

## Volusia County Government Activities November 14 – 20, 2020

### AVIATION & ECONOMIC RESOURCES

#### **Daytona Beach International Airport**

**Marketing, Customer Experience & Air Service Development:** Staff facilitated an interview with the News-Journal about the Thanksgiving holiday air travel. On Dec. 18, the marketing & customer experience director provided an update to the HAAA board on the American Airlines flights to Dallas-Fort Worth and Philadelphia that begin Dec. 17. Staff is working with American Airlines on its national campaign to promote the flights. For more information, contact Joanne Magley at [jmagley@volusia.org](mailto:jmagley@volusia.org).

**Economic Development:** Staff continues to process small and home-based business grants. To date, 3,306 small business grant applications have been received, and 2,679 checks distributed, totaling more than \$8.10 million. The home-based grant program has processed 608 applications resulting in the distribution of 470 checks totaling \$705,000. For more information, contact Joanne Magley at [jmagley@volusia.org](mailto:jmagley@volusia.org).

### COMMUNITY SERVICES

**Extension Services:** Extension Services, in partnership with Volusia County Farm Bureau, held the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Farm Tour on Nov. 20 which featured eight of the county's 1,575 farms. The Extension team will also host a two-part, virtual class for first time home buyers on Dec. 4 and 11. For more information contact Brad Burbaugh at [bburbaugh@volusia.org](mailto:bburbaugh@volusia.org).

**Votran:** Votran and Votran Gold will operate a limited service schedule on Nov. 26 for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Riders are encouraged to plan their travel in advance to avoid possible travel conflicts. Holiday schedules can be found online at [votran.org](http://votran.org) or onboard the bus. All riders are strongly encouraged to wear a mask per CDC guidelines. For more information contact Calvin Miller at [kmiller@volusia.org](mailto:kmiller@volusia.org).

### COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE

**Community Information:** Staff are creating another COVID-19 county response featuring personal interviews with County Council members and grant recipients. Another round of FDEM COVID-19 testing site advertisements are underway. Messaging for the *Step Up Volusia* campaign are being refreshed, thanks to collaborative contributions from the Public Information Network (PIN), which includes partners from our cities and municipalities, public agencies, hospitals, CVBs and more. Efforts continue with Public Works and the City of DeLand for the upcoming *Spring Hill Strive to Thrive* events Dec. 12. Volusia Magazine continuous video loops have been created for the monitors in Human Services and Veterans Services lobbies. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at [kcaptain@volusia.org](mailto:kcaptain@volusia.org).

### GROWTH & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

**Environmental Management:** On Nov. 11, the MSC admitted its 25,000<sup>th</sup> sea turtle since opening in 2002. The 25,000<sup>th</sup> patient is a juvenile green sea turtle named "Poppins" from St. Augustine that is lethargic and excessively swollen with fluid. Poppins is the 136<sup>th</sup>, adult or juvenile, sea turtle admitted this calendar year.

On Thursday, November 19, the Town of Ponce Inlet Town Council reviewed and approved the final site plan for a replacement building at the seabird hospital portion of the Marine Science Center. The replacement building provides office space and work area for the bird hospital staff and replaces an older, non-conforming building that is in disrepair. For more information, contact Ginger Adair at [gadair@volusia.org](mailto:gadair@volusia.org).



### OCEAN CENTER

**Events:** The Ocean Center successfully hosted the Garden Brothers Circus with four shows on Nov. 17-18. Social distancing was enforced with masks required. On Nov. 20, professional boxing comes to the Ocean Center with Fight Night in Daytona Beach. This first-time event brings 12 boxing matches with participation from boxing champion Floyd Mayweather. Partnering with Halifax Urban Ministries for assembling and distribution of resources and food continues. For more information, contact Tim Buckley at [tbuckley@volusia.org](mailto:tbuckley@volusia.org).

## **PUBLIC PROTECTION**

**Animal Services:** On Nov 16, Animal Services assisted the City of Daytona Beach Animal Control with chemically immobilizing a dog which had been running loose in the roadways for several weeks, endangering itself and those driving in the area. The signed municipal agreement for supplemental operational assistance and voluntary cooperation for the City of Holly Hill will be presented for council approval on Nov 17. For more information, please contact Division Director Adam Leath, 386-248-1790 ext. 11398.

**Beach Services:** Beach Safety has been meeting with Human Resources and Community Information to put together a new flyer and increased social media advertisements to assist with recruitment efforts for seasonal lifeguards. For more information, please contact Division Director Ray Manchester, 386-239-6414 x 20330.

**Emergency Management:** Division Director Jim Judge will be attending a planning meeting for discussion on how we are going to coordinate and operationally prepare for the COVID 19 vaccinations, which may begin as early as the first part of December. For more information, please contact Division Director Jim Judge, 386-316-1554.

**Emergency Medical Services:** EMS will start deploying one day and night truck at Volusia County Fire Rescue Station 23 located at 1850 Pioneer Trail in New Smyrna Beach. For more information, please contact Division Director Jason Brady, 386-236-3511.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

**Coastal:** Staff will conduct pre-bid meetings for renovation of the 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue Beach Ramp and the 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue ADA Dune Walkover, both in New Smyrna Beach. Staff will also be renovating the Floral Avenue and Drum Avenue dune walkovers in New Smyrna Beach, and the Heron St. walkover in Wilbur-By-The-Sea. For more information, contact Jessica Winterwerp at (386) 248-8072, ext. 20356.

**Engineering & Construction:** Excavation is underway at the Lemon Bluff boat ramp for the boat ramp flat work, including forms and steel, which will be poured in three phases with an estimated completion date of Dec. 4. For more information, contact Tadd Kasbeer at (386) 736-5967, ext. 15846.

**Mosquito Control:** Staff are virtually presenting to the Volusia County UF IFAS Master Gardeners at their monthly meeting on Nov. 19. Attendees will learn how integrated pest management strategies are used to target mosquitoes and the services available from Volusia County Mosquito Control. To request an educational presentation for your group or organization, please email [vcmosquito@volusia.org](mailto:vcmosquito@volusia.org) or for more information, contact Suzanne Bartlett, (386) 424-2920, ext. 20272.

**Road & Bridge:** The Thornby Park Water Quality Improvement project in Deltona is nearing completion. Remaining work includes sidewalk construction and Providence Blvd. paving near the Lakeshore Dr. intersection. For more information, contact Benjamin Bartlett at (386) 822-6422, ext. 20470.



**Solid Waste:** The Tomoka Farms Road Landfill and West Volusia Transfer Station will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 26, in observance of Thanksgiving Day. Both facilities will resume normal operations on Friday, Nov. 27 at 7 a.m. For more information, contact Regina Montgomery at (386) 947-2952, ext. 21347.

**Traffic Engineering:** Comprehensive plan amendments for the Transportation Map Series will be taken to County Council for consideration in early 2021. The amendments include the removal of unnecessary maps and modifications to the Scenic Roadways map. 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 the Hacienda Del Rio subdivision in Edgewater providing water and wastewater services for up to 70 residential lots. Consideration of the agreement by County Council is scheduled for Dec. 15. For more information, contact Mike Ulrich at (386) 943-7027, ext. 12724.