

Volusia County Government Activities October 2 – 8, 2021

AVIATION & ECONOMIC RESOURCES

Daytona Beach International Airport

Operations: The airport completed its Annual FAA Inspection Oct. 4 and 5; the inspector's debrief is scheduled for Oct. 13. For more information, contact Joanne Magley at jmagley@volusia.org.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Community Assistance: The County of Volusia is eligible to apply for \$653,841 through the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity's (DEO) Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) Entitlement Program. Volusia County is proposing an application requesting the full amount be submitted to DEO for the construction of ADA accessible restrooms at Maytown Spur Trailhead in unincorporated Volusia County and Cow Creek Trailhead in Edgewater. The public is invited to attend a virtual public meeting to discuss the proposed project and funding application at 10 a.m., Tuesday, Oct. 12. For more information, contact Carmen Hall, Community Assistance Director, at chall@volusia.org.

COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE

Community Information: Staff took still photos and video of the installation of the Mary McLeod Bethune statue at the News-Journal Center and is working on video scripts about her life and the statue. Staff are coordinating with Facility Management with the information loading process into the two newly stationed interactive information kiosks that are located at each of the two main entrances of the TCK Administration building. Staff are also actively creating new features for Volusia Magazine. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at kcaptain@volusia.org.

GROWTH & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Marine Science Center: In partnership with Community Information, the Marine Science Center launched its own Facebook Page. The MSC Bird Hospital is beginning to see migratory birds returning from their breeding grounds. As of Sept. 27, the Bird Department has admitted over 1,000 birds since the beginning of the year. They would like to thank volunteer David Laser for his hard work and dedication in building rooms for their education birds to sleep safely at night. They are also happy to announce the adoption of a new mascot, a carefree Herring Gull. Visit the MSC Facebook page to see their new mascot in action and help them choose a name.

On Sept. 18, we welcomed 1,305 people participate in the International Coastal and Halifax/ Indian River Lagoon cleanup. Volunteers and collected approximately 4,814 pounds of trash at 36 different sites on the beach and Halifax River areas. A total of 56,710 items were collected, with the most common item being cigarette butts at 21,984. In September as part of the Community Resilience through Green Infrastructure grant, community members, staff, grant partners, students from Stetson and Embry Riddle Universities, and Young Bear Environmental Inc. planted trees and raised bed gardens in Spring Hill Park. For more information, contact Chad Macfie at cmacfie@volusia.org.

Planning & Development Services:

The real estate activity sold one county-owned surplus parcel, generating \$3,825 in revenue, and adding it back on the tax roll. The Volusia County Community Rating System CRS Users Group hosted a virtual presentation on Sept. 24, FEMA Risk Rating 2.0: Equity in Action. The attendees were the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), CRS communities of Volusia and Flagler counties. FEMA is updating the NFIP risk rating methodology through the implementation of a new pricing methodology for flood insurance called Risk Rating 2.0. The methodology leverages industry best practices and cutting-edge technology to enable FEMA to deliver rates that are actuarially sound, equitable, and easier to understand and better reflect a property's flood risk. New flood insurance policies beginning Oct. 1, will be subject to the new rating methodology. All remaining policies renewing on or after April 1, 2022, will be subject to the new rating methodology. Staff is not certain how this change in methodology affects landowners, but an increase in the cost is expected for a portion of those who have flood insurance. For more information, contact Palmer Panton at ppanton@volusia.org.

OCEAN CENTER

Events: On Oct. 8, the Ocean Center was filled with Wildcat Pride as Bethune-Cookman University hosted their traditional Pep Rally to cheer on the football team and enjoy the amazing song selections by the Baddest Band in the Land, The Marching Wildcats. The festivities continued Oct. 9, with the Seabreeze High School Homecoming Dance. Masks continue to be required for entry. For more information, contact Tim Riddle at triddle@volusia.org.



PUBLIC PROTECTION

Beach Safety: Beach Safety administrative personnel recently attend the Trucktoberfest-related meeting at the Daytona Beach Shores Police Department. This meeting is in reference to the upcoming truck event slated for the weekend of Oct 23. For more information, contact Division Director Andy Etheridge, (386) 239-6414.

Emergency Management: Emergency Management continues to support COVID-19 testing and vaccination efforts. The mobile testing site has moved to the Daytona International Speedway. The monoclonal antibody Infusion site in Ormond Beach has conducted 5,365 treatments. The Emergency Operations Center will support workshops on Damage Assessment Safety Training this week. For more information please, contact Division Director Helene Wetherington, (386) 254-1500.

Emergency Medical Services: EMS continues with recruitment interviews and preparation for full-time paramedics and EMTs. One full-time Emergency Medical Technician and two Intermittent Emergency Medical Technician's New Hire Orientation will begin Oct. 12. One paramedic cleared last week as a lead paramedic and will begin their new position out in the field this week. For more information, contact Division Director Michael Colman, (386) 236-3511.

Fire Rescue: VCFR received its second Aircraft Rescue Firefighting (ARFF) apparatus. These two new apparatuses (trucks) will replace the current ARFF 1 and 2. For more information, contact Fire Chief Howard Bailey, (386) 736-5940 ext. 12918.

PUBLIC WORKS

Coastal: Coastal trades workers completed the renovation of the 153 foot long Glenview Avenue walkover in Ponce Inlet. The Coastal Division has renovated several walkovers this year in which weathered boards were replaced and the timber top-rails were replaced with a composite material. These walkovers are an essential part of preserving our natural dune environment by eliminating foot traffic on the natural dunes and offering safe public access to the beach. For more information, contact Jessica Winterwerp at (386) 248-8072, ext. 20356.



Engineering & Construction: The Construction and Traffic Engineering divisions have been meeting in each of the four impact fee zones to present the tentative 5-year Road Program. The final meeting with impact fee Zone 4 was held Oct. 13, in DeLand. The Zone 4 listening session also included a virtual option for any citizens that were unable to attend a previous meeting or who preferred to listen from home. For more information, contact Tadd Kasbeer at (386) 736-5967 or Jon Cheney at (386) 736-5968, ext. 12709.



Mosquito Control: Mosquito Control is collaborating with the University of Florida Medical Entomology Lab to conduct resistance evaluations on the invasive container mosquitoes *Aedes aegypti* and *Aedes albopictus*. As part of an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) program, Mosquito Control conducts routine evaluations on local mosquito populations to manage resistance and ensure products applied are effective. For more information, contact Suzanne Bartlett at (386) 424-2920, ext. 20272.

Road & Bridge: Staff are collaborating with Community Information on the ongoing anti-litter campaign. Statistical data is being compiled to quantify the volume of trash/litter removed from the road and drainage rights-of-way. For more information, contact Lori Koontz at (386) 822-6422, ext. 20455

Solid Waste: The Volusia County Adopt a Road Program is a litter reduction campaign designed to remove litter and debris from Volusia County roads to keep Volusia County beautiful. Community volunteers sign up to adopt one mile of county roadway and perform litter clean up four times a year. In August and September, 96 volunteers have performed 21 cleanups collecting 1,780 pounds of litter from county roadways. For more information, contact Regina Montgomery at (386) 947-2952, ext. 21347.

Water Resources and Utilities: Utilities engineering staff has completed the 90% review of plans and specifications for a 1.2 mile potable water main which will connect the county's distribution system in northeast Volusia County with the City of Ormond Beach's water system. The planned interconnect will provide a backup water supply source in the event of an emergency. The project is expected to be advertised for bid by December. For more information, contact Mike Ulrich at (386) 943-7027, ext. 12724.