

## Volusia County Government Activities Nov. 28 – Dec. 4, 2020

### COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE

**Community Information:** Staff is working with Votran to assist in their communication efforts for the 10-year major update to their Transit Development Plan. Staff is preparing for two upcoming events: a ribbon cutting of the new Public Works Northeast Services Facility on Dec. 14 and a groundbreaking for Edwin W. Peck Sr. Park on Dec. 18. In a partnership with the City of DeLand, efforts continue in the planning for the Spring Hill Strive to Thrive event on Saturday, Dec. 12, which include a tire amnesty event, a household hazardous and electronic waste pickup, as well as a bulk item pickup. A social media campaign has launched leading up to Christmas holiday featuring VoCo the elf. Follow along on the County of Volusia Facebook, Twitter and Instagram pages to see VoCo's adventures throughout the county. Staff is working with Library Services to design and print three new brochures, as well as completing the finishing touches on the next issue of County Line, the County's employee newsletter. Staff has begun creating content and scripting for the annual State of the County address. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at [kcaptain@volusia.org](mailto:kcaptain@volusia.org).

### FINANCE

**Information Technology:** Hosted the first virtual GIS Day by posting an [online storymap](#) to highlight the uses of Geographic Information Systems in county government. Though COVID-19 prevented the usual gathering of GIS users and aficionados, the website engaged approximately 250 guests for the celebration. For more information, contact Kevin Benge at [kbenge@volusia.org](mailto:kbenge@volusia.org).

### GROWTH & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

**Environmental Management:** On Nov. 21, the MSC admitted a juvenile Hawksbill sea turtle that stranded in New Smyrna Beach. Named "Timon," the sea turtle is on a treatment plan for infection and passed a small amount of plastic. Timon is showing signs of improvement daily but is still in the early stages of rehabilitation. Listed as endangered, Hawksbills are found mostly on coral reefs in the Atlantic, Pacific, and Indian Oceans. Hawksbills are rare in Volusia County, with the last juvenile admitted in 2008. For more information, contact Ginger Adair at [gadair@volusia.org](mailto:gadair@volusia.org).



### PUBLIC PROTECTION

**Animal Services** Designated Animal Services staff attended the Critical Incident Stress Management Training at the Emergency Operations Center on Dec. 1 - 2. On Dec 5, Animal Services conducted their third microchipping event to take place at Volusia County Animal Services. This event included the grand re-opening of the building, providing Volusia County citizens a chance to see the dramatic transformation of the building that will help guide patronage on where to enter the building depending on their need/appointment. For more information, please contact Division Director Adam Leath, 386-248-1790 ext. 11398.



**Beach Safety:** To continue providing a superior level of service, Beach Safety will again seek reaccreditation through the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation (CFA) this week. Recognizing the value of operating under the highest standardized level of service, Beach Safety Ocean Rescue has been accredited since 2006 by the CFA. This week, a team of independent assessors from the CFA will once again review Beach Safety Ocean Rescue's policies, procedures, management and operating practices and, pending clearance, will re-accredit the agency for another three years.

Designated Beach Safety personnel will be attending critical incident stress management training at the Emergency Operations Center. This training will aid in managing the stress of personnel and the public that have experienced a traumatic call or event. For more information, please contact Division Director Ray Manchester, 386-239-6414 ext. 20330.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

**Coastal:** The Coastal Division coordinated the design, manufacture and installation of new beach ramp gate systems at the University Blvd beach ramp located in Daytona Beach and the Botefuhr Ave beach ramp located in Daytona Beach Shores. For more information, contact Jessica Winterwerp at (386) 248-8072, ext. 20356.

**Engineering & Construction:** Construction of the East Central Regional Rail Trail segment 4A, from Guise Road to Gobblers Lodge Road, continues to progress. Upcoming activities on the trail include installation of the bridge over the Lake Ashby Canal. For more information, contact Tadd Kasbeer at (386) 736-5967, ext. 15846.

**Mosquito Control and Solid Waste:** At 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Dec. 12, the Solid Waste and Mosquito Control divisions will host the Spring Hill Strive to Thrive event at the Chisolm Center in DeLand. As a community clean-up event in the Spring Hill area of DeLand, residents can dispose of household hazardous waste and up to 20 tires for free at the Chisholm Center. Residents can also place out up to four bulky items for collection from their residence. Bulky items are those items that do not fit in the standard waste collection container, such as furniture and old mattresses, and must be placed out for collection no later than 7:00 am on Dec 12. For more information, contact Regina Montgomery at (386) 947-2952, ext. 21347 or Suzanne Bartlett at (386) 424-2920, ext. 20272.

**Road & Bridge:** At 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Dec. 5, travelers on roads surrounding the Daytona International Speedway experienced delays to accommodate the bike race for the Challenge Daytona triathlon festival. Message boards and law enforcement officers were placed along the route to assist with traffic flow and intersection crossings. Roads affected included portions of Midway Avenue, Williamson Boulevard, Beville Road, Clyde Morris Boulevard, Bellevue Avenue, Dunn Avenue, Tomoka Farms Road and International Speedway Boulevard. For more information, contact Benjamin Bartlett at (386) 822-6422, ext. 20470.

**Traffic Engineering** Staff is implementing adaptive traffic signal control on LPGA Boulevard, from Tournament Drive to Clyde Morris Boulevard. Adaptive traffic signal control systems adjust signal timings based on changing traffic conditions throughout the day. The system is currently in data collection mode and will become fully functional in a couple of weeks. For more information, contact Jon Cheney at (386) 736-5968, ext. 12709.

**Water Resources and Utilities:** Utilities staff finalized the terms and conditions of an interlocal agreement for design, construction and operation of a water system interconnection with the City of Ormond Beach that will provide a redundant supply of potable water, in the event of an emergency, for the county's Halifax Plantation water system. Consideration of the agreement is scheduled for the Dec. 15, County Council meeting. For more information, contact Mike Ulrich at (386) 943-7027, ext. 12724.