

Volusia County Government Activities
November 21 – 27, 2020

Thanksgiving Week's Brief Report

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Housing and Grants Administration

The Affordable Housing Advisory Committee will meet at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1, in the County Council Chambers of the Thomas C. Kelly Administration Center, 123 W. Indiana Ave., DeLand. Members will be provided an orientation to the advisory committee, receive an overview of current and planned housing activities, elect officers, hear a presentation about the housing element of the comprehensive plan, and establish a meeting schedule. The public is invited to attend, participate and provide comments in the meeting. Persons may also attend virtually with a link that will be posted before the meeting at www.volusia.org/ahac.

COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE

Community Information: Staff completed production of a second long-form video showcasing the County's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The video was released on Nov. 25 via social media and can be viewed here: <https://www.facebook.com/CountyOfVolusia/posts/3435621323188637>. Staff is working with Public Works's Coastal Division to develop a virtual public listening session and comment portal in order to elicit public feedback regarding plans for the Silver Beach beach ramp improvement project.

With the upcoming holiday season and in collaboration with the county's Public Information Network, a focus on keeping one's guard up amidst our high COVID numbers is underway with our graphic artist creatively refreshing the *Step Up Volusia* campaign. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at kcaptain@volusia.org.



In addition to the *Step Up Volusia* campaign messaging, updated graphic arts were also created for the business and rental/mortgage grant assistance programs in anticipation for the Dec. 11 and Dec. 30 deadlines, respectively. Moreover, the FDEM COVID-19 testing site ads for the New Smyrna location were updated with the anticipated holiday closures.



The site will request insurance information, but patients will not be billed a copay or coinsurance, and those without insurance will be tested free of charge.

The testing will **not** be offered Dec. 24 and 25 and Jan. 1.

PUBLIC PROTECTION

Animal Services: Director Adam Leath lectured for the University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine on Nov. 21 going over the role of Animal Services in animal abuse investigations. On Nov 23, Animal Services welcomed two new animal control officers to their team. For more information, please contact Division Director Adam Leath, 386-248-1790 ext. 11398.