AVIATION & ECONOMIC RESOURCES

Administration: Airport Director Karen Feaster will be installed as President of Florida Airport’s Council during its annual conference this week. A news release will be distributed with this information. For more information, contact Joanne Magley at jmagley@flydab.com.

OCEAN CENTER

Events: The United Methodist Church Discipleship Ministries began move-in on July 23 for its youth gathering taking place July 25-27. This first-time event will bring 2,500 attendees, generating 2,280 room nights. The 2023 World Martial Arts Games takes place July 29-31, expecting 600 attendees, generating 500 room nights. The event is open to the public. More information and tickets for the event are available here. For more information, contact Tim Buckley at tbuckley@volusia.org.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Community Assistance: The division is accepting applications to financially assist driver education safety programs provided by schools in Volusia County for the upcoming 2023-24 fiscal year. The assistance is being provided through fees collected by the Clerk of Court for civil traffic fines and penalties. The funds shall be used for direct educational expenses, not administration costs. The driver education program must be available to all public and nonpublic schools with students in grades 9-12 that offer driver education instruction. The program must also be available to students in private schools and homeschooled students in the same grades. Applications will be accepted through August 4. The application may be found here. For additional information, contact Carmen Hall at chall@volusia.org.

Resource Stewardship: On July 13, the IFAS/Extension Service facilitated a Florida-Friendly Landscaping session as part of the ReGrow the Loop initiative. There were 75 participants at the session, and 60% of them signed the Citizens Pledge to protect the county’s diverse ecosystem. For more information, contact Brad Burbaugh at bburbaugh@volusia.org.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Emergency Medical Services: On July 17, staff conducted a KidSmart presentation and a touch-the-truck session with Pride Elementary School in Deltona. Staff continues to provide CPR training with Daytona Beach International Airport personnel and Pediatric Advanced Life Support for VCEMS staff this week. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at kcaptain@volusia.org.

GROWTH & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Environmental Management: The DeLeon Springs Septic Upgrade Incentive program has been launched. Residents in the priority focus area are eligible for up to a $10,000 rebate to upgrade their existing conventional septic system to a nitrogen-reducing system. Rebates will be paid directly to certified septic system installers and state-licensed plumbers retained by homeowners to update existing systems. Contractors must be pre-approved by the county and permitted by the Florida Department of Health before the work begins. For more information about the program, click here.
The division completed its third Underwater Cleanup of the 2023 season on July 18, bringing up 360 pounds of monofilament and marine debris. This brings the total collected this summer to 890 pounds. With the division serving as the host, residents can participate in the International Coastal Cleanup at their choice of more than 20 sites along the beach and the Halifax and Indian rivers from 8 to 11 a.m. Sept. 16. Last year, 1,562 Volusia County volunteers collected 8,500 pounds of trash during the cleanup. Volunteers can register online from Aug. 1 to Sept. 1. For information about the cleanup or to register a private site, contact the ICC coordination team.

The Sea Turtle Habitat Conservation Plan program has received a record-high amount of crawl reports for this year’s nesting season. More than 3,150 crawls have been recorded, 812 more than at this time last year. There have been 1,125 observed nests so far, 55 of which have hatched and/or been evaluated, with over 2,400 hatched eggshells counted. For more information, contact Ginger Adair at gadair@volusia.org.

**PUBLIC PROTECTION**

**Beach Safety:** All beach districts competed in the annual Interzone competition on July 13, with Ormond Beach being the overall winner. The entire event may be viewed [here](#). Beach Safety staff assisted with water rescue training for local fire departments in Ponce Inlet on July 18-20. For more information, contact Andy Ethridge at aethridge@volusia.org.

**PUBLIC WORKS**

**Coastal:** New pavilion awning shades were installed at Tom Renick Park in Ormond Beach, as Hurricane Ian destroyed the original shades. Tradesworkers also completed repairs at the 13th Avenue Walkover in New Smyrna Beach, which is now open to the public.

The county’s TrapBag installation and debris removal crews continued their efforts in Daytona Beach Shores, Wilbur-By-The-Sea, and both the unincorporated and incorporated areas of New Smyrna Beach. As of July 18, approximately 11,552 cubic yards of debris have been removed, and 20,883 linear feet of TrapBags have been installed. For more information, contact Jessica Fentress at jfentress@volusia.org.

**Engineering & Construction:** The notice to proceed was issued on July 17 for the Fire Station 15 restroom project. Over the next couple of weeks, the contractor will mobilize, establish their staging area, and survey the building corner and foundation. Following those activities, the footing will be excavated and steel footings placed. For more information, contact Tadd Kasbeer at tkasbeer@volusia.org.

**Solid Waste:** FCC Environmental Services will conduct a scheduled community bulky item cleanup in the southeast quadrant of the unincorporated county on Aug. 12. The company will collect up to four bulk items from unincorporated residential households in this area. For more information, contact Regina Montgomery at rmontgomery@volusia.org.
Traffic Engineering: Traffic Signal Operations performed bi-annual traffic signal maintenance in the Port Orange and Orange City areas. Signal staff also installed a new TS2 signal cabinet and FYA (flashing yellow arrow) at Tymber Creek Road and Tymber Run for the City of Ormond Beach. For more information, contact Jay Williams at jiwilliams@volusia.org.