

Volusia County Government Activities April 10 – 16, 2021

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Community Assistance:

CFAB - The Children and Families Advisory Board will meet at 1:30 p.m. April 27. The meeting will be in the county council chambers on the second floor of the Thomas C. Kelly Administration Center, 123 W. Indiana Ave., DeLand. The public is invited to attend and participate in person or virtually; a link will be posted on www.volusia.org/cfab.

Members will review and score summer camp provider applications for FY 20/21 and make recommendations for approval of providers. They will also review and score the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) applications and make JAG funding recommendations for FY 20/21. Additionally, members will elect a board chair and vice chair.

AHAC - The Affordable Housing Advisory Committee will meet at 2 p.m. April 19, in the Hope Place cafeteria, 1340 Wright St., Daytona Beach. Members will review and take action on previous meeting minutes and explore the topic of community land trusts. 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

ECHO - ECHO Listening Sessions are underway and there two more sessions.

- 6 p.m. April 15, at the Daytona Beach Regional Library, 105 E. Magnolia Ave., Daytona Beach
- 6 p.m. April 22, in the second-floor county council chambers of the Thomas C. Kelly Administration Center, 123 W. Indiana Ave., DeLand

For those that cannot participate in person, there is an opportunity to participate virtually. A link to attend the meetings virtually will be posted on the Volusia ECHO website the day of each session. There are still more opportunities to participate on the Volusia ECHO website. A link to the presentation that has been provided at all listening sessions and a link to a public comment form is available for those that cannot attend virtually or in-person. Here is the website: Volusia ECHO

Votran: Votran will be having public meetings to inform residents of upcoming service changes that may impact some users. Meetings will be held April 21 at the Pierson Community Center, 124 W. Washington Ave. from 11 – 2 and 4 – 6:30 and April 22 at the Brannon Center in New Smyrna, 105 S. Riverside Dr. from 11 – 2 and 4 – 6:30. Meetings will be in an open house format and attendees may arrive at any time within the meeting timeframe. For more information about the meetings and upcoming service changes, select the "Contact Us" tab on Votran.org or call 386-756-7496 ext. 4099.

COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE

Community Information: Staff continues to work with Public Protection and the Florida Department of Health in Volusia County on COVID-19 vaccination efforts. Final preparations are underway for the State of the County Address on April 27. Production staff are attentively involved in the coordination of this month's Volusia ECHO listening sessions. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at kcaptain@volusia.org.

OCEAN CENTER

Events: The NCA and NDA Collegiate Cheer and Dance championship celebrated the 25th anniversary of being hosted in Daytona Beach, and also the return of the competition to the area after a hiatus in 2020 due to the pandemic. The cheerleaders weren't the only ones flying high over the competition: Duane Winjum, general manager at the Plaza Resort and Spa, said the event helped them to be fully booked. "We are surprised really to see the turnout, but it's been a phenomenal time so far." Winjum said. "Since Wednesday, we've been sold out and we'll be sold out through the weekend with 90% of our rooms going to this group so we're really pleased with it."

The Ocean Center will soon host the Invitation-only Volusia County Schools Spring Instructional Job Fair on April 16. In addition, the center will also host the Ash Productions youth dance competition on April 22-24, expected to bring 500 people and approximately 250 room nights. This event, as for all events, masks are required and social distancing is enforced. For more information, contact Tim Riddle at triddle@volusia.org.

PUBLIC PROTECTION

Beach Safety: The second seasonal lifeguard recruit class continues training on April 17. For more information, please contact Interim Division Director Andy Ethridge, 386-236-6414.

Corrections: Construction work continues with no issue on the kitchen floor of the Correctional Facility and is expected to be completed within the next 30 days. For more information, please contact Division Director Mark Flowers, 386-254-1568.



Emergency Medical Administration: The critical ZOLL migration/update to upgrade the system to the current version will continue on April 16 and will conclude on April 17.

Emergency Medical Services: EMS will be virtually hosting national educator, Bob Page, who will be teaching the “Slap the Cap: Comprehensive Capnography Course and Stethoscopy for Dummies!” training course on April 13 and 15. This training course is open to all agencies in the county. For more information, please contact Division Director Mark Wolcott, 386-561-8087.

Fire Rescue: The Volusia County Fire Rescue Training Center received its annual inspection by the Florida State Fire College and has met all of the requirements to continue to be a certified regional training center for first responders. VCFR will conduct a virtual training with a new program called Survey123 during the week of APR 12. This training is a collaborative effort between VCFR and County GIS and will help with a countywide risk assessment and fire department preplans. An additional survey was also developed for hydrant inspections and locations throughout the county. These surveys will be used to meet the requirements for Insurance Service Office (ISO) and accreditation. All operations personnel will be completing the Hazardous Materials training virtually through Target Solutions. This training is required by the ISO and will allow operations personnel to maintain their skills for hazardous materials incidents. For more information, please contact Fire Chief Howard Bailey, 386-736-5940 ext. 12918.

PUBLIC WORKS

Coastal: Coastal held a training on deaf and hard of hearing customer service, and are initiating some best practices to better serve our patrons. The training was outside with COVID protocols in place. Staff have been updated on the various methods of communication so that we are able to work with our patrons' preferred communication methods. We are in the process of creating communication boards for personal use as well as including additional materials in our trucks and facilities to aid communication. Our ultimate goal is to provide a quality customer experience to all of our patrons. For more information, contact Jessica Winterwerp at (386) 248-8072, ext. 20356.

Engineering & Construction: The 10th Street widening construction continues to progress. Box culvert construction and storm drain installation are currently underway along with embankment and roadway construction. For more information, contact Tadd Kasbeer at (386) 736-5967, ext. 15846.

Mosquito Control: Mosquito Control successfully completed a record breaking Tire Amnesty Event on April 9 and 10 collecting over 3,500 tires (previous events have yielded under 1,000 tires). Citizen response exceeded expectations and Solid Waste contributed a driver and dumpster to assist in collections. Additional events will be planned later this year pending available funds from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. For more information, contact Suzanne Bartlett at (386) 424-2920, ext. 20272.



Road & Bridge: Since Oct. 1 the tree crew has trimmed over 50 miles of trees and removed over 420 hazardous trees within the county right-of-way. Trees are maintained to remove vegetation from the road right-of-way and to retain clear zones or sight distance. Only hazardous trees are removed from the right-of-way as determined by Road & Bridge staff. For more information, contact Benjamin Bartlett at (386) 822-6422, ext. 20470.

Solid Waste: The Solid Waste Division, through a contract with FCC Environmental Services, provides waste and recycling collection service to residents in unincorporated Volusia County. Materials for collection (household garbage, bulk items, recycling and yard waste) must be at the curb by 6 a.m. on the scheduled day for collection between 6 and 8 p.m. per the terms of the contract. Recently FCC Environmental Services has been challenged hiring employees, causing routes to run later than normal. For more information, contact Regina Montgomery at (386) 947-2952, ext. 21347.

Traffic Engineering: Related to the Transportation Map Series comprehensive plan amendments that will be taken to the County Council for final adoption later this year, staff is proposing a Future Needs List to assist in county road project prioritization. The amendments will allow the county to prioritize the construction of roadways on the thoroughfare roadway map over roadways on the Future Needs List, which have forecasted needs beyond 2045. For more information, contact Jon Cheney at (386) 736-5968, ext. 12709.

Water Resources and Utilities: During the three month period Jan. – Mar. 2021, a total of 818 water use alert calls were made to customers. The utilities support team contacts customers advising of continuous 24-hour use (indicating possible leaks) and unusually high consumption during a 72-hour period (indicating inefficient irrigation use). These proactive measures help customers avoid costly bills and potential damage within the home. For more information, contact Mike Ulrich at (386) 943-7027, ext. 12724.