

**Volusia County Government Activities
October 24 - 30, 2020**

AVIATION & ECONOMIC RESOURCES

Daytona Beach International Airport

Operations: The airport's annual Part 139 inspection was Friday, Oct. 30. It was a virtual administrative inspection, where required FAA records and documentation were uploaded to the FAA inspector and included a three-hour zoom call with the inspector to answer any questions. On Oct. 28, the airport coordinated with US Secret Service, Volusia Sheriff's Office and Air Traffic Control for a VIP movement (Donald Trump Jr.) at the airport's fixed-based operator, ATP. For more information, contact Joanne Magley at jmagley@volusia.org.

Economic Development: Staff continues to process small and home-based business grants. To date, 3,230 small business grant applications have been received with 2,627 checks distributed totaling more than \$7.95M. The home-based grant program has processed 578 applications resulting in the distribution of 445 checks totaling \$667,500. For more information, contact Joanne Magley at jmagley@volusia.org.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Community Assistance: Starting Nov. 16, residents will be able to submit online applications for utility assistance through the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). The online application module will open every Monday morning at 9 a.m. Online applications will be accepted until the maximum number has been submitted to process. Residents who do not have access to or ability to utilize technology, or prefer a phone appointment with a case worker, may still call the appointment line at 386-239-7757 to schedule an interview with a case worker.

Votran: Oct. 30 - Nov. 6 Votran is participating in Mobility Week 2020, a statewide celebration sponsored by the Florida Department of Transportation. During Mobility Week, cities, counties and transportation partner agencies host events to promote transportation choices, highlight transportation achievements, and roll out new initiatives or policies. For more information on how to participate, visit <https://www.fdot.gov/projects/mobilityweek/mobilityweek2020.shtm>.

COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE

Community Information: Community Information produced a long-form video honoring the dedication and professionalism and resilience of County employees while in service to the public during the COVID-19 pandemic. The video can be viewed here: Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CountyOfVolusia/posts/3365262826891154>.

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aBY5luH6yAM>

Community Information is producing a second video that will feature messages from all seven County Council members regarding the County's response to the pandemic and ongoing actions in support of community recovery efforts. Staff is preparing for two County Council presentations - recognition of the City of DeBary for its outstanding performance in the Census on Nov. 10, and recognition of the original Home Rule Charter Committee on Nov. 17. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at kcaptain@volusia.org.

GROWTH & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Environmental Management: The MSC Education Department has begun testing its virtual school field trip programs with Volusia County schools. The pilot programs have reached four different classrooms with over 70 students. Teacher feedback has been positive, and the Education Team looks forward to booking virtual school field trips soon. On Oct. 28, Environmental Management staff joined project partners: Stetson University, East Central Florida Regional Planning Council, and Sea Grant to facilitate the Collaborating for Resilience workshop. The workshop invited stakeholders to provide input to further two grant-funded resilience initiatives, Stetson University's Sea Grant "Optimizing coupled human and natural system benefits for public land acquisitions in the east central Florida coastal zone," and Volusia County's Resilient Volusia Phase 2 - Adaptation Action Areas. This workshop, which started the stakeholder input in these initiatives, included discussion about land conservation and establishing priority areas and strategies to further resiliency efforts in the County. The Town of Ponce Inlet Planning Board reviewed the proposed site plan for the new MSC modular bird hospital at their Oct. 27 meeting. The board unanimously recommended approval to the Town Council, subject to extension of the roof overhang to match the existing buildings on the property. The Town Council will review this request at their Nov. 19, meeting. For more information, contact Ginger Adair at gadair@volusia.org.



OCEAN CENTER

Events: For the first time, the Ocean Center recently hosted Diamond's Fall Classic Cheer and Dance Competition comprised of ~1,000 attendees and athletes. Social distancing and safety measures are implemented and being enforced for all events. The group had a great experience with seeking interest in returning next year. The Ocean Center will be hosting the Daytona Beach Police Department for training Nov. 4 - 5. We continue partnering with the Department of Public Protection with the distribution and storage of PPE for businesses and frontline workers. We also continue to collaborate with Halifax Urban Ministries for assembling and distribution of resources and food, an operation that has been in place since May. Nearing October's end, HUM will have distributed over 50K bags of food through this COVID Response Feed-A-Family session in Volusia County. This is an extraordinary milestone says HUM Executive Director Buck James. For more information, contact Tim Buckley at tbuckley@volusia.org.

PUBLIC PROTECTION

Emergency Medical Services: EMS will be taking delivery of eight new ambulances which were ordered this past fiscal year, with ten more new ambulances approved by the County Council this fiscal year. This newer fleet will optimize the county's EMS operations by providing power-assist/power-loading stretchers, as well as creating more cab and box space for field staff, of whom warmly welcome these new state-of-the-art vehicles as their mobile offices. For more information, contact Patricia Bythwood at 386-740-5120.

PUBLIC WORKS

Coastal: State law requires the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) to develop and adopt Inlet Management Plans (IMPs) for improved inlets such as the Ponce de Leon Inlet. IMPs describe strategies for mitigating erosion that may be caused by inlets on adjacent beaches. FDEP's Ponce de Leon Inlet Management Plan is scheduled to be publicly posted the week of Oct. 26 for a 21-day public comment period. The County will place an informational advertisement in the News Journal the weekend of Oct. 31 and the IMP is anticipated to be discussed at the Nov. 10 County Council Meeting. For more information, contact Jessica Winterwerp at (386) 248-8072, ext. 20356.

Engineering & Construction: Construction continues on the 10th Street widening project. Current and upcoming activities include utility relocation and continued work on the box culvert construction. For more information, contact Tadd Kasbeer at (386) 736-5967, ext. 15846.

Mosquito Control: Staff are conducting targeted treatments for fall festival and Halloween related events where residents may be outside during peak mosquito activity times. Residents are encouraged to use EPA approved repellents during these activities to prevent mosquito bites. For more information, visit <https://www.epa.gov/insect-repellents> or contact Suzanne Bartlett, (386) 424-2920, ext. 20272.

Road & Bridge: A stormwater pipe replacement project is underway on Jungle Road in New Smyrna Beach. The Road & Bridge eastside drainage construction crew is replacing metal stormwater pipe near Ellison Ave. that is aged and deteriorated. For more information, contact Benjamin Bartlett at (386) 822-6422, ext. 20470.

Solid Waste: On Tuesday, Nov. 2, a pre-construction meeting for the West Volusia Transfer Station chute repair will be held with the awarded contractor, Exoally Metal Fabrication. For more information, contact Regina Montgomery at (386) 947-2952, ext. 21347.

Traffic Engineering: The Transportation Map Series comprehensive plan amendments will be heard before the Planning and Land Development Regulation Commission (PLDRC) and the County Council in the next few months. As part of the amendments, County staff is proposing the addition of a thoroughfare "Needs List." If adopted, four currently proposed thoroughfares on the Thoroughfares Roadways Map would be placed on the "Needs List" (and removed from the Thoroughfare Roadways Map) due to their forecasted needs beyond 2035, high costs, and lack of secured right-of-way. They include the I-4 Frontage Road, Madeline Ave. extension, LPGA Blvd. extension and the Westside Connector. In the future when the County is able to complete alignment studies the "Needs List" roads could be moved back to the Thoroughfare Roadways Map. For more information, contact Jon Cheney at (386) 736-5968, ext. 12709.

Water Resources and Utilities: Staff has recently completed a review of the qualifications and proposals for professional utility engineering services. The recommendation of award for five firms is scheduled for the Nov. 10 County Council meeting. For more information, contact Mike Ulrich at (386) 943-7027, ext. 12724.

