

Volusia County Government Activities September 17 – 23, 2022

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Community Assistance: A public hearing for the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC) has been rescheduled due to the cancellation of the hearing that had been scheduled for Sept. 14. The public hearing will now take place on Oct. 12 at 5 p.m. in the County Council chambers. The purpose of the hearing is to review the AHAC's recommendations on local housing incentive strategies. The committee also will review prior meeting minutes and a proposed meeting schedule. A copy of the draft report of recommendations, meeting materials, meeting agenda and virtual registration information can be found at www.volusia.org/ahac. To request additional information, contact Carmen Hall, Community Assistance Director, at chall@volusia.org.

Resource Stewardship: The Volusia Forever Advisory Committee's web page (<https://bit.ly/3c0hqMa>) has undergone enhancements to improve ease of access for residents by providing committee meeting agendas with supporting documents, features that allow previous agendas and minutes to be searched using keywords, and links to watch live broadcasts and access previous meeting recordings. For more information, contact Brad Burbaugh at bburbaugh@volusia.org.

Votran: Votran's Marketing and Planning Department won an award at the Florida Public Transportation Association's annual conference for the Dump the Pump campaign, "Gas prices got you down, let Votran pick you up". Votran won the Bus Safety Excellence Award for the second year in a row for Tiers 2, 3 and 4. Fixed Route Operator Davidson Abraham won 3rd place for the Florida Bus Operator of the Year Award. Votran staff has distributed more than 890,000 masks to our customers and community partners. For more information, contact Kelvin Miller at kmiller@volusia.org.

COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE

Community Information: Staff collaborated with Emergency Management on a Livestream video that included information about Tropical Depression 9 (now Hurricane Ian) and disaster preparedness kits on the County of Volusia YouTube Channel and Volusia County Emergency Management Facebook. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at kcaptain@volusia.org.

GROWTH & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Environmental Management: The Climate Smart Florida program takes an innovative, fun and comprehensive approach to climate change that will help build community support and reduce household impacts on climate change. Participants will learn what greenhouse gases are, how they impact our climate, and individual actions that can make a big difference to reduce those impacts. This 6-part series takes place from Oct. 1–29 and includes both in person and virtual components. To participate, go to [Climate Smart Floridians Tickets, Sat. Oct 1, 2022 at 9:00 AM | Eventbrite](#).

The Marine Science Center hosted a volunteer appreciation event at Riverside Park in Port Orange with support from the Friends of the Marine Science Center. More than 100 volunteers and their families attended. Staff grilled food and made side dishes for the event and volunteers enjoyed frisbee, cornhole and music provided by a DJ. Last year, volunteers at the MSC donated more than 14,000 service hours. Environmental Permitting year-to-date inspection numbers are up 15.8% as compared to this time last year. Staff has conducted 18,626 inspections and reviews this fiscal year, up from 18,005 inspections and reviews in FY 20-21. Inspections have increased by 101% since FY 16-17.

International Coastal Cleanup Results are in! We are still waiting on totals from a few of the sites, but our countywide preliminary numbers from the event held on Sept. 17 are below:

- 1,368 participants
- 8,102 lbs. of trash collected
- 121 miles of coastal habitat cleaned
- 53,794 items collected

For more information, contact Ginger Adair at gadair@volusia.org

OCEAN CENTER

Events: The Ocean Center hosted several events over the past week. Halifax Health's Annual Recognition Banquet took place in the ballroom Sept. 21 with 500 attendees, and Palmer College held graduation in the ballroom Sept. 23 for 450 attendees. Ace Gymnastics moved into the arena Sept. 23 for their weekend event with an estimated 1,500 attendees and 300 room nights. Looking forward, Coastal Connections Academy will use a meeting room for student testing Sept. 27-29. The Republican Executive Committee of Volusia County will host a dinner Oct. 2 in the arena with an estimated 500 attendees. For more information, contact Tim Riddle at triddle@volusia.org.



PUBLIC PROTECTION

Animal Services: Oak Hill's new ordinance was approved by their City Commission on Sept. 19, mirroring VCAS's new animal ordinance that was adopted by the County Council in June 2022. For more information, contact Division Director Adam Leath, (386) 822-3506.

Emergency Management: The ESF-8 Partners Meeting will be held in the OPS room on Sept. 21. Tom Cisco will be attending the 3rd Quarter Region 5 Meeting on Sept. 22 in Fort Pierce. For more information, contact Interim Division Director James Judge, (386) 254-1500.

Emergency Medical Administration: On Sept. 20, EMA and Information Technology met to discuss Zoll security. Weekly meetings are ongoing regarding the upgrading and mitigation of EMS charts. A meeting with the City of Daytona Beach is scheduled for Sept. 21 to discuss the Opticom priority intersection list. For more information, contact Division Director Mark Wolcott, (386) 561-8087.

Emergency Medical Services: On Sept. 23, EMS will meet with our ambulance vendor, Braun, to discuss future remount purchase. Negotiations with IAEP 77 union are continuing. For more information, contact Division Director Michael Colman, (386) 236-3511.

Fire Rescue: On Sept. 20, VCFR will be submitting the Intent to Apply application for the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Grant to the Florida Department of Emergency Management for approval. If approved, Volusia County will submit an actual grant application to FEMA GO, which is due in January 2023. If awarded, the grant will allow Volusia County to build three safe-room buildings (Fire Station 15, EMS building and dorms for Emergency Management). For more information, contact Interim Fire Chief Joe King, (386) 736-5940 ext. 12909.

PUBLIC WORKS

Coastal: Coastal trades workers installed benches under the shade canopies at the newly opened Plaza Beach Approach in Daytona Beach. They also installed a memorial bench for the Sea Spray Beach Approach in Daytona Beach Shores, which was donated by the Yaeger family in memory of Charles Brady Yaeger. For more information, contact Jessica Fentress at (386) 248-8072, ext. 20356.



Mosquito Control: Mosquito Control is scheduled to host a "Mosquito Control and Beekeepers Communications" training in December. Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) employees will present on honey bee biology, pests and diseases, and how apiaries are registered through FDACS. This class will also feature scenario exercises to practice communication between mosquito control personnel and beekeepers. More information regarding how to register beehives with FDACS and report their locations to Mosquito Control is available on our website: <https://www.volusia.org/services/public-works/mosquito-control/information-beekeepers.shtml>. For more information, contact Marcus McDonough at (386) 424-2920, ext. 20272.

Road & Bridge: An increased number of customer service requests are typically received after heavy rainfalls. Additional services beyond routine maintenance may be needed for road and drainage repairs following significant rain events. For more information, contact Lori Koontz at (386) 822-6422, ext. 20455.

Solid Waste: The Volusia County Solid Waste Division will host a free collection event for household hazardous materials from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Oct. 8 at DeBary City Hall, 16 Colomba Road. Traffic will be one way, and residents must stay in their vehicles. Residents may drop off old paint, solvents, automobile and household batteries, pool chemicals, pesticides, motor oil, gasoline, other household chemicals, and up to 10 fluorescent lamps. For more information, contact Regina Montgomery at (386) 947-2952, ext. 21347.

Traffic Engineering: Traffic Engineering Staff is working with consultants to develop the scope and fee estimates for the following projects: signal redesign and construction at Saxon Boulevard and Providence Boulevard in Deltona and an Access Management and Design Traffic Study for Orange Camp Road. For more information, contact Jon Cheney at (386) 736-5968, ext. 12709.

Water Resources and Utilities: Annual maintenance and fire flow testing of more than 1,600 fire hydrants has been completed within all the Division's east and westside utility service areas. Performed over a period of four months, preventative maintenance ensures reliable supply and water pressure for fire protection. For additional information, please contact Water Resources and Utilities Director Mike Ulrich at (386) 943-7027, ext. 12724.