Volusia County Government Activities
Oct. 14 – 20, 2023

OCEAN CENTER

Events: Signature EquipoVision moves into the arena on Oct. 26 for the Amway Conference, taking place throughout the following three days. The private event expects 5,000 attendees, generating 2,000 room nights. Tickets for the April 30, 2023, Harlem Globetrotters event go on sale at 10 a.m. on Oct. 23. Other public ticketed events currently on sale include the Sunshine Slam Division 1 basketball tournament, Monster Truck Nitro Tour, and AMA ArenaCross Championship. For more information, contact Tim Buckley at tbuckley@volusia.org.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Community Assistance: The division is now accepting applications from nonprofits seeking certification as a Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO). CHDOs, which concentrate on affordable housing development, need this certification to qualify for select HOME Investment Partnerships Program opportunities. The application deadline for CHDO Certification is Nov. 17. The County will announce funding opportunities for certified CHDOs in the future. For more information, contact Carmen Hall at chall@volusia.org.

Resource Stewardship: UF/IFAS Extension Services staff distributed trees to residents who have attended "Regrow the Loop" workshops so far. The tree species given out included Yaupon Holly, Sand Live Oak, Southern Magnolia, and Sweet Bay Magnolia. Along with the trees, homeowners were provided with care cards to ensure they possess the necessary knowledge to properly care for the trees. The next workshop in the series will take place at 11:30 a.m. on Oct. 24 at the Ormond Beach Regional Library. For more information, contact Nick Dunnam at ndunnam@volusia.org.

GROWTH & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Environmental Management: Twenty-two community members attended the "Plant Like a Floridian" event at DeBary Hall. The participants gained insights into responsible fertilizer use, the importance of native plants, nitrate information related to Gemini Springs, and education about the County's fertilizer ordinance.

The Lyonia Environmental Center staff delivered informative sessions to members of the Florida Native Plant Society Pawpaw Chapter and the Southeast Volusia Audubon Society, engaging with 64 participants. These sessions explored the intricacies of pollinator gardens and provided insights into scrub jays and their natural scrub habitats. In a separate initiative, members of the Manatee
Protection Program completed their underwater cleanup operation at the Ponce Inlet Jetty on Oct. 17. Their efforts resulted in the removal of 1,325 pounds of discarded fishing gear this season. For more information, contact Ginger Adair at gadair@volusia.org.

PUBLIC WORKS

Road & Bridge: The Countywide Resurfacing FY23 Phase 2 project has commenced, targeting the enhancement of various roads throughout the county. It is anticipated that the improvements will be finalized by December. A list of roads slated for resurfacing can be found on the County’s website. For more information, contact Lori Koontz at lkoontz@volusia.org.

Solid Waste: The division will host two free collection events for household hazardous materials. These events will take place from 8 a.m. to noon on Oct. 27 at the Ormond Beach Public Works Facility and from 8 a.m. to noon on Oct. 28 at the New Smyrna Beach Public Works Facility. Traffic flow will be one-way, and residents must remain in their vehicles. During these events, residents may drop off various items, including old paint, solvents, automobile and household batteries, pool chemicals, pesticides, motor oil, gasoline, and other household chemicals. Additionally, each resident is allowed to dispose of up to 10 fluorescent lamps. For more information, contact Regina Montgomery at rmontgomery@volusia.org.