

Volusia County Government Activities May 7 – 13, 2022

AVIATION & ECONOMIC RESOURCES

Daytona Beach International Airport

Marketing, Customer Experience & Air Service Development: Airport Manager of Operations Dan Blake will represent DAB during the presentation of a mini jet engine model on May 18, at Sugarmill Elementary School in Port Orange. The jet engines are donated by the airport, and the program is spearheaded by the Lodging and Hospitality Association. For more information, contact Joanne Magley at jmagley@volusia.org.

Economic Development: Volusia County Economic Development will host the "Q" Breakfast from 8 to 9 a.m. May 20 at Daytona Beach International Airport in the Dennis McGee Room. Special guest speaker Jennifer Taylor, president & CEO of GrowFL will provide an overview of how GrowFL supports and accelerates the growth of second-stage companies. Volusia County Economic Development Director Helga van Eckert will provide a presentation on the 1st quarter of 2022 economic data that includes building permit activity, labor statistics and employment trends by industry. For more information, contact Joanne Magley at jmagley@volusia.org.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Community Assistance: The Affordable Housing Advisory Committee will be meeting at 3 p.m. on May 18, at the Emergency Operations Center, 3825 Tiger Bay Road, Daytona Beach. Members will review and take action on previous meeting minutes, review a draft affordable housing plan, and review the process and timeline for the affordable housing incentive strategies report. Persons may attend in person or virtually by registering at <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8431145744726669072>. To request additional information, contact Carmen Hall, Community Assistance Director, at chall@volusia.org.

Resource Stewardship: The UF/IFAS Extension Sea Grant team gave a presentation on barrier islands, tides, and marine life at Esther Beachfront Park in New Smyrna Beach as part of the "Get to know your Island" community education series. The ECHO advisory committee will participate in tours of grant applicant sites and determine the eligibility of the projects submitted during the current grant cycle on May 26. The agenda and grant applications can be accessed on the ECHO Advisory Committee webpage. For more information, contact Brad Burbaugh at bburbaugh@volusia.org.

COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE

Community Information: Using the Community Information studio, staff began the filming for the Employee Spotlight campaign. The completion of the first round of these short videos will be ready in a few weeks and will be posted on social media. Staff are also creating two new PSAs that will encourage residents to follow us on social media. Staff assisted the Department of Public Protection for the initial round of their community AED deployments. Social media posts are being created for Nurses Week, National Police Officers Week, EMS Week, Public Works Week, and new Fire Rescue staff accomplishments. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at kcaptain@volusia.org.

FINANCE

Information Technology: Completed a major software upgrade to the Lucity asset management system used in various County divisions. Staff are presenting at the Central Florida GIS User's Group meeting on May 6, discussing the cost savings, efficiencies, and benefit of their deployment of ArcGIS Online Portal technologies. Staff developed a new app for field data collection regarding sea turtle nests. This app uses an iPad's native camera and GPS technology to replace a time-consuming and paper-based survey technique with a real-time tracking and monitoring system. For more information, contact Brian Whiting bwhiting@volusia.gov.

GROWTH & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Environmental Management: Pollution Control Manager Tom Carey has been elected Chairman of the Indian River Lagoon Council's Management Board. The Board consists of stakeholders at all levels: federal, state, county, city, and citizen to ensure that local issues are managed by bringing all stakeholders to the table to work out solutions that are consensus-driven and based on sound science. The Board advises and recommends to the Indian River Lagoon Council on financial, technical and administrative matters. On May 5, the Volusia County Marine Mammal Stranding Team assisted the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) and SeaWorld with the release of a 1,500 lb. male manatee named "Yago" at Blue Springs State Park. Yago was rescued in Brevard County in February his year. On May 6, the team assisted FWC with the rescue of a female manatee suffering from a boat strike in the Indian River Lagoon area of Volusia County. The animal was captured and transferred to SeaWorld rehabilitation for care. On May 10, the team assisted with the release of a pregnant manatee named "Paprika" at Blue Springs State Park. She was rescued from the St. Johns River suffering from a boat strike. Sea turtle nesting season began May 1, and as of May 11, we have 28 nests laid on county managed beaches. For more information, contact Ginger Adair at gadair@volusia.org.

OCEAN CENTER

Events: Joseph Volleyball Academy's FC Power League Championships wraps up May 15, generating an estimated attendance of 6,400 and 2,750 room nights over the two-day event. USA Judo will host the Senior National Championships at the Ocean Center for



the first time May 21 and 22. The event is estimated to bring in 1,500 attendees over two days and generate 700 room nights. Admission is cash only May 21 and is \$12 for individuals 13 years of age and older, \$6 for youths nine to 12 and free for children eight and under. May 22 admission is free. For more information, visit teamusa.org/USA-Judo. The Team Florida Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) Gymnastics Southern Regional Championship will take place in the exhibit hall May 21 and 22. Eighteen hundred attendees are expected over the course of the weekend, generating 425 room nights. Admission is cash only and is \$20 for the day or \$30 for two days for individuals 10 years of age and older, \$10 for the day or \$15 for two days for youths five to nine, and free for children four and under. Taking Off Pounds Sensibly will hold their annual conference in the ballroom May 20 and 21. The private event expects 550 attendees and 500 room nights over two days. For more information, contact Tim Riddle at triddle@volusia.org.

PUBLIC PROTECTION

Animal Services: Animal Services' staff assisted the City of Lake Helen in an animal cruelty investigation on May 10. On May 11 and 12 Animal Services conducted interviews for the Coastal Animal Control position. For more information, contact Division Director Adam Leath, (386) 822-3506.

Beach Safety: Junior Lifeguard tryouts ended on May 14. For more information, contact Division Director Andy Ethridge, (386) 239-6414.

Emergency Management: On May 11, the EOC was represented at the Health and Human Summit, which was held at the Ocean Center. Staff conducted two hurricane preparedness presentations this week at Epiphany Manor and Prince of Peace church. On May 14, the Deland Regional Library will be hosting a *How-To Festival* and an Emergency Management staffer will distribute brochures related to hurricanes, flooding, special needs registry, etc. For more information please, contact Interim Division Director James Judge, (386) 254-1500.

Fire Rescue: Acting ARFF Battalion Chief William Whalen was awarded the Professional Airport Accreditation – Airport Fire Officer (AFO) by the American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE). He is now one of three people in the State of Florida to have this designation. For more information, contact Fire Chief Howard Bailey, (386) 736-5940 ext. 12918.

PUBLIC WORKS

Coastal: A new dune walkover was installed at 29th Avenue in New Smyrna Beach along with a new trashcan. This walkover was installed due to concerns about dune erosion on an adjacent property created by the public in their attempts to access the beach at the County beach approach. Poles were installed prior to turtle season, and Coastal trades workers completed the build and opened the walkover the following week. Other than some additional signage and aesthetic improvements, no additional improvements are planned for this location. For more information, contact Jessica Fentress at (386) 248-8072, ext. 20356.



Engineering & Construction: The contractor is back to work on the River Breeze pier resurfacing project following the completion of a change order request. The project is approximately 65% complete with substantial completion anticipated at the beginning of June and final completion at the beginning of July. For more information, contact Tadd Kasbeer at (386) 736-5967, ext. 15846.

Mosquito Control: Mosquito Control is collaborating with the Information Technology and Fleet Maintenance Divisions to replace the aged weather stations and connecting cables on the ultralow volume (ULV) adulticiding trucks. These truck-mounted weather stations allow drivers to view in real time weather data from their laptop during operations to ensure applications are following all product label requirements. For more information, contact Marcus McDonough at (386) 424-2920, ext. 20272.



Road & Bridge: On May 6, Road & Bridge staff joined other Public Works Division staff to participate in the annual career fair held at Atlantic High School in Port Orange. Graduating senior students asked questions and were provided information about the benefits and available opportunities of working in the Public Works field. For more information, contact Lori Koontz at (386) 822-6422, ext. 20455.

Solid Waste: The Solid Waste Division offers the removal of home fuel oil free to all Volusia County residents. Our goal is to remove abandoned home fuel oil from all known tanks. Staff removed 672 gallons of home fuel oil from seven residential properties during the past month. Residents needing home fuel oil removed may call the Solid Waste Division at (386) 943-7889 to schedule removal. For more information, contact Regina Montgomery at (386) 947-2952, ext. 21347.

Traffic Engineering: Staff performed the final inspection of the signal rebuild at US 1 and 10th Street in New Smyrna Beach for the FDOT. In addition, staff is performing bi-annual traffic signal maintenance in the Ormond Beach and Deltona areas. For more information, contact Jon Cheney at (386) 736-5968, ext. 12709.

Water Resources and Utilities: On May 10, the St. Johns River Water Management District Governing Board approved \$2,348,663 in cost share funding for FY 2022-23 for the County's Southwest Regional water reclamation facility upcoming expansion project. The first phase of expansion will include construction of a 10 million gallon reclaimed water storage tank to ensure sufficient supply for current and future irrigation demand. For more information, contact Mike Ulrich at (386) 943-7027, ext. 12724.