

## Volusia County Government Activities August 6 – 12, 2022

### COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE

**Community Information:** Staff is coordinating with Parks, Recreation & Culture on a ribbon-cutting event on Aug. 27 dedicating the opening of the new hiking trail at Chuck Lennon Park in DeLeon Springs. Staff is coordinating with the Department of Public Protection and the Medical Examiner's Office on a groundbreaking event on Sept. 9, to mark the start of construction on the new Medical Examiner's Facility. Staff has been filming interviews with several current and former County employees for inclusion in the final episode of Volusia Magazine scheduled to air in September. Staff worked with the St. Johns River Water Management District to coordinate the ribbon cutting ceremony at Palm Bluff Conservation Area on Aug. 8. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at [kcaptain@volusia.org](mailto:kcaptain@volusia.org).

### OCEAN CENTER

**Events:** The Ocean Center will host a reception for the newest ECHO Gallery exhibit, *Naturally Volusia Too*, at 5:30 p.m. Aug. 18. Attendees will meet the artists, enjoy light refreshments, participate in a guided tour through the Ocean Center, and enjoy the numerous pieces of art that are part of the county's Art in Public Places program. The event is free and open to the public. The Embassy of Hope Foundation will host a gala Aug. 20, in the ballroom. Four hundred attendees are expected. The 33<sup>rd</sup> National Reptile Breeder's Expo will take place Aug. 20 and 21, in the arena. The event is the largest reptile meeting in the world and is estimated to attract 6,100 attendees and generate 950 room nights. The event is open to the public and admission is \$20 at the door. For more information, contact Tim Riddle at [triddle@volusia.org](mailto:triddle@volusia.org).

### PUBLIC PROTECTION

**Animal Services:** Animal Services staff attended a virtual training with Clinic HQ, in preparation for a system that allows citizens to schedule surgical appointments online. For more information, contact Division Director Adam Leath, 386-822-3506.

**Beach Safety:** Beach Safety hosted a one-day lifeguard camp for children registered with the Police Athletic League. The camp consisted of 35 children and took place at Frank Rendon Park in Daytona Beach Shores. For more information, contact Division Director Andy Ethridge, (386) 239-6414.

**Emergency Management:** The Emergency Operations Center conducted an exercise on Aug. 8 with their Summer Interns as a finale to their instruction at Emergency Management. For more information please, contact Interim Division Director James Judge, (386) 254-1500.

**Emergency Medical Administration:** The Emergency Medical Administration director attended a rule development workshop in Tallahassee Aug. 8. Emergency Medical Administration had a meeting with the Florida Department of Health on Aug. 10 to discuss monkeypox. For more information, contact Division Director Mark Wolcott, (386) 561-8087.

**Fire Rescue:** Volusia County Fire Rescue Training Chief instructed an Active Shooter Training with the DeLand Fire Department and DeLand Police Department. For more information, contact Interim Fire Chief Joe King, (386) 736-5940 ext. 12918.

### PUBLIC WORKS

**Coastal:** The two eastern most pavilions at the Mary McLeod Bethune Beach Park are being replaced. Pavilion #1 is up and finalizing inspections and pavilion #2 is currently being erected. Both pavilions are anticipated to be opened back up to the public on Aug 19. For more information, contact Jessica Fentress at (386) 248-8072, ext. 20356.



### **Engineering & Construction**

Clearing and grubbing for the Marine Discovery Center trail and restroom project is approximately 85% complete, and the concrete sidewalk construction is approximately 55% complete. Pond construction will continue throughout the end of August. Construction of the restroom will begin with the issuance of the building permit. For more information, contact Tadd Kasbeer at (386) 736-5967, ext. 15846.

**Mosquito Control:** Mosquito Control is reminding residents to protect against mosquito bites by wearing personal protection. This includes protective clothes and EPA approved repellents, which are the best way to prevent mosquito bites. Repellents used should have an active ingredient, such as DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus, or IR3535. Search for the best repellent for you using this EPA search tool: <https://www.epa.gov/insect-repellents/find-repellent-right-you>. For more information, contact Marcus McDonough at (386) 424-2920, ext. 20272.



### **Road & Bridge**

Construction is progressing well on the Ariel Canal Water Quality Improvement project with the excavation of the stormwater retention area. The project is in Oak Hill within Riverbreeze Park and was identified within the Mosquito Lagoon Reasonable Assurance Plan as a project that will contribute to the reduction of nutrient loading into the Mosquito Lagoon. For more information, contact Lori Koontz at (386) 822-6422, ext. 20455.

### **Solid Waste**

FCC Environmental Services will conduct a scheduled community bulky item cleanup in the southeast quadrant of the unincorporated county on Sat., Aug 27. The company will collect up to four (4) bulk items from unincorporated residential households in this area and will begin notifying residents the week of Aug 15. For more information, contact Regina Montgomery at (386) 947-2952, ext. 21347.

### **Water Resources and Utilities**

Through 10 months of the current fiscal year period (Oct 2021 – Jul 2022), combined potable water production averaged 4.238 million gallons per day throughout the county's six utility service areas. This represented a 1.5% increase compared with the prior fiscal year. Meanwhile, reclaimed water production for irrigation use averaged 1.709 million gallons per day, representing a 10% increase compared with the prior fiscal year. For additional information, please contact Water Resources and Utilities Director Mike Ulrich at (386) 943-7027, ext. 12724.