

## Volusia County Government Activities April 16 – 22, 2022

### COMMUNITY SERVICES

**Community Assistance:** The Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) program has leftover funding available to assist households that have experienced a financial hardship during the COVID-19 pandemic. Eligible households may receive up to nine months of rental and utility arrears and three months of forward assistance. Applications will be accepted continuously beginning 9 a.m. on May 4. The ERA application portal will remain open until the current funding has been depleted. During that time, county residents may submit an application online at [www.volusia.org/era](http://www.volusia.org/era). Navigators will be available during normal business hours at each of the libraries as well as the ERA office in DeLand to assist applicants with completing the application. For more information, please contact Carmen Hall, Community Assistance Division Director at (386) 736-5955 or [chall@volusia.org](mailto:chall@volusia.org).

### COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE

**Community Information:** Staff promoted the ERA portal reopening with a news release, social media posts and a flyer. Marketing and production staff collaborated with Parks, Recreation and Culture with coordinating efforts for the Florida Trails Summit held at DeBary Hall on April 21 and 22. Staff is designing an Art in Public Places booklet for the Daytona Beach International Airport, as well as completing the final updates of the summer activity booklet for the library system. Staff facilitated a monthly update conference call with our Public Information Network (PIN). For more information, contact Kevin Captain at [kcaptain@volusia.org](mailto:kcaptain@volusia.org).

### FINANCE

**Information Technology:** The ZOLL system used by Emergency Medical Services has undergone a significant upgrade, including enhancements to the ZOLL billing system. This upgrade involved the installation of new software on the 70 field computers used in County ambulances. This upgrade was performed without service disruption. For more information, contact Brian Whiting at [BWhiting@volusia.gov](mailto:BWhiting@volusia.gov).

### GROWTH & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

**Environmental Management:** Manatee Protection Program (MPP) staff are attending the Indian River Lagoon Symposium on April 21-22. This symposium educates attendees on current research and status of habitat and wildlife in the lagoon. They are also creating a recorded version of the Manatee Watch training presentation in order to virtually train volunteers on a regular basis, in addition to the annual in-person training classes. MPP staff also participated in the filming of a short Community Information segment at Doris Leeper Spruce Creek Preserve, and will participate in another, highlighting Ponce Inlet, in May. On May 5-6, Environmental Management staff will participate in the Partnership for the Goals: *Creating a Resilient & Thriving Community Summit* hosted by the Regional Resilience Collaborative, Central Florida Foundation, Orange County, City of Orlando, Florida for Good and the UCF Center for Global Economic and Environmental Opportunity in partnership with the Brookings Institution. This is intended as an opportunity for regional stakeholders to communicate to spur action, partnership and collaboration across the eight-county region in a new way. Please contact Ginger Adair at [gadair@volusia.org](mailto:gadair@volusia.org) if you have any questions.

### OCEAN CENTER

**Events:** Florida Key Club wraps up their four-day conference and Florida Water Resources kicks off their four-day conference today, April 24; both are private events. Wrestle Daytona, a toy show and live-action wrestling event open to the public will take place April 24. The Harlem Globetrotters bring their Spread Game Tour to the arena Wednesday, April 27. Tickets are still available at <https://www.harlemglobetrotters.com/world-tour/schedule/>. The ECHO Gallery Committee meets April 28. A Hot Tub Swim and Spa Expo will take place in the arena on April 29 – May 1. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Tim Riddle at [triddle@volusia.org](mailto:triddle@volusia.org).



## **PUBLIC PROTECTION**

**Emergency Management:** The EOC will be holding Citizens Information Center supervisors training on April 21. For more information, contact Interim Division Director James Judge, (386) 254-1500.

**Emergency Medical Administration:** EMA met with stakeholders from Deltona, Holly Hill, Daytona Beach, Volusia EMS, and the Volusia Sheriff's communications center on April 18 to further discuss the protocol for basic life support transport units. For more information, contact Division Director Mark Wolcott, (386) 561-8087.

**Emergency Medical Services:** EMS will be training EMTs on Pediatric Emergency Assessment Recognition and Stabilization to be able to establish IVs in the presence of a paramedic. For more information, contact Division Director Michael Colman, (386) 236-3511.

**Fire Rescue:** Over the past week and continuing over the next month, James Rowan (a leadership educator and consultant) is conducting leadership training and interviews with VCFR staff to highlight barriers and promote areas of growth among our personnel. For more information, contact Fire Chief Howard Bailey, (386) 736-5940 ext. 12918.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

**Coastal:** The Coastal Division increased levels of service for Easter Sunday, which included port-o-lets for Mary McLeod Bethune Beach Park, janitorial porters, and the early opening of restrooms for sunrise services across Coastal Parks. The Volusia Sheriff's Office also provided support at Mary McLeod Bethune and Sun Splash Beach Parks. For more information, contact Jessica Fentress at (386) 248-8072, ext. 20356.

**Engineering & Construction:** The contractor for the Howland Boulevard widening project will be completing the storm drainage system and pond sodding in the next few weeks; roadway and curb construction will continue. For more information, contact Tadd Kasbeer at (386) 736-5967, ext. 15846.

**Mosquito Control:** Mosquito Control staff presented at the Lee County Mosquito Control Aerial Workshop on preparing and designing aerial operations in Volusia County. Staff also attended training sessions on aerial application equipment and methods, learned new technologies for program improvements, and received continuing educational units for license renewals. For more information, contact Marcus McDonough at (386) 424-2920, ext. 20272.

**Road & Bridge:** A pre-construction meeting was recently held with the City of DeLand to discuss the upcoming project to pave several dirt roads within the Spring Hill Community Redevelopment Area. The project was authorized through an interlocal agreement approved by Council on Nov. 2, 2021. For more information, contact Lori Koontz at (386) 822-6422, ext. 20455.

**Solid Waste:** Solid Waste Management Compliance Officers routinely conduct secured load inspections on vehicles transporting solid waste to minimize windblown litter. On April 13, officers conducted 41 inspections, issuing eight verbal and two written warnings. For more information, contact Regina Montgomery at (386) 947-2952, ext. 21347.

**Traffic Engineering:** Traffic Engineering signal staff installed crosswalk street lighting at several locations near elementary schools in Volusia County. These locations included Doyle Road and Main Street (Enterprise), Doyle Road and Enterprise Road (Enterprise/Deltona), and Blue Lake Avenue and Taylor Road (DeLand). For more information, contact Jon Cheney at (386) 736-5968, ext. 12709.

**Water Resources and Utilities:** County and City of Deltona utilities staff are currently discussing potential joint wastewater treatment and reclaimed water project opportunities to benefit state environmental water quality goals for both Volusia Blue and Gemini Springs. Cooperative local utility infrastructure planning and project implementation remain key strategies for ensuring cost effective and sustainable operations in view of regional population growth, economic prosperity goals, and protection of the area's natural resources. For more information, contact Mike Ulrich at (386) 943-7027, ext. 12724.