Volusia County Government Activities
July 8 – July 14, 2023

OCEAN CENTER

**Events:** North Point Ministries began move-in on July 15 for its InsideOut event, which will be held July 17-20. The religious youth camp uses the entire building, including both parking lots, and brings in 4,000 attendees, generating 4,770 room nights. North Point Ministries moves out on July 21, and the United Methodist Church Discipleship Ministries begins move-in on July 23. For more information, contact Tim Buckley at tbuckley@volusia.org.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

**Community Assistance:** The 2023 Summer Camp Scholarship Program continues to award scholarships to children from income-eligible households in Volusia County between the ages of five and 14. Since the application was released in April, the division has received applications for 1,736 children, with 806 scholarships awarded. The scholarships may be utilized at any summer campsite facilitated by the 18 providers approved by the County Council. There are over 500 children currently on the waitlist whose application has been initially approved, and the division is working to provide scholarships to those children as funds become available. For additional information, contact Carmen Hall at chall@volusia.org.

**Resource Stewardship:** With the help of the Community Information Division, ECHO staff created an infographic highlighting the program’s accomplishments from 2000 – 2022. Land Management staff completed a 50-acre prescribed burn on the Barberville Conservation Area. Prescribed burning, or prescribed fire, is a safe and economical way to apply a natural process to ensure ecosystem health and reduce wildfire risk. For more information, contact Brad Burbaugh at bburbaugh@volusia.org.

COUNTY MANAGER

**Community Information:** On July 13, staff worked alongside Beach Safety to livestream the 2023 Interzone Competition across the social media pages of both County of Volusia and Beach Safety. The staff has also worked with Veterans Services to coordinate a ribbon cutting for the new office in the Deltona Regional Library on July 17. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at kcaptain@volusia.org.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

**Emergency Management:** On July 24, the division will conduct an Elected Officials Training available to all officials in the county government and municipalities in Volusia County regarding disaster preparedness and response. For more information, contact James Judge at jjudge@volusia.org.

**Emergency Medical Services:** On July 11, the Volusia County Council unanimously approved the purchase of the parcel at 1720 Mason Ave., Daytona Beach, which will become the new headquarters for VCEMS. Renovations are expected to take between 18 and 24 months. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at kcaptain@volusia.org.
Fire Rescue: The division’s technical rescue team completed the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) Boat Operations Search and Rescue (BOSAR) course, which gives emergency responders a learning framework to become more proficient with the skills necessary to operate in the maritime environment and conduct search and rescue operations. The class trained 12 members to this standard. The technical rescue team will now incorporate this training into their responses and train the rest of the team to this level. Utilizing the Urban Search and Rescue Grant from the state, a Highway Vehicle Stabilization kit was purchased for incidents that involve large vehicles that require extrication. For more information, contact Chief Joe King at jwking@volusia.org.

GROWTH & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT
Environmental Management: The Volusia County Marine Mammal Stranding Team conducted two manatee rescues in Ponce Inlet last week associated with mating herds. One of these manatees was in poor condition, suffering from dehydration and exhaustion, and was subsequently transported by Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) to SeaWorld for care. The other manatee was released immediately after an examination on the beach. Two Underwater Jetty Clean Ups (UWCU) have been conducted this year. They were held on June 6 and 20. Respectively, they resulted in 530 pounds of debris combined. The next UWCU will be held on July 18. For more information, contact Ginger Adair at gadair@volusia.org.

PUBLIC PROTECTION
Animal Services: The veterinary team is set to perform surgeries on the new Mobile Spay and Neuter Bus throughout the week. These will be the first surgeries performed on the unit since the bus was delivered. For more information, contact Alicia Dease at adease@volusia.org.

Beach Safety: On July 13, Beach Safety held the annual Interzone Competition. This was a Facebook Live event, and all beach districts competed against each other. The video from the event may be viewed here. For more information, contact Andy Ethridge at aethridge@volusia.org.

PUBLIC WORKS
Mosquito Control: The division conducts larviciding operations which target immature mosquito larvae in standing water in various habitats using a variety of specialized equipment. The division is conducting a field evaluation of a type of buffalo turbine to target container mosquitoes that live in cryptic areas around homes, such as bird baths, buckets, planters, tarps, etc. The environmental specialist team will set out containers in various locations to catch droplets from the buffalo turbine operation. Once taken back to the laboratory, the cups are filled with water and mosquito larvae to evaluate the efficacy of the application. The division conducts operational field trials to ensure applications are effective and to determine the appropriate parameters for treating particular habitats or targeting mosquito species. For more information, contact Marcus McDonough at mmcdonough@volusia.org.

Road & Bridge: The notice to proceed has been issued for the Countywide Resurfacing FY23 Phase 1 project. Work is underway to resurface the following roads within Daytona Park Estates: Evergreen
Road, Flamingo Road, Gardenia Road, Hyacinth Road and Iris Road. Other roads to resurface as part of this project include Dunn Avenue, Enterprise Road and Tomoka Landfill Road. For more information, contact Lori Koontz at lkoontz@volusia.org.

**Water Resources and Utilities:** During the third quarter of FY 2022-23, 860 continuous water use and 237 high consumption alert calls were made to customers. Since Oct. 1, 2,886 continuous or high consumption notifications have occurred. The utilities support team contacts customers advising them of continuous use (indicating possible leaks) and unusually high consumption during a 72-hour period (indicating inefficient irrigation use). These proactive measures help customers avoid costly bills and potential property damage. For more information, contact Mike Ulrich at mulrich@volusia.org.