Volusia County Government Activities  
Aug. 26 – Sept. 1, 2023

**OCEAN CENTER**

**Events:** The Marine Industries Association of Florida begins move-in on Sept. 6 for the Daytona Boat Show in the exhibit hall Sept. 8-10. The show is open to the public; tickets are $5 and can be purchased online. The East Coast Consumer Show moves into the arena on Sept. 8 for the Daytona Home Show on Sept. 9 and 10. The event is free and open to the public. The Tourist Development Council Meeting will meet at 9 a.m. on Sept. 8 in Ballroom 103ABC. For more information, contact Tim Buckley at tbuckley@volusia.org.

**COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**Community Assistance:** The 2023 Volusia County Summer Camp Scholarship program concluded on Aug. 11. The program provided scholarship vouchers to children between the ages of 5 and 14. In total, 784 children utilized these scholarships across the 57 approved campsites in the county. For more information, contact Carmen Hall at chall@volusia.org.

**Library Services:** The division conducted a raffle featuring refurbished bicycles donated by the Volusia Sheriff’s Youth Foundation to the participants of the summer library program. Each bicycle was accompanied by a bike lock, provided by either the Friends of the Daytona Beach Library or the Friends of the Ormond Beach Regional Library, as well as a complimentary helmet voucher courtesy of the River to Sea TPO. Eligibility for participation in the raffle was open to children in grades 6-12, and the announcement of the winners took place on Aug. 24.

Furthermore, several additional refurbished bicycles from the Sheriff’s Youth Foundation will be utilized in collaboration with the Volusia County Public Library and Community Assistance’s Social Worker in the Library program, specifically in support of local adults seeking to re-enter the workforce. For more information, contact Lucinda Colee at lcolee@volusia.org.

**Resource Stewardship:** Land management staff conducted three prescribed burns in the Longleaf Pine Preserve and Lake George Forest & Wildlife Management area, totaling approximately 216 acres. A Volusia Forever Advisory Committee Meeting is scheduled for 9 a.m. Sept. 8 in the County Council Chambers at the Thomas C. Kelly Administration Center. The committee will rank the 2023 Cycle 1 Volusia Forever eligible applications and discuss the Volusia Conservation Corridor. The meeting’s agenda packet is available here. For more information, contact Brad Burbaugh at bburbaugh@volusia.org.

**COUNTY MANAGER’S OFFICE**

**Community Information:** Staff members worked at the Emergency Operations Center to disseminate storm-related information to residents, visitors, the media, and those working in the Citizens Information Center. In addition, staff coordinated interviews between reporters and the appropriate personnel. The team also worked in close partnership with the municipalities and other pertinent service providers to gather and publish information and updates on the Public Information Network website. For more information, contact Michael Ryan at mryan@volusia.org.
EMERGENCY SERVICES

Emergency Management: The division executed emergency preparedness protocols in anticipation of Hurricane Idalia. Staff actively engaged in numerous conference calls with organizations such as the Florida Division of Emergency Management, the National Weather Service, and other pertinent agencies.

During this time, the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) operated at a Level II activation status, ensuring that all necessary Emergency Support Functions were activated and operational. The Citizens Information Center was also active, providing a channel for residents to contact the EOC and obtain storm-related information. Click here to watch a post-storm video message from Emergency Management Director Clint Mecham. For more information, contact Clint Mecham at cmecham@volusia.org.

Emergency Medical Services: The division planned and prepared for the potential effects of Hurricane Idalia by coordinating with area hospitals, fire departments, hospitals, and other first responder agencies. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at kcaptain@volusia.org.

Fire Rescue: The staff will conduct training sessions for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) over the next two weeks. The training curriculum will encompass essential EMS fundamentals, report writing skills, and proficiency in tracking medications and equipment/supplies using Operative IQ software. Additionally, the division was prepared to initiate emergency procedures dependent upon the impact of Hurricane Idalia. For more information, contact Chief Joe King at jwking@volusia.org.

PUBLIC PROTECTION

Animal Services: Staff gathered supplies and prepared for shelter activations in anticipation of Hurricane Idalia’s impact on the community. For more information, contact Angela Miedema at ameidema@volusia.org.

Beach Safety: The division continuously monitored the coastal areas, considering Hurricane Idalia and the heightened tides and increased surf resulting from the confluence of the supermoon and Hurricane Franklin. Staff maintained surveillance over beachgoers, informing them of the escalated risk posed by rip currents attributable to the aforementioned events. For more information, contact Andy Ethridge at aethridge@volusia.org.

Corrections: Staff and inmates assembled and distributed sandbags, providing assistance to residents in need of protective barriers for Hurricane Idalia. Additionally, the division supported the Emergency Operations Center through various functions during the hurricane activation. For more information, contact Joe DeMore at jedmore@volusia.org.

PUBLIC WORKS

Solid Waste: The division continues to maintain 13 drop-off sites where residents can recycle used motor oil. Since the beginning of July, 6,240 gallons of used motor oil have been recycled. For more information, contact Regina Montgomery at rmontgomery@volusia.org.

Traffic Engineering: Staff installed a Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon at the Saxon Boulevard and Dewey O. Boster Sports Complex crossing in Deltona. For more information, contact Jay Williams at jiwilliams@volusia.org.