

Volusia County Government Activities

May 8 – 14, 2021

AVIATION & ECONOMIC RESOURCES

Daytona Beach International Airport

Marketing, Customer Experience & Air Service Development: Marketing/Air Service/ Customer Experience Director Joanne Magley represented the airport at a presentation to New Smyrna Beach High and Middle Schools on Wednesday, May 12. County Council member Danny Robins was also present. Check out the Facebook post below:

<https://www.facebook.com/flydaytonafirst/posts/4294717903893264>.

Facilities & Maintenance – The maintenance department hosted a luncheon to celebrate the completion of the Taxiway November project. Those involved in the project--consultants, contractors and staff were treated to lunch and given asphalt core keepsake. For more information, contact Joanne Magley at jmagley@volusia.org.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Extension Services: Twenty-two residents have received help to repair their credit through our online webinars and individual financial counseling. The Volusia County 4-H Poultry Judging team recently placed third in the state-judging contest. Residents can learn important information about preparing for hurricane season during upcoming Facebook Live Water Wednesdays at 2 p.m. on June 2 and 6. Check out more info on the UF-IFAS Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/WaterCentralFlorida>. For more information, contact Brad Burbaugh at burbaugh@volusia.org.

Parks, Recreation & Culture: DeBary Hall will host a fun evening full of learning beginner line dancing. The class will include various music genres starting at 5:30 p.m. May 20, in the DeBary Hall Historic Site's stable, 198 Sunrise Blvd., DeBary. This is a very popular class but classes are capped at 16 people due to COVID-19 restrictions. For more information, please contact Tracy Mestre at [386-668-3840](tel:386-668-3840).

COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE

Community Information: Staff is working closely with the Public Works Department and Parks, Recreation and Culture Division to coordinate ribbon-cutting ceremonies for two trail segments:

- 10 a.m. May 20: 3.6-mile Gobblers Gap Trail on Gobblers Lodge Road, Osteen
- 10:30 a.m. May 22: 1.7-mile DeLeon Springs Trail along Ponce DeLeon Boulevard, DeLeon Springs

For more information, contact Kevin Captain at kcaptain@volusia.org.

FINANCE

Information Technology: Staff are working to create a new and improved mobile application for the County's Beach Safety/Ocean Rescue Division to enhance public communications and marketing. The new version of the app is planned to be released in time for the July Fourth weekend. For more information, contact Brian Whiting at bwhiting@volusia.org.

GROWTH & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Administration: Staff coordinated with the City of Edgewater on the reallocation of realized CRA cost savings in the current fiscal year to provide \$75,000 to the New Smyrna Housing Development Corporation for necessary repairs on four apartments as part of the affordable housing program in Edgewater. This change in budgetary allocation will be heard by the CRA board on June 7. A meeting was also conducted between County and City of DeLand staff to proceed with the capital improvements approved by the Spring Hill CRA in December. For more information, contact Clay Ervin at cervin@volusia.org.

Environmental Management: The Marine Science Center had a successful soft opening on May 7-8, with 441 visitors touring the Center over the two days, generating \$5176.13 of total revenue. The MSC will continue to be open on Fridays and Saturdays in May and expect to be open regular business hours in June, if things continue to run smoothly.

The Lyonia Environmental Center and Green Volusia, in conjunction with IFAS and Florida SeaGrant, are offering the Climate Smart Floridians program. This program is specifically aimed at educating participants on individual actions they can take to reduce their environmental impacts. It begins on May 12, and is taking place every Wednesday through June 23. For more information, contact Ginger Adair at gadair@volusia.org.



OCEAN CENTER

Events: This year for the first time, the event Olympians as of the 2021 USA Gymnastics Development Program National Championships brings together both the men's and women's events under the same roof for one competition. Many of the nation's top elite gymnasts are alumni of previous men's and women's championships, which were held separately under the name Junior Olympic Nationals. Also, on May 13 - 16, more than 1,500 Women's Level 10 athletes and Men's Level 8, 9 and 10 athletes competed at the Ocean Center for titles in the All-Around, Individual Event and Regional Team categories. The championships serve as the culmination of the competitive season for USA Gymnastics Development Program Women's Level 10 athletes and Men's Level 8, 9 and 10 athletes. This event, as for all events, masks are required and social distancing is enforced. For more information, contact Tim Riddle at triddle@volusia.org.

PUBLIC PROTECTION

Animal Services: On May 10, VCAS participated in the petition for custody of six dogs that were seized as part of a dog fighting investigation. VCAS Field Operations staff will be presenting for the National Animal Control Association on tools, tips, and tricks for Animal Control Officers on May 13. For more information, contact Adam Leath at aleath@volusia.org.

Corrections: VCCD continues to offer the Johnson and Johnson COVID-19 vaccination to inmates. Currently 462 inmates have accepted and been administered the vaccine. For more information, contact Mark Flowers at mflowers@volusia.org.

Emergency Medical Administration: On May 13, VCEMA will be participating in the Halifax Health Joint Commission review for the re-designation of their thrombectomy-capable stroke center [a thrombectomy means to surgically remove a thrombus (a clot) that causes stroke]. For more information, contact Mark Wolcott at mwolcott@volusia.org.

Emergency Medical Services: VCEMS has completed a major safety enhancement called the OPTICOM project. The project included that installation of traffic control systems in all ambulance units, which will help emergency vehicles, and first responders arrive to the scene quickly and safely. To further aid the safety transitions through roadway intersections through the use of the OPTICOM project, Traffic Engineering will continue installing the traffic control system to intersections throughout the county. For more information, contact Jason Brady at jbrady@volusia.org.

PUBLIC WORKS

Coastal: Trades workers renovated the Calumet Avenue dune walkover in Ponce Inlet. This renovation will provide continued safe public access to the beach while extending the life of the structure. For more information, contact Jessica Winterwerp at (386) 248-8072, ext. 20356.

Engineering & Construction: The Highbridge boat ramp construction bid documents have been prepared and will go out to bid following execution of a Task Amendment with the consultant engineer later this week. For more information, contact Tadd Kasbeer at (386) 736-5967, ext. 15846.

Mosquito Control: Mosquito Control is collaborating with Community Information to build our social media program with a focus on public education. Twitter is used to distribute operational notifications such as helicopter inspections and treatments, while Facebook is used to share Integrated Pest Management components and events such as our Tire Amnesty Days. For more information, contact Suzanne Bartlett at (386) 424-2920, ext. 20272.

Road & Bridge: The Lake Beresford/Lakeside Drive stormwater improvement project is nearing completion. The project entailed the construction of a stormwater treatment facility that will provide water quality and nutrient load reduction to stormwater run-off prior to its discharge into Lake Beresford and the St. Johns River. Construction was funded in part through a \$278,500 Florida Department of Environmental Protection grant. For more information, contact Benjamin Bartlett at (386) 822-6422, ext. 20470.

Solid Waste: Notices of additional construction repair of chute #2 on the tipping floor at the West Volusia Transfer Station have been distributed to solid waste haulers, account holders and municipalities. Temporary service disruptions will be in effect June 1 - 11 at the West Volusia Transfer Station as follows: Roll-off trucks and various small business automatic dump trailers disposing of construction and demolition debris will be diverted to the Tomoka Farms Road Landfill located at 1990 Tomoka Farms Road, Port Orange. The West Volusia Transfer Station will continue to accept residential rear/side loaders and frontend loaders disposing of garbage but customers may experience delays. Any changes to the construction schedule will be communicated timely. For more information, contact Regina Montgomery at (386) 947-2952, ext. 21347.

Traffic Engineering: The new traffic signal at Orange Camp Road and South Blue Lake is anticipated to be turned on within the next two weeks. For more information, contact Jon Cheney at (386) 736-5968, ext. 12709.

Water Resources and Utilities: Staff is evaluating a wide range of potential projects for addressing local water quality concerns within our local springs and the mosquito lagoon. Under the provisions of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), which expressly permits use of fiscal recovery funds for improvements to water and sewer critical infrastructure, staff will be preparing recommendations that support county and state mandated goals while benefiting all residents, businesses, and visitors to our area. For more information, contact Mike Ulrich at (386) 943-7027, ext. 12724.

