Volusia County Government Activities
June 3 – June 9, 2023

AVIATION & ECONOMIC RESOURCES
Air Service, Marketing, Customer Experience: Karen Feaster and Joanne Magley will attend the JumpStart Air Service Conference June 12-14 and have meetings scheduled with six airlines. Social media contests promoting new Avelo flights will start on June 12. The airport was a finalist in the Government Social Media Golden Post Awards for best use of long-form video for its Favorite Things holiday video. For more information, contact Joanne Magley at jmagley@flydab.com.

OCEAN CENTER
Events: The Ocean Center spent the morning of June 9 speaking with Community Information on the county’s radio program, Volusia Today. Topics included upcoming events at the facility, the focus on booking live entertainment events, and the facility’s economic impact on the local community. The Florida Trucking Association will use the entire facility for their Truck Driving Championships (TDC) June 15-17. The event has occurred at the facility since 2016 and is contracted through 2026. The 2023 championships expect 1,000 attendees, generating 1,500 room nights. TDC is open to the public and family friendly. Learn more about the event by visiting their website. For more information, contact Tim Buckley at tbuckley@volusia.org.

COMMUNITY SERVICES
Community Assistance: The Affordable Housing Advisory Committee will meet at 3 p.m. June 14 at the Emergency Operations Center, 3825 Tiger Bay Road, Daytona Beach. Members will discuss the affordable housing incentive strategies for their annual report, review the affordable housing plan’s progress and review previous meeting minutes. The Children and Families Advisory Board will meet at 1:30 p.m. June 13 at the Ormond Beach Regional Library, 30 S. Beach St., Ormond Beach. Members will elect officers and review previous meeting minutes. The board will review the FY 2023-24 contingency applications and evaluate, score, and make funding recommendations. Additionally, members will receive updates for each program and review a proposed amendment for Children’s Home Society’s contingency program. For more information, contact Carmen Hall at chall@volusia.org.

EMERGENCY SERVICES
Emergency Management: The Emergency Operations Center (EOC) hosted EOC Orientation and WebEOC training with community partners on June 6-8. The EOC hosted the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) State Application Process with community partners on June 8. The quarterly Emergency Management Partners meeting was held on June 9. For more information, contact James Judge at jjudge@volusia.org.

Emergency Medical Services: The first week of new hire orientation started on June 5. This two-week orientation class has one AST, one paramedic and seven EMTs. Another three EMTs are starting June 12. Division Chief Mark Fisher and Sgt. James Tahlier attended ICS Safety Officer.
training this week. Division Chief Fisher is one of the EMS Incident Commanders during hurricane deployments, and Sgt. Tahlier is a strike team leader supervising a team of ambulance crews. Paramedic class graduation success rate has increased since COVID, which is a positive sign. Staff attended the Veteran Services Stand Down/Hiring Our Heroes event on June 9 to recruit. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at kcaptain@volusia.org.

Fire Rescue: Lieutenant Lesley Crandall was recognized as “Volusia County Fire Rescue’s Firefighter of the Year” at the 2023 West Volusia Chamber of Commerce First Responder Valor Awards event. For more information, contact Chief Joe King at jwking@volusia.org.

FINANCE
Purchasing & Contracts: The division presented “How to Do Business with Volusia County” on June 9 at the 2023 Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Business Expo. Senior Procurement Analysts Inga Fegley and Andrew Kokitus were the first presenters of the Procurement Boot Camp workshop of the Business Expo. Along with the county staff, representatives from the Small Business Administration, local university procurement departments and healthcare procurement personnel presented to approximately 65 attendees. The Procurement Boot Camp is an all-day, in-person workshop designed to educate minority and small businesses regarding procurement readiness. For more information, contact Pam Wilksy at pwilksy@volusia.org.

GROWTH & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT
Environmental Management: 101 new sea turtle nests were counted this week, bringing the total nest count as of June 6 to 370. The oldest nests are nearing their hatching window and will start hatching any day and continue through the end of October. Beach driving openings have been limited and delayed due to the high tides, which have caused sections of Conservation Zone (CZ) posts and sea turtle nest marking stakes to be washed out. Staff and volunteers have worked to continuously reset them as needed to re-open the beaches to public driving. Three nests were completely washed out, but others are expected to not successfully incubate because the eggs were underwater for an extended period. Approximately 600 CZ poles are currently missing from different areas of the beach. HCP and Beach Safety are working to reset them as quickly as possible. The Manatee Protection Program staff conducted the first underwater jetty dive and cleanup of the season on June 6 at the Ponce Inlet jetty. Approximately 350 lbs. of monofilament fishing line and debris were removed. The Marine Science Center started the summer camp programs this week with a three-day camp for six to 10-year-olds. The campers will learn about estuary fish and identification while seine netting, the beach ecosystem, turtle biology and local birds. The campers learn practical ways to make a difference in their local marine environment. For more information, contact Ginger Adair at gadair@volusia.org.

Planning & Development Services: Volusia County has been notified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)/National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) that the Community Rating System (CRS) for Volusia County remains a CRS Class 5. The CRS Class 5 rating will provide the residents in the unincorporated areas with a 25% discount on FEMA flood insurance premiums. Staff is hosting a series of open houses called “How Should We Grow?” as part of the Volusia County 2035 Comprehensive Plan. There will be five events, one for each council district, to educate, listen and receive public input on the future land use map. The information collected will be presented to the Planning and Land Development Regulation Commission and the County Council later this year. The
first two workshops were held on May 31 and June 7. Information regarding the upcoming workshops is as follows:

- June 14 at the Daytona Beach Regional Library, 105 E. Magnolia Ave.
- June 28 at the Ormond Beach Public Library, 30 S. Beach St.
- July 5 at the Volusia County Extension Agriculture Center, 3100 E. New York Ave., DeLand

All three meetings will begin at 4 p.m.

For more information, contact Carol McFarlane at cmcfarlane@volusia.org.

PUBLIC PROTECTION

**Animal Services:** Interim Director Alicia Dease and Animal Control Officers attended the State Agricultural Response Team (SART) Planning Workshop June 6-8. The 2023 SART Planning Workshop is a statewide conference serving Florida’s county emergency management professionals and SART partner agencies. The workshop provides a statewide forum where SART leaders and animal care experts can share best practices and resources for integrating animal care and agriculture into disaster planning. For more information, contact Alicia Dease at adease@volusia.org.

PUBLIC WORKS

**Coastal:** Frank Rendon Park in Daytona Beach Shores reopened on May 27 with limited amenities, including stairs to the beach, restroom facilities and showers. 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 Beach. As of June 6, approximately 8,064 cubic yards of debris have been removed, and 14,724 linear feet of TrapBags have been installed. A total of 60 beach accesses remain closed. For more information, contact Jessica Fentress at jfentress@volusia.org.

**Engineering and Construction:** Current and upcoming activities on the Williamson Boulevard/Strickland Range Road intersection improvements project include clearing, grubbing and road construction. The box culvert is also under construction, and a storm pipe is being placed. For more information, contact Tadd Kasbeer at tkasbeer@volusia.org.

**Solid Waste:** The division maintains 14 used motor oil drop-off sites where residents are encouraged to recycle this material. Last month, over 3,000 gallons of used motor oil were recycled. Since January, Solid Waste compliance officers have collected 14.97 tons of illegally dumped tires that could not be traced to an offender. For more information, contact Regina Montgomery at rmontgomery@volusia.org.

**Traffic Engineering:** Signal staff replaced a cabinet at Enterprise Road and Harley Strickland Boulevard in Orange City due to a primary power line falling on the traffic signal on May 21. Signal staff also inspected four state signals for the FDOT Milling Project on US-92, from Kepler Road to US-17/92. For more information, contact Jay Williams at jiwilliams@volusia.org.