

Volusia County Government Activities
June 27 – July 3, 2020

Aviation and Economic Resources

Airport

Marketing & Customer Experience – Staff is working with Community Information to produce two public relations videos about the airport’s Ready to Fly initiative and a behind the scenes look at the work of the airport’s K9s.

Economic Development

Assembly of the PPE kits for businesses was held Wednesday, July 1 at the Ocean Center. Volunteers from the chamber alliance assembled the kits, which will be distributed at all county chambers of commerce offices the week of July 6. Staff continues processing COVID-19 recovery grants for small businesses. For more information, contact Joanne Magley at 386-248-8030 ext: 18309 or jmagley@volusia.org.

Community Services

Agriculture Extension (AG Center)

A local Extension research trial on Sweet Corn production was recently highlighted in a News-Journal article. Extension Master Gardeners will be hosting a plant sale, by appointment only, July 9. Citizens interested in purchasing plants can call Extension Services at 386-822-5778 to make an appointment. For more information, contact Brad Burbaugh at bburbaugh@volusia.org.

Library Services

Since reopening June 1, Library branches have welcomed 74,142 visitors, who have checked out 126,018 items, while 2,563 residents continued to use curbside pickup. For more information, contact Lucinda Colee at LColee@volusia.org.

Votran

Votran will be running a holiday schedule July 4. Service in East Volusia will run out of the Intermodal Transit Facility on the beachside instead of the Transfer Plaza. Thanks to Volusia County, Votran will be handing out masks to their customers. Locations for PPE distributions will be New Smyrna Beach, Port Orange, South Daytona, Daytona Beach (TP and ITF), DeLand (Amelia and ITF) and Orange City. In addition to PPE distribution, Votran will be conducting a hiring event at Market Place in Orange City. For more information, contact Edie Biro at 386-756-7496.

County Manager’s Office

Community Information

On the COVID-19 front, Community Information staff is promoting **Step Up Volusia** through billboards, flyers, print ads, Facebook, digital advertising, website posts, and coordination with the Public Information Network. They are also increasing efforts to promote the mortgage, rental and business grants through print, social media and digital ads; mailings to landlords, credit unions and banks; a videotaped panel discussion; and enhanced website posts. In other news, staff is arranging for the U.S. Census Bureau to provide mobile assistance at six sites around the county and is putting the finishing touches on information flyers for Volusia ECHO and Volusia Forever. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at kcaptain@volusia.org.



Finance

Information Technology

A vendor has been selected for the new P25 radio system, and a contract is being negotiated. Engineers are being selected to perform a structural analysis of all 15 radio towers to determine any requirements for housing the new P25 antennas.

A no-cost co-location agreement with Flagler County is being developed. This will allow a County antenna to be hosted at Cody's Corner, improving communications between the Pierson and Ormond Beach areas. Improvements were made in cross-functional communications between the Property Appraiser and Tax Collector's systems. Similar improvements were made to communications between the Clerk of Courts and the CJIS Mugshot systems. Efforts are underway to implement technologies that will provide a redundant, fault-tolerant connection from the Internet to county-hosted websites and services. For more information, contact Kevin Bengé at kbenge@volusia.org or Brian Whiting at bwhiting@volusia.org.

Growth and Resource Management

Environmental Management

Through the morning of June 30, there were a total of 587 sea turtle nests laid on Volusia County-managed beaches. In comparison, one year ago, there were 598 nests, making this year neck-and-neck with the previous, which was a record year with a total number of 984 nests. For more information, contact Clay Ervin at cervin@volusia.org.

Ocean Center

Events

The Ocean Center is again being utilized to assemble PPE equipment, this time it is for Volusia County Government and the Chamber Alliance's initiative for businesses. Protective equipment will be purchased in bulk quantities through the CARES Act recovery funds and stored at the Ocean Center as part of the Relaunch Volusia campaign. The local chambers of commerce will assemble approximately 7,000 supply kits. Each kit will include masks, gloves sanitizer, paper towels and cleaning products. The PPE kits will then be distributed throughout the county through the Volusia County Chamber Alliance. Also as part of the CARES Act, the Ocean Center is participating in the *Step Up Volusia* campaign launched to remind everyone to Wash Up. Back Up. Mask Up. We have posted signs to remind everyone to practice hand-washing, social distancing and the wearing of face coverings, see attached picture. Next week we will host the Volusia County High School Graduations. We have worked closely with the Volusia County School Board to ensure social distancing protocols are in place and that everyone involved is safe. We look forward to these celebrations of the accomplishments of our students. For more information, contact Tim Riddle at 386-254-4500 ext: 24514 or triddle@volusia.org.

