

## Volusia County Government Activities February 26 – March 4, 2022

### COMMUNITY SERVICES

**Community Assistance:** The County of Volusia has been allocated \$2,665,311 in HOME Investment Partnerships Program - American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) funds to address the need for homelessness assistance and supportive services. A draft allocation plan has been prepared based on consultation and a needs assessment and is available for public comment. The public is invited to attend a virtual public meeting to discuss the proposed allocation plan at 2 p.m. on March 8. For more information, please contact Carmen Hall at 386-736-5955.

**Votran:** In response to anticipated traffic congestion surrounding Bike Week, some Votran routes will be adjusted March 4, through March 13. Detours will be in effect at all hours. Riders should expect possible delays and interruptions in service. Additional detours may be activated as needed due to traffic conditions. Votran riders are encouraged to plan trips in advance. Learn more at [www.votran.org](http://www.votran.org). The website also provides up-to-date alerts, real-time bus tracking, and download information for the myStop Mobile app for real-time bus information anywhere. Votran Marketing and Customer Service Department will be participating in the Partnering for Prosperity community resource event in Spring Hill on March 10. Votran Operations and Customer Service have distributed over 670,000 masks.

### COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE

**Community Information:** Staff coordinated the presentation of proclamations to 30 people as part of the Black History Month celebration, and is publicizing the community meetings hosted by Council Member Danny Robins and Vice Chair Barb Girtman. Staff will be providing audio-visual support for the Employee Recognition Ceremony on March 9 at the Ocean Center and continues to collaborate with Human Resources on the final preparations for the event. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at [kcaptain@volusia.org](mailto:kcaptain@volusia.org).

### GROWTH & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

**Environmental Management:** Water Quality staff performed monthly monitoring on Lake Ashby as well as Deep Creek on Maytown Road. Normal sampling conditions were observed, flows and water levels were low due to lack of precipitation. For more information, contact Ginger Adair at [gadair@volusia.org](mailto:gadair@volusia.org).

### OCEAN CENTER

**Events:** The Halifax Area Advertising Authority will hold their March advertising committee meeting on March 8, in meeting room 103. The Ocean Center will host the Volusia County Employee Recognition Ceremony Feb. 9. Polaris is renting the south parking lot through March 13 for an Indian Motorcycle display in conjunction with Bike Week. In preparation for the College Basketball Invitational taking place March 19-23, Ocean Center staff has begun broadcast testing to ensure games aired March 22 and 23 on ESPN2 go smoothly. For more information, contact Tim Riddle at [triddle@volusia.org](mailto:triddle@volusia.org).

### PUBLIC PROTECTION

**Animal Services:** On Mar. 3, Director Leath will be speaking about Animal Rescue Hoarding at the Florida Animal Control Association (FACA) Conference in Orlando. For more information, contact Division Director Adam Leath, (386) 822-3506.

**Beach Safety:** Beach Safety is gearing up for their popular Junior Lifeguard Program and will be conducting junior lifeguard instructor interviews all week. For more information, contact Division Director Andy Ethridge, (386) 239-6414.

**Emergency Management:** Emergency Management, in partnership with the cities, continues to support COVID-19 testing at the three mobile testing sites in Daytona Beach at City Island, Deltona at Deway O. Boster Park, and at the New Smyrna Beach City Gym. On Mar. 1, Emergency Management hosted the Volusia County School Shelter Program meeting and met the new Region 5 Director, Austin Beeghly. For more information, contact Division Director Helene Wetherington, (386) 254-1500.

**Emergency Medical Administration:** On Mar. 1, Emergency Medical Administration met with system stakeholders regarding the EMS division's request to modify emergency medical dispatch guide cards. The guide cards are used in the communications center to triage appropriate resources and the most appropriate priority to 9-1-1 requests for service. The modifications are intended to more appropriately triage basic life support ambulances to appropriate incident types. The objective of the meeting is for stakeholders to discuss, and ultimately agree, with the proposed guide card methodology. On Mar. 2, Emergency Medical Administration met with EMS and Public Protection Administration regarding an automated external defibrillator program.



requested by district three representative Danny Robins. For more information, contact Division Director Mark Wolcott, (386) 561-8087.

**Emergency Medical Services:** EMS is preparing for Bike Week that begins on Mar. 4. For more information, contact Division Director Michael Colman, (386) 236-3511.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

**Coastal:** The division coordinated sand relocation with the Corrections inmate crew at Lighthouse Point Park in Ponce Inlet. The crew removed excess sand from the southwest side of the Jetty Boardwalk where access has been limited, allowing for unobstructed access. For more information, contact Terri Propst at (386) 248-8072, ext. 20535.



**Engineering & Construction:** Lemon Bluff Marina construction is complete and will be open upon final submittal lien release and closeout documents from the Saboungi. Ribbon cutting for the marina is anticipated at the end of March. For more information, contact Tadd Kasbeer at (386) 736-5967, ext. 15846.

**Mosquito Control:** Mosquito Control is conducting annual equipment service, calibration, and droplet analysis for ultra-low volume (ULV) adulticiding truck units. As part of an integrated pest management program and in accordance with product label requirements, the spray units are required to produce droplets within a specific range targeted for mosquitoes. A computer software program is used to collect, measure, and document the droplets from each spray unit. For more information, contact Marcus McDonough at (386) 424-2020, ext.20272.



**Road & Bridge:** On Feb. 23, Road & Bridge staff participated in the DeLand FFA Job Fair held at DeLand High School. Students asked questions and were provided information about the benefits and available opportunities of working in the Public Works field. For more information, contact Lori Koontz at (386) 822-6422, ext. 20455.



**Solid Waste:** The Tomoka Farms Road Landfill will hold limited operational hours from 7-9a.m. on Mar. 6 and Mar. 13 in support of Bike Week events. For more information, contact Regina Montgomery at (386) 947-2952, ext. 21347.

**Traffic Engineering:** Starting in March, all Traffic Impact Analyses (TIAs) must be completed using the most-recent 2021 traffic count data. Because TIAs forecast future traffic volumes by applying growth rates and/or vested trips (development trips from approved developments), Traffic Engineering staff must work with each of the cities to obtain updated vested trip information to ensure TIAs are analyzing accurate future traffic. For more information, contact Jon Cheney at (386) 736-5968, ext. 12709.

**Water Resources and Utilities:** Annual strategic planning among utility managers, supervisors, and technical staff is underway. The process involves a variety of small group sessions over 4-6 weeks to review ongoing operations, current projects, and future utility system needs. All staff members are invited and encouraged to participate. The utility division operate 16 water and wastewater treatment facilities in six service areas throughout the county. For more information, contact Mike Ulrich at (386) 943-7027, ext. 12724.