

Volusia County Government Activities July 23 – 29, 2022

AVIATION & ECONOMIC RESOURCES

Daytona Beach International Airport

Administration: The airport is co-sponsoring the Florida Airport's Council (FAC) 53rd Annual Conference in Orlando July 30 through Aug. 3. Aviation & Economic Resources Director Cyrus Callum and Marketing & Customer Experience Director Joanne Magley each will moderate educational general sessions on Revenue Diversification and State of the Industry, respectively. Airport Director Karen Feaster will serve as a panelist for the Federal Funding session.

Air Service, Marketing & Customer Experience: Staff distributed a news release and video feature on the airport and VSO collaboration called K9s and K9s. This program gives Volusia Sheriff's Office (VSO) deputies stationed at the Daytona Beach International Airport (DBIA) the opportunity to bridge the gap between law enforcement and the general public, by being able to offer plush dogs in the likeness of the VSO/airport K9s to passengers. View the feature here: [\(2\) Daytona Beach Airport K9 Community Outreach - YouTube](#) The airport launched the "Wish You Were Here" summer postcard contest. Residents and visitors are encouraged to submit "postcard worthy" photos from their visit in Volusia County, for a chance for those images to be used in postcards currently offered complimentary at DAB. <https://www.flydaytonafirst.com/>

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Resource Stewardship: Our UF/IFAS Commercial Horticulture Agent was recognized with the Distinguished Service Award from the National Association of County Agricultural Agents. This award recognizes individuals who have conducted outstanding educational programs and are held in high esteem by their colleagues from across the nation. The Land Management team assisted the Parks, Recreation and Culture Division's summer camp program by hosting a field trip on Doris Leeper Spruce Creek Preserve. Campers learned about the science of prescribed fire and wildlife management and were able to see and touch the tractors, bulldozers, ATV's, prescribed fire tools, and wildlife monitoring equipment used by our team. For more information, contact Brad Burbaugh at bburbaugh@volusia.org.

COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE

Community Information: Staff interviewed Ocean Center Director Tim Riddle and DeBary Hall Site Manager Tracy Mestre on the Volusia Today radio program. Discussion included upcoming events, facility utilization, digital offerings and much more. The team also conducted site visits for the Wildlife Corridor Workshop, Medical Examiner Facility ground-breaking event, Chuck Lennon Hiking Trail ribbon-cutting event, and worked with Growth and Resource Management on the Impact Fee Workshop that was hosted at DBIA. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at kcaptain@volusia.org.

GROWTH AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Administration: The first of two public workshops to discuss the results of the 2022 impact fee study was held on July 27 at DBIA. The second workshop is scheduled for August 17.

Environmental Management: The Florida Department of Environmental Protection has released their list of proposed changes to water body impairments. Several Volusia County water bodies are proposed for listing as impaired for specific parameters, and several others are proposed to be de-listed. Environmental Management and Public Works are working together with our consultants to understand how the proposed changes will impact our waters. For more information, please contact Ginger Adair at gadair@volusia.org

Planning & Development Services: Volusia County has been notified by FEMA/National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) that the Community Rating System (CRS) remains a CRS Class 5. The CRS Class 5 rating will provide the citizens within Volusia County unincorporated areas a 25% discount on FEMA flood insurance premiums.

OCEAN CENTER

Events: This past weekend brought an end to North Point Youth Conference's InsideOut and wrapped up what was an extremely busy month for the Ocean Center with 25 facility use days. Combined, July events alone are expected to generate over 50,000 attendee days and more than 10,000 total room nights. Looking forward, Florida Onsite Wastewater Association (FOWA) moves in Aug. 3 to setup for their conference Aug. 4-6. The event will use the arena, ballroom and first floor meeting rooms and is expected to attract 800 attendees and generate 575 total room nights. For more information, contact Tim Riddle at triddle@volusia.org.



PUBLIC PROTECTION

Animal Services: On July 29, Director Leath and Field Supervisor Alicia Dease will be re-recording "Intro to Field Operations" for the national certifications for Animal Control Officers through the National Animal Control Association. For more information, contact Division Director Adam Leath, (386) 822-3506.

Emergency Management: The Emergency Operations Center (EOC) will be conducting a thorough training on the WebEOC system to verify complete functionality. For more information, contact Interim Division Director James Judge, (386) 254-1500.

Emergency Medical Administration: The Medical Advisory Board meeting took place virtually on July 27, 2022. The Medical Advisory Board is held every quarter to discuss Emergency Medical Services "EMS" issues. For more information, contact Division Director Mark Wolcott, (386) 561-8087.

Emergency Medical Services: New hire orientation for EMTs, paramedics, and ambulance service technicians (AST) began on July 25. For more information, contact Division Director Michael Colman, (386) 236-3511.

Fire Rescue: The new ambulance Rescue 44 is now in service at the Pierson Fire Station location, Station 44. For more information, contact Interim Fire Chief Joe King, (386) 736-5940 ext. 12909.

PUBLIC WORKS

Coastal: Coastal staff coordinated the installation of a new beach ramp gate at Botefuhr Avenue in Daytona Beach. The gate replacement was due to a recent automobile accident on the ramp. For more information, contact Jessica Fentress at (386) 248-8072, ext. 20356.



Engineering & Construction: The concrete accessory docks have been poured and forms removed at the High Bridge Boat Ramp. Installation of the rub rail is underway and pile driving is scheduled to begin on July 28. The floating docks and ramps are to be set on July 29 with a completion on the dock and rip rap placement on Aug 1. For more information, contact Tadd Kasbeer at (386) 736-5967, ext. 15846.

Mosquito Control: Mosquito Control is conducting treatments and additional surveillance in response to an increase in sentinel chicken arbovirus activity. Sentinel chickens are used to monitor mosquito-borne virus activity of the following endemic viruses: West Nile virus, eastern equine encephalitis, and St. Louis encephalitis. Chickens do not become sick from these viruses and the viruses are unable to replicate in the chicken, therefore chickens cannot spread the virus to other mosquitoes. If a chicken has antibodies against one of these viruses, then that virus is circulating in the mosquito population. Mosquito control then acts to lower the number of mosquitoes, reducing the risk to people and animals. For more information on sentinel chickens, visit our website: <https://www.volusia.org/services/public-works/mosquito-control/sentinel-chickens.stml>. For more information, contact Marcus McDonough at (386) 424-2920, ext. 20272.



Road & Bridge: A new sidewalk has been installed on East Plymouth Avenue near DeLand High School. The project completes a missing section of sidewalk from New Bedford Drive to North Hill Avenue. For more information, contact Lori Koontz at (386) 822-6422, ext. 20455

Solid Waste: Solid Waste Division team members will be staffing a recycling/anti-litter education table at the Back-to-School Backpack Bash on July 30 at Jackie Robinson Ball Park, providing information about how to recycle right, the Adopt A Road and Keep Volusia Beautiful programs, as well as giveaway items. For more information, contact Regina Montgomery at (386) 947-2952, ext. 21347.

Water Resources and Utilities: Award of utility engineering and design task assignments for a new motor control center and electrical upgrades at the Spruce Creek water treatment plant and a new wastewater master lift station for the southwest Volusia service area are scheduled for County Council consideration on Aug 2. For more information, contact Mike Ulrich at (386) 943-7027, ext. 12724.