

Volusia County Government Activities

April 24 – 30, 2021

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Library Services: The Edgewater Public Library reopened on April 26, following a three-week closure for renovations. The renovations included new floor covering and interior and exterior painting, along with restroom upgrades and new furniture in the public seating areas. The children's room upgrade has received rave reviews from our young library visitors. Library carpenter, Chad Taylor, created a camp themed "Camp Read-A-Lot" area for our young readers. The capital improvements for this building will be topped off with a new roof coming soon. For more information, contact Lucinda Colee at lclee@volusia.org.

Extension Services: The Extension Services Team is helping co-teach, Water Wednesdays, a Facebook Live webinar series aimed at educating residents about many ways to protect Florida's water resources. These programs are delivered every at 2 p.m. and can be accessed here: <https://www.facebook.com/WaterCentralFlorida>. All of the webinars will be recorded and uploaded to the YouTube channel: <https://bit.ly/WW-YouTube>. Our Take Control of Your Money financial education webinar series is available at no cost to Volusia County residents. Classes offer practical strategies to repair credit, boost credit scores, increase savings and budget better to meet financial goals. Register at <https://volhome.eventbrite.com>. For more information, contact Brad Burbaugh at bburbaugh@volusia.org.

COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE

Community Information: A contract was awarded to *Drone 360*, a local company that replaces our previous vendor, *Techtron*. The company will assist with Volusia Magazine and our YouTube video efforts. The company will also assist in providing as needed in-house videography activities. Staff are collaborating with Human Resources with the creation of a short video presentation to recognize long-tenured county employees whose milestones have been reached. This video will be presented internally in the coming weeks. Community Information and the Ocean Center are humbled by the success of the State of the County Address on April 27, which was a team effort with a wonderful outcome. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at kcaptain@volusia.org.

GROWTH & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Administration: The second Volusia Forever listening session took place on April 2, at the Brannon Center in New Smyrna Beach. For more information, contact Clay Ervin at cervin@volusia.org.

Environmental Management: The MSC has the approval to begin a "soft" reopening of the facility. The reopening plan includes operating hours from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, starting May 7. MSC staff will use the month of May to evaluate measures put in place to mitigate against COVID risks. News releases or social media posts are not planned so as to keep attendance to a minimum.

The annual St. Johns River Cleanup is underway. Due to COVID precautions, this year's event is being held from April 24 to May 1. Participants are picking up trash on their own over that time period. So far, 52 volunteers have participated, logging 125 hours and removing 600 pounds of trash from the river. Participants will earn a beach towel and tote, which will be distributed May 1. For more information, contact Ginger Adair at gadair@volusia.org.



Planning & Development Services: The activity formerly known as *Graphics* has been updated to *Mapping and Addressing*. Staff is in the process of reflecting the update in all necessary locations. For more information, contact Palmer Panton at ppanton@volusia.org.

OCEAN CENTER

Events: The Ocean Center hosted the State of the County Address, a lunch and presentation for approximately 300 people, which as our largest catered event since before Covid-19. On April 28, staff began the move-in process for the National High School Drill Team Championships (NHSDTC). The NHSDTC remains the oldest, largest and finest all-service drill & ceremony competition annually assembled in Daytona Beach. Sponsored for decades by the U.S. Army Cadet Command, "the Grand Nationals" as this legendary event has grown to be recognized features school-aged drill & ceremony units of all ability levels and from all of the four branches of the military. This event runs through May 1. It brings with it over 4,000 attendees, and an expected 4,000 hotel room nights. This event, as for all events, masks are required and social distancing is enforced.

PUBLIC PROTECTION

Animal Services: Animal services leadership will discuss countywide pet licensing with the council of the Town of Pierson on April 27. On April 29, leadership will present to the department chair of the University of Florida - College of Veterinary Medicine, on collaboration to protect the communities' vulnerable residents: pets. For more information, contact Division Director Adam Leath, 386-822-3506.

Beach Safety: Beach Safety was on the air with Volusia Today Radio to speak about rip current awareness and other beach safety tips as the warmer weather season begins. Criminal Justice Academy students from New Smyrna Beach High School will be participating in a ride along program with Beach Safety on May 1 & 2. For more information, contact Interim Director Andy Ethridge, (386) 239-6414.

Corrections: Corrections will be offering COVID-19 vaccinations to those within the inmate population who would like to receive the vaccine beginning this week. For more information, contact Division Director Mark Flowers, 386-254-1568.

Emergency Medical Administration: Emergency Medical Administration will meet with various Volusia County to collaborate on input for the future purchases of video laryngoscopes. Agencies will have the opportunity to observe demonstrations and hands-on opportunities with the functionality of the various laryngoscopes. These opportunities will aid in determining which video laryngoscope will best fit the needs of Volusia County emergency response agencies. For more information, contact Division Director Mark Wolcott, (386) 561-8087.

Emergency Medical Services: Volusia County EMS has applied to be an authorized training site for the new certification course released by the National Association of EMTs: "Community Paramedicine." For more information, contact Division Director Jason Brady, (386) 236-3511.

Fire Rescue: Volusia County Fire Rescue (VCFR) personnel will be receiving invitations and instructions to log into the International Fire Training Association's Resource One website. This website will allow VCFR personnel to have access to an electronic library with all current educational resources for firefighting. Having access to this library will also aid VCFR in demonstrating fiscal responsibility by significantly reducing the cost of yearly textbook purchases. Beginning on May 3, VCFR will be collaborating with their west side municipality partners for the upcoming west side training drill. This drill will consist of Rapid Intervention Crew (RIC) and Rescue Training. For more information, contact Fire Chief Howard Bailey, (386) 736-5940 ext. 12918.

PUBLIC WORKS

Coastal: Contractors working for the Coastal Division are planning to complete all on-beach construction this week at Dahlia Beach Park and Edwin W. Peck, Sr. Park in Daytona Beach Shores, Plaza Blvd Beach Ramp in Daytona Beach, and the 18th Avenue Dune Walkover in New Smyrna Beach. With the official start of sea turtle nesting season beginning on May 1, contractors will have all concrete sheet-pilings for the seawalls and all timber posts for the dune walkovers installed and equipment off the beach prior to May 1. For more information, contact Jessica Winterwerp at (386) 248-8072, ext. 20356.

Engineering & Construction: Lemon Bluff Marina construction progress continues. Floating docks have been installed and completion of the storm system is expected in the coming days. Construction of the restroom continues and the septic system is expected to begin construction in mid-May. For more information, contact Tadd Kasbeer at (386) 736-5967, ext. 15846.

Mosquito Control: Mosquito Control is conducting our annual evaluation of historical mosquito trap locations in regards to new housing developments and population changes. Mosquito traps are routinely set throughout the county to monitor adult mosquito counts and the data used to make operational decisions. As land use changes, it can be necessary to retire certain trap sites and/or add new trap sites to ensure efficient data for field operations. For more information, contact Suzanne Bartlett at (386) 424-2920, ext. 20272.

Road & Bridge: Drainage task team crews are completing a project to remove overgrown vegetation and debris within an open channel canal system known as C-36. The C-36 canal system is located in the Pioneer Trail/Tomoka Farms Road area, and is an essential stormwater drainage asset, particularly during heavy rain events. Spider excavators were used for the work, which are all-terrain vehicles ideal for steep, limited-access sites. For more information, contact Benjamin Bartlett at (386) 822-6422, ext. 20470.

Solid Waste: The Volusia County Adopt a Road Program is a litter reduction campaign designed to remove litter and debris from Volusia County roads and improve the quality of the environment. Community volunteers sign up to adopt one mile of county roadway and perform litter clean up to four times a year. In 2020, COVID-19 limited these volunteer efforts; however, in 2021, cleanups are back under way. Since January there have been 57 volunteer cleanups, collecting 291 bags of litter and 36 bags of recyclable materials. This program is a partnership between volunteers, businesses and/or organizations and the county working together in efforts to manage litter control along roadways and to keep Volusia County beautiful. For more information, contact Regina Montgomery at (386) 947-2952, ext. 21347.

Traffic Engineering: Staff are preparing and submitting a multi-way stop study to the City of New Smyrna Beach for the intersection of Halleck Street and Wayne Avenue. For more information, contact Jon Cheney at (386) 736-5968, ext. 12709.

Water Resources and Utilities: County and City of Deltona utilities staff are currently discussing potential joint wastewater treatment and reclaimed water project opportunities to benefit state environmental water quality goals for both Volusia Blue and Gemini Springs. Cooperative local utility infrastructure planning and project implementation remain key strategies for ensuring cost effective and sustainable operations in view of regional population growth, economic prosperity goals, and protection of the area's natural resources. For more information, contact Mike Ulrich at (386) 943-7027, ext. 12724.

