

Volusia County Government Activities August 7 – 13, 2021

AVIATION & ECONOMIC RESOURCES

Daytona Beach International Airport

Marketing, Customer Experience & Air Service Development: Team DAB represented at the Volaire Aviation Air Service Forum this week in St. Augustine. Department Director Cyrus T. Callum, A.A.E., ACE, Airport Director Karen Feaster, A.A.E., ACE, IACE and Air Service/Marketing/CX Director Joanne Magley met with the planners of several airlines, including Southwest Airlines, Flair Airlines, Allegiant, SkyWest Airlines, Avelo Airlines, Frontier Airlines & Sun Country Airlines. These meetings help build relationships with the planners/airlines and keep them up to date on the great things happening in Volusia County and help build the case for new air service. For more information, contact Joanne Magley at jmagley@volusia.org.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Community Assistance: Affordable Housing Partner (AHP) applications are being accepted through Sept. 3. Volusia County's first-time homebuyer programs are implemented with the cooperation of agencies known as AHPs. Applications are available online at <https://www.volusia.org/services/community-services/community-assistance/housing-and-grants-administration/affordable-housing-partner.shtml>. For more information, please contact Carmen Hall at 386-736-5955.

Applications are being accepted for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) through Aug. 20. The County anticipates receiving \$129,364 from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. Non-profit 501(c)(3) organizations and local cities that do not receive direct annual funding allocations may apply for funding. Applications and instructions can be found online at <https://www.volusia.org/services/community-services/community-assistance/applications.shtml>. For more information, please contact Carmen Hall at 386-736-5955.

Library Services: During the pandemic, Library staff moved storytimes online to Facebook and presented more than 200 Volusia Reads Stories-Facebook Live Storytimes. These storytimes were viewed by more than 51,000 people. We introduce well-written and illustrated books, show how reading proceeds in a certain direction, and demonstrate connections between written words and sounds all to alert young children to the importance of these symbols well before they themselves can read. Library staff strives to be creative, enthusiastic, and interactive using a variety of activities and formats to engage young learners as we do our part to help children be ready to read and ready to learn when they reach school age. For more information, please contact Lucinda Colee at lclee@volusia.org.

Veteran Services: Veterans Services had division training the afternoon of Aug. 11 in Daytona Beach. Congressman Waltz dropped in and congratulated the entire staff on the outstanding job they are doing taking care of veterans. He gave each staff member a challenge coin and a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition, in recognition of outstanding and invaluable service to the community. For more information, please contact Bob Watson, rbwatson@volusia.org.

COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE

Community Information: Staff is working with the Daytona Beach International Airport and the Parks, Recreation and Culture Division to create a 24-page booklet detailing the airport's participation in the Art in Public Places program. Staff launched another campaign encouraging individuals to get a COVID-19 vaccine, emphasizing that it is the best way to thank a healthcare worker/first responder/front line worker. Elements of the campaign include a flyer, as well as both paid and organic social media. Staff continues to take part in phone calls and work in conjunction with local partners on a coordinated response in regards to the current state of COVID-19 in the county. Staff is working with Veterans Services to renovate and optimize their website. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at kcaptain@volusia.org.

FINANCE

Information Technology: An agreement with Flagler County is currently being formalized, which will allow the County to lease space on a Flagler County radio tower at Cody's Corner. This relay will allow direct communication between Plantation Bay and Barberville, creating a "north loop" for the County's radio network. This will improve overall reliability while enhancing the connections between east side and west side communications. For more information, contact Kevin Benge at kbenge@volusia.org.

GROWTH & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Environmental Management: The Marine Science Center is requiring masks to be worn by visitors to the facility. Already mandated to staff and volunteers, the requirement will help keep staff safe as they continue to intake a record number of sea turtles and above average number of birds this year. June and July attendance and total revenue rivaled pre-pandemic numbers with over 26,000 visitors for the two months. For more information, contact Ginger Adair at gadair@volusia.org.



PUBLIC PROTECTION

Animal Services: On Aug. 14, Animal Services hosted a Free Microchip & Pet Disaster Kit Giveaway at the Animal Services' office (flyer at right). For more information, contact Division Director Adam Leath, 386-822-3506.

Beach Safety: Four new Beach Safety officers started their "Field Training and Evaluation Program Classroom Phase. For more information, contact Division Director Andy Etheridge, (386) 239-6414.

Emergency Management: Emergency Management hosted a Community Organizations Activate in Disaster (COAD) and Emergency Support Function 15: Volunteers and Donations meeting on Aug. 10. EM staff met with Emergency Support Function 17: Animal Services Director Adam Leath to review their plan and tour their animal services facility. On Aug. 11, EM Director Wetherington attended a meet and greet with the City of Ponce Inlet, Emergency Support Function 3: Public Works Department of Transportation officials and will also attend a meet and greet with a City of Holly Hill official on Aug. 12. For more information please, contact Division Director Helene Wetherington, (386) 254-1500.

Emergency Medical Services: The most recent EMT new hires will have successfully completed their EMT field-training program by the end of the week adding five new employees to our EMS Family. Additionally, all EMS Field Training Officers are conducting their annual training on the Agency 360 program along with introducing the five newly promoted FTO's to the program and getting them up to speed. For more information, contact Interim Division Director Mark Wolcott, (386) 561-8087.

PUBLIC WORKS

Coastal: Contractors working for the Coastal Division made significant progress on Edwin W. Peck, Sr. Park this past week. Construction activities included making a connection to the City of Daytona Beach Shores sanitary sewer system, drying in the restroom building, installation of fiber-crete siding on the restroom building and final grading of portions of the project site. The project is currently on schedule to be open to the public in the fall of 2021. For more information, contact Jessica Winterwerp at (386) 248-8072, ext. 20356.

Engineering & Construction: The railroad contractor working on the 10th Street crossing and bridge over the Gabordy Canal is making good progress. To expedite the work, the contractor was allowed to close 10th St to traffic east of Myrtle Ave. The closure is located east of New Smyrna Beach High School on 10th St and New Smyrna Beach Middle School on Myrtle Ave. The railroad contractor will be opening two lanes of traffic prior to the first day of school. For more information, contact Tadd Kasbeer at (386) 736-5967, ext. 15846.

Mosquito Control: Mosquito Control is working with local community leaders in the Daytona Beach area to educate residents on mosquito control services and how they can help reduce biting mosquitoes in their neighborhood by emptying containers around their homes. To request a presentation for your local community, club, or homeowners association, please email vcmosquito@volusia.org or for more information, contact Suzanne Bartlett at (386) 424-2920, ext. 20272.

Road & Bridge: Construction of the Gabordy Canal Stormwater Treatment Facility at the 10th Street project is underway. The site has been cleared and the maintenance berm that encompasses the stormwater treatment/infiltration area is being constructed. For more information, contact Lori Koontz at (386) 822-6422, ext. 20455.

Solid Waste: The Solid Waste Division offers the removal of home fuel oil free to all Volusia County residents. Our goal is to remove abandoned home fuel oil from all known tanks. Since May 1, staff has removed 1,913 gallons of home fuel oil from 24 residential properties. Residents needing home fuel oil removed may call the Solid Waste Division at (386) 943-7889 to schedule removal. For more information, contact Regina Montgomery at (386) 947-2952, ext. 21347.

Traffic Engineering: Due to review complexities associated with multiple large development projects, Traffic Engineering staff time devoted to providing developer assistance increased by 131% and intergovernmental coordination increased by 206% in July 2021 compared to July 2019. Though these activities often result in longer review times, they are imperative to reduce the number of resubmittals and advance projects. For more information, contact Jon Cheney at (386) 736-5968, ext. 12709.

Water Resources and Utilities: Utilities staff participated in the third annual St. Johns River Springs (virtual) Workshop sponsored by Stetson University and the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission. Staff presented an overview of wastewater remediation challenges and considerations for Gemini Springs. For more information, contact Mike Ulrich at (386) 943-7027, ext. 12724.



BE PREPARED THIS SEASON

FREE MICROCHIPS AND PET DISASTER KITS

First 300 cars receive a FREE Pet Disaster Kit!

Saturday, August 14
8 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Drive-Thru
1250 Indian Lake Road
Daytona Beach

\$70 value

Volusia County Animal Services

For Safety and convenience, this will be a drive-thru event. Residents must remain in the vehicle and are encouraged to wear a face covering. If you bring a pet to the event for a microchip, please be sure to have dogs on a leash and all other pets including cats in a carrier for everyone's safety. Staff will remove your pet from the vehicle for the quick and painless procedure. Just a few minutes later, the pet will be returned to you.

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