

Volusia County Government Activities July 9 – 15, 2022

COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE

Community Information: Staff collaborated with Beach Safety to livestream the Interzone Lifeguard Competition on July 13 on the County's YouTube channel. The broadcast can be viewed in its entirety here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tlpMFKZTERE>. Staff is preparing budget messaging to coincide with the County Council's scheduled adoption of the TRIM rates on July 19. Staff is designing a 62-page Affordable Housing Plan for presentation to the County Council. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at kcaptain@volusia.org.

OCEAN CENTER

Events: WWE Wrestling's Sunday Stunner took place July 17; over 2,000 attendees were expected. The Florida Roofing and Sheet Metal Association (FRSA) will host their 100th Annual Convention and Expo at the facility July 19-22. FRSA's first annual meeting took place in 1922 in Daytona Beach at the Clarendon Hotel (now the Plaza Resort and Spa.) The event will utilize the entire building and is expected to generate 3,000 attendees and 1,935 room nights. Ocean Center staff will flip the building for North Point Ministries, who begins move-in for their youth church camp, InsideOut, July 23. For more information, contact Tim Riddle at triddle@volusia.org.

PUBLIC PROTECTION

Beach Safety: Beach Safety had their annual Interzone Lifeguard Competition, which was live-streamed on the County's YouTube channel at 6:30 p.m. July 13. For more information, contact Division Director Andy Ethridge, (386) 239-6414.

Emergency Management: The Emergency Operations Center will be conducting training on the process of completing a Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP) following the State criteria. For more information, contact Interim Division Director James Judge, (386) 254-1500.

Emergency Medical Administration: EMA staff is finalizing initial steps to migrate to the Florida Department of Health's biospatial reporting platform, also known as Emergency Medical Services Tracking and Reporting System (EMSTARS). EMSTARS provides a more robust and automated reporting platform. The recent ZOLL software upgrade and system maintenance allows the county to reengage this platform affording renewed grant opportunities. EMA submitted requisite data to Finance to permit application for continued participation in the Public Emergency Medical Transportation program (PEMT). This program supplants emergency medical service transportation. For more information, contact Division Director Mark Wolcott, (386) 561-8087.

Fire Rescue: VCFR will be conducting water rescue training in Ponce Inlet this week. This training will be with multiple agencies to include Ponce Inlet, Port Orange and New Smyrna Beach. This training will run for the next two weeks and allow responders to maintain their skills for emergencies in the water. For more information, contact Interim Fire Chief Joe King, (386) 736-5940 ext. 12909.

PUBLIC WORKS

Coastal: The Coastal Division represented Public Works in a job fair hosted by Southeast Volusia Manufacturing and Technology Coalition (SEVMTC), CareerSource Flagler Volusia, the City of New Smyrna Beach, the City of Edgewater, and the City of Oak Hill from 3 to 7 p.m. on July 13 at the Brannon Center in New Smyrna Beach. The Coastal Division is always looking for maintenance workers for our parks and public beach accesses. For more information, contact Jessica Fentress at (386) 248-8072, ext. 20356.

Engineering & Construction: Form work has been completed and concrete placement was scheduled for July 15 at the Highbridge Boat Ramp. The piles and docks are scheduled to be delivered the week of July 25, and the project is anticipated to be substantially complete by the first week of September. For more information, contact Tadd Kasbeer at (386) 736-5967, ext. 15846.



Mosquito Control: Mosquitoes follow a life cycle very similar to a butterfly, but the majority of their life occurs in water. This cycle is referred to as holometabolous (complete) metamorphosis and includes four (4) life stages: egg, larva, pupa, and adult. Mosquito eggs are very tiny. Depending on the type of mosquito, the eggs may be single and found near the water's edge or eggs may be in a raft floating on top of the water, as pictured. Mosquito Control operates an integrated pest management program that targets the mosquito in all stages of its life. For more information, contact Marcus McDonough at (386) 424-2920, ext. 20272.



Road & Bridge: The bridge maintenance crew is working at the Main Street bridge in Daytona Beach to seal expansion joints. The sealing is a routine task associated with bridge maintenance and assists with keeping water and debris out of the concrete deck's expansion joints. For more information, contact Lori Koontz at (386) 822-6422, ext. 20455.

Traffic Engineering: The new Smart Growth America "Dangerous by Design" report was released, and it, unfortunately, lists our metro area (Deltona-Daytona Beach-Ormond Beach) as the #1 ranked most dangerous area for walking in the United States based on 2016-2020 data. For context, in the 2021 report we were ranked #5. In response, Volusia County Traffic Engineering is working in partnership with the River to Sea Transportation Planning Organization (R2CTPO), Florida DOT and Flagler County to request funding from the US DOT Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A), which is part of the Federal Infrastructure Bill. The funding request is to develop a "Safety Action Plan". The R2CTPO will be the lead agency; whereas, it is proposed that Volusia County and Flagler County provide the local funding match. For more information, contact Jon Cheney at (386) 736-5968, ext. 12709.

Water Resources and Utilities: A total of 909 continuous water use and 201 high consumption alerts were sent to customers during the 3-month period of April 2022 to June 2022. 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.