

Volusia County Government Activities
Dec. 15 – Dec. 28, 2018

Community Services

Community Assistance

- **Human Services**
 - Staff delivered kitchen utensils, appliances, and presents donated by council members to one of the displaced families from the John Anderson Highway case who recently obtained new housing for the holidays.
 - A new case worker just started on Dec. 17; this will allow Human Services the capacity to serve additional household members.

Health Department

- The committee is developing an action plan to compete for Florida Housing Finance funds to attain affordable housing for individuals and families including those with barriers such as poor credit, poor employment history or limited income.
 - The committee has mapped four approaches:
 - Educating the community on the importance of attainable housing as a foundation of community health and prosperity.
 - Partnering with owners of existing rental properties to create attainable access to existing housing.
 - Actively seek funding to develop new affordable housing.
 - Encouraging local government to encourage development of new affordable housing.
 - Planning for a housing summit in 2019 has begun. The committee is working to establish a date, location and list of speakers.
- **Flu Update Through Mid-November**
 - Influenza activity has continued to increase in Volusia County and statewide.
- **Update: DEP septic system incentive program**
 - According to the FDOH, nitrogen reduction requirements are anticipated to be required beginning Jan. 5 for new onsite sewage treatment and disposal (septic) systems being installed in Volusia County. The county's primary focus areas are Gemini Springs, Blue Springs and DeLeon Springs. The Jan. 5 implementation date is determined by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).
 - At least one septic contractor is actively navigating the DEP incentive program application process for reimbursement for installing nitrogen reduction on a system repair in the DeBary area. If successful, this will be the first reimbursement for a system in Volusia County.

Library Services

- **Grant Series**
 - Humanities Grant Speaker Series: The Impact and Legacy of Indomitable Women who Shaped our Sunshine State.
 - The third program in the series was completed on Wednesday, Dec. 5, at the Port Orange Regional Library. Dr. Peggy Macdonald examined some of the women who have shaped the Sunshine State, including Dr. Esther Hill Hawks, Harriet Beecher Stowe and May Mann Jennings.

- 216 people attended the theme-based programs in December at the Port Orange Regional Library.
- The series will resume on Monday, March 4, at the Ormond Beach Regional Library. Dr. Kitty Oliver's presentation looks at how women deal with race, ethnicity and gender in their everyday lives.

Parks, Recreation & Culture

- **Events**
 - A ribbon cutting took place for the newest segment of the Spring-to-Spring Trail on Friday, Dec. 28. The 1.2-mile segment runs from DeBary Plantation Boulevard to Blue Spring State Park.
- **Deep Creek Preserve**
 - A timber harvest continues at Deep Creek Preserve, which is located off of State Road 415 in New Smyrna Beach. Approximately 200 acres will be thinned. This is in compliance with best management practices and the Deep Creek Preserve's management plan.
 - Staff replaced a culvert and installed a low water crossing at Deep Creek Preserve.
- **Lake George Wildlife Management Area**
 - A prescribed burn was completed at Lake George Wildlife Management area and Hickory Bluff Preserve. Approximately 21 acres were burned.
 - Approximately 100 acres have been prepared for tree planting at Lake George Forest. Planting is scheduled in January.
 - Completed 4 miles of fire lines at Lake George Forest.
- **Wiregrass Prairie Preserve**
 - Completed 2 miles of fire lines at Wiregrass Prairie Preserve.
- **Strickland Park**
 - Began renovations to the BMX track at Strickland Park. Renovations are expected to be complete in approximately two weeks.

Veterans Services

- A new Veteran Services Counselor started on Dec. 17; the training process is anticipated to last up to one year.

Votran

- **Employee Recognition** - Votran Annual Employee Recognition Awards were held at the Ocean Center, recognizing employees for achievements in safety, attendance, customer service and performance.
- **Marketing**
 - Votran staff continue to promote Route 44 by providing our customers information
 - Dec. 17: New Smyrna Beach Regional Library and NSB Visitor Center.
 - Dec. 18 - Healthy Volusia Meeting at the Florida Department of Health in Volusia County. Afterwards, the team drove to the Spring Hill Marriott Hotel, which is in the vicinity of Route 44. The hotel's manager was educated about the benefits of public transportation and emphasized the mutual benefits for the hotel and this route. The final stop was to the Edgewater Public Library, where educational fliers were distributed to promote Route 44.

- Dec. 21 - Votran staff went to Swallowtail Drive, Julia Street and Sams Avenue Transfer Point, educating customers about Votran services and our new Route 44.

- **Operations – Maintenance -**

- Dec. 18 – The Florida Department of Environmental Protection inspections were completed at 950 Big Tree Road in South Daytona. No deficiencies were identified by survey personnel.

County Manager's Office

Community Information

- **Public Events**

- Staff coordinated the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Spring-to-Spring trail segment in DeBary.

- **Media Requests** – Staff worked with five reporters on six media requests received Dec. 15-28. Topics included EVAC, county manager search, and county attorney salary.

- **Public Records Requests** - One public records request was received this week pertaining to Animal Control meeting minutes and the substance abuse policy advisory board.

- **Community Facebook Page**

- Total page likes- 4,590
- New page likes- 55
- Top post: 2,464 impressions
 - It's the season for giving! The 8th annual Volusia County public employee Feed the Need food drive included 14 cities, the Florida Department of Health, School Way Cafe', and county government employees, who collected and donated more than 64,000 pounds of food! Congrats to New Smyrna Beach, with the most pounds of food collected – 11,346 pounds – and the most food per full-time employee – 45 pounds! <https://bit.ly/2A4tEx3> The City of Daytona Beach Government, City of DeBary, City of Deland, FL, City of Deltona, Florida, City of Edgewater, Florida, City of Holly Hill, City of New Smyrna Beach, Orange City, FL – Government, City of Ormond Beach, Town of Pierson, Town of Ponce Inlet, City of Port Orange, City of South Daytona, Volusia County Schools - School Way Cafe
- Lowest post: 453 impressions
 - The ribbon cutting for the Spring to Spring trail section in DeBary, set for Dec. 20 has been canceled due to a rainy and thunderous forecast. We'll post an update once we reschedule. In the meantime, when the weather clears, be sure to checkout this newest section of trail and learn more about Volusia County's growing trail system at www.volusia.org/trails.

Finance

Human Resources

- **Benefits - REMINDER** The 2019 Benefits Open Enrollment confirmation letter was mailed to all employees the week of Dec. 10.
 - Employees are encouraged to review the 2019 benefits they selected very carefully to ensure that the deductions on their Jan. 11, 2019 paycheck are correct. Any errors must be

submitted to Human Resources no later than Dec. 31, 2018, in writing, signed and dated by the employee.

- **Labor Relations** – Dec. 28, continued Collective Bargaining Negotiations with International Union of Police Associations (IUPA) – Corrections (third meeting)

Growth and Resource Management

Administration

- **Meeting Preparation:** Staff initiated a public outreach meeting with the directors of VCARD and VBIA. The meeting provides an opportunity to review the implementation and processing of the new thoroughfare road impact fees. The meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 25, 2019. Additional information will be forthcoming once the location of the meeting is confirmed.

Building & Code Administration

- **Achievements:** Plans Examiner Eric Gebo received his designation as a Certified Floodplain Manager (CFM) for the State of Florida. He is one of only 842 CFMs for Florida, and the seventh currently in the County's employ.
- **Staffing:** Conducted interviews for building inspector position.
- **Meeting:** The Code Enforcement Board met on Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2018. There were 42 cases on the agenda.

Environmental Management

- **Public Outreach (Explore Volusia)**
 - On Saturday, Dec. 15, 2018, Explore Volusia, in conjunction with staff from the LEC, hosted a Brunch and Learn, leading participants on a stroll through the Lyonia Preserve while teaching them in the importance of the scrub habitat.
 - On Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2018, Explore Volusia staff led Bike for Whales; a five mile bike tour from Esther Park to Ponce de Leon Inlet.
 - On Thursday, Dec. 20, 2018, Explore Volusia staff led a Blue Springs paddle tour.
- **Public Outreach (Lyonia Environmental Center)**
 - On Saturday, Dec. 15, 2018, the LEC hosted Sea, Touch, and Explore, introducing participants to the saltwater ambassadors.
 - On Sunday, Dec. 16, 2018, the LEC hosted a Florida Wonderland Hike through the Lyonia Preserve.
 - On Thursday, Dec. 20, 2018, the LEC hosted Critter Corner, allowing participants the opportunity to meet the LEC's animal ambassadors.
 - On Saturday, Dec. 22, 2018, the LEC hosted A Reptile's Winter, teaching participants how reptiles survive the colder months.
- **Meetings:** On Monday, Dec. 17, 2018, Katrina Locke attended a Regional Resilience Collaborative Steering Committee meeting with the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council.

Planning and Development Services

- **Meetings** - The Planning and Land Development Regulation Commission hearing was held on Thursday, Dec. 20. There were six items on the agenda.

Ocean Center

- **December Events** - After the Ocean Center hosted an early December conference, volleyball and numerous banquets, receptions and balls, the center welcomed the Embry-Riddle Graduation on Dec. 17. The Daytona Beach Shootout Basketball Tournament, run by Sports Tours International, took place Dec. 17 through 21. The Ocean Center finished the year with the Daytona Beach RV Show from Dec. 24 through Jan. 1.
- **Capital Projects** -
 - **Arena Barrel Roof** - Work is complete on the north side of the arena. The east side should be finished by mid-January with scaffolding transitioning to the south and west sides thereafter.
 - **A1A Marquee** -The "Notice to Proceed" has been issued to Crunch Construction. There is a Pre-Construction meeting scheduled with the contractor for Jan. 3.
 - **Parking Contract** - A transition meeting is tentatively scheduled for Jan. 4, to begin the process of LAZ Parking assuming the management of parking resources at the Ocean Center complex.

Public Protection

Animal Control

- **Weekly stats for Dec. 8 through Dec. 14:**
 - Number of Incidents responded to: 74
 - Number of Spay/Neuter Surgeries: 72
 - Co-employees of the year 2018: Linda Butterfield and Laura Stiwinter.
- **Weekly stats for Dec. 15 through Dec. 21, 2018:**
 - Number of Incidents responded to: 88
 - Number of Spay/Neuter Surgeries: 66

Beach Safety

- **Information for week of Dec. 10 – Dec. 16, 2018**
 - **Beach Rescues** –
 - Beach Safety rescued 0 victims from the ocean over the last week.
 - Beach Safety responded to 773 different calls for service, which included Lifeguard, EMS, Law Enforcement and Environmental issues.
 - **Training**
 - The biannual physical requirement for all full-time employees was conducted at the Cypress Aquatic Center.
 - **Event**
 - Two Beach Safety employees graduated from the Emergency Medical Technician program at Daytona State College.

- **Information for week of Dec. 17 – Dec. 23**
 - **Beach Rescues**
 - Beach Safety rescued 0 victims from the ocean.
 - Over the last week Beach Safety responded to 884 different calls for service, which included Lifeguard, EMS, Law Enforcement and Environmental issues.
 - **Training-**
 - Sent two officers to the United States Lifesaving Association – Southeast Region Lifeguard training academy in Palm Beach.
 - Sent one officer for a school talk at Blue Lake Elementary in DeLand.

Corrections

- **The Average Daily Population for week ending Dec. 18, 2018 was 1,295 inmates.**
 - Three case managers completed the Ohio Risk Assessment System (ORAS) training. Ms. Kelly Crump received an unprecedented 100% on her final examination!
 - As part of Corrections Re-Entry program, 37 inmates participated in the most recent Florida Licensing on Wheels (FLOW) bus, which provides identifications, birth certificates, and in some cases, driver's licenses to inmates prior to their release.
 - Corrections' new medical provider, Centurion, assumed the management of the inmate medical care at midnight on Dec 28. They are the official Corrections' medical provider at 12:01 a.m. Dec. 29.
- **The Average Daily Population for week ending Dec. 28, 2018 was 1,280 inmates.**
 - Division Chaplain Williams and a few volunteers dedicated their time this Christmas providing an inmate choir for the Christmas holiday. The inmates went through VCBJ and VCCF singing Christmas carols and handing out candy canes. It was a huge success boasting several inmates to send thank-you notes to administration.
 - The VCDC razor policy was changed from issuing razors three times a week to issuing them once a week. The changes were deemed necessary to assist in suicide prevention and for safety and security reasons.

Emergency Management

- **Training**
 - Staff is working on Emergency Management Accreditation Program (EMAP) 4.4 Planning and 4.7 Alert and Warning, which is part of the Emergency Management Accreditation Program re-accreditation process.
 - Staff participated in the East Central Florida Regional Planning Committee Action Plan Conference call on Dec. 21.
 - Staff is working on updating the asset inventory list, which is needed by the end of December to be in compliance with the EMAP grant.
- **Meetings**
 - Staff is met with Fire Rescue for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) presentation narrative on Dec 27.
 - Intern Application: Staff will be reviewing intern applications and starting the interview process.
 - Staff will be finalizing visits to the libraries in DeLand and Lake Helen. Weather alert radios were provided. Meetings with the library safety staff were conducted to review safety concerns, examining the designated "safe rooms" in each library, and evaluating how emergency management can assist with any programs.

Emergency Medical Administration

- **New**
 - Administrative manual update for state EMS inspection should be completed by Dec. 28.
 - Transition of system controllers & clinical services from emergency medical services to emergency medical administration (EMA).
 - Requested check from accounting for ALS permits.
 - Met with VCEMS billing (Robert Boggess & Patty Evans) to discuss potential EMA duties.
- **Pending/Ongoing**
 - Daily review continues of all emergency incidents in which Volusia EMS division response time was greater than eight minutes, fifty-nine seconds (>0:08:59).
 - Awaiting disposition of CoPCN application process for alternative transport services (Ferrerias Transportation and Crown Transport).
 - Medical directors are preparing roll out of first response agency scene release (patient awaits ambulance arrival alone) and working collaboratively with Mr. Pozzo's emergency medical services response plan group to include safeguards for delayed ambulance responses.
 - Working with internal stakeholders (information technology, purchasing, emergency medical services and accounting) to address concerns and questions relating to the ZOLL project slated under the EMS trust fund for fiscal year 2019.
 - Reimplementation and expansion of Operative IQ (emergency medical services supply inventory program).
 - Analysis of new emergency medical dispatch call-taking criteria, specifically as it relates to effect on response volume.
 - Creating video training segments from the six-hour hazmat/health department training class.
 - Transition of system controllers and clinical services from EMS to EMA.

Emergency Medical Services/EVAC

- **EMS Report – Dec.9 through Dec. 15, 2018**
 - Calls: 1,196
 - Transports: 837
 - Interfacility Requests: 105
 - Interfacility Transports: 104
 - BLS Ambulance Calls: 19
 - BLS Transports: 12
- **EMS Report – Dec. 16 through Dec. 22, 2018**
 - Calls: 1,166
 - Transports: 836
 - Interfacility Requests: 104
 - Interfacility Transports: 102
 - BLS Ambulance Calls: 43
 - BLS Transports: 26
 - Paramedic candidate testing was conducted on Thursday, Dec. 20 and Dec. 27.
 - Working towards completing the following directives:
 - All full-time positions filled by Feb. 15.
 - All double-slotted positions filled by Feb. 28.
 - Develop plan to recruit and retain intermittent and part-time paramedics and EMTs.

- Joint labor/management meeting was conducted on Dec. 21 discussing leadership change.

Fire Rescue

- **Fire Response Dec. 9 through Dec. 15**
 - Fire Calls: 124
 - EMS Calls: 204
 - Transport: 20
 - Dec. 09 – Dec. 15: 38 new commercial permit request for service for the Fire Prevention Bureau. 28 BTR request, 17 for new businesses, 11 on existing businesses, 11 on existing businesses with changes, 19 fire plans review and comments given (fire alarm, sprinkler, U/G, and suppression systems) and six field inspections performed.
- **Fire Response Dec. 16 through Dec. 22**
 - Fire Calls: 91
 - EMS Calls: 195
 - Transport: 17
 - Dec. 16 – Dec 22, 2018: 10 new commercial permit request for service for the Fire Prevention Bureau. 8 BTR request, 16 for a new business, 2 on existing business with changes. 17 Fire plans reviewed and comments given (fire alarm, sprinkler, U/G, and suppression systems) and 5 field inspections performed.

Public Works

Coastal

- **Dune Walkovers**
 - Coastal Division tradesworkers replaced the beach access stairs at Ocean Ave in New Smyrna Beach.
- **Beach Ramps**
 - Coastal directed the beach toll contractor to staff 10 additional beach ramps to provide more efficient beach driving access during the holiday break.
- **Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND)**
 - Coastal Division staff attended the Volusia County Community Outreach Event with the District's Commissioners and staff to discuss waterway-related issues with local officials, community leaders and the public. In addition, Coastal staff also attended the monthly meeting of the District's Board of Commissioners. FIND is a special state taxing district for the continued management and maintenance of the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway (ICW).
- **Intracoastal Waterway and Inlet Dredging**
 - The Army Corps of Engineers' dredging contractor, Cavache, did not conduct operations Dec. 24-26, and Dec. 31 - Jan. 1. The contractor worked day shifts, about 10-12 hours, Dec. 27-30. Starting on Jan. 2, Cavache returned to 24-hour operations daily until project completion. Inclement weather has delayed operations since the project started in August; working 24 hours a day will be required to complete the project on schedule.

Engineering & Construction

- **Roadway & Trails –**
 - Turnbull Bay Bridge project in New Smyrna Beach: Completed all bridge span pours.

- West Park Ave. widening project in Edgewater: Continuing utility relocations.
- Spring-to-Spring 3A trail project in DeBary: Construction is complete. Ribbon cutting was Dec. 28.
- **Vertical Construction -**
 - Daytona Beach Airport Terminal Update project: 90 percent of plans have been received and are under staff review. Stakeholder meeting (airlines, rental car agencies, TSA, VCSO, VCED and tenants) is scheduled for Jan. 30. On-site furniture demonstration is scheduled for the 2nd quarter of FY18/19. Part B Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) Construction Contract is scheduled to go to Council March 12, 2019. Construction kick-off scheduled for April 1, 2019.
 - VCSO Evidence Building project: Project ahead of schedule. Currently projecting completion of main building by early March (two months ahead of schedule). Permanent power connected. Flooring in progress. Casework, static shelving and appliance install in progress. Office furniture proposals received. Mezzanine complete. Covered parking in permitting. Paving entrance drive from Tiger Bay Road in progress. Irrigation and landscape complete.

Mosquito Control

- **Operations**
 - Staff continues to proactively monitor and treat mosquito production. The field conditions are still favorable for mosquitoes and larval production continues even with the lower temperatures. Compared to the previous time period of Nov. 24–Dec. 7, there was a 79% decrease in customer service requests for Dec. 8 – 21.

Road & Bridge

- **Construction and Maintenance**
 - Construction is substantially complete on the North Amelia Ave. sidewalk project in DeLand. This project provides ADA compliant pedestrian access around George Marks Elementary school and was partially funded by the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program.
 - On Dec. 21, Road & Bridge Drainage Maintenance Crews completed the removal and replacement of a drainage crossover pipe at the intersection of Pioneer Trail and Sapp Rd in New Smyrna Beach. The pipe failed during the rainstorm and had to be replaced immediately.
 - Based on a request from the City of Oak Hill, Road & Bridge tree crews completed tree trimming along W. Halifax Ave.
 - Road & Bridge staff continue to monitor the repairs to the Taylor Road Bridge and roadway near the B-19 canal. A break on a Port Orange Utilities' water line near the bridge washed out a significant portion of material under the concrete bridge approach. Port Orange's engineering consultant has completed an inspection of the bridge structure and submitted a plan for repairs to the bridge, roadway, associated stormwater piping and sidewalk.
 - This plan has been reviewed and approved by County staff. On Dec. 19, Port Orange's contractor placed concrete grout around the bridge pilings in order to fill voids caused by the water main break. Work is continuing on backfilling the washed out area, removal of sediment from the canal and replacement of the concrete approach deck. Taylor Road remains closed with traffic being detoured along Clyde Morris Blvd.

Solid Waste

- **Disposal Activities:** In the past two weeks, the Tomoka Farms Road Landfill received and processed over 13,291 tons of garbage, 5,538 tons of construction and demolition debris, and 3,274 tons of yard waste.
- **Illegal Dumping:** On Dec. 13, a solid waste compliance officer investigated and was able to identify the individuals that illegally dumped yard trash on a vacant lot and right-of-way in DeLand. The officer had the offenders pick up the illegally dumped yard trash and dispose of it legally at the West Volusia Transfer Station.

Traffic Engineering

- **Planning and Development Review**
 - Staff participated in a meeting with the city of Daytona Beach & Volusia County Engineering and Construction to discuss access management along LPGA Blvd from US 92 to Jimmy Ann Drive.
 - Staff participated in a meeting with the city of DeLand, Volusia County Engineering and Construction, Volusia County Growth and Resource Management, and property owners to discuss the Beresford Road extension and improvements to SR 44 & Kepler Road.
 - Staff assisted the County Legal Department, Engineering & Construction, Growth and Resource Management and the city of Daytona Beach on two agreements (Mosaic & Bucee's) related to transportation improvements cost allocation
- **Operational Studies**
 - Staff is reviewing a request for multi-way stops along New Hampshire Ave. and Beresford Ave. in the Spring Hill community. Staff is in the process of writing a draft report.
 - Staff attended a FDOT review of a new traffic signal design at US 17/92 and Fort Florida Road in DeBary. City of DeBary staff also attended.
- **Meetings -**
 - Staff participated in the East Volusia Community Traffic Safety Team meeting held at the city of Daytona Beach Public Works. Staff discussed the recent approval of the use permit for a future school related traffic signal at LPGA Blvd and Tournament Drive.

Water Resources and Utilities

- **Operations** - Obtained Department of Environmental Protection approval for a 5-year operating renewal permit for the Southwest Regional Water Reclamation facility. The new permit is renewed through 2023. The facility is the largest of County's seven wastewater treatment facilities with a current treatment capacity of 2.7 million gallons per day.
- **Customer Service** - Completed the conversion of the monthly utility billing, printing and mailing processes with a new vendor. Over 190,000 monthly statements are generated on an annual basis via electronic and paper delivery methods.
- **Water Quality Planning** - Held the kickoff meeting for the engineering and design of a new master lift station and force main to pump wastewater from the Del North utility service area to the Southwest Regional Water Reclamation facility. Shovel-ready plans will be prepared for the SJRWMD and DEP FY 2019-20 springs protection grant cycle.