Volusia County Government Activities
Aug. 19 – 25, 2023

AVIATION & ECONOMIC RESOURCES

***Operations**:* Vertical construction activities continue on the terminal emergency generator project. Generators, switchgear and the diesel convault tank have been placed inside the building and on-site. For more information, contact Joanne Magley at jmagley@flydab.com.

OCEAN CENTER

Events: Halifax Health will host its annual Team Recognition Dinner in the ballroom on Sept. 1. Winter Garden Fencing Academy moves into the arena on Sept. 1 for the Daytona Duel on Sept. 2 and 3. The event is open to the public and expects 500 attendees. For more information, contact Tim Buckley at tbuckley@volusia.org.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Community Assistance: Between June 5 and Aug. 11, the Summer Food Program provided free and nutritious breakfast and lunch to children 18 and younger at 61 locations throughout the county while school was closed for the summer. In total, the program served 116,880 meals. For more information, contact Carmen Hall at chall@volusia.org.

Library Services: The public libraries enjoyed a successful summer program full of reading challenges, fun learning opportunities, special program guests, crafts, outreach programs, and more for all ages. A total of 1,116 programs were held, with 28,580 attendees. The summer reading challenges garnered more participation than in previous years. Additionally, this was the first year that adults could participate in a summer reading challenge, with 682 completing 5,945 books. The children's reading challenge had 1,571 who logged 46,305 days read during the summer break, while the teen reading challenge had 495 who logged 13,507 days of reading. Twelve branches participated in the Summer Food Program, serving 9,253 meals this summer. For more information, contact Lucinda Colee at llcolee@volusia.org.

Parks, Recreation & Culture: DeBary Hall Historic Site hosted a Lemonade Lecture about black bears on Aug. 26. Cheryl Spencer, a bear biologist with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, discussed Florida's unique black bears and what residents can do to better cohabitate with them. This presentation is part of the free Lemonade Lectures series sponsored by the county. August kicked off the ECHO Ranger sign-ups for the 2023-24 year. The program educates youth and their families about the community's many **E**cological, **C**ultural, **H**eritage and **O**utdoor offerings. The program is for children in first through fifth grades, and there are currently 57 who have so far registered. For more information, contact Tim Baylie at tbaylie@volusia.org.

Resource Stewardship: A UF/IFAS Volusia County Extension faculty member will present research on using Solo Orondis, a fungicide, for proposed use on peach and plum trees at the upcoming Southern Region Conference. If the research is accepted, these crops will be added to the product label, thus benefiting local peach and plum producers. For more information, contact Brad Burbaugh at bburbaugh@volusia.org.

COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE

Community Information: Staff assisted Volusia County EMS with recruitment and social media outreach strategies. The division continues the Employee Spotlight feature videos, which have so far highlighted nine employees across multiple divisions. Staff have disseminated information through numerous avenues regarding the Disaster Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday, which is in effect from Aug. 26 through Sept. 8. For more information, contact Michael Ryan at mryan@volusia.org.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Emergency Management: Staff are monitoring the disturbance in the northwestern Caribbean Sea and are ready to activate if needed. The quarterly Emergency Management Partners meeting was held at the EOC on Aug. 25 and was well attended. For more information, contact Clint Mecham at cmecham@volusia.org.

Emergency Medical Services: In coordination with Daytona State College, the division celebrated the graduations of new paramedics and a new EMT in a ceremony at The Mori Hosseini Center. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at kcaptain@volusia.org.

Fire Rescue: The division's Hazardous Materials Team trained 149 first responders representing 12 agencies, including municipalities in the county and other departments in the state, in Battery Emergency and Railcar Emergency Response. For more information, contact Chief Joe King at jwking@volusia.org.

GROWTH & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Environmental Management: The International Coastal Cleanup (ICC) registration is filling up quickly! Almost 800 people have pre-registered, with registration closing on Sept. 4. The first 1,000 people to register will get an ICC promotional item with the coveted Coastal Conservancy event logo. Water Quality staff performed monthly routine sampling on the north and central St. Johns River, including Dexter and Woodruff lakes. Each sample was shipped to the St. Johns River Water Management District lab in Palatka for chemical analysis. Overall, normal field sampling conditions were observed. For more information, contact Ginger Adair at gadair@volusia.org.

PUBLIC PROTECTION

Animal Services: On Aug. 21, the division's new director, Angela Miedema, officially started with the county. Ms. Miedema has twelve years of animal welfare and leadership experience. Staff presented at the Volusia/Flagler Association of Code Enforcement meeting on Aug. 23. Topics included animal abuse, dog safety and rabies. For more information, contact Angela Miedema at amiedema@volusia.org.

Corrections: On Aug. 21, the division implemented the Body Worn Cameras for all security staff. The cameras are intended to capture an officer's involvement, where inmate contact could escalate into a reportable incident. For more information, contact Joe DeMore at jdemore@volusia.org.

PUBLIC WORKS

Mosquito Control: Staff will attend the Central Florida GIS Workshop at the Daytona Beach Ocean Center on Sept. 11 and 12 to learn about GIS products. Such products assist with tracking mosquito

larval production sites, monitoring arbovirus activity and planning targeted treatment operations based on surveillance data. A public web map is available for residents to view planned and recently completed treatments. For more information, contact Marcus McDonough at mmcdonough@volusia.org.

Road & Bridge: The division submitted the Year 4, Cycle 4 activity report for the Phase II Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit issued by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. The report summarizes the county's stormwater management program activities and includes information from various offices and divisions. For more information, contact Lori Koontz at lkoontz@volusia.org.

Water Resources and Utilities: Utilities staff finalized the terms and conditions of a utility services agreement for the Oak Hill Reserve subdivision in the county's southeast service area. The agreement provides water and wastewater services for up to 106 residential lots. Consideration of the agreement is scheduled for the Sept. 5 County Council meeting. For more information, contact Mike Ulrich at mulrich@volusia.org.