

Volusia County Government Activities March 5 – 11, 2022

AVIATION & ECONOMIC RESOURCES

Daytona Beach International Airport

Operations- The Daytona Beach International Airport will test its disaster response readiness during a full-scale emergency response exercise from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, March 18, at Daytona Beach International Airport. This exercise is part of a triennial requirement of the Federal Aviation Administration that tests the airport's emergency response capability. More information available in the [news release](#). For more information, contact Joanne Magley at jmagley@volusia.org.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Community Assistance: Community Assistance will accept online pre-applications for the Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section 8) waiting list from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 24. Visit our website for more information. <https://www.volusia.org/services/community-services/community-assistance/housing-choice-voucher-program-section-8/applicant-information/waiting-list.stml>.

The Human Services Advisory Board is seeking a representative from the Deltona and Orange City area to represent the interests of low-income citizens who reside in this area. A community meeting will be held allowing citizens to nominate and elect a representative to the advisory board. The meeting will be held at the Deltona Regional Library on Monday, March 14, 2022, starting at 4:30 p.m. For more information, please contact Carmen Hall at 386-736-5955.

COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE

Community Information: Community Information staff will be both actively participating in the Airport's triennial emergency response exercise on Friday, March 18, 2022 and supporting the exercise's AV needs. Staff is coordinating with the Coastal Division on messaging for the opening of the Edwin Peck and Dahlia Avenue parks. Staff also is coordinating the arrangements for the annual Public Employee Feed The Need fund drive to support community food assistance. The drive will take place between March 21-April 1, with all of the money collected going to the Second Harvest Food Bank. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at kcaptain@volusia.org.

GROWTH & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Environmental Management: The Marine Science Center's (MSC) Turtle Department continues to see high numbers of sea turtle intakes. There have been 64 intakes of juvenile, sub-adult, and adult sea turtles since Jan. 1 and 19 intakes from March 1-7. These numbers are on par to meet or exceed last year's record number of intakes. On Monday, the MSC participated in a marine mammal and animal care employer panel hosted by the University of New England. Participating organizations provided information on career opportunities for 56 students enrolled in the university's animal care and wildlife conservation majors. Sustainability and Resilience program staff with Green Volusia and the Lyonia Environmental Center, in partnership with the University of Florida IFAS Extension Office, will host the second Climate Smart Floridians class from March 9 to April 2. This program is designed to take an innovative, fun and comprehensive approach to climate change to help build community support and reduce our environmental impacts.

Environmental Permitting (EP) YTD inspection numbers are up 30% compared to this time last year. EP staff has conducted 8,049 inspections and reviews this FY. In FY 20-21, EP staff conducted 18,005 inspections and reviews, an increase of 40% over the FY 19-20. EP inspections have increased by 97% since FY 16-17. For more information, contact Ginger Adair at gadair@volusia.org.

OCEAN CENTER

Events: Tuesday, March 15, staff will meet with representatives from the City of Daytona Beach, the Peabody Auditorium, the Daytona Beach Area Convention and Visitors Bureau and Varsity Spirit to discuss the NCA and NDA College Nationals taking place April 6 through 10 at multiple locations, including the Ocean Center.

The Florida Federation of Square and Round Dancers will host their convention March 18 and 19 and is expected to have 500 attendees and generate 100 room nights. Spectators are welcome with free entry.

Reach the Beach Cheer and Dance Competition takes place March 19 in the exhibit hall. Two thousand attendees are expected and the event is estimated to generate 250 room nights. The event is open to the public; tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children and seniors and can be purchased at the door with cash. More information is available at <https://www.varsity.com/alo/>.

For more information, contact Tim Riddle at triddle@volusia.org.

PUBLIC PROTECTION



Animal Services: Animal Services received the Outstanding Agency of the Year Award presented by the Florida Animal Control Association at this year's conference. For more information, contact Division Director Adam Leath, (386) 822-3506.

Beach Safety: Beach Safety is continuing its seasonal recruitment efforts, with the last day of tryouts scheduled for March 13. The second week of Junior Lifeguard tryouts was also held on March 13. For more information, contact Division Director Andy Ethridge, (386) 239-6414.

Corrections: The Corrections Division continues to support the countywide litter campaign and litter cleanup on the county roads. Thus far, inmate crews have picked up more than 60 tons of trash and debris along county roads. For more information, contact Division Director Mark Flowers, (386) 254-1568

Emergency Management: The Emergency Management Division, in partnership with the cities, continues to support COVID-19 testing at the three mobile testing sites in Daytona Beach at City Island, Deltona at Dewey O. Boster Park, and at the New Smyrna Beach City Gym. On March 8, Emergency Management hosted the Family Assistance Center Support Training and on March 9 hosted the Affordable Housing Affinity Group meeting. Division Director Helene Wetherington conducted a meet and greet session with Linda Webster of FPL and Carol McFarlane from the Planning Department this week. For more information, contact Division Director Helene Wetherington, (386) 254-1500.

Emergency Medical Administration: Emergency Medical Administration spent the bulk of the week preparing for the upgrade to the ZOLL system; ZOLL is a patient care report software. Components of the preparation included final adjustments to user accounts, meeting with the ZOLL user group to ensure all stakeholders are prepared, and assisting Information Technology with testing of the platform immediately following the upgrade to ensure product integrity. For more information, contact Division Director Mark Wolcott, (386) 561-8087.

Fire Rescue: On March 4, VCFR was notified by FEMA that their organization will be awarded the second of two mitigation grants that were submitted last year. These two grants are for generators at stations 11 and 21. VCFR is waiting on the grant contract to purchase and install the generators. For more information, contact Fire Chief Howard Bailey, (386) 736-5940 ext. 12918.

PUBLIC WORKS

Coastal: The septic-to-sewer project at Smyrna Dunes Park Pavilion was recently completed. This project was funded with assistance from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and St. Johns River Water Management District. For more information, contact Terri Propst at (386) 248-8072, ext. 20535.

Engineering & Construction: Construction continues on the Howland Boulevard widening project between Elckam Boulevard and Providence Boulevard. Current ongoing activities include Volusia County utility installation, pond excavation, storm drain installation, and roadway and curb installation. For more information, contact Tadd Kasbeer at (386) 736-5967, ext. 15846.

Mosquito Control: Mosquito Control will be hosting the next Tire Amnesty Day on April 2. This event allows residents to dispose of up to 20 tires for free to reduce mosquito breeding habitats. Tires holding water can produce pesky biting mosquitoes, such as *Aedes aegypti* and *Aedes albopictus*. Event details will be posted on the website and social media pages. For more information, contact Marcus McDonough at (386) 424-2920, ext. 20272.



Road & Bridge: No planned lane or road closures will be permitted on County maintained roadways throughout Volusia County from Mar. 9 through Mar. 13 during the annual Daytona Bike Week and associated events. For more information, contact Lori Koontz at (386) 822-6422, ext. 20455.

Solid Waste: The Tomoka Farms Road Landfill held limited operational hours this past March 6, processing over 18 tons of garbage in support of Bike Week events. For more information, contact Regina Montgomery at (386) 947-2952, ext. 21347.

Traffic Engineering: This month signal staff will be performing traffic signal maintenance in DeLand, Daytona Beach, Pierson, and Holly Hill. For more information, contact Jon Cheney at (386) 736-5968, ext. 12709.

Water Resources and Utilities: Under the provisions of the Florida Springs and Aquifer Protection Act, utilities staff has worked in cooperation with the Department of Environmental Protection on the development of a wastewater feasibility analysis and project strategy for reducing nutrient pollutants within the DeLeon Spring basin. The spring is one of only 30 designated by the state as an "Outstanding Florida Spring". An overview of the plan and key project initiatives will be presented during the Mar. 15 County Council meeting. For more information, contact Mike Ulrich at (386) 943-7027, ext. 12724.