

Volusia County Government Activities

January 22 – 28, 2022

AVIATION & ECONOMIC RESOURCES

Daytona Beach International Airport

Operations: The airport pre-race planning virtual meeting will take place Feb. 4. All airport stakeholders will be briefed on the plan and will discuss impacts. The airport experienced a healthy uptick in traffic due to international race team arrivals for the Rolex 24 Jan. 29 & 30.

Marketing, Customer Experience & Air Service Development: The airport will host 9th grade students from Atlantic High School's TESA Academy. On Jan. 27, the airport hosted the 10 – 12 grade TESA Academy students who got an up-close look at Delta Air Lines operations, Transportation Security Administration - TSA bag screening procedures, explosive detection with Volusia Sheriff's Office deputies and K9 Kato and a tour of the ARFF station. [Click here to view the social media post.](#) For more information, contact Joanne Magley at jmagley@volusia.org.

Economic Development: The division will host its "Q" Breakfast on Feb. 4 from 8-9 a.m., featuring guest speakers from Volusia County's three tourism bureaus: Lori Campbell-Baker, Daytona Beach Area Convention and Visitors Bureau; Debbie Meihls, Visit New Smyrna Beach; and, Georgia Turner, Visit West Volusia. Division Director Helga van Eckert will provide a presentation on the 4th quarter 2021 economic data that includes building permit activity, labor statistics and employment trends by industry. For more information, contact Joanne Magley at jmagley@volusia.org.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Community Assistance: The summer food program provides free and nutritious meals to children 18 years of age or younger while school is on summer break at sites throughout the county each year. Nonprofits, churches, daycares, and other community organizations interested in becoming a feeding site this year may contact Patricia Hubbard at [386-736-5956 ext. 12984](tel:386-736-5956) or phubbard@volusia.org. There is no cost to a feeding site to participate and refrigerators may be provided if needed.

Resource Stewardship: The Volusia Forever Advisory Committee met on Jan. 26 and deemed 17 of the 24 applications from landowners eligible for further consideration. UF/IFAS Extension Services launched a new fertilizer rate calculation tool (fillcalculator.com) for farmers and homeowners. This tool will allow our residents to calculate and compare fertilizer rate with price of product prior to application. This is especially convenient when comparing prices at the store. The following article also reminds residents to check the County's fertilizer ordinance so as to remain compliant during blackout periods. <https://blogs.ifas.ufl.edu/volusiaco/2022/01/26/fill-calculator-tool-makes-lawn-fertilizer-calculations-easy/>

COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE

Community Information: Staff is creating a web page, web slider and social media posts honoring Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune during Black History Month. Staff is coordinating with Emergency Management on messaging for Severe Weather Awareness Week, Feb. 7-11, to include a news release, daily social media posts and video releases to generate awareness regarding various weather hazards and how to stay safe. Staff is coordinating with the Coastal Division on messaging to coincide with the Feb. 1 start of the annual in-season beach ramp schedule. Staff launched the *Keep Volusia Beautiful* anti-litter campaign. The social media campaign will provide insight into programs, initiatives, events, statistics and ways everyone can get involved to help end the litter blight. For real change to occur, it's going to take all of us working together, being conscious that our individual actions can have negative impacts or they can fundamentally create positive change. Remember, #EVERYLITTERBITCOUNTS, let's all do our part, and #KEEPVOLUSIA BEAUTIFUL! Learn more at Volusia.org/litter. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at kcaptain@volusia.org.

GROWTH & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Environmental Management: On Jan. 26, sea turtle program staff assisted Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission (FWC) with the release of 10 Loggerhead sea turtles that were flown down from the New England and Virginia Aquariums to be released into local waters of the Atlantic Ocean. These 10 sea turtles were recovered in northern states after stranding due to cold water exposure. They were all successfully released off the south end of Volusia County. On Feb. 5, Manatee Protection Program staff will participate in the annual Envirothon science competition at Spruce Creek Park on Rose Bay. An additional training class for Manatee Watch training has been added for Feb. 12 at the Marine Discovery center in NSB from 1-3 pm. Please contact Chad Murch to RSVP at cmurch@volusia.org. Water Quality staff performed routine water sampling on Blue Spring, DeLeon Spring, Gemini Springs and Green Spring. A record number of 663 manatees were located in Blue Spring at the time of sampling. Normal sampling conditions were observed in all four springs. Water samples were sent to the SJRWMD lab for testing per normal protocols.

OCEAN CENTER

Events: Jan. 30 – Feb. 3, the Ocean Center welcomes the Association of Marina Industries for their Annual Conference and Expo. This conference is geared specifically toward marina and boatyard owners; operators and managers; as well as dock masters, harbor masters, boat builders and repairers, and industry consultants. The AMI Conference & Expo is where dedicated marina



professionals gather to exchange information, talk about the future of the industry, and get down to business! This is the first time that this group will be bringing their conference to Daytona Beach, as it was previously held in Ft. Lauderdale. It brings 800 attendees and is expected to produce nearly 700 room nights. For more information, contact Tim Riddle at triddle@volusia.org.

PUBLIC PROTECTION

Beach Safety: Beach safety attended a "Get to Know Your Island" PR event in New Smyrna Beach on Jan. 25 where they did a presentation on all things beach related. Additionally, two Beach Safety Captains attended a comprehensive FBI executive leadership course. For more information, contact Division Director Andy Ethridge, (386) 239-6414.

Corrections: The Corrections Division continues to support the COVID testing site at the Fairgrounds by having inmate work crews set up and break down the test site each day. For more information, contact Division Director Mark Flowers, 386-254-1568.

Emergency Management: Emergency Management, in partnership with the cities, continues to support COVID-19 testing at the four mobile testing sites that are located in Daytona Beach at City Island (formerly the Speedway location), Deltona at Dewey O. Boster Park, the New Smyrna Beach City Gym, and at the Volusia County Fairgrounds. The EOC hosted the ESF-8 Community Partners meeting on Jan. 26 as well as continuing to work with the Economic Development Division to enhance ESF-18 Business and Industry. Division Director Helene Wetherington conducted a live interview for Volusia Today in anticipation of Severe Weather Awareness Week. For more information please, contact Division Director Helene Wetherington, (386) 254-1500.

Emergency Medical Administration: On Jan. 24, the County's operational & EMS medical director and deputy EMS medical director hosted a virtual opportunity for field level providers to interact. The session began with the physicians reinforcing fundamentals that they identify through quality assurance programs and first-hand experience as they receive patients in their emergency department practices. The remainder of the session allowed field level providers (EMTs and paramedics) the opportunity to ask questions or seek clarification directly from the physicians. This opportunity was announced to all providers within the county. The monthly EMS providers' committee met virtually on Jan. 25. Among the topics of discussion were: a revised quality assurance program with the obligation of all agencies to report reviews monthly; discussion on reformatting prehospital standing orders and treatment protocols; an update on the ZOLL reporting platform used to document emergency medical services incidents; and other topics related to the entire emergency medical services system. This meeting sought attendance from all emergency medical service managers from all provider agencies. For more information, contact Division Director Mark Wolcott, (386) 561-8087.

Emergency Medical Services: On Jan. 28, EMS said goodbye to Office Assistant II, Nikki Malloy as she retired after being with the department for 11 years. For more information, contact Division Director Michael Colman, (386) 236-3511.

PUBLIC WORKS

Coastal: Coastal Tradesworkers began renovations of the timber walkover at 13th Avenue in New Smyrna Beach to include replacing the west side beach stairs, 24 feet of decking, as well as 54 feet of side rails and 54 feet of composite top cap on both the north and south sides of the walkover. This is part of the Coastal Division's ongoing effort to improve pedestrian beach access by replacing damaged and/or weathered walkovers and staircases with new timber and composite materials extending their life in the beach environment. The estimated completion date for this project is Jan. 26. For more information, contact Terri Propst at (386) 248-8072, ext. 20337.

Engineering & Construction: The Howland Boulevard widening project, from Elkcarn Boulevard to Providence Boulevard, is progressing as expected. The City of Deltona has completed their utility installation, while Volusia County utility installation continues. In addition, pond excavation and storm drain installation is underway along with roadway and curb construction. For more information, contact Tadd Kasbeer at (386) 736-5967, ext. 15846.

Road & Bridge: Through partnership with Environmental Management and the tree replacement funding, a pond rehabilitation project was completed at the northwest corner of Amelia Avenue and E. Washington Avenue in DeLand. The area was impacted during the Aug. 2020 tornado and now has a variety of live oaks, wax myrtles, coonties, and cordgrass planted in place. For more information, contact Lori Koontz at (386) 822-6422, ext. 20455.

Solid Waste: FCC Environmental Services will conduct a scheduled community bulky item cleanup in the northeast quadrant of the unincorporated county on Feb. 5. The company will collect up to four bulk items from unincorporated residential households in this area and will begin notifying residents the week of Jan. 24. For more information, contact Regina Montgomery at (386) 947-2952, ext. 21347.

Traffic Engineering: Signal staff installed a traffic controller cabinet, video detection and a Bosch traffic camera at the intersection of Bill France & Clyde Morris Blvd in Daytona. In addition, a traffic camera was installed at the intersection of Dunlawton and Taylor Branch in Port Orange. For more information, contact Jon Cheney at (386) 736-5968, ext. 12709.

Water Resources and Utilities: Utilities staff met with city officials representing New Smyrna Beach, Edgewater, and Oak Hill to discuss water quality improvement projects initiated in Southeast Volusia during the past five years. Staff provided an overview of stormwater and water & sewer system projects completed and currently in progress in support of restoration and protection of the Mosquito Lagoon. For more information, contact Mike Ulrich at (386) 943-7027, ext. 12724.

