on a full-time basis, the suite in the New Smyrna Health Department vacated by Community Assistance. Community Assistance will partner with Library Services, allowing residents to drop off documents at any of Volusia County's Public Library's 14 branches. Library staff will route copies of the documents to Community Assistance. This service will be available on Sept. 7. For more information, please contact Carmen Hall at 386-736-5955.

### COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE

**Community Information:** Staff interviewed Deputy Public Protection Director Jim Judge on the Volusia Today radio program, where he discussed hurricane safety planning and the growing storm activity in the Atlantic Basin. Staff accompanied Animal Services Director Adam Leath, as he was interviewed for a podcast by a Port Orange communications outlet. Production staff are continuing their efforts for the final Volusia Magazine show to be aired later in September. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at [kcaptain@volusia.org](mailto:kcaptain@volusia.org).

### GROWTH & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

**Environmental Management:** The Volusia County Manatee Protection Program continues efforts to remove submerged monofilament and other marine debris from the Volusia County north jetty fishing pier at Ponce Inlet. Over 1,300 pounds of marine debris has been removed so far this year and there are three more cleanup dates scheduled for this season. The team also led an effort to remove derelict crab traps from the Mosquito Lagoon last week during the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission crab trap closure period. The result was modest with the removal of three traps, and the team gained experience and will be expanding their efforts in the future. For more information, contact Ginger Adair at [gadair@volusia.org](mailto:gadair@volusia.org).

**Planning & Development Services:** The Real Estate activity sold two county-owned properties for \$280,155.00, adding them back on the tax roll. For more information, contact Margaret Godfrey at [mgodfrey@volusia.org](mailto:mgodfrey@volusia.org).

### PUBLIC PROTECTION

**Animal Services:** Animal Services welcomed their newest contract veterinarian, Dr. Nancy Tafoia. For more information, contact Division Director Adam Leath, 386-822-3506.

**Emergency Management:** There was a partial activation in the Operations Room for the Zero Coke 400 race on August 27. For more information please, contact Interim Division Director James Judge, (386) 254-1500.

**Emergency Medical Services:** Clinical staff from AirCare Orlando Health Flight made a visit to EMS this week. For more information, contact Division Director Michael Colman, (386) 236-3511.

**Fire Rescue:** Over the next two weeks, VCFR will be receiving its first UCAPIT machine which is a vending machine for EMS supplies. This trial machine will allow VCFR to provide controlled supply dispensing solutions for EMS organizations including fire stations. It will also allow organizations to secure narcotics, restrict access by user credentials or product classification and track inventory in real-time. The goal of this machine is to enhance supply chain procedures, regulate inventory and decrease EMS supply costs. For more information, contact Interim Fire Chief Joe King, (386) 736-5940 ext. 12918.

## PUBLIC WORKS

**Coastal:** Coastal staff installed shade areas along Walkway #1 leading towards the fishing pier and near Walkway #2 leading towards the dog friendly shoreline at Smyrna Dunes Park. These shade areas provide some respite from the sun on the walk to and from the public parking area to the access points to our dog friendly shorelines. Dog water stations are also provided at the shade areas on days in which the temperatures exceed 90 degrees. For more information, contact Jessica Fentress at (386) 248-8072, ext. 20356.



**Engineering & Construction:** Piles and floating docks are completed at the High Bridge boat ramp. September activities will include installation of filter fabric and revetment on the north and south side of the boat ramp, installation of timber fencing, site cleanup and grading, installation of handicap stalls, and sodding. A tentative substantial walkthrough is scheduled for Oct. 12. For more information, contact Tadd Kasbeer at (386) 736-5967, ext. 15846.

**Mosquito Control:** Mosquito Control is working with the UF IFAS State Extension Specialist at the Florida Medical Entomology Lab (FMEL) to conduct resistance testing on local *Culex quinquefasciatus* mosquitoes in Volusia. The mosquitoes are collected during the egg stage in Volusia and then shipped to FMEL to be reared to adult mosquitoes. The adults are tested using the CDC bottle bioassay protocol, which evaluates the effectiveness of a range of products used for control. The results are provided to Mosquito Control to use for operational planning and to ensure field applications are effective. For more information, contact Marcus McDonough at (386) 424-2920, ext. 20272.



**Road & Bridge:** Drainage crews are working in the Osteen-Enterprise area. Preventative maintenance activities are being performed by inspecting and cleaning roadside swales and ditches. For more information, contact Lori Koontz at (386) 822-6422, ext. 20455.

**Solid Waste:** FCC Environmental Services held a community bulky item cleanup in the southeast quadrant of the county on Aug. 27. Over 48 tons of household bulky items were collected and disposed of properly. For more information, contact Regina Montgomery at (386) 947-2952, ext. 21347.

**Traffic Engineering:** Staff has collected new Turning Movement Counts at intersections along LPGA Boulevard from Tournament Drive to Clyde Morris Boulevard. The data will be utilized to review and possibly create new signal timing plans and to create a new traffic volume base for comparison in future traffic impact analysis studies. For more information, contact Jon Cheney at (386) 736-5968, ext. 12709.

### **Water Resources and Utilities:**

Utility staff hosted a site visit for a group of local area utility directors and engineers to observe construction of the wastewater collections system retrofit project currently in progress within Indian Harbor Estates in Oak Hill. The city's project utilizes vacuum system technology to convey wastewater from individual households to a central collections station, which will then pump to the county's southeast regional treatment facility. The project has been made possible through the cooperative efforts of the Florida Dept of Environmental Protection, St. Johns River Water Management District, City of Oak Hill, and Volusia County. For additional information, please contact Water Resources and Utilities Director Mike Ulrich at (386) 943-7027, ext. 12724.

