

Volusia County Government Activities March 12 – 18, 2022

COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE

Community Information: Staff created an eight-part social media campaign for Water Conservation Month and continues with the GetHealthyVolusia and Keep Volusia Beautiful campaigns. Staff also promoted Volusia County Council District 3 Representative Danny Robins' March 29 community meeting and the March 31 Partnering for Prosperity event with news releases, event flyers and social media posts. EMS Director Michael Colman and Lead EMS Triage Nurse Pam Cawood were live on the radio March 18 with Community Information to discuss the County's innovative E-911 nurse triage program. Staff is continuing to coordinate arrangements for the annual Public Employee Feed The Need fund drive, which kicks off this Monday, March 21 and runs through April 1. All of the money collected will go to the Second Harvest Food Bank to support food assistance needs in the community. Staff provided public messaging for the next tire amnesty event that Mosquito Control is hosting on April 2 at the Mosquito Control headquarters, 801 South Street, New Smyrna Beach. Staff is collaborating with the Parks, Recreation & Culture Division to support the A/V and videography needs for the 2022 Florida Trails Summit that will take place at the DeBary Hall Conference Center on April 21-22. Staff also is assisting Environmental Management with plans to rebrand the Green Volusia program. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at kcaptain@volusia.org.

GROWTH & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Environmental Management: The Sea Turtle HCP Program has invested in new tablets and GPS technology to streamline field data collection efforts for the 2022 nesting season. With assistance from the GIS department, volunteers will use an app called Survey 123 to collect field data instead of submitting hand-written data. The app will also collect a sub meter accurate GPS point at each nest location, which will reduce the staff time needed to collect these points later. These efficiencies will save fuel and other resources.

The Sea Turtle HCP program has obtained a sea turtle friendly lighting display, on loan from the Sea Turtle Conservancy, to be used at educational and outreach events and for a stationary display at the field office in Daytona Beach. The display will be showcased at the Sea Turtle Lighting Expo scheduled for May 27.

The 2022 shorebird nesting season officially starts in March, with monthly nesting surveys scheduled to begin on March 18. Members of the Marine Mammal Stranding Team have responded to two deceased manatee strandings in Volusia County in the last two weeks. One was in Oak Hill and the other was on the beach in Ponce Inlet.

Lyonia Environmental Center's "Get Back to Nature" summer camp begins on June 13 and runs through August 12. Campers ranging in age from 6 to 15 years old will learn about environmental stewardship, ecosystems, flora and fauna of Central Florida through experiments, field trips, guest presenters, art projects and more! Each week will have a different theme, resulting in an engaging and experiential summer camp. For more information, contact Ginger Adair at gadair@volusia.org.

OCEAN CENTER

Events: The College Basketball Invitational began March 19 and runs through March 23 in the arena. The NCAA Division 1 tournament features 16 teams from across the country and is estimated to generate 700 room nights.

As CBI has chosen the Ocean Center as the destination for all their games again, and considering some fans don't have the means to travel to Daytona Beach to attend, the facility is encouraging the local community to show up and support the teams. The organizer has partnered with Volusia County Schools to offer students four free tickets to the semifinal and championship games. Tickets are \$10 for the day and are available at <https://www.gazellegroup.com/main/cbi/tickets-3/> or the Ocean Center box office on game days. Flo Sports will broadcast the first three days of the tournament and ESPN2 will air the semifinals and championship game.

The ECHO Gallery Committee will meet on March 22 in Room 103. On March 23, the Daytona Beach News-Journal will host their "40 Under 40" luncheon in the ballroom and the HAAA Board Meeting will take place in Room 103.

Palmer College of Chiropractic's graduation will take place March 24 in the ballroom.

The Florida Federation of Colorguards Circuit Championship will take over the building March 25-27, with an estimated 6,250 attendees and 800 room nights. The event is open to the public, with more information regarding the event available by visiting <https://ffcc.org/events/ffcc-championships/>. For more information, contact Tim Riddle at triddle@volusia.org.



PUBLIC PROTECTION

Animal Services: On March 14, Animal Services welcomed new Animal Control Officer, Channel Esposito. The Animal Services Division is now fully staffed. For more information, contact Division Director Adam Leath, (386) 822-3506.

Beach Safety: On March 14, Beach Safety started their seasonal lifeguard recruit class, which will continue all week. Our local spring break started on March 14, which is keeping the Beach Safety Division very busy. For more information, contact Division Director Andy Ethridge, (386) 239-6414.

Emergency Management: The Emergency Management Team will be supporting the Daytona Beach International Airport Triennial Exercise on March 18. For more information, contact Division Director Helene Wetherington, (386) 254-1500.

Emergency Medical Services: New Hire Orientation starts for 11 EMTs & 2 Paramedics. For more information, contact Division Director Michael Colman, (386) 236-3511.

PUBLIC WORKS

Coastal: The Coastal Division has received the Certificate of Occupancy for the Edwin W. Peck, Sr. and Dahlia Avenue beachfront parks in Daytona Beach Shores; both parks opened to the public on Friday, March 18. The division also coordinated installation of an interpretive phenolic panel honoring Mr. Peck in the Edwin W. Peck, Sr. Park. For more information, contact Terri Propst at (386) 248-8072, Ext. 20535.

Mosquito Control: Mosquito Control is reminding residents to take a moment to walk around their yards looking up, down and all around for anything holding small amounts of standing water due to recent storms. Emptying this water from bird baths, kids' toys, tires and clogged gutters will prevent pesky biting mosquitoes. Our surveillance data indicates increased amounts of mosquito larvae present in standing water throughout the district. To learn more, visit our website volusia.org/mosquito. For more information, contact Marcus McDonough at (386) 424-2920, Ext. 20272.



Road & Bridge: On March 19, from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m., the Tomoka Marathon, Half Marathon & 5K event was scheduled to be held in Ormond Beach. The traveling public can expect intermittent lane closures on the following roads: North Beach Street, Old Dixie Highway, John Anderson Drive, High Bridge Road, Walter Boardman Road and S.R. 40/Granada Boulevard. For more information, contact Lori Koontz at (386) 822-6422, Ext. 20455.

Solid Waste: The Tomoka Farms Road Landfill held limited operational hours this past March 13, processing more than 25 tons of garbage in support of Bike Week events. For more information, contact Regina Montgomery at (386) 947-2952, Ext. 21347.

Traffic Engineering: Traffic Engineering Studies staff recently met with the Edgewater Police Department to discuss traffic-related concerns along Park Avenue and to evaluate whether changes to traffic control devices are necessary to improve safety and operations in the area. For more information, contact Jon Cheney at (386) 736-5968, Ext. 12709.

Water Resources and Utilities: From the beginning of the fiscal year (Oct 2021) through the end of last month, combined potable water production averaged 4.095 million gallons per day throughout the County's six utility service areas. This represented a 1% increase as compared to the prior fiscal year. Meanwhile, reclaimed water production for irrigation use averaged 1.635 million gallons per day, representing a 27% increase as compared to the prior fiscal year. For more information, contact Mike Ulrich at (386) 943-7027, Ext. 12724.