AVIATION & ECONOMIC RESOURCES

**Air Service, Marketing, Customer Experience:** The airport has launched a new 30-second commercial, now being broadcast on ESPN+ throughout all televised Stetson Athletics events.

**Operations:** On Sept. 20, staff will conduct an exclusive tour of the airport’s Automated Surface Observation System for the Meteorology Club at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. Additionally, on Sept. 23, staff will collaborate with Sheltair to host the "Girls and Aviation Day" event. Interested individuals can secure their reservations for this gathering via Eventbrite.

**Projects & Facilities:** The security system upgrade project is progressing. Currently, workers are running electrical conduit for power, cameras and doors and installing drywall and for the new combined Airport Control and AOC area. For more information, contact Joanne Magley at jmagley@flydab.org.

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OCEAN CENTER

**Events:** Palmer College will host a private graduation ceremony on Sept. 22. Ace Gymnastics moves into the arena on Sept. 22 for its tournament, which will take place the following two days. The event expects to generate 1,500 attendees and 300 room nights. For more information, contact Tim Buckley at tbuckley@volusia.org.

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COMMUNITY SERVICES

**Library Services:** On Sept. 12, the Hope Place Public Library welcomed 18 special needs students from Seabreeze High School for an enriching field trip. The visit was so successful that the students will return monthly to engage in various library activities tailored to their interests. Additionally, a second cohort of 19 young adults from Seabreeze High School is scheduled to begin monthly visits to the library, where they will take advantage of Hope Place Library’s array of services. For more information, contact Lucinda Colee at llcolee@volusia.org.

**Parks, Recreation & Culture:** On Sept. 15, DeBary Hall transformed its stable into a lively hub for families, hosting a story time session. While the event, enriched with tales, melodies, and crafts, was tailored for preschoolers, it welcomed children of all ages. The Early Learning Coalition generously provided attendees with complimentary books, craft supplies, and other valuable resources. For more information, contact Tim Baylie at tbaylie@volusia.org.

**Resource Stewardship:** The UF/IFAS Extension team organized a 4-H Awards Night to celebrate young community members’ hard work and accomplishments. During the ceremony, three individuals were honored with Spirit of 4-H awards for their exceptional dedication to the program. One student received a $4,000 college scholarship to support their future education. Moreover, six youths were
acknowledged for their skill and care in managing livestock, receiving showmanship buckles as a token of recognition for their efforts throughout the year.

The Land Management team successfully executed a two-week scrub restoration initiative at Lyonia Preserve. This endeavor is a component of the County’s long-term strategy to sustain and enhance the scrub ecosystem, which serves as a vital habitat for native species such as scrub jays and gopher tortoises, among other fauna that flourish in these arid conditions. For more information, contact Nick Dunnam at ndunnam@volusia.org.

**EMERGENCY SERVICES**

*Emergency Management:* Emergency Management Planner Yolanda Buckles was deployed to Hamilton County from Sept. 2- 9 to aid in the region's recovery efforts following the devastation caused by Hurricane Idalia. For more information, contact Clint Mecham at cmecham@volusia.org.

*Fire Rescue:* The division is nearing the completion of a comprehensive upgrade of all Mobile Data Terminals in emergency vehicles. This modernization effort will improve the division's real-time data collection capacity to optimize emergency response capabilities. For more information, contact Chief Joe King at jwking@volusia.org.

**PUBLIC PROTECTION**

*Animal Services:* On Sept. 13, Animal Services opened its doors to the community for a special open house event. This occasion afforded residents the opportunity to explore the facility and meet the division’s newly appointed director, Angela Miedema.

Director Miedema was featured on the Sept. 15 Volusia Today radio program, providing insights into the division’s wide range of programs and services. On the same day, Director Miedema and Field Supervisor Alicia Dease engaged in a collaborative meeting with the Volusia County Health Department. The focus of the discussion was to streamline and enhance services related to rabies testing as part of the ongoing commitment to public health and animal welfare. For more information, contact Angela Miedema at amiedema@volusia.org.

**PUBLIC WORKS**

*Coastal:* The County’s TrapBag installation crews have advanced their work throughout both unincorporated and incorporated areas of New Smyrna Beach. As of Sept. 12, they’ve successfully installed approximately 32,806 linear feet of TrapBags. Concurrently, the debris removal teams have finalized their tasks at all the properties that granted an easement to the County, resulting in a total clearance of 12,423 cubic yards of debris from the beach.

Tradesworkers have completed repairs on the 17th Avenue walkover in New Smyrna Beach, making it accessible to the public once again. Thirty-two beach accesses currently remain closed. For more information, contact Jessica Fentress at jfentress@volusia.org.
**Engineering & Construction:** Construction activities for adding turn lanes on Graves Avenue in Orange City, as well as other safety enhancements, were completed last week. For more information, contact Tadd Kasbeer at tkasbeer@volusia.org.

**Solid Waste:** The compliance officers within the division continuously monitor and investigate instances of illegal dumping throughout the county. Since Jan. 1, these officers have identified and safely removed 1,969 unlawfully discarded tires. These tires have been responsibly disposed of at the Tomoka Farms Road Landfill. For more information, contact Regina Montgomery at rmontgomery@volusia.org.

**Traffic Engineering:** The division is currently reviewing a Traffic Impact Analysis for Phases 4 and 5 of the Meadowlea Village development in DeLand. These upcoming phases would introduce an additional 103 mobile home lots to the community, bringing the total number to 360. For more information, contact Jay Williams at jiwilliams@volusia.org.