

**Volusia County Government Activities  
June 11 – 17, 2022**

**COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**Resource Stewardship:** Land Management staff are participating in the annual Jay Watch community science program hosted by Audubon Florida at the county-managed Lyonia Preserve and Scrub Oak Preserve. The Florida Scrub-Jay is our state's only endemic bird species, found nowhere else in the world. It begins June 15 and runs until approximately July 15, weather dependent. To learn more contact Richard Harris at [rwharris@volusia.org](mailto:rwharris@volusia.org) or (386) 736-5927 ext. 21271.

**COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE**

**Community Information:** Staff supported the 10<sup>th</sup> Street widening and resurfacing project and the Gabordy Canal stormwater treatment project in a ribbon cutting on June 17. Staff are coordinating another upcoming ribbon cutting for Edwin Peck Sr. Park scheduled for June 24. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at [kcaptain@volusia.org](mailto:kcaptain@volusia.org).

**FINANCE**

**Information Technology:** The County went live with the Corrections' new Jail Management System. This is a significant milestone in an ongoing multi-year overhaul of Criminal Justice Information Systems. Staff assisted the Supervisor of Elections with redrawing precinct boundaries and updating the Voter Registration application. Staff rolled out a new online dashboard for tracking sea turtle nesting activity on the County's beaches. Staff made improvements to the Volusia Beaches mobile app, including updated information about turtle nests and lifeguard stations, and developed a new online application form for Human Services, to assist landlords needing to apply for assistance from the County. For more information, contact Brian Whiting at [bwhiting@volusia.gov](mailto:bwhiting@volusia.gov).

**OCEAN CENTER**

**Events:** It was a busy weekend for the Ocean Center, with three events taking place. USA Taekwondo hosted their Pan Am Grand Prix in the arena June 17-19, generating an estimated 2,000 attendees and 1,290 room nights. 360 Sports Events hosted the 2022 Xcel Gymnastic Championships in the exhibit hall June 17-19, generating an estimated 350 attendees and 700 room nights. Palmer College graduation took place June 17 in the ballroom with an approximate 400 attendees. CEO Gaming is using the entire building for their 2022 Fighting Game Championships June 24-26. This is their first event back at the facility since the pandemic, and 7,500 attendees are expected over three days, with an estimated 3,000 room nights. The event is open to the public; spectator tickets are available at <https://ceogaming.org/ceo/>. For more information, contact Tim Riddle at [triddle@volusia.org](mailto:triddle@volusia.org).

**PUBLIC PROTECTION**

**Animal Services:** On June 15, Director Leath was interviewed on the Good Day Daytona radio program regarding the new ordinance changes. For more information, contact Division Director Adam Leath, (386) 822-3506.

**Beach Safety:** On June 14, Director Ethridge delivered a presentation on Beach Safety for the Rotary Club in Port Orange. Beach Safety has their 3<sup>rd</sup> seasonal lifeguard recruit class all week. For more information, contact Division Director Andy Ethridge, (386) 239-6414.

**Corrections:** Corrections is proud to announce that they will have four new dogs for their training program working in conjunction with the Halifax Humane Society. Corrections continues its promise to provide real-world training opportunities to the inmate population. Corrections began a Certified Flagger class. For more information, contact Division Director Mark Flowers, (386) 254-1568

**Emergency Management:** On June 14 - 16, Emergency Management hosted Shelter Management Awareness Training for the Volusia County School District. Hurricane Presentations continue throughout the week. For more information, contact Interim Division Director James Judge, (386) 254-1500.

**Emergency Medical Administration:** EMA staff are meeting with the various fire rescue and emergency medical services (EMS) agencies to facilitate the transition of medical directors. The goal of the meetings is to establish expectations, identify areas of concern, and collaborate with organizations to ensure forward progress of the EMS system. For more information, contact Division Director Mark Wolcott, (386) 561-8087.

**Emergency Medical Services:** New hire orientation starts for two ambulance supply technicians and three emergency medical technicians. For more information, contact Division Director Michael Colman, (386) 236-3511.



**Fire Rescue:** The new hire academy for three new recruits will begin on June 20. This six-week academy will give these new recruits the necessary skills and mechanisms to operate in various unpredictable environments and the knowledge to support the vision and mission of VCFR. For more information, contact Fire Chief Howard Bailey, (386) 736-5940 ext. 12918.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

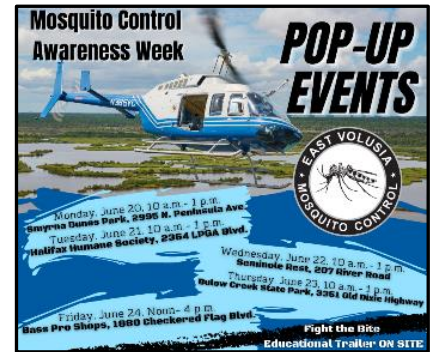
**Coastal:** The County's Derelict Vessel and Artificial Reef Contractor, McCulley Marine Services, Inc., has removed five derelict vessels from the Indian River and Halifax River over the past few weeks. Five additional vessels are scheduled to be removed in the next two weeks to finish out the 10 vessels fully funded for removal by a grant provided by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to the County of Volusia. For more information, contact Jessica Fentress at (386) 248-8072, ext. 20356.



## **Engineering & Construction**

Built-rite Construction has begun preliminary site prep for the construction of the Marine Discovery Center Trail. Initial activities include installation of a silt fence with clearing and grubbing around proposed pond excavation locations. Clearing and grubbing activities will be ongoing for the next couple of weeks. For more information, contact Tadd Kasbeer at (386) 736-5967, ext. 15846.

**Mosquito Control:** Mosquito Control will host a series of pop-up educational events throughout the county June 20 - 24, for National Mosquito Control Awareness Week. Residents can visit the Fight the Bite trailer at each event to learn about mosquito biology and the Division's integrated pest management program. Along with in-person events, Mosquito Control will also host digital educational webinars. For all event details, times, and locations, visit [www.facebook.com/VolusiaCountyMosquitoControl](http://www.facebook.com/VolusiaCountyMosquitoControl). For more information, contact Marcus McDonough at (386) 424-2920, ext. 20272.



## **Road & Bridge**

A ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Gabordy Canal Stormwater Treatment Facility was held on June 17. The project was identified in the Mosquito Lagoon Reasonable Assurance Plan and will contribute to the reduction of nutrient loading into the Mosquito Lagoon. For more information, contact Lori Koontz at (386) 822-6422, ext. 20455.

## **Solid Waste**

Solid Waste Division team members will be conducting a landfill educational tour for the Florida Institute for Community Inclusion on June 24, providing information on solid waste management and recycling practices, including job specifications. For more information, contact Regina Montgomery at (386) 947-2952, ext. 21347.

## **Traffic Engineering**

As of the second week of June, Traffic Engineering has a total of eight (8) traffic impact analyses in-process for review. This is higher than the recent average of 3-4 reviews and is significantly higher than the average 1-2 reviews five years ago. For more information, contact Jon Cheney at (386) 736-5968, ext. 12709.

## **Water Resources and Utilities**

Annual maintenance and fire flow testing of 613 fire hydrants has been completed within the division's three eastside utility service areas. Preventative hydrant maintenance ensures reliable supply and water pressure for fire protection. The remaining 1,001 fire hydrants located within the westside service areas are scheduled for completion by the end of September. For more information, contact Mike Ulrich at (386) 943-7027, ext. 12724.