

## Volusia County Government Activities February 5 – 11, 2022

### AVIATION & ECONOMIC RESOURCES

#### **Daytona Beach International Airport**

**Marketing, Customer Experience & Air Service Development:** Aviation & Economic Resources Director Cyrus Callum and Marketing & Customer Experience Director Joanne Magley will attend the *Routes America* air service development conference Feb. 15 – 17, where they will meet with route planners from more than 15 domestic and Canadian air carriers. Staff will be spreading the DAB love on Feb. 14, passing out goodies to our passengers. For more information, contact Joanne Magley at [jmagley@volusia.org](mailto:jmagley@volusia.org).

**Economic Development:** Economic Development Director Helga van Eckert will be a guest on the Volusia Today radio show on February 18 to talk about the Volusia Business Resources partnership initiative. For more information, contact Joanne Magley at [jmagley@volusia.org](mailto:jmagley@volusia.org).

### COMMUNITY SERVICES

**Community Assistance:** The Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) program has funds available to assist households that have experienced a financial hardship during the COVID-19 pandemic. Eligible households may receive up to nine months of rental and utility arrears and three months of forward assistance. Applications will be accepted online at [www.volusia.org/era](http://www.volusia.org/era) beginning at 9 a.m. on Feb. 23. For more information, please contact Carmen Hall, Community Assistance Division Director at (386) 736-5955 x 12044.

### COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE

**Community Information:** Staff distributed the January/February issue of *County Line* and promoted the opening of the ERA portal with a news release and social media posts. Community Information and County Manager's Office administrative staff assisted with the State of the County event on Feb. 8. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at [kcaptain@volusia.org](mailto:kcaptain@volusia.org).

### FINANCE

**Information Technology:** Completed a major upgrade to the SACS software used to manage the Section-8 program for Human Services. This upgrade, which involved the migration of eleven databases, not only provides better integration with the County's financial system, but also improves security. The new module allows landlords to log in and verify that checks have been issued by the County for Section-8 recipients. Staff also initiated the development of a web-based GIS portal designed to make the County's geographic data sets available to a wider audience. This portal provides tools for viewing GIS data without incurring the licensing costs of ArcGIS Online or Desktop software. These tools include integrated business intelligence and reporting software and will allow real-time collaboration between divisions and municipal partners. Staff predicts that the site will have 200 registered users by the end of the year, many of whom would not have access to GIS data otherwise. For more information, contact Brian Whiting at [BWhiting@volusia.org](mailto:BWhiting@volusia.org).

### GROWTH & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

**Environmental Management:** There was a record turnout out to the first Manatee Watch training on Feb. 7. Forty-nine people received the training, and WFTV-6 news covered the event. The Marine Science Center released two brown pelicans, six laughing gulls, and two ring-bill gulls on Feb. 9. There were 25 staff, volunteers, and donors in attendance for the release.

### OCEAN CENTER

**Events:** The Ocean Center hosted JVC Tournament's Daytona Beach 100 volleyball competition over the weekend. This is the second of four JVC events scheduled at the facility in 2022. The February competition utilizes the entire building, setting up 32 courts with simultaneous play, and is expected to welcome 9,000 attendees and generate 2,700 room nights. The event is not open to the public. After a busy start to the year, the facility is taking advantage of a few days over the Daytona 500 race week to complete several large maintenance projects. Feb. 15 to 17, a punch (work) list with a final walkthrough and testing will be conducted on the capital improvement project sound system upgrade. Additionally, the operations team will strip, buff and re-polish the terrazzo floor in the west concourse, as the project requires several days with no activity in the area to complete. For more information, contact Tim Riddle at [triddle@volusia.org](mailto:triddle@volusia.org).



## **PUBLIC PROTECTION**

**Animal Services:** On Feb. 9, Director Adam Leath hosted the Annual Florida Animal Control Agency Chemical Immobilization Instructor meeting. Director Leath was also interviewed on Feb. 11 for the Volusia Today radio program. His topics of discussion included "Wellness Wednesdays" at the Animal Care Clinic and the rabies vaccine, microchip, and pet food giveaway event. The free rabies vaccine, microchip, and pet food giveaway was held on Feb. 12 at the Volusia County Animal Services building. For more information, contact Division Director Adam Leath, 386-822-3506.

**Beach Safety:** On Feb. 12, Beach Safety participated in the Miracle League Tailgate Toss fundraiser event at the Tortugas Baseball Field in Daytona Beach. For more information, contact Division Director Andy Ethridge, (386) 239-6414.

**Emergency Management:** This week was Florida Severe Weather Awareness Week and the Florida Annual Tornado Drill was issued on Feb. 9. Emergency Management, in partnership with the cities, continues to support COVID-19 testing at three mobile testing sites in Daytona Beach at City Island, Deltona at Dewey O. Boster Park, and at the New Smyrna Beach City Gym. Free home test kits were distributed on Feb. 7 & 8, at the Volusia County Fairgrounds. The EOC hosted the G300 Incident Command System class on Feb. 8-10. On Feb. 8, Kevin Ligouri kicked off the Logistics and Resource Management Planning Initiative supported by parametric. The EOC interns toured the Volusia County Branch Jail on Feb. 9. For more information please, contact Division Director Helene Wetherington, (386) 254-1500.

**Emergency Medical Administration:** Emergency Medical Administration (EMA) met with Information Technology on Feb. 7 to discuss the development of a platform to better assess ambulance response times using existing software. Additionally, Information Technology met with the EMA Director and the Interim Director of Public Protection to give an overview of the ZOLL 6.4 go-live. For more information, contact Division Director Mark Wolcott, (386) 561-8087.

**Emergency Medical Services:** EMS welcomed one new EMT and two new paramedics this week; they continue to interview and test Paramedic and AST applicants. For more information, contact Division Director Michael Colman, (386) 236-3511.

**Fire Rescue:** On Feb. 9-11, Volusia County Fire Rescue (VCFR) conducted the last phase of new-hire testing, which consisted of skills testing and interviews. VCFR can now select the six positions from the approved SAFER grant. For more information, contact Fire Chief Howard Bailey, (386) 736-5940 ext. 12918.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

**Coastal:** Contractors working for the Coastal Division began construction on the Boylston Avenue Beach Ramp project in Daytona Beach. Improvements will include a new "family friendly" restroom, landscaping and amenities. For more information, contact Terri Propst at (386) 248-8072, ext. 20337.

**Engineering & Construction:** The Orange Camp widening project continues to progress. Utility relocation is ongoing along with storm drain placement, road construction, and structural asphalt placement. For more information, contact Tadd Kasbeer at (386) 736-5967, ext. 15846.

**Mosquito Control:** The Mosquito Control Fight the Bite educational trailer will be set up for the Wildlife Festival at the Lyonia Environmental Center in Deltona on Feb. 12. Staff will be on site with live mosquito samples, Gambusia mosquito fish, mosquito traps, and educational pamphlets to show the strategies used in our Integrated Pest Management (IPM) program. For more information, contact Marcus McDonough at (386) 424-2920, ext. 20272.

**Road & Bridge:** The Road & Bridge construction crew recently completed the paving of Bond Road in DeLand. The project is part of the county's dirt road reduction program and results in an operational efficiency by eliminating the need for routine grading now that the road is paved. 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 northeast quadrant of the county on Feb. 5. Over 25 tons of household bulky items were collected and disposed of properly. For more information, contact Regina Montgomery at (386) 947-2952, ext. 21347.

**Water Resources and Utilities:** In accordance with provisions of the Florida Springs and Aquifer Protection Act, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) will be working in cooperation with local governments in West Volusia, in the development of a master wastewater feasibility analysis for Blue Spring. A DEP grant will provide 100% reimbursement for project costs up to \$250,000. County utilities staff will be the local lead agency. The grant agreement is scheduled for County Council consideration on Mar 1. For more information, contact Mike Ulrich at (386) 943-7027, ext. 12724.

