

Volusia County Government Activities September 18 – 24, 2021

COMMUNITY SERVICES

The departments of Community Services and Public Protection came together to serve alongside 15 agencies to provide support and housing relocation services to 31 households from a local hotel that will be condemned in early November. Divisions included Community Assistance who took the lead in coordination, Library Services, Resource Stewardship - UF/IFAS, Votran, Veterans Services, Animal Services and Emergency Management. We brought together these agencies to help these folks in a time of need, they included Career Source, One Voice for Volusia, DCF (five tables with a variety of services - including Access which provided over 15 households with immediate benefits), HUM, First Step, Neighborhood Center, Homeless Coalition, Early Learning, Halifax Health, Healthy Start, Family Health Source and the Health department. We gave out countless bags of food, boxes of MREs, masks, and hand sanitizer. Four pack and play cribs, vet care, dog food and animal crates were provided as well. Animal Services has spayed or neutered and provided general well-being vet care to several of the animals living at the hotel this past week. We gave out 17 new library cards were issued and 13 hotspots. We also started the process for 5-7 families with disabilities to apply for special Section 8 vouchers. There was a children's play area with hula hoops and coloring kits for the kids while parents went through the room. For more information, contact Dona Butler, ddbutter@volusia.org.

COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE

Community Information: Staff is collaborating with Fire Rescue on a news release and web site and social media postings to help promote Fire Prevention Week, which will take place from Oct. 3-9. Staff is publicizing the redistricting initiative with a news release, social media posts and comprehensive website information. Staff worked with the Marine Science Center to launch their own Facebook page, @MarineScienceCenter. Staff collaborated with Veterans Services to enhance their website on volusia.org by adding more information and making the site more visually attractive. Staff collaborated with Volusia County EMS & Operational Medical Director Dr. Peter C. Springer, creating an informational video for social media that explains and promotes the State's monoclonal antibody treatment initiative and the site at the Ormond Beach Senior Center. Staff finalized and posted an interview with Volusia County Chief Medical Examiner Dr. James Fulcher, Halifax Health Chief Medical Officer Dr. Margaret Crossman, and AdventHealth Chief Medical Officer Dr. Joe Smith. The interview is titled "Community in Crisis: A vaccination conversation," and has been posted as the featured video on the main page of Volusia.org and is also posted on the County's YouTube page. Staff will be making short video carve outs of the interview for social media. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at kcaptain@volusia.org.

GROWTH & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Environmental Management: Environmental Management is hosting a volunteer and learn experience from 9 to 11 a.m., Oct. 28, at the Hiles parking lot in New Smyrna Beach. The participants will visit neighborhoods in New Smyrna, Edgewater, and Oak Hill that have stormwater drainage that goes directly into the canals, and mark the storm drains with "no dumping" curb markers. They will also learn about how fertilizers and other contaminants from neighborhoods harm the lagoon. Registration is required; call 386-736-5927. Pollution Prevention (P2) week was celebrated Sept. 20-24. The Pollution Control Activity erected a display in the rotunda in the TCK to inform residents about ways to prevent pollution. For questions, please contact Ginger Adair.

OCEAN CENTER

Events: Sept. 20-28, the Ocean Center hosted the United Church of God for Feast of Tabernacles. While a private event, it is expected to draw nearly 600 attendees, generating approximately 1,800 room nights. On Oct. 1, the move-in for Reeftoberfest will take place, with the event scheduled for Oct 2. Reeftoberfest is an indoor marketplace where sellers, exhibitors, and hobbyists of all types can buy, sell, trade, and showcase products that are core to the marine hobby industry. Tickets can be purchased at: <https://reeftoberfest.show>. Masks will be required for entry. For more information, contact Tim Riddle at triddle@volusia.org.



PUBLIC PROTECTION

Animal Services: The Animal Services Director attended the Volusia Manager's Meeting on Sept. 22, to present information on County-Wide Pet Licensing. Animal Services assisted Community Services at the Fairgrounds on Sept. 23, offering assistance (pet supplies and veterinary care) to residents from the Budget Inn. For more information, contact Division Director Adam Leath, 386-822-3506.

Beach Safety: Beach Safety personnel will be taking a speed measurement class at Daytona State College. This class will certify personnel to run radar and laser for the purpose of issuing speeding tickets. For more information, contact Division Director Andy Etheridge, (386) 239-6414.

Emergency Management: Emergency Management continues to participate with healthcare partners in COVID-19 vaccine related conference calls three times per week and conducted a City Managers call on Sept. 22. The Monoclonal Antibody Infusion testing site active in Ormond Beach has conducted the treatment to a total of 4,302 patients in Volusia County, but may be reevaluated by the State in the near future. The mobile testing sites in Daytona Beach and Deltona continue to operate with a possible New Smyrna Beach site opening. The Daytona Beach site will likely be relocated to the Daytona International Speedway in the near future to increase visibility. The EOC will be host to a Fire Services Hazmat IC Training event on Sept. 23 and 24. For more information, contact Division Director Helene Wetherington, (386) 254-1500.

Emergency Medical Services: There has been a great response from the EMS employees on the Employee Retention Bonus Program. Currently, EMS has 27 Paramedics and 20 Emergency Medical Technicians who have enrolled with hopefully more to come. For more information, contact Division Director Michael Colman, (386) 236-3511.

Fire Rescue: On SEPT 10, VCFR was awarded the 2020 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant. This grant will fund an additional six firefighters for three fiscal years. For more information, please contact Fire Chief Howard Bailey, (386) 736-5940 ext. 12918.

PUBLIC WORKS

Coastal: Coastal presented to the 2021 Leadership Daytona Program's Environmental Day at the Marine Science Center along with Beach Safety and Environmental Management staff. This was an opportunity to educate members on the importance of coastal operations including beach litter/waste removal, toll operations; county maintained coastal public accesses and amenities, along with upcoming capital improvement projects to enhance the public's access to our coastline. For more information, contact Jessica Winterwerp at (386) 248-8072, ext. 20356.

Engineering & Construction: Lemon Bluff Boat Ramp Update: At the Sept. 21 meeting, the County Council approved a change order to redesign and reconstruct portions of the sheet pile bulkhead walls at Lemon Bluff due to geotechnical issues. Over the next two weeks, the contractor will be cutting the caps, and performing grading and excavation work in preparation for the new piles. The pile production is anticipated to take 4-5 weeks once the design is approved. For more information, contact Tadd Kasbeer at (386) 736-5967, ext. 15846.

Mosquito Control: Mosquito Control will be scheduling a fall tire amnesty event for the public to dispose of waste tires for free. Source reduction or removing items where mosquitoes produce, such as tires, is an important part of our integrated pest management program to reduce mosquitoes. Times and details of the event will be announced soon. For more information, contact Suzanne Bartlett at (386) 424-2920, ext. 20272.

Road & Bridge: Construction of the Gabordy Canal Stormwater Treatment Facility at 10th Street project is progressing well with the recent installation of the underdrain pipe within the stormwater treatment infiltration area. For more information, contact Lori Koontz at (386) 822-6422, ext. 20455.

Solid Waste: Solid Waste Management Compliance Officers routinely conduct secured load inspections on vehicles transporting solid waste to minimize windblown litter. Since Sept. 1, officers have conducted 35 inspections. For more information, contact Regina Montgomery at (386) 947-2952, ext. 21347.

Traffic Engineering: Traffic Engineering continues to see an increased volume in development reviews. In 2020, a total of 136 new development reviews were performed, averaging 11 new development reviews per month. With three months left in year 2021, a total of 141 new development reviews have occurred averaging almost 16 per month. For more information, contact Jon Cheney at (386) 736-5968, ext. 12709.

