AVIATION & ECONOMIC RESOURCES

Air Service, Marketing, Customer Experience: In collaboration with the Volusia Sheriff's Office, the airport invites the public to "Coffee with a Cop" from 9 to 11 a.m. on Oct. 4. This event will be held in the Art Gallery on the airport’s second floor.

Operations: On Oct. 2, staff will coordinate the arrival of a C147 military transport aircraft at the Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University ramp. There, students will be able to explore the plane under the guidance of knowledgeable staff, gaining insight into its operations, functionalities, and features. For more information, contact Joanne Magley at jmagley@flydab.org.

OCEAN CENTER

Events: The Church of God Assembly Conference continues through Oct. 7. The private event expects to generate 1,400 room nights. THRIVE moves into the Arena on Oct. 4 for its annual Women’s Conference, taking place from Oct. 5-7. The event expects to generate over 1,000 room nights with 2,000 attendees.

On Oct. 6, the Ocean Center sales team will participate in the Daytona Beach Area CVB’s annual Tourism Partner Day at the News-Journal Center. For more information, contact Tim Buckley at tbuckley@volusia.org.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Community Assistance: The division is accepting applications for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Countywide program for FY 2023-24. Volusia County is projected to receive $147,710 from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement for this program; however, this figure may fluctuate based on available funds. This grant is available on a competitive basis to nonprofit organizations in Volusia County and municipalities that do not typically receive a direct annual allocation from JAG. Applications will be accepted through Oct. 9.

Additionally, schools in Volusia County providing driver education safety programs are encouraged to apply for financial aid for FY 2023-24. These resources are allocated specifically for direct educational expenses and cannot be utilized for administrative costs. Eligible programs must be available to all students in grades 9-12, encompassing public, private, and homeschooled students who receive driver education instruction. Applications will be accepted through Oct. 18. For more information, contact Carmen Hall at chall@volusia.org.

Library Services: Starting in October, three branches of the Volusia County Public Library and their S.T.E.M. van will collaborate with the City of Daytona Beach to conduct outreach sessions at the Schnelby Recreation Center throughout the academic year. These sessions will include the Florida Sunshine State Reader Elementary Book Club, S.T.R.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Reading, Engineering, Art, Math) workshops, and stories for K-5 students, featuring library staff from the Daytona Beach Regional Library, Hope Place Public Library, John H. Dickerson Heritage Library, and Deltona Regional Library. For more information, contact Lucinda Colee at lcolee@volusia.org.
**Parks, Recreation & Culture:** DeBary Hall hosted a three-mile bike journey for ECHO Rangers on Sept. 30, during which participants pedaled their way to Gemini Springs Park via the Spring-to-Spring trail. ECHO Rangers events take place in various venues across the county, including parks, museums, historical landmarks, and libraries. The program is tailored for children in grades 1-5, with the activities usually occurring on weekends in September through May and lasting between one to three hours. Booking a spot for a program at least a week ahead of time is recommended. For more information, contact Tim Baylie at tbaylie@volusia.org.

**Resource Stewardship:** On Sept. 28, the Volusia ECHO program inaugurated the 2023-24 grant cycle with a mandatory workshop for prospective applicants seeking eligibility to apply. The workshop attracted representatives from 29 organizations. For more information, contact Nick Dunnam at ndunnam@volusia.org.

**EMERGENCY SERVICES**

**Emergency Medical Administration:** On Sept. 26, staff participated in a Trauma Quality Management meeting, a specialized subcommittee organized by the hospital to discuss trauma care and EMS hospital in-service. The next day, Sept. 27, division members attended the Fire Chiefs’ forum, a collaborative platform to discuss municipal transport and other significant EMS system topics with their partners. Concluding the week, on Sept. 28, representatives from the division attended the Neuroscience and Stroke session, an essential hospital subcommittee meeting concentrating on stroke care and EMS hospital in-service. For more information, contact Mark Wolcott at mwolcotti@volusia.org.

**Emergency Medical Services:** On Sept. 28, at Imagination Station Preschool in Port Orange, the division provided an ambulance for the "Touch-a-Truck" event and engaged with the children about the features of it. Additionally, staff members concluded quarterly in-service training sessions and participated in the American Heart Association’s Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support and Basic Life Support courses. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at kcaptain@volusia.org.

**GROWTH & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT**

**Environmental Management:** The Lyonia Environmental Center (LEC) launched its 2023-24 Homeschool Programs with an engaging Seine Netting and Estuarine Exploration at Spruce Creek Park in partnership with Volusia County Schools. Additionally, the LEC hosted John Serrao, a wildlife author and photographer, who captivated attendees with his presentation on "Florida’s Iconic Wildlife." The event received a remarkable public response. Moreover, in collaboration with Amazon staff, the Green Volusia Volunteers embarked on an educational hike and trail cleanup at the Wiregrass Prairie Preserve. For more information, contact Tom Carey at tcarey@volusia.org.
PUBLIC WORKS

**Coastal:** On Sept. 21, Division Director Jessica Fentress presented to the Bellaire Community Group, sharing updates on the recovery initiatives following the 2022 hurricane season. Additionally, she has been invited to present at the 2023 Florida Resilience Conference. At this event, she will discuss the County’s deployment of the TrapBag system, collaboration with the Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND), and the immediate actions the County undertook in response to the coastal damages caused by the 2022 hurricane season.

County staff met with the United States Army Corp of Engineers (USACE) on Sept. 25 to discuss initial plans for a beneficial use sand placement operation that could place dredged sand material directly on the beach as part of a USACE inlet dredging operation. Staff also presented to the Port Orange City Council on Sept. 19 and received approval from the City to begin permitting a future dredging project at the FEC Railroad causeway in Spruce Creek. Trades Workers completed the windows and trim painting at the Mary McLeod Bethune Park restroom building in New Smyrna Beach.

The County’s Trap Bag installation crews continued their efforts in both the unincorporated and incorporated areas of New Smyrna Beach and Daytona Beach Shores. As of Sept. 28, approximately 33,406 linear feet of TrapBags have been installed. The debris removal crews have completed their efforts at all properties that have provided an easement to Volusia County. In total, 12,423 cubic yards of debris have been removed from the beach.

A total of 32 beach accesses remain closed. For more information, contact Jessica Fentress at jfentress@volusia.org.

**Engineering & Construction:** Construction continues for a new parking lot at the former elections building site on Florida Avenue in DeLand, across from the TCK Administration Center. The underground storm system has been successfully installed, and tree removal has been completed. Milling and resurfacing operations are set to commence the week of Oct. 2. Phase I, covering the eastern section of the parking lot, is slated to start the week of Oct. 9. Meanwhile, Phase II, which focuses on the western area, is scheduled for the subsequent week. For more information, contact Tadd Kasbeer at tkasbeer@volusia.org.

**Solid Waste:** The division is organizing a complimentary household hazardous materials collection event from 8 a.m. to noon on Oct. 14 at DeBary City Hall. A one-way system will be used to facilitate a smooth traffic flow, and residents must remain in their vehicles. Acceptable items for drop-off include old paint, solvents, car and household batteries, pool chemicals, pesticides, motor oil, gasoline, other domestic chemicals, and a maximum of 10 fluorescent lamps. For more information, contact Regina Montgomery at rmontgomery@volusia.org.

**Traffic Engineering:** Staff inspected a new Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) pedestrian crossing at Edwin W. Peck Sr. Park in Daytona Beach Shores. This system integrates overhead illumination with in-pavement lighting to enhance visibility at the crosswalk. Activated on Sept. 20, the RRFB is now overseen and maintained by the County’s Traffic Signal team. This crossing enhancement will facilitate pedestrian safety, offering seamless access to Edwin W. Peck Sr. Park. For more information, contact Jay Williams at jwilliams@volusia.org.