

Volusia County Government Activities April 9 – 15, 2022

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Community Assistance: Contingency grant funds are available through the Children and Families Advisory Board for fiscal year 2022-23 programs in Volusia County that serve children and the community. Programs that serve the community and do not fit within the following categories are eligible to apply: services for persons with disabilities, services for seniors, youth development services (kindergarten through high school graduation), basic needs services, and family support services. New applicants not currently receiving contingency funding must schedule and attend a training meeting by April 29. Applications will be available on www.volusia.org/cfab by April 22. Applications will be accepted until 4 p.m. on May 13. To request additional information, contact Carmen Hall, Community Assistance Director, at chall@volusia.org.

Parks, Recreation and Culture: The Office and Greenways and Trails Foundation and the Florida Department of Transportation will be holding a summit on trails on April 21-22 at the DeBary Hall Mansion; an invitation-only event that will showcase statewide initiatives that support trails for transportation. Jared Purdue, Secretary of FDOT, will be the keynote speaker. Various trail leaders from around Florida and the nation will also be presenting. There will be a bike ride offered on the Coast to Coast Trail and the St. Johns River to Sea Loop 8:30 a.m. to noon April 21 and 1 to 5 p.m. April 22.

Resource Stewardship: The Volusia Forever Program is currently accepting nominations from willing sellers until May 15. Interested individuals can learn more about the program/process and access the application at <https://www.volusia.org/forever> UF/IFAS Extension is happy to announce two seasoned educators, Carolyn Kovacs (R) as the Sea Grant Agent and Chelsea Woodard (L) as the 4-H Youth Development Agent, have joined the local team and look forward to serving our residents. For more information, contact Brad Burbaugh at bburbaugh@volusia.org.



Votran: As part of the marketing campaigns and marketing efforts to encourage ridership, Votran will have four signs in various locations at Tanger Outlets promoting Votran's Route 11B for work or play/night or day to get you there. The signs include a QR code that links to a short questionnaire. Additionally, Votran will be offering free rides on the Fixed and Flex routes on April 22 to celebrate Earth Day. The goal is to encourage Volusia County citizens and visitors to try transit to save money and save the environment. Thursday Votran's Customer Service staff will be participating in a Transportation Safety Fair at PACE Center for Girls and a FACT Fair (Families and Communities Together) at New Smyrna Beach High School. For more information, contact Kelvin Miller at kmiller@volusia.org.

COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE

Community Information: Staff is providing marketing services for Votran, highlighting the upcoming free rides on Earth Day, April 22. Increased efforts with social media continue, particularly with the Instagram platform. Production staff continue the undertaking of video recording the County's weekly radio program and carving out snippets for social media. Staff is coordinating with Parks, Recreation and Culture for the upcoming trail summit in DeBary. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at kcaptain@volusia.org.

GROWTH & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Environmental Management: On April 9, the MSC hosted the 18th annual Turtle Day event. The event featured educational programs, environmental vendors, and activities for kids, music, food, and the release of three green sea turtles. Over 3,900 people visited the center for the event and over 1,000 attended the sea turtle release. Donations were collected at the event entrance and \$582 was raised to support the MSC. Water quality staff performed routine sampling on the Indian River Lagoon as well as three of its tributaries - Turnbull Creek, Edgewater Canal, and Gabordy Canal. None of the samples indicated an algae bloom although the lagoon itself had a greenish color appearance. Please contact Ginger Adair at gadair@volusia.org if you have any questions.

OCEAN CENTER

Events: On April 20, Volusia County Schools will host their Spring Instructional Job Fair in the ballroom with 300 attendees expected. The Florida Key Club's 84th Annual Conference takes over the building April 21 - 24. The event will bring together over 900 high school students, along with chaperones, and generate an estimated 1,100 room nights. Florida Water Resources kicks off their four-day conference on April 24, utilizing the exhibit hall, as well the first and second floor meeting rooms. Three thousand attendees are expected, generating an approximate 1,900 room nights. Local business Pop Vapor Toys will host Wrestle Daytona in the ballroom April 24. The toy show and live-action wrestling event is expected to attract up to 1,000 attendees. For more information, contact Tim Riddle at triddle@volusia.org.

PUBLIC PROTECTION

Animal Services: April 11 marked the beginning of National Animal Control Officer Appreciation Week. For more information, contact Division Director Adam Leath, (386) 822-3506.

Emergency Management: Hurricane presentations have started. Emergency Management hosted the Hazmat IC Training on Monday, April 11 and 12. For more information, contact Interim Division Director Jim Judge, (386) 254-1500.

Emergency Medical Administration: An evaluation of expanded nurse triage program is under discussion, including the expansion of the alternative transportation program. Changes are anticipated to gain efficiencies in the emergency medical services transport system by appropriately diverting low acuity incidents to these programs. For more information, contact Division Director Mark Wolcott, (386) 561-8087.

Fire Rescue: On April 22, VCFR is scheduled to receive its first ambulance. Final Inspections of the ambulance were completed a few weeks ago and the ambulance is in the process of being shipped to Florida. For more information, contact Fire Chief Howard Bailey, (386) 736-5940 ext. 12918.

PUBLIC WORKS

Coastal: The Coastal Division coordinated the painting of restrooms at Sun Splash Park in Daytona Beach. Port-O-Lets were provided for public use while the work was completed. For more information, contact Jessica Fentress at (386) 248-8072, ext. 20356.

Engineering & Construction: The contractor continues de-watering efforts at the Highbridge boat ramp. Completion of the forms for the accessory dock and concrete placement are tentatively scheduled for April 22. Floating dock and pile delivery is anticipated late May to early June. For more information, contact Tadd Kasbeer at (386) 736-5967, ext. 15846.

Mosquito Control: Mosquito Control participated in the annual Turtle Day festival at the Marine Science Center on Saturday, April 9. A display table was set up with educational pamphlets, mosquito fish, live mosquitoes, and coloring activities for kids. Staff was on site to answer questions about mosquito control services to residents. For more information, contact Marcus McDonough at (386) 424-2920, ext. 20272.



Road & Bridge: Several stormwater drainage pipes under South Clyde Morris Boulevard are in the process of being rehabilitated to extend their longevity. The pipe lining project is being performed south of Dunlawton Boulevard in Port Orange. For more information, contact Lori Koontz at (386) 822-6422, ext. 20455.

Solid Waste: Solid Waste Division team members will be staffing a recycling/anti-litter education table at the St. Johns River Cleanup on April 23, providing information how to recycle right, information about the Adopt A Road and Keep Volusia Beautiful programs, and giveaway items. For more information, contact Regina Montgomery at (386) 947-2952, ext. 21347.

Water Resources and Utilities: As part of the ongoing efforts to address long-term regional water supply needs in West Volusia, county utilities staff is working in cooperation with the cities of DeLand, Deltona, and Orange City to prepare a coordinated water supply plan and compliance strategy for the Blue Spring watershed. An interlocal agreement to participate with the three cities in the development of the water supply plan is scheduled for County Council consideration on April 19. For more information, contact Mike Ulrich at (386) 943-7027, ext. 12724.