

Volusia County Government Activities April 30 – May 6, 2022

AVIATION & ECONOMIC RESOURCES

Daytona Beach International Airport

Air Service, Marketing, Customer Experience – Staff will participate in an interactive tourism workshop at the National Travel and Tourism event at the Brannon Center in New Smyrna Beach. On May 8, staff and volunteers will offer flowers to passengers in celebration of Mothers' Day. For more information, contact Joanne Magley at jmagley@volusia.org.

Operations - Commemorative Air Force is holding an event at Yelvington Jet Center May 11 - 15. This includes static displays of wartime aircraft and B-29 rides and more. This event is not sponsored by DAB. Here is a link for more information: <https://www.airpowersquadron.org/daytona-beach-fl>.

Economic Development: On May 10, Economic Development Director Helga van Eckert provide a presentation to the Kiwanis Club of Daytona Beach at the Halifax River Yacht Club. Ms. van Eckert will also participate at the National Travel and Tourism event at the Brannon Center in New Smyrna Beach. For more information, contact Joanne Magley at jmagley@volusia.org.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Resource Stewardship: Land management, working with Explore Volusia volunteers, completed six miles of trail marking at Deep Creek Preserve. The ECHO 2022 spring grant cycle closed on April 28. Seven applications were submitted with a total grant request of \$3,361,443. ECHO staff will conduct a final completeness review and provide staff comments and recommendations to the applicant and ECHO Advisory Committee prior to the May 26 eligibility meeting. For more information, contact Brad Burbaugh at bburbaugh@volusia.org.

COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE

Community Information: Staff filmed at Animal Services' community outreach, "Meet the Pack" event on May 6, at Barkley Square Dog Park in DeLand for an upcoming video story. Staff coordinated with Volusia County EMS on a local media request that entailed considerable research identifying what VCEMS has done the last five years toward its staffing challenges. The lengthy response was also shared on social media. Staff are collaborating with Aqua, the County's third-party marketing team, with search engine marketing and optimization for an upcoming social media recruitment campaign for the Corrections Division. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at kcaptain@volusia.org.

GROWTH & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Environmental Management: Sea Turtle Nesting season officially started May 1, although five nests were laid prior to May 1. As of May 3, there are a total of 23 nests including six Leatherback nests and 17 Loggerhead nests. This season the Sea Turtle Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) staff, in conjunction with the Volusia Turtle Patrol and New Smyrna Beach Turtle Trackers, have implemented a new digital data collection system. The volunteers enter real time data with the use of tablets and sub-meter accurate GPS units during the early morning surveys. This will save County staff time as the old method of hand entering data and going back out to the nest locations to obtain a GPS point after the morning survey will no longer be necessary. The GIS department has created a real-time dashboard so all data is readily available for staff viewing, immediately upon field data collection. The dashboard information includes nest counts by species, maps showing nest locations and photos of each nest. Manatee Protection Program staff have developed a virtual Manatee Watch training presentation to train volunteers throughout the year on how to report manatee sightings, including using scar patterns and photos to help identify individual animals. This has been well received and to date, staff has virtually trained approximately 20 volunteers, in addition to the classroom trainings conducted earlier this year. In total, 112 volunteers have provided a record number of sighting reports this year! For more information contact Ginger Adair at gadair@volusia.org.

OCEAN CENTER

Events: Graduation season has begun! Embry-Riddle Graduation takes place May 9, with 4,000 attendees expected, and Daytona State College Graduation takes place May 12, with 3,200 attendees expected. One Voice for Volusia's Health and Human Services Summit takes place May 11. Southern Stone Communications' WNDB (AM) will broadcast their morning radio program live from the event. Five-hundred attendees are expected. The event is free and open to the public; more information is available at <https://onevoiceforvolusia.org/event/2022-health-and-human-services-summit/>. Joseph Volleyball Academy's FC Power League Championships takes place May 14 and 15 in the arena and exhibit hall, with an estimated 6,400 attendees and 2,750 room nights. Fellowship of Christian Athletes will host 400 attendees at their Victory Dinner in the ballroom on May 14.



On May 15, FlyKicksOnly Sneaker Expo takes over the ballroom with an estimated attendance of 500. The event is open to the public and tickets start at \$15; more information is available at <https://bit.ly/3w7FOBc>. For more information, contact Tim Riddle at triddle@volusia.org.

PUBLIC PROTECTION

Animal Services: On May 6, Animal Control Officers attended the second "*Meet the Pack*" event, which was held at Lighthouse Point Park and Barkley Square. This is an opportunity for citizens to get to know the officers who serve the community, ask them questions, talk about our animal welfare programs and services as well as the laws that the officers enforce pertaining to animal cruelty and neglect. For more information, contact Division Director Adam Leath, (386) 822-3506.

Emergency Management: The Emergency Operations Center (EOC) hosted the Volusia FEMA Disaster Assistance Training on May 2. The EOC will host the Region 5 Integrated Preparedness Planning Workshop on May 5. Emergency Management conducted a hurricane preparedness presentation at Westminster Canterbury on May 3. A second hurricane presentation is scheduled for May 6 at the Villa Grand on Saxon. For more information, contact Interim Division Director James Judge, (386) 254-1500.

Emergency Medical Services: EMS welcomes five full-time EMTs, three full-time PMs, one intermittent ambulance service technician, one intermittent paramedic and one intermittent EMT to the new hire orientation which started on May 2. For more information, contact Division Director Michael Colman, (386) 236-3511.

Fire Rescue: During the week of May 2, Volusia County Fire Rescue will be completing the last of the new hires for the position of firefighter. These new hires will complete the requirements for the SAFER grant and refill positions that are becoming vacant due to retirements. For more information, contact Fire Chief Howard Bailey, (386) 736-5940 ext. 12918.

PUBLIC WORKS

Coastal: Volusia County Coastal staff collaborated virtually with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency at the South Atlantic Strategy for Trash Free Waters Workshop. The collaboration event connected leaders and project champions in Florida and Georgia working to reduce trash in waterways. For more information, contact Jessica Fentress at (386) 248-8072, ext. 20356.

Engineering & Construction: The 10th Street widening project is wrapping up with final thermoplastic striping and concrete repairs, along with the installation of a lift station for the Utilities Commission of New Smyrna Beach. A final walk-through was scheduled for May 5. For more information, contact Tadd Kasbeer at (386) 736-5967, ext. 15846.

Road & Bridge: Notice to proceed was issued for the Ariel Canal Water Quality Improvement Project and work is underway with the installation of silt fencing. The project is located in River Breeze Park in the Oak Hill area and is identified within the Mosquito Lagoon Reasonable Assurance Plan that will contribute to the reduction of nutrient loading into the Mosquito Lagoon. For more information, contact Lori Koontz at [386\) 822-6422, ext. 20455](tel:386-822-6422).

Solid Waste: FCC Environmental Services will conduct a scheduled community bulky item cleanup in the northwest quadrant of the unincorporated county on May 21. The company will collect up to four bulk items from unincorporated residential households in this area and will begin notifying residents the week of May 9. For more information, contact Regina Montgomery at (386) 947-2952, ext. 21347.

Traffic Engineering: In late April, the Traffic Engineering team and City of Daytona Beach Planning staff met to discuss transportation network planning needs in several parts of largely undeveloped sections in the city that only abuts county thoroughfare roads. The city is supportive of the county's requests for developers to interconnect and construct developer or local streets in an effort to protect the county's investment in thoroughfare roads and alleviate congestion. For more information, contact Jon Cheney at (386) 736-5968, ext. 12709.

Water Resources and Utilities: During the first seven months of FY 2021-22, a total of 3,069 water and sewer locates have been performed by field operations technicians. When compared with the prior year total of 2,633, the 16.6 percent increase in utility locate activity denotes the significant rise in new construction and fiber optic installation throughout the area. For more information, contact Mike Ulrich at (386) 943-7027, ext. 12724.