

# Volusia County Government Activities

## May 9 – 15, 2020

### Aviation and Economic Resources

#### ***Airport***

Operations – Staff recognized two team members who retired this week. Tara Kissling, training coordinator retired after 10 years with the county. Dulce Ayala, the operations staff assistant, has been promoted to training coordinator. Yenky, one of two explosive detection K9s at DAB retired after 10 years of service. He will live out his retirement with his handler and best friend, VSO Sr. Deputy Joe Durney.

Facilities and Maintenance – The projects department has been busy with new projects going out to bid soon, include parking lot Improvements. This project's first phase includes new pavement for the short-term, long-term and rental car parking lot and for Catalina Drive. For more information, contact Joanne Magley at 386-248-8030 ext: 18309 or [jmagley@volusia.org](mailto:jmagley@volusia.org).

#### ***Economic Development***

The Economic Development division began accepting applications Thursday, May 14, for the Relaunch Volusia Small Business Reopening Grant Program. Staff has been busy processing and reviewing applications and trouble-shooting programmatic concerns. For more information, contact Helga van Eckert at [Hvaneckert@volusia.org](mailto:Hvaneckert@volusia.org)

### Community Services

#### ***Votran***

Votran continues to clean and disinfect the facilities and buses throughout the day. The bus operators have been equipped with two different types of masks, clear face shields, gloves and sanitizer. Fixed Route trips for April 2020 are down by 129,791 compared to April 2019. Paratransit trips are down by 19,672 compared to April 2019. For more information, contact Edie Biro at 386-756-7496.

### County Manager's Office

#### ***Community Information***

Community Information continues its daily efforts to engage in COVID-19 related activities and disseminate information. In the coming weeks, the frequency of our daily press briefings may decrease commensurate with information flow. Staff worked with Animal Services to invite puppies and kittens into a recent briefing that emphasized adoption, fostering, and the need for families with pets to have a plan with regard to COVID-19 and the upcoming hurricane season. Our weekly Friday morning panel discussions on Facebook Live continue with a focus on subject matter germane to the reopening phases and medical aspects of the pandemic. The Public Information Network (PIN) group continues to meet weekly and the PIN webpage is updated daily. Production Coordination staff are occupied in daily activities and events, and completed the county manager thank-you video that was posted on Facebook and sent to all county staff this week.

Notwithstanding the teeming of activities Community Information is juggling, the COVID-19 pandemic has fostered new ideas and new opportunities that are enabling staff to reinvent the way we would normally do things, all seeking a positive spin. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at [kcaptain@volusia.org](mailto:kcaptain@volusia.org).

### Growth and Resource Management

#### ***Planning and Development Services***

A citizen outreach session was held on May 12 in the old Courthouse Conference Room. While practicing physical distancing, the public were invited to participate. Staff reviewed questions and concerns identified by the public regarding the proposed changes to the Conservation Element and the Future Land Use Element (Commercial Space Industry Opportunity Overlay). Staff will provide the County Council with a meeting summary and minutes as part of the applicable agenda items for the June 2 meeting. For more information, contact Clay Ervin at [cervin@volusia.org](mailto:cervin@volusia.org).

### Ocean Center

#### ***Events***

The Ocean Center Sales Team continues to re-book and add new business. One of the newest pieces of business is the Florida District of Key Club International. The Ocean Center is happy to welcome this event for its first meeting in Daytona Beach in April 2022. This event boast attendance over 3,000 and room nights of 2,000. The best part is the club has signed multi-year contracts with the Ocean Center that extend five years through 2026!

The Ocean Center team is currently drafting a specific reopening plan for Ocean Center with revised attendee and employee protection protocols. We are using information from a wide array of resources including but not limited to: The International Association of Venue Managers (IAVM) Events Safety Alliance Reopening Guide, Spectra's (our F&B partner) "Together Again"



reopening guide for food and beverage service and venue management, State of Florida Step by Step Recovery Plan, Relaunch Volusia, Reopening Draft Plans from three other Convention Centers for Comparison (Orange County FL; Columbus, GA; Classic Center, GA) We continue to glean information from IAVM's daily Venue Forum updates from facilities nationwide as all venues suggest new ideas and procedures for re-opening with new sanitation and social-distancing protocols in place. For more information, contact Tim Riddle at 386-254-4500 ext: 24514 or triddle@volusia.org.

## **Public Works**

### ***Coastal***

The Coastal Division initiated limited re-opening of beach driving at 14 vehicle access ramps on Mother's Day Weekend. Vehicles entering the beach were directed to park at pre-set posts located 25' apart to facilitate social distancing. The division also opened all county controlled right-of-way parking and all beach public restrooms and showers. The division continues working closely with beach maintenance, concession, ramp toll and port-a-let contractors to plan as full public beach access re-opening is carefully phased in over time. For more information, contact Terri Propst at (386) 248-8072, ext. 20337.

### ***Engineering & Construction***

The Lemon Bluff Marine Park and Boat Ramp project was awarded on May 1 to Saboungi Construction. The contractor, over the coming weeks, will be gearing up to begin construction. A pre-construction meeting will be scheduled prior to the beginning of construction. For more information, contact Tadd Kasbeer at 386-736-5967, ext. 15846.

### ***Mosquito Control***

Mosquito Control has recently received customer service requests related to other biting insects such as yellow flies and biting midges (no-see-ums). Mosquito Control does not conduct targeted treatments for these pests. The University of Florida's Department of Entomology and Nematology recommends using an EPA approved repellent with Deet as the active ingredient to repel these insects. For more information, contact Suzanne Bartlett, (386) 424-2920, ext. 20272.

### ***Road & Bridge***

To assist with the reopening of beaches, the Road & Bridge Division obtained 10 message boards and coordinated their placement with Beach Safety. The message boards display reminders for social distancing and group sizes for beachgoers. For more information, contact Benjamin Bartlett at (386) 822-6422, ext. 20470.

### ***Solid Waste***

On March 1, landfill construction for the final 12.8 acres of the north landfill disposal cell was completed. On April 9, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) approved the cell construction certification and conversion to the operations phase. On May 5, disposal operations began in the new disposal area. For more information, contact Regina Montgomery at (386) 947-2952, ext. 21347.



### ***Traffic Engineering***

Traffic Engineering's Development Review section continues to review and comment on a high number of development projects countywide including several large projects in DeLand, Deltona, Daytona Beach, Orange City and Port Orange. Several of these larger developments (Buc-ee's, Amazon Warehouse, and Halifax Crossings) are required to make significant roadway improvements requiring detailed plan review.-For more information, contact Jon Cheney at (386) 736-5968, ext. 12709.

### ***Water Resources and Utilities***

Completed the conversion of over 1,600 water meters to advanced meter infrastructure (AMI) technology and monitoring within the Spruce Creek utility service area. AMI promotes conservation through early detection and notification of leaks and inefficient water use. The division will continue its efforts to standardize meter technology as it next moves into the County's southeast utility service area. For more information, contact Mike Ulrich at (386) 943-7027, ext. 12724.