

## Volusia County Government Activities October 29 – November 4, 2022

### COMMUNITY SERVICES

**Community Assistance:** The Children and Families Advisory Board will meet at 1:30 p.m. Nov. 10, in the Operations Room at the Emergency Operations Center, 3825 Tiger Bay Road, Daytona Beach. Members will review and score Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) applications for fiscal year 2022/23. They will also review outcomes and expenditures from fiscal year 2021/22 and determine criteria and requirements for the 2023 summer camp scholarship program. A link to attend virtually is posted on [www.volusia.org/cfab](http://www.volusia.org/cfab). To request additional information, contact Carmen Hall, Community Assistance Director, at [chall@volusia.org](mailto:chall@volusia.org).

**Library Services:** The Library Services Division kicked off a new partnership with the Museum of Arts and Sciences on Nov. 1. Storytime at the Museum takes place on “Free First Tuesday” of the month from 11 a.m. to Noon. The museum offers free admission to Volusia County residents with proof of residency, such as a driver's license, library card, or utility bill. Storytime at the Museum is an interactive literacy program designed for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers visiting the museum. Children and caregivers are introduced to a wide variety of introductory literacy skills through stories, rhymes, and some motor activities; in a fun, learning environment. Storytime themes are specifically designed to be relatable to exhibits that may be within the museum.

**Resource Stewardship:** The land management team completed a 125-acre prescribed burn to remove excess vegetation and improve wildlife habitat at the Lake George Forest (LGF) & Wildlife Management Area (WMA). This 8,256-acre LGF is managed by the county and is part of a larger 35,380-acre WMA that provides more than 20 miles of contiguous habitat for many species of Florida's wildlife along Lake George and the St. Johns River. The WMA is currently open to the public for hunting. Interested individuals can find a summary of hunting regulations and maps at <https://bit.ly/3sE29Fr>.

**Votran:** Votran will be holding several public meetings to hear feedback from the public about proposed changes to bus schedules. All public meetings will be held in an open house format, and attendees can arrive at any time during the window. The meeting will feature a short presentation, and Votran staff will be on-site to answer questions. The public meeting schedule can be found at this link: <https://bit.ly/3WyG5tC>

People unable to attend a meeting are encouraged to submit comments. Written comments can be handed to Votran bus operators or mailed to the Votran Planning Department at 950 Big Tree Road, South Daytona, FL 32119. An online form can be completed at [www.votran.org/contact-us](http://www.votran.org/contact-us). All correspondence must include name and address. Comments will be accepted until Dec. 7.

### COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE

**Community Information:** Community Information produced and distributed a high-quality video comprehensively capturing the extensive damage to the Volusia coast. Jessica Fentress was the star of the piece, and the Coastal division assisted with capturing footage and gathering the information. The video can be seen here <https://bit.ly/BeachImpactslan>. Staff promoted the Veterans Stand Down, Farm Tour and time change with news releases and social media posts. Supervisor of Elections Lisa



Lewis and Karen Stauderman from UF/IFAS were featured on the Volusia Today radio program, featuring Election Day and the upcoming Farm Tour, respectively. Staff is coordinating with Solid Waste to place advertising in local newspapers regarding Thanksgiving and Christmas garbage collection schedules. Staff is working with DeBary Hall Historic Site to promote holiday events, as well as assisting Green Volusia in launching their new Facebook page. Staff produced social media posts and a news release regarding the inclement weather heading towards the Volusia coast this weekend and mid-next week. Staff coordinated a TV interview for Public Works on storm debris collection. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at [kcaptain@volusia.org](mailto:kcaptain@volusia.org).

## **GROWTH & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT**

Environmental Permitting staff conducted 19,653 Inspections and reviews in fiscal year 2021-22 FY, an increase of 9.2% compared to the prior year. Environmental Permitting inspections have increased by 64% since fiscal year 2017-18.

Volusia County Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) staff has assisted over 60 applicants with post-storm emergency permits for beachfront properties. Due to extreme sand erosion and the destruction of seawalls in some areas, many residential and condominium properties were evacuated due to concerns about the danger of further life-threatening erosion. The staff has emergency permitted temporary seawalls, sand placement, and walkover repairs. They are assisting owners daily and have been hosting staff from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) at the field office in Daytona Beach since Oct. 10.

In addition to emergency permitting, HCP staff has assisted Beach Safety with resetting the Conservation Zone areas in the public driving portions of Volusia beaches. Nearly all driving area CZ's have been reset. The exception is the area that experienced the worst property damage between Botefuhr and Emelia Avenues beach approaches in Daytona Beach Shores and another intertidal area south of 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue in New Smyrna Beach.

On Oct. 27, a Green sea turtle laid a new nest in the 2700 block of Ocean Shore Boulevard. Fortunately, this location is far away from the threat of damages due to any coastal construction activity. The nest will be monitored by the Volusia Turtle Patrol until it hatches or reaches 70 days of incubation if it does not hatch.

The Volusia County Manatee Protection Program (MPP) oversees coordination of underwater cleanups at the Ponce Inlet Jetty each season when diving conditions are suitable. During the 2022 season, environmental staff and volunteers including Councilman Robins and Volusia County Sheriff Chitwood, collected a new record amount of debris totaling 1,810 pounds! In addition to the dive team, the program's Jetty Ambassador citizen volunteers were immensely productive in collecting lines and educating our local anglers of the initiative while working above the waterline on the jetty deck and rocks.

## **OCEAN CENTER**

**Events:** Staff from Ocean Center and Oak View Group attended Tourism Partner Day hosted by the Daytona Beach Area Convention and Visitors Bureau at the Daytona Beach International Airport Nov. 4.

The Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF) moved into the ballroom and meeting rooms Nov. 4, to prepare for their in-person Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (D-SNAP)



event Nov. 5-7. D-SNAP provides food assistance for residents impacted by Hurricane Ian. Organizers with DCF advised that up to 30,000 individuals are expected over the course of the three-day event.

The News-Journal will host a Women in Business luncheon Nov. 9. In the ballroom with up to 250 attendees expected.

The Official Strongman Games moves into the exhibit hall Nov. 9, for their event Nov. 11-13. The event is open to the public and is expected to generate 1,200 attendee days and 400 room nights. Single day passes are \$45, three-day passes are \$90, and VIP passes, including a meet and greet with athletes, start at \$200; children 12 and under receive free admission. Tickets may be purchased at the door or in advance at <https://www.strongman.games>. For more information, contact Tim Riddle at [triddle@volusia.org](mailto:triddle@volusia.org).

## **PUBLIC PROTECTION**

**Beach Safety:** Beach Safety is hosting a detective's academy all week at Beach Headquarters. For more information, contact Division Director Andy Ethridge, (386) 239-6414.

**Emergency Management:** Emergency Management continues to support the affected areas through the Disaster Recovery Center and provide resources to those areas of need. Emergency Management continues to assist the public through Hurricane Ian-related calls. For more information, contact Division Director James Judge, (386) 254-1500.

**Emergency Medical Administration:** EMA will be upgrading their ZOLL patient care software for ZOLL Billing and ZOLL ePCR from version 6.4 to 6.7 on Nov. 4, starting at 5p.m. For more information, contact Division Director Mark Wolcott, (386) 561-8087.

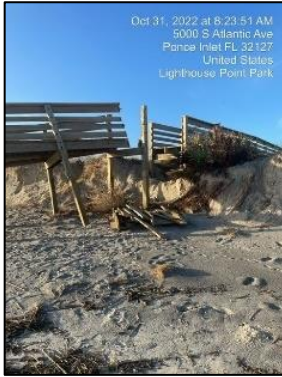
**Fire Rescue:** The Fire Prevention Office will be conducting inspections of the County Fairgrounds to include buildings and food trucks for the upcoming county fair. For more information, contact Interim Fire Chief Joe King, (386) 736-5940 ext. 12909.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

**Coastal:** Coastal staff continues to repair and re-open assets damaged by Hurricane Ian. This includes removing debris, repairing/replacing stair treads and stringers, adding extensions and x-bracing to pilings for structural support, as well as replacing any damaged top caps and/or side rails, aluminum railing, etc.

Coastal tradesworkers coordinated with Contractors to remove damaged segments of walkovers at #1, #2, and #3 in Lighthouse Point Park. This included cutting back the structures to improve structural integrity, allowing for tradesworkers to begin installation of new stair sets in the following weeks. This is part of Coastal's efforts to regain beach access in the park as re-opening preparations continue.

The 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue walkover in New Smyrna Beach was recently opened. Eighty coastal assets remain closed. For more information, contact Jessica Fentress at (386) 248-8072, ext. 20356.



**Engineering & Construction:** The City Island Seawall project is progressing as planned. Phase One sheet pile driving started on Nov. 1 and is expected to be completed by Nov. 9. Phase One sheet pile is approximately 86 LF between the existing Veterans Memorial Bridge, working north towards the radii of the proposed pavilion. For more information, contact Tadd Kasbeer at (386) 736-5967, ext. 15846.

**Mosquito Control:** Mosquito Control will have an educational table in the horticulture building at the upcoming 77<sup>th</sup> annual Volusia County Fair, Nov. 3-13. Our display features mosquito fish, live mosquito samples, a repellent display, and educational handouts. Mosquito Control staff will be present during peak fair hours to answer resident questions and provide mosquito control recommendations. For more information, contact Marcus McDonough at (386) 424-2920, ext. 20272.

**Road & Bridge:** In response to hurricane Ian, drainage task team crews are continuing to clear vegetation and debris from stormwater pipes and inlets. These efforts ensure stormwater systems throughout the County are functioning properly. For more information, contact Lori Koontz at (386) 822-6422, ext. 20455.

**Solid Waste:** The Volusia County Solid Waste Division hosted free collection events for household hazardous materials on Oct. 21 in Ormond Beach and Oct. 22 in New Smyrna Beach. A total of 520 residents participated, dropping off 1,375 gallons of paint; 325 fluorescent bulbs; 3,570 lbs. of lead acid batteries; and over 6,000 lbs. of reuse chemicals. For more information, contact Regina Montgomery at (386) 947-2952, ext. 21347.

**Traffic Engineering:** The Traffic Engineering studies group is working on signal warrants at the following intersections:

- Tymber Creek Road at Margaritaville Avenue – Daytona Beach
- West Park Avenue at Air Park Road – Edgewater
- For more information, contact Jay Williams at (386) 736-5968, ext. 12139.

### **Water Resources and Utilities**

To promote efficient utility service delivery and prevent duplication of utility infrastructure, staff has finalized the terms and conditions for an interlocal agreement with the Florida Governmental Utility Authority (FGUA) to accept the transfer of the Wexford Cove subdivision and additional areas immediately south and east of the county's current northeast utility service area. Consideration of the agreement is scheduled for the Nov. 15 County Council meeting. For additional information, please contact Water Resources and Utilities Director Mike Ulrich at (386) 943-7027, ext. 12724.