

Volusia County Government Activities August 13 - 19, 2022

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Community Assistance: Community Assistance is accepting applications for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Countywide program for FY 2022-23. The county anticipates \$139,627 being available on a competitive basis to Volusia County nonprofit organizations and local cities that do not receive a direct annual allocation of JAG funding. Eligible federal purpose areas include law enforcement; prosecution and court; prevention and education; corrections and community corrections; drug treatment and enforcement; planning, evaluation and technology improvement; crime victim and witness programs; and mental health and related law enforcement and corrections programs. Applications will be accepted through Sept. 9. To request additional information, contact Community Assistance Director Carmen Hall, at chall@volusia.org.

COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE

Community Information: Staff attended the unveiling ceremony of the Mary McLeod Bethune bronze statue in Daytona Beach on Aug. 18. Photographs were taken and a special video that included unique drone footage was created and posted on the County's social media platforms. Preparation efforts are underway for the upcoming ribbon cutting for the Chuck Lennon Hiking Trail on Aug. 27. Staff coordinated with the Coastal Division on the reef deployment, being carried out with the County, the Coastal Conservation Association, Shell USA and OUC. Staff interviewed Supervisor of Elections Lisa Lewis on the County's radio program; a video carve out was posted on Facebook. Production staff assisted the Economic Development Division with the "Q" meeting held on Aug. 19 in the McGee room at Daytona Beach International Airport. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at kcaptain@volusia.org.

FINANCE

Information Technology: Improvements have been made to the sea turtle dashboard, providing more information about the sea turtle nesting season. The latest version of the application is also more responsive to different screen sizes, making information easier to navigate on mobile phones. The Geographic Information Systems team has implemented new Image Server software, providing a new set of tools for using aerial, drone and satellite photography. New workflows have been implemented to allow users to capture images using a drone and integrate these images with other GIS datasets. Developed a new web-based form allowing municipalities to coordinate with the Property Appraiser's Office on proposed annexations. This will help eliminate situations where cities and the County coordinate on an annexation, only to find that the proposal doesn't meet the Appraiser's requirements. For more information, contact Brian Whiting at bwhiting@volusia.org.

GROWTH & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Administration: The second public workshop to discuss the results of the 2022 impact fee study was held on Aug. 17. For more information, contact Clay Ervin at cervin@volusia.org.

Environmental Management: The Sea Turtle Program continues to monitor a record number of sea turtle nests laid on County beaches this year. The total nest count is up to 1,396. The dashboard at www.volusiaseaturtles.org has been updated to show the numbers of nests that have been evaluated and a total hatched egg count that is updated as survey crews enter data. The hatched egg count is over 42,000 to date. There have been 50 sea turtle nest disorientation events this season. Two properties have been referred to the Code Enforcement Board and will have hearings to impose fines, if not found in compliance. Over 70 other properties are in some stage of the compliance and enforcement process, with many reaching voluntarily compliance. Washback Season officially started on Aug. 1. Fresh seaweed has been washing onto our beaches almost daily. While no washback sea turtles have been recovered yet, Beach Safety and Watchback Watcher Volunteers are conducting surveys as needed prior to beach opening to public drivers. For more information contact Ginger Adair at gadair@volusia.org.



PUBLIC PROTECTION

Animal Services: Clinic HQ went live for Volusia County citizens on Aug. 10; this system allows citizens to schedule spay, neuter and wellness appointments online. For more information, contact Division Director Adam Leath, 386-822-3506.

Emergency Management: Deputy Director Tom Cisco attended and collaborated with Emergency Management Partners at the Regional Local Emergency Planning Committee Meeting on Aug. 19 in Seminole County. For more information please, contact Interim Division Director James Judge, (386) 254-1500.

Emergency Medical Administration: Following internal discussions and in addition to testing a new software platform, Emergency Medical Administration (EMA) is now assisting Information Technology in preparing for the necessary upgrade of ZOLL electronic patient care reporting software. EMA staff met with staff from EMS to discuss areas of improvement that they have identified in the ZOLL electronic patient care reporting software. EMA will be meeting with county staff to develop the scope of work for an RFP involving three applications for ground ambulance transport certificate of public convenience and necessity and one air ambulance transport certificate of public convenience and necessity. For more information, contact Division Director Mark Wolcott, (386) 561-8087.

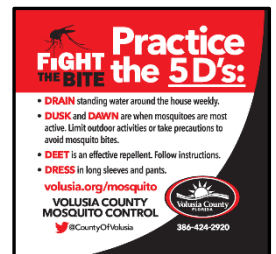
Emergency Medical Services: On Aug. 16, the Daytona State College Paramedic Graduation Ceremony was held at the News-Journal Center and the new hire class will begin on Aug. 22. For more information, contact Division Director Michael Colman, (386) 236-3511.

Fire Rescue: Volusia County Fire Rescue staff attended the second public hearing on Aug. 17 for the proposed update to the Impact Fee schedule that will be going before council in Sept. 2022. Fire representatives were on site during the meeting to answer specific questions pertaining to the Fire Impact Fee updates. For more information, contact Interim Fire Chief Joe King, (386) 736-5940 ext. 12918.

PUBLIC WORKS

Coastal: Replacement of the two eastern most pavilions at the Mary McLeod Bethune Beach Park are nearing completion. The pavilions are scheduled to reopen for public use on Aug 19. For more information, contact Jessica Fentress at (386) 248-8072, ext. 20356.

Mosquito Control: Mosquito Control is continuing to respond to an increase in sentinel chicken arbovirus activity of West Nile virus. Sentinel chickens are used to monitor mosquito-borne virus activity of endemic arboviruses and do not become sick, nor can they spread the virus to other mosquitoes. Additional surveillance through mosquito trapping is being conducted to monitor Culex mosquito populations and pool mosquitoes for virus testing. Treatments are being scheduled based upon surveillance data. Mosquito Control is reminding the public through social media to practice the "5D's" to protect themselves from mosquitoes. For more information, contact Marcus McDonough at (386) 424-2920, ext. 20272.



Road & Bridge: Striping crews completed a re-striping project involving the Main Street Bridge and its approaches. The work extended from Ballough Road to Halifax Avenue in Daytona Beach. For more information, contact Lori Koontz at (386) 822-6422, ext. 20455.

Solid Waste: The Volusia County Adopt a Road Program is a litter reduction campaign designed to remove litter and debris from Volusia County roads to keep Volusia County beautiful. During July, five groups conducted clean ups utilizing 35 volunteers and removed 460 pounds of litter from county roadways. For more information, contact Regina Montgomery at (386) 947-2952, ext. 21347.

Water Resources and Utilities: Utilities staff finalized terms and conditions of a master utility services agreement for Lighthouse Cove subdivision phases 1A, 1C, and 1D in the county's southeast service area. The agreement provides for water and wastewater services for up to 151 residential lots. Consideration of the agreement is scheduled for the Sept. 6 County Council meeting. For additional information, please contact Water Resources and Utilities Director Mike Ulrich at (386) 943-7027, ext. 12724.