

Volusia County Government Activities August 20 - 26, 2022

AVIATION & ECONOMIC RESOURCES

Airport—Air Service, Marketing, Customer Experience: Voting ends Friday, Sept. 2 for the airport's "Wish You Were Here" summer postcard contest. Residents and visitors were encouraged to submit postcard-worthy photos from their visit in Volusia County, for a chance for those images to be used in postcards currently offered complimentary at DAB. Vote here: <https://www.flydaytonafirst.com/>

Operations: Staff prepared for the increase private jet parking on airport property due to the Coke Zero 400 NASCAR race, which included extra operations agents during peak times (race driver/teams arrivals and departures).

Projects & Maintenance: The terminal emergency generator project is underway, with the contractor locating the underground utilities lines; some site work and grading will begin after Labor Day. The maintenance team prepared for the NASCAR race by keeping the terminal and grounds landscaped and maintained for an aesthetically pleasing and safe facility for the traveling public.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Resource Stewardship:

With assistance from the GIS team, Resource Stewardship has launched a new web page that highlights seven primitive campsites on five properties purchased and conserved with funds from the voter-approved Volusia Forever Program. Residents can view the campsite locations, access a photo of each site, and make online camping reservations by visiting: www.volusia.org/primitivecamping. To request additional information, contact Resource Stewardship Director Brad Burbaugh, at bburbaugh@volusia.org.

Community Assistance: Community Assistance is accepting applications to financially assist driver education safety programs in public and nonpublic schools in Volusia County. The funds shall be used for direct educational expenses and shall not be used for administration costs. The driver education program must be available to all public and nonpublic schools with students in grades 9-12 that offer driver education instruction programs. The driver education program must also be available to students in private school and students that are homeschooled in grades 9-12. Applications are being accepted for the upcoming year, October 1, 2022 – September 30, 2023. Applications will be accepted through September 2, 2022.

Community Assistance is accepting applications from agencies interested in becoming an approved Affordable Housing Partner (AHP). The homebuyer assistance program is implemented with the cooperation of agencies known as AHPs to assist income eligible first-time homebuyers in the purchase of a home by providing purchase assistance and closing costs. An AHP agency can be a non-profit entity, lender/broker, real estate company or builder. The AHP is the primary contact and liaison between Community Assistance and all vested parties involved in the purchase of the home. Applications must be submitted on behalf of an agency, not an individual. Applications are available at www.volusia.org/AHP and will be accepted through September 6, 2022.

The Volusia County Summer Camp Scholarship program concluded on August 5, 2022. The program provided scholarship vouchers to 732 school-aged children that attended summer camp at one of the 51 approved scholarship camp sites throughout the county. A total of \$267,944 was used to provide scholarships to income-qualified families that met the program criteria established by the Children and Families Advisory Board. To request additional information, contact Carmen Hall, Community Assistance Director, at chall@volusia.org.



COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE

Community Information:

Staff interviewed Halifax Health physician Dr. Scott Klioze on the Volusia Today radio program, who spoke about COVID and monkeypox. Production staff are in the process of creating the final show for Volusia Magazine to be aired in September on Daytona State College's WDSC-TV channel 15. Staff coordinated with Parks, Recreation and Culture for the Chuck Lennon Hiking Trail ribbon cutting on Aug. 27. Our graphic artist provided the final graphical products for Animal Services' new Pet Vet Cruiser. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at kcaptain@volusia.org.

GROWTH & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Environmental Management: The Water Quality Team performed monthly routine water sampling of DeLeon, Gemini, and Green Springs, as well as the central and northern St. Johns River. They were accompanied by staff from the St. Johns River Water Management District that were conducting a quality control audit. The Marine Science Center has been busy scheduling field trips for the school year. So far, 21 schools have booked field trips for this year for a variety of programs including squid dissections, beach eco-tours, and seine netting and fish identification activities. For more information contact Ginger Adair at gadair@volusia.org.

OCEAN CENTER

Events: The Ocean Center hosted two events Aug. 27: The American Bully Kennel Club Dog Show took place in the arena with an estimated 500 attendees, not including all the four-legged companions. The Fly Kicks Sneaker Expo took place in the ballroom with an estimated 500 attendees. For more information, contact Tim Riddle at triddle@volusia.org.

PUBLIC PROTECTION

Emergency Management: On Aug. 26, Tom Cisco will be facilitating a table-top exercise on the Stetson University campus. There will be a partial activation in the Operations Room for the Coke Zero Sugar 400 race on Aug. 27. For more information, contact Interim Division Director James Judge, (386) 254-1500.

Emergency Medical Administration: Discussion is planned with the City of Daytona Beach regarding Opticom and the operational use during emergency response. Opticom is intended to enhance emergency response through manipulation of traffic control devices (traffic lights) via the warning lights displayed on emergency vehicles. For more information, contact Division Director Mark Wolcott, (386) 561-8087. For more information, contact Division Director Mark Wolcott, (386) 561-8087.

Fire Rescue: Volusia County Fire Rescue is reading and gathering information on the newly released Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the 2022 Building Resilient Infrastructure Communities. This grant will allow VCFR, EMS and Emergency Management to possibly obtain funding for several buildings within the Red John and SR 92 property. If awarded, this grant will increase the effectiveness and efficiencies for Fire Rescue, EMS and Emergency Management. For more information, contact Interim Fire Chief Joe King, (386) 736-5940 ext. 12918.

PUBLIC WORKS

Coastal: The Coastal Division worked in cooperation with the Orlando Utilities Commission, Coastal Conservation Association of Florida, Shell Oil, and McCulley Marine to deploy 350 tons of concrete culverts, stormwater structures and blocks as well as 30 tons of granite to create three new artificial reefs at the County's newly permitted artificial reef site approximately 2.75



miles east of Lighthouse Point Park in Ponce Inlet. These artificial reefs will meet the growing demand for nearshore fishing destinations in State Waters. Two additional reef sites have been permitted 10 miles north and 10 miles south of the inlet. The Coastal Division plans to make additional reef deployments to these new sites next spring. For more information, contact Jessica Fentress at (386) 248-8072, ext. 20356.

Engineering & Construction: Concrete sidewalk construction at the Marine Discovery Center is 70% complete and work is anticipated to continue through November. Pond construction is expected to be complete by the end of August and underdrain construction to be completed by the middle of September. A minor modification to the restroom location was made to accommodate water and sewer line tie-ins and final approval was received to begin construction. For more information, contact Tadd Kasbeer at (386) 736-5967, ext. 15846.

Mosquito Control: Mosquito Control is educating residents through social media and in-person residential inspections about common household items that may produce biting mosquitoes in their yards. Mosquito larvae can live in small amounts of water found in items such as kids' toys, animal water containers, tarps, buckets, and plant saucers. Dumping this water at least once a week will break the life cycle and reduce biting mosquitoes. Volusia County is currently under a Mosquito-Borne Illness Advisory from the Department of Health due to an instance of locally acquired West Nile virus. Residents should continue to follow the 5D's recommended for mosquito prevention and protection on our website: <https://www.volusia.org/services/public-works/mosquito-control/tips-on-mosquito-protection.stml>. For more information, contact Marcus McDonough at (386) 424-2920, ext. 20272.



Road & Bridge: No planned lane or road closures will be permitted on County maintained roadways around the Daytona International Speedway from Aug. 26 – 28 during the Speedway's race events. For more information, contact Lori Koontz at (386) 822-6422, ext. 20455.

Solid Waste: There is no change to garbage, recycling, bulk waste, and yard trash collection schedules for residents of unincorporated Volusia County on Labor Day, Monday, September 5, 2022. If your normal collection day is Monday, please place items at the curb by 6 a.m. on Monday for collection. For more information, contact Regina Montgomery at (386) 947-2952, ext. 21347.

Water Resources and Utilities: An award of contract for engineering services for the expansion of southwest regional water reclamation facility is scheduled for Council consideration on Sept. 6. The proposed scope of services includes design, permitting, pre-construction services, and grant assistance support associated with expansion of treatment capacity from 2.7 to 5.0 million gallons per day; a Class A biosolids management treatment facility; and an additional reclaimed water ground storage tank between 5.0 - 10.0 million gallons. For additional information, please contact Water Resources and Utilities Director Mike Ulrich at (386) 943-7027, ext. 12724.