

Volusia County Government Activities June 4 - 10, 2022

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Community Assistance

Housing and Grants: The Children and Families Advisory Board will be meet at 1:30 p.m. June 14 in Conference Room A of the Volusia County Lifeguard Headquarters, 515 W. Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach. Members will review the fiscal year 2022/23 contingency applications received, hear agency presentations and make funding recommendations. They will also review request for the statements of qualifications program and receive an update on the summer camp scholarship program. Persons may also attend virtually using a link posted prior to the meeting at www.volusia.org/cfab. To request additional information, contact Carmen Hall, Community Assistance Director, at chall@volusia.org.

A public meeting will be held to discuss The Path Forward – Strategies for Success, a draft affordable housing plan. This meeting will be held at 5 p.m. June 15 in the County Council Chambers of the Thomas C. Kelly Administration Center, 123 W. Indiana Ave., DeLand. The meeting can be attended in-person or virtually. Residents may view the draft plan and register to attend virtually on the Affordable Housing Initiative page at <https://www.volusia.org/services/community-services/affordable-housing-initiative>. The plan has been drafted based on recommendations from the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee and three separate affinity groups that analyzed community land trusts, funding, and land development regulations. A final plan will be presented to Volusia County Council for review after public input is received. To request additional information, contact Carmen Hall, Community Assistance Director, at chall@volusia.org.

Resource Stewardship: The ECHO Advisory Committee confirmed all five ECHO 2022 applications as eligible at the May 26 tour and eligibility meeting. The Committee will meet on June 16 as the Grant Review Panel to review and score all eligible applications. Applications scoring 80 or above will be recommended to the County Council by the ECHO Advisory Committee. For more information, contact Brad Burbaugh at bburbaugh@volusia.org.

COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE

Community Information: Staff collaborated with Votran to begin the creation of a video PSA promoting public transportation. Preparation efforts are underway for the Peck Sr. Park ribbon cutting in Daytona Beach Shores on June 24, as well as for the June 18 reef deployment 2.75 miles offshore from the area of the Ponce Inlet Jetty. Environmental Management Volunteer Coordinator Christie Miller and Coastal Division Manager Terri Propst were interviewed on the Volusia Today show. Coastal services and *Keep Volusia Beautiful* initiatives were discussed. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at kcaptain@volusia.org.

GROWTH & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Environmental Management: Lyonia Environmental Center summer camp starts on June 13 and runs through August 12. County staff and volunteers will be assisting Audubon Florida from June 15 to July 2 to count scrub jay's in Lyonia Preserve as part of the JayWatch program. The Marine Science Center's 20-year anniversary was June 8, which will be celebrated for the entire month of June with social media posts about our past and future, and a fundraising campaign, \$20 for 20 years, hosted by the Friends of the Marine Science Center and community partner Rue and Ziffra. Since opening in 2002, the MSC has admitted over 25,000 turtles and 19,000 birds. As of June 6, the MSC Sea Turtle Hospital has admitted 88 sea turtles this calendar year. As of June 6, there were 370 sea turtle nests laid on Volusia managed beaches. This includes eight Leatherback, 361 Loggerhead, and one rare Kemp's ridley nest. The overall nest count is much higher than average for this time of year, and if the pace keeps up, we may break our record count of 984 nests set in 2019. Daily nest counts can be seen at www.volusiaseaturtles.org. On May 31, staff collected 270 lbs. of monofilament and fishing gear debris in an underwater clean up dive at the Ponce Inlet jetty. Staff and volunteers called Jetty Ambassadors were on the jetty to educate onlookers about the activity. Shorebird Steward Volunteers are busy with a Wilson's Plover nest near the inlet at Smyrna Dunes Park and a least tern and two Wilson's plovers' nests on Disappearing Island. Volunteers are watching the hatchling sit with the nests on weekends to help educate guests about the birds and keep them safe. For more information, contact Ginger Adgar at gadar@volusia.org.



PUBLIC PROTECTION

Animal Services: On June 6 - 10, Director Leath and Field Supervisor Dease will be instructors at Daytona State College's Florida Animal Control Association Certification course that is being held at the Beach Headquarters conference room in Daytona Beach. For more information, contact Division Director Adam Leath, (386) 822-3506.

Beach Safety: Junior lifeguard instructor training continues this week. Beach Safety had two officers graduate from the law enforcement academy on June 7. Beach Safety will continue holding junior lifeguard tryouts on June 11. For more information, contact Division Director Andy Ethridge, (386) 239-6414.

Emergency Management: Citizen's Information Center training will begin for all teams this week. Emergency Management has seven hurricane presentations being held every day this week. The Manager's Advisory Group (MAG) meeting was held on June 8. Training will be held June 10 in the Operations Room on the County's new emergency messaging texting service, Everbridge. For more information, contact Interim Division Director James Judge, (386) 254-1500.

Emergency Medical Services: The Paramedic Academy is occurring this week, which is the first step for new paramedics to start the clearing process. EMS will be attending a meet-and-greet with the First Response Training Group as part of their ongoing recruiting efforts. For more information, contact Division Director Michael Colman, (386) 236-3511.

Fire Rescue: In the May edition of the Florida Fire Chiefs Association magazine, VCFR is highlighted twice (pages 31 and 41). Below is the link to the May edition: https://issuu.com/ffca/docs/05-22_ffs_magazine?fr=sNjU3MzQ0NDUxODI. On June 20, Rescue 44 (new ambulance) will be going into service at Station 44 in Pierson. For more information, contact Fire Chief Howard Bailey, (386) 736-5940 ext. 12918.

PUBLIC WORKS

Coastal: Coastal staff coordinated the removal of port-o-lets from the beach and deployed sandbags to the toll booths in preparation for Potential Tropical Cyclone One. The sandbags help keep the booths upright during high wind events. For more information, contact Jessica Fentress at (386) 248-8072, ext. 20356.

Mosquito Control: Mosquito Control is preparing to assist with a U.S. Department of Defense-funded research study on unmanned aerial system (UAS) mosquito control applications. The Division is meeting with collaborative agencies this week to plan the project details and prepare the insectary to rear mosquitoes for caged assays. The project is scheduled to be conducted in July. For more information, contact Marcus McDonough at (386) 424-2920, ext. 20272.

Road & Bridge: Traffic operations staff are fabricating special event signs in response to HB 1435 that passed during the recent 2022 Florida legislation session. The signs will designate a special event zone for law enforcement to react to pop-up events. For more information, contact Lori Koontz at (386) 822-6422, ext. 20455.

Solid Waste: The Volusia County Adopt a Road Program is a litter reduction campaign designed to remove litter and debris from Volusia County roads to *Keep Volusia Beautiful*. Community volunteers sign up to adopt one mile of county roadway and perform litter clean ups four times a year. The Solid Waste Division and *Keep Volusia Beautiful* has welcomed 12 new Adopt A Road groups in 2022. For more information, contact Regina Montgomery at (386) 947-2952, ext. 21347.

Traffic Engineering: Prompted by residents' concerns, traffic Engineering staff recently completed a traffic study to review operations at the intersection of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Beltway and Taylor Road in DeLand. The study recommended the installation of a new westbound left turn phase, which should help improve safety and operations for motorists traveling through the intersection. After completion of the study, traffic signal maintenance staff implemented the changes and ensured everything was working properly. For more information, contact Jon Cheney at (386) 736-5968, ext. 12709.

Water Resources and Utilities: Utilities staff finalized terms and conditions of a utility services agreement for Unit 4 of Orange City Hills in the County's southwest service area. The agreement provides for water service for 14 residential lots. Consideration of the agreement is scheduled for the June 21 County Council meeting. For more information, contact Mike Ulrich at (386) 943-7027, ext. 12724.

