

## Volusia County Government Activities July 30 – August 5, 2022

### COMMUNITY SERVICES

**Library Services:** Volusia County Public Library (VCPL) staff connected with Volusia County citizens on July 30 at a pair of well attended Community events. First, several staff joined the Museum of Arts and Science for its annual HistoryCon; making 202 connections with citizens interested in the library's free genealogy resources (such as access to digital historical newspapers, Fold3, Ancestry, and Heritage Quest) and upcoming history programs offered by VCPL. On that same day, even more library staff attended the PayIt4Ward Back to School Bash at the Jackie Robinson Ballpark. Here, staff spoke with over 1,000 caregivers, children, and teens about one of the most important back-to-school tools they can have in their backpack this fall - their Volusia County Public Library Card. Staff shared information on circulating HotSpots, free language learning help with the library's Mango database, free access to online (and print) encyclopedias and almanacs, and the year-round access to free tutoring and homework help via the library's access to Tutor.com.

### COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE

**Community Information:** Staff are coordinating with Resource Stewardship for the upcoming ribbon cutting at Palm Buff Preserve in Osteen. Collaboration has begun with Veterans Services for a Veterans Hall of Fame, which is planned for display in November. Staff are organizing the final television episode of Volusia Magazine that will air in September. We welcome our new production coordinator to our team, Truman Rexti. Mr. Rexti is a film graduate of Full Sail University with over 15 years' experience in production, videography and video graphic design. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at [kcaptain@volusia.org](mailto:kcaptain@volusia.org).

### OCEAN CENTER

**Events:** Ocean Center kicked off the month with the Florida Onsite Wastewater Association Conference Aug. 4 - 6, attracting 800 attendees and generating 575 total room nights. This week, U.S. Foods hosts a private immersion show in the ballroom for approximately 400 attendees on Aug. 10, and H.T. Hackney hosts a private food service expo in the arena for 1,500 on Aug. 12. Health-ISAC will hold a small staff retreat in meeting room 101 ABC on Aug. 9 and 10. The Volusia County Tourist Development Council will meet on Aug. 12, in meeting room 103ABC. On Aug. 13, the Mary McLeod Bethune Annual Gala will take place in the ballroom with up to 600 attendees expected. For more information, contact Tim Riddle at [triddle@volusia.org](mailto:triddle@volusia.org).

### PUBLIC PROTECTION

**Beach Safety:** Beach Safety is conducting their last week of junior lifeguard camp. For more information, contact Division Director Andy Ethridge, (386) 239-6414.

**Emergency Management:** On Aug. 1, the Emergency Operations Center began converting to a soft phone system using the computers for their Citizens Information Center operators. For more information, contact Interim Division Director James Judge, (386) 254-1500.

**Emergency Medical Administration:** Emergency Medical Administration will have initial training on EMS charts. The training is part of the transition from ZOLL to EMS charts for reporting and quality assurance. For more information, contact Division Director Mark Wolcott, (386) 561-8087.

**Emergency Medical Services:** EMS' two new division commanders officially began on Aug. 1. EMT Melissa Drewry retires this week with 31 years of service to Volusia County. Melissa started as a volunteer firefighter in 1991, she became a career firefighter-paramedic in 1997, and in 2016 she transferred to Volusia County EMS as an EMT. For more information, contact Division Director Michael Colman, (386) 236-3511.

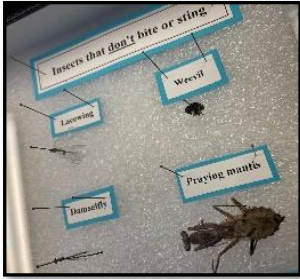
**Fire Rescue:** On Aug. 4, Volusia County Fire Rescue (VCFR) will be conducting a training session with Zoll Fire records management system. This training is to gain an understanding of the "Test Sandbox" to have VCFR users learn the fundamentals of the system to become future "Super-users" for VCFR and assist with the development of the system for future implementation. For more information, contact Interim Fire Chief Joe King, (386) 736-5940 ext. 12909.



## PUBLIC WORKS

**Coastal:** Coastal trades workers completed the installation of three new "Mermaid's Lost Treasure" boxes at Edwin W. Peck Sr. Park in Daytona Beach Shores, Tom Renick Park in Ormond-by-the-Sea, and Winterhaven Park in the Town of Ponce Inlet. The Coastal division is erecting the popular beach toy exchange boxes in an effort to reduce waste and repurpose beach toys that might otherwise be thrown away. For more information, contact Jessica Fentress at (386) 248-8072, ext. 20356.

**Engineering & Construction:** Construction is set to begin on the proposed improvements on Graves Avenue, which includes turn lanes and other safety improvements. A pre-construction meeting is scheduled for Aug. 11, after which construction is expected to commence. For more information, contact Tadd Kasbeer at (386) 736-5967, ext. 15846.



**Mosquito Control:** Mosquito Control is conducting presentations at summer camps at the Marine Science Center, Halifax Humane Society and for the Volusia County Parks, Recreation & Culture Division. Presentations in the classroom or outside with our *Fight-The-Bite* educational trailer include an overview of mosquito biology, teaching the life cycle, habitats, and integrated pest management. Examples of display items include preserved specimens of pinned mosquitoes and other insects, live mosquito larvae, mosquito surveillance traps, and educational pamphlets. To request an educational presentation for your community event or group, please email [vcmosquito@volusia.org](mailto:vcmosquito@volusia.org). For more information, contact Marcus McDonough at (386) 424-2920, ext. 20272.

**Road & Bridge:** The Mosquito Lagoon Reasonable Assurance Plan (RAP) 2021 Annual Report has been finalized and provided to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. The annual report outlines progress towards meeting water quality targets implemented by the RAP, which was adopted by secretarial order in September 2019. For more information, contact Lori Koontz at (386) 822-6422, ext. 20455.

**Solid Waste:** Last week several garbage bags fell off a truck hauling waste to the landfill. Solid Waste Division crews picked up the bags, and Solid Waste Management compliance officers investigated and were able to trace the waste to the generator, issuing a written warning. For more information, contact Regina Montgomery at (386) 947-2952, ext. 21347.

**Traffic Engineering:** Traffic Engineering signal staff performed a turn-on inspection of the new traffic signal at Victoria Gardens & Orange Camp Road in DeLand on July 26. For more information, contact Jon Cheney at (386) 736-5968, ext. 12709.

**Water Resources and Utilities:** The Indian Harbor Estates sewer retrofit project is approximately 30-40% complete. Recent activities include the installation of sewer piping along Randle and Gary Avenue. The entire project is on schedule and expected to be completed by Aug. 2023. For additional information, please contact Water Resources and Utilities Director Mike Ulrich at (386) 943-7027, ext. 12724.

