AVIATION & ECONOMIC RESOURCES

Airport: Members of the Volusia County Council, the Daytona Beach International Airport leadership team and representatives from Avelo Airlines celebrated the start of two new, nonstop flights to/from New Haven, CT, and Wilmington, DE.

On June 22, the airport hosted a ribbon cutting for the inaugural flight from New Haven, followed by a welcome reception and cake for the arriving passengers. On June 23, passengers arriving on the flight from Wilmington received a warm welcome, complete with goodie bags and cake. The airport’s Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting crew welcomed both flights with a traditional water salute.

The June 22 event was streamed live on multiple platforms and may be viewed on the county’s YouTube page. Pictures from the events may be found here. For more information, contact Joanne Magley at jmagley@flydab.com.

OCEAN CENTER

Events: CEO Gaming moves out of the building on June 26 after wrapping up another successful three-day fighting game competition, with thousands attending. Showbiz Talent moves into the building on June 27 for the 2023 National Finals taking place June 28-July 3. The competitive dance event uses the arena, ballroom and meeting rooms and expects 2,000 attendees, generating 1,200 room nights. The National Finals are free and open to the public. For more information, contact Tim Buckley at tbuckley@volusia.org.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Resource Stewardship: On June 16, the Volusia Forever Advisory Committee met to determine the eligibility of applications received during 2023 cycle 1. The committee unanimously found two applications eligible for further consideration and two that were ineligible. The committee will meet in September to sort these properties onto the recommended A/B list for the County Council’s consideration. For more information, contact Brad Burbaugh at burbaugh@volusia.org.

COUNTY MANAGER

Community Information: The division provided audio/visual, livestreaming and other services for Avelo Airlines’ inaugural flight into the airport on June 22. Staff also published the first in a series of short videos on social media spotlighting employees and why they enjoy working for Volusia County Government. To view the first video, click here. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at kcaptain@volusia.org.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Emergency Medical Services: Staff will be offering Basic Life Support classes to Daytona Beach International Airport personnel during the week of June 26. Tabletop nursing home evacuation training exercises are being conducted to prepare for hurricane activations and other related incident command operations. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at kcaptain@volusia.org.
GROWTH & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Environmental Management: In collaboration with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and other network partners, the Volusia County Marine Mammal Stranding Team responded to an injured manatee in Oak Hill. The manatee was struck by a boat propeller which left open cuts across the top of its head and required immediate rescue. It was quickly rescued and transported to SeaWorld in Orlando for treatment.

Sea Turtle nesting numbers remain higher than average at this point in the season. So far this year, there have been 607 total nests counted, compared to 667 at the same time last year. For more information, contact Ginger Adair at gadair@volusia.org.

Planning & Development Services: The real estate activity sold two county-owned parcels for a total of $185,000, adding them back on the tax roll. For more information, contact Carol McFarlane at cmcfarlane@volusia.org.

PUBLIC WORKS

Administration: The Public Works Department hosted a well-attended job fair at the Road & Bridge NE Services facility in Daytona Beach on June 15. Staff from the Coastal, Road & Bridge, Solid Waste, Traffic Engineering, and Water Resources & Utilities divisions shared details about the positions available and answered specific questions about day-to-day responsibilities. Representatives from the Human Resources team were on hand to answer benefits questions and help participants complete applications onsite. For more information, contact Benjamin Bartlett at bbartlett@volusia.org.

Coastal: The county’s TrapBag installation and debris removal crews continued their efforts in Daytona Beach Shores, Ponce Inlet, and both the unincorporated and incorporated areas of New Smyrna. As of June 20, approximately 9,526 cubic yards of debris have been removed, and 16,396 linear feet of TrapBags have been installed.

Staff coordinated with contractors to repair the seawall and stairs at Dahlia Avenue Park in Daytona Beach Shores, with the park reopening to the public on June 16. Trades staff also installed 75 feet of the Jetty Connector at Lighthouse Point Park in Ponce Inlet, reestablishing pedestrian access on June 7. Fifty-nine beach accesses remain closed. For more information, contact Jessica Fentress at jfentress@volusia.org.

Engineering & Construction: Current and upcoming activities for the Graves Avenue Project include final grading and sodding, signal material installation, and final signage and striping. For more information, contact Tadd Kasbeer at tkasbeer@volusia.org.

Solid Waste: There is no change to garbage, recycling, bulk waste, and yard trash collection schedules for residents of unincorporated Volusia County on the July 4 holiday. If a household’s normal collection day is Tuesday, the items must be placed at the curb by 6 a.m. The Tomoka Farms
Road Landfill and West Volusia Transfer Station will also be open during normal hours on July 4. For more information, contact Regina Montgomery at rmontgomery@volusia.org.

**Traffic Engineering:** The division is reviewing a Traffic Impact Analysis Methodology for the New Smyrna Beach South Village project located on the south side of SR 44, approximately two miles west of I-95 in New Smyrna Beach. This development will comprise 1,371 single-family residential dwelling units, 474 multi-family residential dwelling units, a 150 dwelling-unit assisted living facility, 250,000 square feet of general retail, a 600-student elementary school site, and an eight-acre public park. For more information, contact Jay Williams at jiwilliams@volusia.org.