

Volusia County Government Activities December 12-18, 2020

AVIATION & ECONOMIC RESOURCES

Daytona Beach International Airport

Facilities & Projects: Construction has begun on the airport's \$7.6 million dollar parking lot improvement project which includes repaving and painting of the short and long-term parking lots. During phase one of the project, the short-term lot will be closed and all visitors must use the long-term parking lot. After phase one is completed, the short-term lot will reopen and the long-term lot will close. During the closures, customer appreciation pricing will be in effect; the daily parking rate will be reduced to \$12 from \$15. The first 15 minutes of parking will remain free. The project also includes repaving of Catalina Drive, Innovation Way and the rental car parking area, and, new way-finding signage, LED lighting and canopies over the parking ticket dispensers. FDOT is funding up to 50% of the project and DAB, is funding the other 50%. To date, FDOT has awarded \$1.5 million for phase one.

Marketing, Customer Experience & Air Service Development: Staff coordinated a ribbon-cutting ceremony celebrating the inaugural American Airlines flights to/from Dallas-Fort Worth and Philadelphia. Passengers on the incoming flights were greeted by a welcoming committee of Airport and Economic Development staff who handed out gift bags to the travelers. Santa, Mrs. Claus and an eager elf surprised airport passengers as they arrived on Friday, Dec. 18. At baggage claim, gift bags filled with jars of candy appeared alongside passengers' luggage. The tradition started in 2012 and continues each year.

Economic Development: Staff continues to process small and home-based business grants. To date, 3,429 small business grant applications have been received, and 2,717 checks distributed, totaling more than \$8.22 million. The home-based grant program has processed 691 applications resulting in the distribution of 501 checks totaling \$751,500. For more information, contact Joanne Magley at 386-248-8030 ext: 18309 or jmagley@volusia.org.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Extension Services: Extension's Master Gardeners Volunteers finished their holiday pet food drive with over 300 pounds of cat and dog food collected and a \$100 monetary donation. These donations will be delivered to New Hope Animal Shelter and Cat Trail Corner Adoptions. For more information, contact Brad Burbaugh at bburbaugh@volusia.com

Community Services: The Children and Families Advisory Board will meet on January 12 at the Volusia County Lifeguard Headquarters, Conference Room A, 515 S. Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach. The Board will discuss the summer camp program requirements and provider application for 2021. They will also discuss and make funding recommendations for the FY 2020/21 Justice Assistance Grant. For more information, contact Carmen Hall at chall@volusia.org.

COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE

Community Information: Community Information staff is coordinating with Tax Collector-elect Will Roberts to provide logistical support and resources for Mr. Roberts' swearing in ceremony on Jan. 5, 2021. Community Information disseminated a special COVID-19 issue of the County's employee e-newsletter, *County Line*, on Dec. 11. Another issue of the newsletter is being prepared for release to coincide with the swearing in of the new County Council. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at kcaptain@volusia.org.

OCEAN CENTER

Events: The Ocean Center hosted two large events simultaneously with East Coast Cheer and Dance Championship in the Arena and Ballroom, and the Florida Holiday Challenge volleyball tournament in the Exhibit Hall. Both events brought around 9,000 people through our doors for the weekend, and over 1,000 hotel room nights. Both of these events are annual events and have been great partners working with us to take steps to make a safety a priority for all guest and athletes. On Dec. 18, a graduation for Palmer College, a first time at the Ocean Center, which offered the space required for social distancing, allowing the College to celebrate this year's graduating class. The North American Wrestling Alliance (NAWA) presented Jingle Brawl on Saturday, Dec. 19.

PUBLIC PROTECTION

Animal Services: Animal Services was notified by the ASPCA on Dec. 14, that the application submitted for the Disaster Response Grant has been green-lighted and is now moving to the next level. Volusia County Animal Services is one of only a handful of agencies which have reached this level. For more information, please contact Division Director Adam Leath, 386-248-1790 ext. 11398.



Beach Safety: This week Beach Safety staff will be conducting their biannual swim requirements to stay in accordance with the United States Lifesaving Association standards. On Dec. 16, the Walton County Sheriff's Office will be touring the Beach Safety facility and viewing how we conduct operations to better understand how to incorporate lifeguards into their agency. For more information, please contact Division Director Ray Manchester, 386-239-6414 ext. 20330.

PUBLIC WORKS

Coastal: The Coastal Division maintenance and operations team coordinated interior and exterior painting of the restroom building at Mary McLeod Bethune Beach Park located in Bethune Beach. Staff also painted over 700' of aluminum railing at the park to match the new color scheme of the restroom building. Coastal maintenance is also coordinating replacement of the metal roofing on the picnic pavilions located at Sun Splash Park in Daytona Beach starting on Dec. 21, with the work anticipated to be completed by Dec. 25. For more information, contact Jessica Winterwerp at (386) 248-8072, ext. 20356.



Engineering & Construction: The Countywide Resurfacing Contract is nearing completion. Only LPGA from Clyde Morris to Williamson, and Carter Rd from SR 11 to Marsh Rd remain. The LPGA resurfacing is expected to begin Dec. 20 and Carter Rd at the beginning of the new year. For more information, contact Tadd Kasbeer at (386) 736-5967, ext. 15846.

Mosquito Control: Staff is working with the Florida Medical Entomology Lab (FMEL) to acquire susceptible *Culex quinquefasciatus* mosquitoes for establishing a colony in our insectary. These mosquitoes are used as the control measure in lab assays and caged field trials to evaluate efficacy of mosquito control products. For more information, contact Suzanne Bartlett, (386) 424-2920, ext. 20272.

Road & Bridge: The Thornby Park Water Quality Improvement Project in Deltona has been completed. The \$500,000 project was 60% funded by grants provided by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the St. Johns River Water Management District. The project consisted of the installation of a stormwater treatment system that provides sediment and nutrient removal prior to discharge into Lake Monroe and the St. Johns River, an impaired water body. For more information, contact Benjamin Bartlett at (386) 822-6422, ext. 20470.

Solid Waste: Notices for the construction repair of chute #2 on the tipping floor at the West Volusia Transfer Station have been mailed and handed out to solid waste haulers, account holders and municipalities. Temporary service disruptions will be in effect Jan. 4 through Feb. 8, 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: Staff is working to complete installation of adaptive traffic signal control infrastructure on Saxon Blvd. in Deltona and Orange City. System data collection and verification needed for the system to become fully functional will begin in early January. When complete, the adaptive signal control running from US 17-92 to Normandy Blvd. will adjust signal timings based on changing traffic conditions throughout the day. For more information, contact Jon Cheney at (386) 736-5968, ext. 12709.

Water Resources and Utilities: County staff is currently working with utilities staff representing DeLand, Deltona, and Orange City to craft an interlocal agreement and scope of work for updating water supply planning strategies and regional projects designed to protect spring flow within Blue Spring and in accordance with state adopted minimum flows and levels. For more information, contact Mike Ulrich at (386) 943-7027, ext. 12724.