

Volusia County Government Activities July 16 – 22, 2022

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Community Assistance: Community Assistance is accepting applications from non-profit organizations to implement homelessness prevention or rapid rehousing programs. There is \$145,833 in Emergency Solutions Grant funding available for these programs. Up to 7.5 percent of the funds can be used for program administration. The funding requires awarded agencies to provide a 100 percent match. Homelessness prevention programs provide housing relocation and stabilization services for individuals or families who are at imminent risk of becoming homeless. Rapid rehousing programs provide housing relocation and stabilization services to help individuals or families living in shelters or in places not meant for human habitation to move into permanent housing and achieve stability. Programs must serve the entire county. Applications will be accepted through Aug. 9 online at <https://uwvfc.communityforce.com/Funds/Search.aspx>. To request additional information, contact Carmen Hall, Community Assistance Director, at chall@volusia.org.

COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE

Community Information: Staff promoted the upcoming Palm Bluff Conservation Corridor ribbon cutting with a news release and social media posts and is working with Resource Stewardship and the St. Johns River Water Management District to coordinate the event. Staff is working with Veterans Services Director Bob Watson and local veteran Jose Rosa to create a Veterans Wall of Fame in the TCK rotunda; this wall will include plaques honoring those Volusia County veterans who have been inducted into the Florida Veterans Hall of Fame. Staff hosted a virtual Public Information Network (PIN) meeting that included updates on upcoming events, workshops and a discussion regarding a joint messaging campaign regarding the county's new emergency notification system powered by Everbridge. Staff interviewed Dr. Fultcher on the Volusia Today radio program. Discussion included the new medical examiner facility, educational outreach programs and much more. Staff is coordinating with Growth and Resource Management and Resource Stewardship on upcoming workshops, including the Impact Fee Study Workshops and the Florida Wildlife Corridor Workshop. Workshops will be live-streamed on the County of Volusia YouTube visit, <https://bit.ly/vcyoutubesubscribe>. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at kcaptain@volusia.org.

OCEAN CENTER

Events: North Point Ministries began move-in for their youth church camp, InsideOut, on July 23. The event runs Monday through Thursday, uses the entire facility, and is expected to bring in 6,500 attendees and generate 4,770 total room nights. For more information, contact Tim Riddle at triddle@volusia.org.

PUBLIC PROTECTION

Animal Services: Animal Services has training on the Habitat Conservation Plan for Animal Control Officers (ACOs) on July 19 and 21. For more information, contact Division Director Adam Leath, (386) 822-3506.

Beach Safety: Beach Safety has several personnel attending the Southeast Regional Lifeguard Championships in Martin County on July 20 - 21. Beach Safety is hosting a National Tactical Officers Association Team Leadership Development class all week here at Beach Headquarters. For more information, contact Division Director Andy Ethridge, (386) 239-6414.

Emergency Management: The Emergency Operations Center (EOC) conducted G400 Training on July 18 - 19 and Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP) Training on July 18. On July 20, ESF8 (Health and Medical Services) Partner's Meeting was held at the EOC. For more information, contact Interim Division Director James Judge, (386) 254-1500.

Emergency Medical Services: New employee orientation for three ambulance service technicians (AST), five - EMTs, and one - Paramedic. For more information, contact Division Director Michael Colman, (386) 236-3511.

Fire Rescue: Two applications from the Hazard Mitigation Grant involving two generators for stations 11 and 21 were on the Council agenda for July 19. For more information, contact Interim Fire Chief Joe King, (386) 736-5940 ext. 12909.



PUBLIC WORKS

Coastal: Contractors working for the Coastal Division will replace two pavilions and concrete pads at Mary McLeod Bethune Beach Park in Bethune Beach over the next few weeks. The new pavilions can be reserved after Aug. 20 on the Reserving Pavilions page of the County website (volusia.org). For more information, contact Jessica Fentress at (386) 248-8072, ext. 20356.

Engineering & Construction: The contractor for the Orange Camp Road widening project is currently working to finish all punch list items. Traffic is anticipated to be shifted into its final configuration on July 26. Additionally, the traffic light at Victoria Commons Boulevard will become operational on July 26. For more information, contact Tadd Kasbeer at (386) 736-5967, ext. 15846.

Mosquito Control: Surveillance data shows an increase in biting midges or "no-see-ums" along the coastal communities in the district. These insects are most active during dusk and dawn. Mosquito Control does not conduct treatment operations for biting midges. We recommend using an EPA approved repellent labeled for no-see-ums. Additional information can be found by visiting: <https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/publication/IN626>. For more information, contact Marcus McDonough at (386) 424-2920, ext. 20272.



Road & Bridge: The tree crew routinely removes hazardous trees and vegetation within the rights-of-way. They are also on-call for immediate response to incidents involving trees and the traveling public. 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. Staff removed 724 gallons of home fuel oil from eight residential properties from May 15 to July 15. 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: Staff is attending the Transpo conference sponsored by Florida ITE (Institute of Traffic Engineers) and ITS (Intelligent Transportation Society) Florida to learn about the latest innovations in traffic research and technology. "Vision Zero" and the new federal infrastructure bill are a major focus of the conference. "Vision Zero's" goal is to eliminate fatal and serious injury crashes. Currently in Florida, there are eight fatalities per day and 49 serious injuries per day as a result of traffic accidents. For more information, contact Jon Cheney at (386) 736-5968, ext. 12709.

Water Resources and Utilities: Construction of over three miles of water and wastewater utility mains extending along U.S. Highway 17 from DeLand to the business corridor of DeLeon Springs is underway. Recent activities include construction of a wastewater force main tie-in at McInnis Elementary School (pictured). The entire project is expected to be completed by August 2023. For more information, contact Mike Ulrich at (386) 943-7027, ext. 12724.

