

Volusia County Government Activities

January 2 – 8, 2021

AVIATION & ECONOMIC RESOURCES

Daytona Beach International Airport

Operations: The USAF Thunderbirds have confirmed their participation (flyover) in the 2021 Daytona 500. The airport is preparing and planning for the upcoming Rolex 24 on Jan. 30 & 31, the Daytona 500 Feb.14, and the Daytona Road Course Weekend on Feb. 19 to 21.

Air Service/ Marketing / Customer Experience: Joanne Magley, with assistance from Community Information, did a live interview Jan. 6, from the Daytona Beach pier with Good Morning Texas television program. The focus of the interview was the new American Airlines' direct flights to/from Dallas-Fort Worth. For more information, contact Joanne Magley at magley@volusia.org.

Economic Development

Applications for the small business grants closed Dec. 11. There were 3,432 applications received and 2,786 checks distributed, totaling more than \$8.44 million. The home-based grant program has processed 691 applications resulting in the distribution of 555 checks totaling \$832,500. Some payments are still pending processing. The Q1 Economic Development Quarterly digital publication will be distributed Jan. 13. For more information, contact Joanne Magley at jmagley@volusia.org.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Parks, Recreation and Culture

As a contracted task assignment, Park and Land Management staff are coordinating for the invasive Brazilian Pepper removal on Jan. 11, at Bicentennial Park.

Extension Services

The Extension Services team has entered the second year of a field research trial with Volusia County's fern industry. The goal of this research is to provide our fern growers with new fungicide product options that will make their businesses more profitable and give them a competitive advantage. The Volusia County 4-H Goat and Sheep Showdown has been scheduled for Feb. 6 and 7, with standard operating procedures established to implement CDC guidelines to protect attendees.

Library Services

Library staff is receiving training this week to start accepting County water utility payments at the following seven library locations: Edgewater Library, DeBary Library, New Smyrna Beach Regional Library, Daytona Beach Regional Library, Hope Place Library, Ormond Beach Regional Library and Deltona Regional Library.

COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE

Community Information: Community Information is working in collaboration with Public Protection and the Florida Department of Health in Volusia County on COVID-19 vaccination efforts. The division is also working on a new messaging campaign encouraging the public to get a COVID-19 vaccination (when available), as well as the refreshing of the *Step Up Volusia* messaging to continue to "Wash Up. Back Up. Mask Up." For more information, contact Kevin Captain at kcaptain@volusia.org.

GROWTH & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Enviromental Management: The Marine Science Center's animal hospitals had a very busy 2020. The turtle hospital admitted 156 adult and sub-adult sea turtles, which set a record number of intakes during a year. The turtle hospital also admitted 427 hatchling and washback sea turtles, and 147 miscellaneous reptiles. The turtle hospital recorded its 25,000th intake during 2020. The bird hospital admitted 1228 birds during 2020 that comprised 127 different species. The bird hospital has received over 18,000 intakes since opening in 2005. For more information, contact Ginger Adair at gadair@volusia.org.

OCEAN CENTER

Events: The Ocean Center kicked off 2021 hosting Joseph Volleyball for the Florida Volleyball Festival. The Jan. 8 to 10 event, which has seen significant growth, now utilizes the Exhibit Hall and the Arena and is expected to generate 1,250 room nights and approximately 5,000 attendees. This event was open to the public, with mask required and social distancing enforced. The center is happy to announce two new events for February with the Signature EquipoVision's Amway Conference on Feb. 3 to 6, with 2,000 expected attendees; and the Gasparilla Open, one of the nation's largest youth gymnastics meets with approximately 5,000 expected attendees on Feb. 25 to 28. For more information, contact Tim Buckley at tbuckley@volusia.org.



PUBLIC PROTECTION

Emergency Management: Public Protection staff coordinated, collaborated and successfully implemented a comprehensive COVID-19 public vaccination event plan. The first site was selected and efficaciously administered on Jan. 7, at Dewey O. Boster Sports Complex. For more information, please contact Division Director Jim Judge, 386-316-1554.

PUBLIC WORKS

Coastal: The metal pavilion roofing on the shade structures located over the picnic tables at Sunsplash Park in Daytona Beach were replaced over the holiday period. For more information, contact Jessica Winterwerp at (386) 248-8072, ext. 20356.



Engineering & Construction: In keeping with the ideals of the statewide program *Safe Route to Schools*, the County is constructing a sidewalk along Stratford Drive in DeLand from Taylor Road to Westchester Drive for students in the area to walk to neighboring schools. The last remaining segment of the sidewalk is scheduled to be poured this week and final grading and sodding will take place next week. For more information, contact Tadd Kasbeer at (386) 736-5967, ext. 15846.

Mosquito Control: Staff are preparing for the delivery of a new flock of sentinel chickens. The chicks will be raised at the New Smyrna Beach Facility until they are big enough to go into the field coops this spring. Sentinel chickens are used year-round to monitor mosquito arbovirus activity throughout the county. For more information, contact Suzanne Bartlett, (386) 424-2920, ext. 20272.



Road & Bridge: Road & Bridge traffic operation crews provided traffic control messaging signs along LPGA Blvd in preparation for the drive-thru COVID-19 vaccinations offered by the Florida Department of Health-Volusia (DOH-Volusia) at Daytona Stadium on Jan. 4 and 5. In order to maintain and plan for increased traffic volume, coordination with DOH-Volusia, Volusia County Sheriff's Office, Emergency Management, Community Information, Traffic Engineering, and other local agencies will continue as vaccination locations are announced. For more information, contact Benjamin Bartlett at (386) 822-6422, ext. 20470.

Solid Waste: Notices of the revised repair schedule of chute #2 on the tipping floor at the West Volusia Transfer Station have been mailed and handed out to solid waste haulers, account holders and municipalities. Temporary service disruptions will be in effect Jan. 19 through Feb. 23, at the West Volusia Transfer Station as follows: roll-off trucks and various small business automatic dump trailers disposing of construction and demolition debris will be diverted to the Tomoka Farms Road Landfill located at 1990 Tomoka Farms Road, Port Orange. The West Volusia Transfer Station will continue to accept residential rear/side loaders and frontend loaders disposing of garbage, however customers may experience delays. Any changes to the construction schedule will be communicated timely. For more information, contact Regina Montgomery at (386) 947-2952, ext. 21347.

Traffic Engineering: Staff are scheduling inspections for a signal rebuild and upgrade with a lighted crosswalk feature at Enterprise & Commed Blvd in Orange City. For more information, contact Jon Cheney at (386) 736-5968, ext. 12709.

Water Resources and Utilities: Staff have initiated a task assignment for the design and permitting of a potable water main which will connect the distribution system in Halifax Plantation with the City of Ormond Beach's water system. Consideration of the task assignment is scheduled for the Jan. 19 County Council. For more information, contact Mike Ulrich at (386) 943-7027, ext. 12724.