

## Volusia County Government Activities December 5 – 11, 2020

### AVIATION & ECONOMIC RESOURCES

#### Daytona Beach International Airport

**Marketing, Customer Experience & Air Service Development:** As part of the marketing co-op with American Airlines, the airport and new Daytona Beach flights to/from Dallas-Fort Worth and Philadelphia are featured on the aa.com website from Dec. 8 – 14. For more information, contact Joanne Magley at [jmagley@volusia.org](mailto:jmagley@volusia.org).

**Economic Development:** Staff continues to process small and home-based business grants. To date, 3,378 small business grant applications have been received, and 2,699 checks distributed, totaling more than \$8.17 million. The home-based grant program has processed 655 applications resulting in the distribution of 489 checks totaling \$733,000. Economic Development Director Helga van Eckert talked to Claire Metz, reporter for WESH 2 News, about the grants program and impending expiration date of Dec. 11. For more information, contact Joanne Magley at [jmagley@volusia.org](mailto:jmagley@volusia.org).

### COMMUNITY SERVICES

**Community Assistance:** A Notice of Funding Availability was released on 12/8/20 for FY 20/21 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Countywide Program in the amount of \$144,648. The funds will be available on a competitive basis to Volusia County non-profit organizations and local cities who do not receive a direct annual allocation of Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) funding. Applications will be accepted until noon on December 22, 2020. To request an application, contact Edina Chester at [echester@volusia.org](mailto:echester@volusia.org) or 386-736-5955, ext. 12908. Applications will be accepted until noon Dec. 22. Detailed instructions are included in the application. For more information, contact Carmen Hall at [chall@volusia.org](mailto:chall@volusia.org).

### COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE

**Community Information:** Staff are preparing for the new Public Works Northeast Services Facility ribbon cutting on Dec. 14 and a groundbreaking for Edwin W. Peck Sr. Park on Dec. 18. A special COVID-19 issue of *County Line*, the County's employee newsletter, was distributed. Exploration to further transition future issues of *County Line* electronically are underway. Staff are identifying content and scripting for the annual State of the County address. Another round of updated graphic advertisements have been purchased for the rental/assistance and business grant programs, FDEM's COVID-19 testing site in NSB, and the holiday-themed *Step Up Volusia* campaign. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at [kcaptain@volusia.org](mailto:kcaptain@volusia.org).

**DEADLINES APPROACHING FOR COVID-19 GRANTS**

**Rent, Mortgage, Businesses & Nonprofits**

The Volusia County Council has earmarked CARES Act funds to help homeowners, renters, businesses and nonprofits that have been negatively impacted by the COVID-19 crisis.

**Rent & Mortgage Assistance**  
Applicants who meet income eligibility requirements can receive up to \$1,500 a month for three months.  
Easy to apply and easy to qualify!  
Learn more and apply:  
[volusia.org/C19RA](http://volusia.org/C19RA) for rent assistance  
[volusia.org/C19MA](http://volusia.org/C19MA) for mortgage assistance  
For more information, contact [communityassistance@volusia.org](mailto:communityassistance@volusia.org)

**DEADLINE: DEC. 30**

**Small Business Grants**  
25 or fewer FTEs: \$5,000 grant  
26 or more FTEs: \$5,000 grant  
Apply at [VolusiaBusinessResources.com](http://VolusiaBusinessResources.com)

**Home-based Business Grants**  
Qualified business with 50 or fewer FTEs can qualify for a one-time grant of \$1,500.  
Apply at [VolusiaBusinessResources.com](http://VolusiaBusinessResources.com)

**Nonprofit Grants**  
25 or fewer FTEs: \$5,000 grant  
26 or more FTEs: \$5,000 grant  
Apply at [VolusiaBusinessResources.com](http://VolusiaBusinessResources.com)

**DEADLINE: DEC. 11**

**APPLY NOW!**

**FREE COVID-19 SELF-SWAB TESTING**

8 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Seven days a week  
**New Smyrna Beach City Gym**  
1000 Live Oak St.

The Florida Division of Emergency Management will offer Rapid Antigen and PCR testing. Both tests are less uncomfortable than previous tests because participants will place the swab in the nostril, not the back of the nasal passage. Results for the rapid testing are expected within 15 minutes with a notification by text and email.

Appointments are not required, but can be made to facilitate a faster experience by visiting [bit.ly/C19rapittest](http://bit.ly/C19rapittest) or following this QR code.

Testing is available for all ages. Those under 18 must have verbal parental consent. Symptoms are not required. The site will request insurance information, but patients will not be billed a copay or coinsurance, and those without insurance will be tested free of charge. The testing will not be offered Dec. 24 and 25 and Jan. 1.

**GIVE THE BEST GIFT.**

**Wash up.**

**Back up.**

**Mask up.**

**Don't forget your flu shot!**

### OCEAN CENTER

**Events:** The Ocean Center simultaneously hosted East Coast Cheer and Dance Championships in the Arena and Ballroom, and the Florida Holiday Challenge volleyball tournament in the Exhibit Hall, with an expected 8,000 people and 1,000 hotel nights. Both annual events have procured great partnerships making safety a priority for all guest and athletes. The Ocean Center continues to partner with Halifax Urban Ministries for assembling and distribution of resources and food. For more information, contact Tim Buckley at [tbuckley@volusia.org](mailto:tbuckley@volusia.org).

## GROWTH & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

**Administration:** Staff from Environmental Management and administration met with Mr. John Moe to review his concerns with the existing slow zones in the Intracoastal Waterway, established by the federal and state authorities as part of their manatee protection efforts. Staff explained that anyone can propose a modification to the zones, but any changes have to be based on extensive analysis that reflects significant change to the manatee travel, feeding and congregation patterns. Mr. Moe will be requesting that the County Council direct staff to initiate this effort in order to attain a balanced set of regulations that protect the manatee and allow for reasonable use of the waterways. Staff pointed out that the analysis may not have the intended results and may actually result in larger areas with speed restrictions.

## PUBLIC PROTECTION

**Animal Services:** Animal Services microchipped 138 animals at its grand re-opening event held on Dec 5. Animal Services responded on Dec. 5 to assist the Volusia County Sheriff's Office on a felony animal cruelty case involving two dogs in Daytona Park Estates. <https://www.facebook.com/VolusiaSheriff/posts/3694965907209251> For more information, please contact Division Director Adam Leath, 386-248-1790 ext. 11398.

## PUBLIC WORKS

**Coastal:** The Coastal Division coordinated the installation of new entrance gates at Lighthouse Point Park. Staff also made repairs to the sidewalk located along Lighthouse Drive in the Town of Ponce Inlet and the playground at Mary McLeod Bethune Beach Park south of New Smyrna Beach. For more information, contact Jessica Winterwerp at (386) 248-8072, ext. 20356.



**Engineering & Construction:** Vertical Construction is managing the installation of a new modular building for Mosquito Control. The project is 95% complete, with only the installation of the skirting around the building, construction of an ADA parking spot, and the irrigation and landscaping installation to be completed. Project closeout and the Certificate of Occupancy is tentatively scheduled for Dec.18. For more information, contact Tadd Kasbeer at (386) 736-5967, ext. 15846.

**Mosquito Control:** Mosquito Control is updating educational materials and posters for display at the remodeled Marine Science Center. Visitors can learn about the mosquito life cycle, habitats, and how mosquitoes interact with animals. For more information, contact Suzanne Bartlett, (386) 424-2920, ext. 20272.

**Road & Bridge:** To celebrate the opening of the new Northeast Public Works Services Facility, a ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held at 9 a.m. Dec. 14, at the southeast corner of U.S. 92 and Colin Kelly Ave. The newly constructed \$11.7 million facility will serve as the headquarters for the Road and Bridge Division's northeast maintenance operations and the Traffic Engineering Division's signal maintenance operations. Due to COVID-19 protocols, attendance will be limited. The ceremony will be streamed live on the County of Volusia Facebook page at Facebook.com/CountyofVolusia. For more information, contact Benjamin Bartlett at (386) 822-6422, ext. 20470.

**Solid Waste:** There will be no garbage, recycling, bulk waste or yard trash collection for residents of unincorporated Volusia County on Christmas Day and New Year's Day. The makeup day for Friday, Dec. 25 and Jan. 1, will be Saturday, Dec. 26 and Jan. 2, respectively. The Tomoka Landfill and West Volusia Transfer Station will be closed on both Christmas and New Year's Day. For more information, contact Regina Montgomery at (386) 947-2952, ext. 21347.

**Traffic Engineering:** The upcoming Transportation Map Series comprehensive plan amendments (anticipated in early 2021) will include numerous changes to the Roadway Number of Lanes 2025 Map based on recent development approvals in the cities, and impacts to the county's future Road Program budget and impact fee revenue forecasts. For more information, contact Jon Cheney at (386) 736-5968, ext. 12709.