

Volusia County Government Activities July 10 – 16, 2021

Aviation and Economic Resources

Daytona Beach International Airport

Operations: The airport supported Sheltair July 16, with a charter for L3 Harris Company (a Department of Defense contractor). A B757 with 60 passengers and cargo will unload on the international ramp.

Air Service/Marketing/Customer Experience: The airport hosted our regular tourism partners' update, with the directors of the three tourism agencies and airport leadership and Community Information staff in attendance. The agencies met our new department director and the group discussed updates to their perspective agencies. Passenger traffic for June: 59,202, up 426% from May 2020; down 1.1% from 2019. For more information, contact Joanne Magley at 386-248-8030 ext.: 18309 or jmagley@volusia.org.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Volusia County is organizing a three-part affordable housing initiative. Our fourth webinar will take place July 23, from noon until 1:30 p.m. This week's topic is *Policy* and we will address the barriers and facilitators of affordable housing development. Registration for the August 27 in-person summit is now open to the public! The registration link is <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/affordable-housing-summit-registration-160229830737>. For more information on the Affordable Housing Initiative, please visit www.volusia.org/affordable-housing-summit.

Community Assistance: Volusia County's Emergency Rental Assistance program has over \$20 million available to assist households that have experienced a financial hardship during the COVID-19 pandemic. Eligible households may receive up to 12 months of assistance for rent or utilities, including past due payments and other assistance related to housing stability. Applications will be accepted beginning at 9 a.m., July 20. At that time, county residents may submit an application online at www.volusia.org/era. The web page includes income limits, eligibility requirements and a list of the required documents. With finite funds available, the county will close the application window after receiving 1,500 applications. As applications are processed and the amount of committed dollars is calculated, additional applications may be accepted at a later date to ensure funding is fully utilized. For more information, please contact Carmen Hall at 386-736-5955.

Resource Stewardship: The Volusia County 4-H Program recently conducted a weeklong series of summer day camps with 55 youth learning about art, agriculture, shooting sports and safety, and STEM topics. Several community and county partners dedicated their time and knowledge to help make these camps a success. Pictures from these day camps can be found on the 4-H Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/VolusiaCountyFlorida4>. For more information, please contact Brad Burbaugh, bburbaugh@volusia.org.

COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE

Community Information: Staff promoted the County's new Human Trafficking Ordinance with a news release, web page and social media. Staff met with representatives from the airport and three local advertising authorities to discuss the current state of tourism and initiatives by all entities to support efforts. Production staff continue to assist with the production efforts for the Affordable Housing Initiative, as well as completing this month's new show for Volusia Magazine. Staff also assisted with the production needs for Beach Safety's Interzone Competition. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at kcaptain@volusia.org.

GROWTH & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Environmental Management: Environmental Management has renewed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the County and the St. Johns River Water Management District for water sampling on the county's waters. The MOA is a three-year extension of a decades-long agreement between the County and the District to coordinate water quality sampling. The MOA allows for the collection of water samples by the County and for those samples to be analyzed by the District laboratory. Data resulting from these analyses are included in the statewide database that is used to monitor the health of our waters. For more information, contact Ginger Adair at gadair@volusia.org

PUBLIC PROTECTION

Beach Safety: The Interzone Competition was held on July 14. This is a competition between the beach districts that included swimming, running, and paddling events. Spectators were welcome. For more information, contact Division Director Andy Etheridge, (386) 239-6414.

Emergency Management: Staff met with Community Organizations Active in Disasters (COAD) on July 13, to discuss community plans and update information as needed. Emergency Support Function (ESF) 15 had their annual meeting to discuss roles, responsibilities, and expectations prior to, during, and post disaster. For more information please, contact Division Director Helene Wetherington, (386) 254-1500.



Emergency Medical Administration: The emergency department for Advent Health in Port Orange opened on July 17. VCEMA updated the protocols to add the Port Orange ED as a transport facility. For more information, contact Division Director Mark Wolcott, (386) 561-8087.

Emergency Medical Services: VCEMS is conducting the pre-delivery inspections for four new ambulances that have been ordered from the Braun Ambulance Manufactory in Ohio. Field Training Officer (FTO) interviews and testing has been completed with five paramedics successfully completing the process. The paramedics began their FTO duties on July 7. For more information, contact Interim Division Director Mark Wolcott, (386) 561-8087.

Fire Rescue: VCFR will be conducting the first phase of new hire testing on July 19, with over 80 applicants having applied. Following the success of the pilot program course, the second Leadership Academy will begin on Aug. 17, with ten VCFR firefighters attending. The Leadership Academy covers topics such as leadership, insurance services office/accreditation, and fire administrative management. The pilot program provided feedback allowing numerous improvements to be made to continue to make this course a success. For more information, contact Fire Chief Howard Bailey, (386) 736-5940 ext. 12918.

PUBLIC WORKS

Coastal: Trades workers renovated both north and south benches at the Seabridge beach approach. For more information, contact Jessica Winterwerp at (386) 248-8072, ext. 20356.

Engineering & Construction: Current construction activities for the 10th Street widening project include box culvert construction and storm drain installation, while the railroad contractor has begun construction of the railroad box culvert. Due to current activities, a detour will be in effect through July 26. For more information, contact Tadd Kasbeer at (386) 736-5967, ext. 15846.



Mosquito Control: Due to recent rainfall, Mosquito Control surveillance data shows an increase in container mosquitoes which can be found in various items around a home such as potted plants, bird baths, yard ornaments, kiddie pools, tires, etc. Mosquito Control encourages residents to walk around their homes and empty anything holding even a small amount of water. Staff is also conducting neighborhood inspections in selected areas to reduce container mosquitoes while educating residents. For more information, contact Suzanne Bartlett at (386) 424-2920, ext. 20272.

Road & Bridge: Projects within the county maintained right-of-way that involve a lane closure or road closure are reviewed and coordinated by Traffic Operations staff. These reviews ensure safety in the work zone is provided for workers and traveling motorists during the project's completion. For more information, contact Benjamin Bartlett at (386) 822-6422, ext. 20470.

Solid Waste: The notice to proceed for the Class III disposal stormwater improvements was issued effective July 12. The contractor mobilized this past Monday and began surveying, staging equipment and installing environmental fencing. For more information, contact Regina Montgomery at (386) 947-2952, ext. 21347.

Traffic Engineering: Traffic Engineering's signals section has begun the annual countywide school flasher maintenance program, along with the programming of school flashers in coordination with specified school times. For more information, contact Jon Cheney at (386) 736-5968, ext. 12709.

Water Resources and Utilities: A total of 735 continuous water use and 248 high consumption alerts were sent to customers during the 3 month period April - June. The utilities support team contacts customers advising of continuous 24-hour use (indicating possible leaks) and unusually high consumption during a 72-hour period (indicating inefficient irrigation use). These proactive measures help customers avoid costly bills and potential damage within the home. For more information, contact Mike Ulrich at (386) 943-7027, ext. 12724.