

Volusia County Government Activities

February 20 – 26, 2021

AVIATION & ECONOMIC RESOURCES

Daytona Beach International Airport

Air Service/ Marketing/ Customer Experience – The airport announced it will host a TSA PreCheck event March 15 to 19, in the baggage claim area. For more information, contact Joanne Magley at jmagley@volusia.org.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Community Assistance: Volusia County's Community Assistance Division is seeking sites to serve children in the 2021 summer food program, which will run from June 7 through Aug. 13. The program provides free and nutritious meals to children ages 18 and younger in low-income areas.

A site must be an organization, such as a school, public agency, daycare or nonprofit and must have capacity to receive daily meal deliveries and distribute meals to children. Due to the coronavirus pandemic a waiver allowing for "grab-n-go" meals where children may receive a breakfast and lunch and then leave the site. The waiver is effective through Jun. 30 but may be extended. Applications must be submitted by March 19. An interested site may request an application by contacting Patricia Hubbard at 386-736-5956, ext. 12984, or phubbard@volusia.org.

COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE

Community Information: Community Information continues to coordinate with County Council Char jeff Brower and Ocean Center staff on the arrangements and audio-visual needs for the State of the County, which has now been scheduled for April 27 at the Ocean Center. Strict attendance limits have been established to hold the event safely and in accordance with CDC guidance. The video and program booklet for the event are in development. Community Information is coordinating the annual Public Employee Feed The Need Drive, which is transitioning this year from a food drive to a fund drive for safety reasons and to maximize the impact of the giving. The dates for the fund drive are March 8-19, 2021. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at kcaptain@volusia.org.

OCEAN CENTER

Events: Feb. 24 through 28 the Ocean Center welcomes the Gasparilla Classic hosted by Lightning City Gymnastics. As one of the largest gymnastics competitions in the country, Olympic medalists have competed in previous events. This is the first time the event is coming to the Ocean Center in Daytona Beach, as it typically takes place in Tampa Bay, FL, and it will be utilizing the entire facility. The Gasparilla Classic Gymnastics Invitational is expected to attract 3,500 gymnasts from 91 women's teams and 41 men's teams throughout the United States, bringing with them thousands of spectators, and utilizing an estimated 1,200 hotel room nights. As with all Ocean Center events, face masks and social distancing are enforced.

PUBLIC PROTECTION

Beach Safety: Volusia County's Beach Safety Division is hiring lifeguards to help keep beachgoers safe this summer. Upcoming tryouts are mandatory for those interested in a position. Swim tryout dates and locations are at the Ormond Beach YMCA, 500 Sterthaus Drive, Ormond Beach, and 8 a.m. to noon March 6 and 20 at the Port Orange YMCA, 4701 City Center Parkway, Port Orange. Learn more at Volusia.org/beach.

Emergency Management: The week of Feb. 22, Emergency Management will assist the Florida Department of Health in Volusia County with 10,300 COVID First/Second dose vaccine appointments. A special vaccine mission to serve vulnerable West Volusia communities, was held on Feb. 24 at the Chisholm Community Center in DeLand; providing 250 first dose vaccines following the state criteria of being a Florida Resident and 65 years of age and older.

PUBLIC WORKS

Coastal: Staff will coordinate the construction of a three-sided dumpster enclosure at the 27th Avenue beachfront park located in New Smyrna Beach. Staff will also replace the east side stairs on both the Surf Street and Cortez Street dune walkovers also located in New Smyrna Beach. For more information, contact Jessica Winterwerp at (386) 248-8072, ext. 20356.



Engineering & Construction: The new Marine Science Center modular building has been delivered. Sewer and water connections are expected to take place Feb. 24 through Mar. 5. The two week look ahead includes an electrical service connection and ramp and concrete landings with sidewalk construction. For more information, contact Tadd Kasbeer at (386) 736-5967, ext. 15846.

Mosquito Control: Staff are working with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service, Mosquito and Fly Research division in Gainesville to establish a material transfer agreement for acquiring susceptible mosquitoes from their insectary. These mosquitoes are used as the control measure in lab assays and caged field trials to evaluate efficacy of mosquito control products. For more information, contact Suzanne Bartlett at (386) 424-2920, ext. 20272.

Road & Bridge: The sidewalk construction project along Fleming Avenue in Ormond Beach has been completed. This ADA compliance project involved both new and retrofit sidewalk along Fleming Avenue between Palm Street and Carolina Avenue. The 1,600 linear foot CDBG and gas tax funded project was awarded by County Council on July 21, 2020. For more information, contact Benjamin Bartlett at (386) 822-6422, ext. 20470.



Pictures before and after sidewalk construction at the intersection of Fleming Avenue and Palm Street

Solid Waste: The West Volusia Transfer Station chute #2 hole repair project was completed as scheduled on Feb. 23. On Feb. 24, the West Volusia Transfer Station resumed normal operations. The West Volusia Transfer Station is open Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Saturday, 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., and closed on Sunday. For more information, contact Regina Montgomery at (386) 947-2952, ext. 21347.

Traffic Engineering: Staff are developing projections of future traffic flow along South Blue Lake Avenue Extension to SR 472. For more information, contact Jon Cheney at (386) 736-5968, ext. 12709.

Water Resources and Utilities: Annual strategic planning among utility managers, supervisors, and technical staff will begin in March. The process involves a variety of small group sessions over four to six weeks to review and evaluate on-going operations, current projects, and future utility system needs. All members of staff are invited and encouraged to participate. The utility division operates 16 water and wastewater treatment facilities in six service areas throughout the county. For more information, contact Mike Ulrich at (386) 943-7027, ext. 12724.