AVIATION & ECONOMIC RESOURCES

Operations: The airport is working with the International Speedway Corporation and Sheltair to plan for the Coke Zero Sugar 400 on Aug. 26. Sheltair will be leasing a portion of airport-owned ramp space to accommodate the uptick in itinerant traffic expected later this week and into the weekend. The airport and Sheltair are hosting the Louisiana Air National Guard F15 unit conducting the flyover for the race. For more information, contact Joanne Magley at jmagley@flydab.com.

OCEAN CENTER

Events: The Community Choice Awards dinner takes place in the ballroom on Aug. 24. The private event celebrates the best businesses and organizations in the area as voted on by the community and expects 400 attendees. Comedy legend and Emmy® Award-winning actor Katt Williams brings his 2023 AND ME TOUR to Ocean Center on Aug. 25. Tickets can be purchased online or at the north box office on show night. Touch of Magic Events will host Daytona Women’s Day in the ballroom from noon to 4 p.m. on Aug. 27. The free event will be filled with education, empowerment, and pure womanly awesomeness. More information and free tickets are available here. For more information, contact Tim Buckley at tbuckley@volusia.org.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Resource Stewardship: Land management staff conducted three prescribed burns on the Longleaf Pine and Wiregrass Prairie preserves, totaling approximately 375 acres. Volusia Forever, together with the St. Johns River Water Management District, presented to the City of Oak Hill Commission regarding a possible three-party transaction of a 73-acre property along the Intracoastal Waterway. The city voted to participate in the transaction and to manage the property as a passive park. For more information, contact Brad Burbaugh at bburbaugh@volusia.org.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Emergency Management: The Florida Division of Emergency Management held an after-action review of the trap bags and tiger dams on Aug. 17. For more information, contact Clint Mecham at cmecham@volusia.org.

Emergency Medical Services: Staff are conducting a walk-through session with the Florida Department of Health in Volusia County for additional planning and preparation for this year’s Atlantic Hurricane Season. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at kcaptain@volusia.org.

Fire Rescue: The Technical Rescue Team finalized its last purchase for the Urban Search and Rescue Grant from the state for $12,000. The county has received $8,000 back in reimbursement and is waiting for the last purchase to arrive in the next few weeks to close out the grant. For more information, contact Chief Joe King at jwking@volusia.org.
PUBLIC PROTECTION

**Beach Safety:** The division stepped up to support the Guardian Ad Litem Back-to-School Supply Drive when they lost their sponsor. Staff collected and delivered approximately 15 boxes of school supplies and 25 backpacks for the supply drive. For more information, contact Andy Ethridge at aethridge@volusia.org.

PUBLIC WORKS

**Coastal:** Construction of the new Sun and Surf Park located in Daytona Beach began on Aug. 4. Contractors working for the division have begun site prep and grading operations to prepare the lot for construction of a new off-beach parking lot. This park is being supported in part by ECHO and will provide additional beach access once completed.

Division staff also coordinated with contractors to continue the construction of the new Pavilion 4, located on the river side of Mary McLeod Bethune Beach Park in New Smyrna Beach. A new concrete pad has been poured, and the new pavilion has been erected. Tradesworkers completed repairs at the Sandpiper walkover in New Smyrna Beach, which is now open to the public.

Staff made a second presentation on the past, present and future activities of the County’s Artificial Reef Program to the IFAS Florida Master Naturalist Program on Aug. 10. This presentation coincided with the group’s education on offshore reefs and corals and focused on the complexities of permitting and creating artificial reefs.

The county’s TrapBag installation crews continued their efforts in both the unincorporated and incorporated areas of New Smyrna Beach. As of Aug. 15, approximately 25,386 linear feet of TrapBags have been installed. The debris removal crews have completed their efforts at all properties that had signed an easement agreement. In total, 12,423 cubic yards of debris have been removed from the beach. A total of 33 beach accesses remain closed. For more information, contact Jessica Fentress at jfentress@volusia.org.

**Engineering & Construction:** Site clearing for footer excavation began this week on the Fire Station 15 improvements. This week’s activities include footer excavation, compaction and steel installation. Concrete placement is anticipated for Aug. 24, after which stem wall construction, rough plumbing and rough electrical will occur. For more information, contact Tadd Kasbeer at tkasbeer@volusia.org.

**Solid Waste:** FCC Environmental Services held a community bulky item cleanup in the southeast quadrant of the county on Aug. 12. Over 11 tons of household bulky items were collected and properly disposed of. There will be no change to garbage, recycling, bulk waste and yard trash collection schedules for residents of unincorporated Volusia County on Labor Day, Sept. 4. If a regular collection day is Monday, items should be placed at the curb by 6 a.m. The Tomoka Farms Road Landfill and West Volusia Transfer Station will also be open during normal hours of operation on Labor Day. For more information, contact Regina Montgomery at rmontgomery@volusia.org.
Traffic Engineering: Construction of the new pedestrian signal at South Atlantic Avenue and Hiles Boulevard in New Smyrna Beach is expected to be completed by the end of August. The remaining tasks include guardrail installation and connecting power to the intersection. For more information, contact Jay Williams at jwiwilliams@volusia.org.

RECOVERY AND RESILIENCY
The Transform386 Community Engagement Series, which included numerous public meetings and an unmet needs survey, has concluded. The data and feedback from the community have been analyzed and compiled into a draft action plan available for review online, at every Volusia County Public Library branch and on the third floor of the Thomas C. Kelly Administration Center. Residents can review and provide comments regarding the plan until Sept. 5.

The county will hold a public hearing from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Aug. 24 in the County Council Chambers, where residents may learn more about the draft action plan and provide feedback. The public hearing will also be streamed live on the county’s YouTube channel for those unable to attend physically. Those who attend virtually can still email their comments to staff during the meeting.

Community groups and organizations may still request staff to provide a presentation even though the Community Engagement Series has ended to explain further what the initiative entails by emailing transform386@volusia.org or calling 386-943-7029. For more information, contact Dona Butler at ddbutler@volusia.org.