Volusia County Government Activities
Oct. 7 – 13, 2023

AVIATION & ECONOMIC RESOURCES

Air Service, Marketing, Customer Experience: The airport will celebrate the 15th anniversary of American Airlines (AA) service on Oct. 16. The AA gate area will be adorned with decorations, and all incoming and departing AA passengers will be treated to cupcakes.

On Oct. 19, from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., the airport will host an informational booth at the Career Source Flagler/Volusia Career Expo held at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. Staff from Operations, Facilities, and Marketing, along with representatives from Delta Air Lines and the Air Traffic Control Tower, will be onsite to provide information. During the expo, the airport will also engage with Matanzas High School hospitality students currently learning about airlines and aviation. A special presentation is planned for the students, featuring speakers from multiple entities. For more information, contact Joanne Magley at jmagley@flydab.com.

OCEAN CENTER

Events: Grace House Pregnancy Center will host its annual gala in the ballroom on Oct. 19 for an estimated 400 attendees. East Coast Pop Warner will host its cheer and dance competition in the arena and ballroom on Oct. 22 and expects 1,500 attendees. Indian Motorcycles is renting the south parking lot for a static display during the annual Biketoberfest event. For more information, contact Tim Buckley at tbuckley@volusia.org.

BUSINESS SERVICES

Transit Services: The division will host "Transit Day" in the rotunda of the Thomas C. Kelley Administration Center on Oct. 17. This event aims to increase public awareness about the transit options available within the county, offering a sustainable and efficient alternative to personal vehicle use. Staff will be onsite to educate attendees on the multitude of accessible, eco-friendly transportation choices to navigate the county. For more information, contact Bobbie King at bgking@volusia.org.

GROWTH & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Environmental Management: Sea turtle nesting season will conclude on Oct. 31, with fewer than 100 nests remaining from the record 1,514 laid along the shore. As the waves bring in fresh seaweed, young post-hatchling sea turtles, known as "washback" turtles, have started making their way to the beach. More than 30 washback sea turtles have so far been rescued and transported to the Marine Science Center, where they will receive the necessary care and rehabilitation. Eventually, these turtles will be reintroduced into their offshore habitat within the floating seaweed wrack lines. Beach Safety staff and volunteers from the Washback Watcher teams will continue scouring the beach for fresh wrack lines to rescue turtles in need throughout November.

On Oct. 23, personnel from the Coastal and Beach Safety divisions will host a Sea Turtle Habitat Conservation Plan training for members of Daytona Dog Beach, Inc. Individuals from this organization will assist in monitoring the dog beach in Ormond Beach, which will start Nov. 1.
Furthermore, staff members actively participated in a panel discussion at a forum organized by the DeLeon Springs Community Association. The meeting aimed to educate interested residents about septic system upgrades, as the County is offering grants of up to $10,000 to conventional septic system owners who wish to replace their systems with nitrogen-reducing ones. The event drew a crowd of 80 residents. For more information, contact Ginger Adair at gadair@volusia.org.

**Planning & Development Services:** On Oct. 5, representatives from the planning team attended a community meeting in Seville and engaged in discussions centered around local matters. These topics encompassed intersection safety, the advancement of park development initiatives, the remediation of the gas station at Seville’s southern gateway, and preserving historic structures within the community.

A planning team member will compile and respond to the inquiries raised during the meeting. The Seville community expressed gratitude for the planners attending and listening to them. For more information, contact Carol McFarlane at cmcfarlane@volusia.org.

**PUBLIC PROTECTION**

**Corrections:** On Oct. 10, representatives from the Florida Model Jail Standards (FMJS) conducted an unannounced inspection to examine the division's compliance with FMJS standards. The inspectors expressed their satisfaction with the division's performance after the review. Notably, they commended the Mental Health housing unit, highlighting their appreciation for the system's effectiveness and transparency. Specifically, the inspectors were impressed by the efficiency and accountability afforded by the camera system in monitoring individuals experiencing personal crises while in custody. The inspectors were so impressed with the division's monitoring process that they intend to showcase it to their agency. For more information, contact Joe DeMore at jdemore@volusia.org.

**PUBLIC WORKS**

**Coastal:** The County’s TrapBag installation crews continued their efforts in both the unincorporated and incorporated areas of New Smyrna Beach and Daytona Beach Shores. As of Oct. 10, approximately 33,572 linear feet of TrapBags have been installed. The debris removal crews have completed their efforts at all properties that had signed an easement to Volusia County. In total, 12,423 cubic yards of debris have been removed from the beach.

Trades workers completed repairs at the Horizon Condo walkover in Daytona Beach, which is now open to the public. Thirty-one beach accesses remain closed. For more information, contact Jessica Fentress at jfentress@volusia.org.