

Volusia County Government Activities February 19 - 25, 2022

AVIATION & ECONOMIC RESOURCES

Daytona Beach International Airport

Marketing, Customer Experience & Air Service Development: Marketing and Customer Experience Director Joanne Magley is speaking at the Florida Recreation and Parks Association Educational Conference on March 2 in South Daytona. The topic is "Getting the Word Out." For more information, contact Joanne Magley at jmagley@volusia.org.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Library Services: Library staff were on a mission to Spread Kindness throughout the month of February, along with their partners at WUCF and PBS. Staff distributed over 1,100 Kindness Kits supplied by these generous partners. Staff also engaged the community with displays, storytimes, crafts and other Kindness programs. Volusia County Public Library was featured on WUCF Education's Social Media page for distributing Kindness Kits and celebrating Be My Neighbor Day.

Resource Stewardship: The Extension Services team is offering a financial educational series during lunch via Facebook Live on March 9 and March 23. Residents can register for the classes at <https://homebuyer.ed.Eventbrite.com>. The Volusia Forever Advisory Committee is scheduled to meet on March 10 to sort properties into the A/B acquisition priority list for County Council consideration.

COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE

Community Information: Staff extensively collaborated with Environmental Management staff, which resulted in the issuance of a news release and social media post advising the public about the presence of avian flu in Volusia County. Staff are collaborating with Human Resources on the audio-visual needs for the upcoming Employee Recognition Event on March 9 at the Ocean Center. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at kcaptain@volusia.org.

FINANCE

Information Technology: Staff kicked off a project to automate and improve the business workflow processes and data gathering necessary for the court's first appearance system. This work will involve both County and Court Services' I.T. staff, and will be guided by Seventh Circuit Chief Judge James R. Clayton. For more information, contact Brian Whiting at BWhiting@volusia.org.

GROWTH & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Environmental Management: Environmental staff presented information about the water quality of our springs to the Natural Resources Leadership Institute on Feb. 16 and 17, including a tour of Blue Spring State Park. Environmental Permitting (EP) YTD inspection numbers are up 33% compared to this time last year. EP staff has conducted 6,354 Inspections and reviews this FY. In FY 20-21, EP staff conducted 18,005 inspections and reviews, an increase of 40% over the FY 19-20. EP inspections have increased by 97% since FY 16-17. The Sea Turtle Habitat Conservation Program is planning a Lighting Expo, which will be held on May 27 at the Daytona Beach Shores Community Center. The Expo will provide vendors, displays and presentations about the sea turtle lighting ordinance and ways that properties can get fixtures or assistance with coming into compliance. Staff is also working with the Archie Carr Center for Research to provide compliant fixtures at no cost to properties in Volusia County that do not comply with the ordinance. For more information, contact Ginger Adair at gadair@volusia.org.

OCEAN CENTER

Events: The facility welcomes three events in the coming week: Coastal Connections Academy will use a meeting room March 1-3 to conduct spring testing for several students. USA Gymnastics will host the Trampoline and Tumbling Winter Classic Invitational March 3-6 in the arena. The event is expected to generate 2,000 attendees and 600 room nights. The Invitational is open to the public and tickets must be purchased with cash at the door. Learn more at <https://usagym.org/pages/tt/events/2022/winterclassic.html>. Dino and Dragon Stroll is taking place March 5-6 in the exhibit hall. The event is expected to generate 1,000 attendees. The show is open to the public; tickets must be purchased online at <https://www.etix.com/ticket/v/23171/dino-dragon-stroll-daytona-beach>. Additionally, Polaris is renting the south parking lot March 3-13 (Bike Week) for an Indian Motorcycle display. For more information, contact Tim Riddle at triddle@volusia.org.



PUBLIC PROTECTION

Beach Safety: Beach Safety personnel attended the Florida Department of Law Enforcement Accreditation Conference this week in St. Augustine. Personnel also assisted airport staff with an event held at the Hilton on Feb. 24 where they showcased their lifeguarding skills on the beach and discussed beach safety. For more information, contact Division Director Andy Ethridge, (386) 239-6414.

Emergency Management: Emergency Management, in partnership with the cities, continues to support COVID-19 testing at three mobile testing sites in Daytona Beach at City Island, Deltona at Dewey O. Boster Park, and at the New Smyrna Beach City Gym. The EOC hosted the Daytona Beach International Airport training exercise on Feb. 24. For more information please, contact Division Director Helene Wetherington, (386) 254-1500.

Emergency Medical Administration: On Feb. 21, EMA conducted a Medical Director Quality Assurance Session with field-level system providers participating for quality assurance. For more information, contact Division Director Mark Wolcott, (386) 561-8087.

Fire Rescue: New-hire testing has been completed and final interviews are being scheduled for the latest New Hire Academy that is starting on April 4. For more information, contact Fire Chief Howard Bailey, (386) 736-5940 ext. 12918.

PUBLIC WORKS

Coastal: The Coastal Division coordinated with the Corrections Division on the cleanup and painting of the seawalls at Frank Rendon, Edwin W. Peck, and Dahlia Avenue Parks. Staff also coordinated excessive sand removal on the Beach Street, Demotte Avenue, and Emilia Avenue access ramps and relocation to an acceptable on-beach location. For more information, contact Terri Propst at (386) 248-8072, ext. 20535.

Engineering & Construction: Construction and Engineering is currently constructing a new sidewalk along Hill Avenue, from Voorhis Avenue to State Road 44. Completion is anticipated by March 4. For more information, contact Tadd Kasbeer at (386) 736-5967, ext. 15846.

Mosquito Control: Mosquito Control attended the McInnis Elementary School Career Day on Feb. 18 to present the importance of mosquito control and discuss careers available in the public health field to students. Staff is also collaborating with Library Services to schedule future presentations at multiple library locations. Email vcmosquito@volusia.org to request an educational presentation for your event, club, or community group. For more information, contact Marcus McDonough at (386) 424-2920, ext. 20272.



Road & Bridge: Drainage crews have been working along dirt roads in the Oak Hill and Samsula areas, performing swale maintenance and ditch restoration. This work improves the flow of stormwater and is typically planned during the winter months when weather is drier. For more information, contact Lori Koontz at (386) 822-6422, ext. 20455.

Solid Waste: The Tomoka Farms Road Landfill held limited operational hours on Feb. 20 in support of the 64th running of the Daytona 500, processing over 32 tons of waste. For more information, contact Regina Montgomery at (386) 947-2952, ext. 21347.

Traffic Engineering: Traffic Engineering staff attended the Spring Hill Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) meeting recently and discussed the county's process of developing a Residential Traffic Control Plan (RTCP). The Spring Hill CRA requested the county to work with the City of DeLand in developing a RTCP. The study boundaries are US 17/92 (east), SR 15A/Spring Garden (south & west), and Beresford Avenue (north). For more information, contact Jon Cheney at (386) 736-5968, ext. 12709.

Water Resources and Utilities: Working in cooperation with the Florida Dept. of Environmental Protection, staff has secured a \$5.5 million grant for design and construction of advanced wastewater treatment upgrades at the Southeast Regional Water Reclamation Facility in Oak Hill. The upgrades will enable the facility to achieve new water quality goals established under the North Indian River Lagoon Basin Management Action Plan. In addition to treatment process upgrades, plant capacity will also be expanded from 600,000 to 1,200,000 gallons per day. The grant agreement is scheduled for County Council consideration on March 15. For more information, contact Mike Ulrich at (386) 943-7027, ext. 12724.