

Volusia County Government Activities Oct. 31 – Nov. 6, 2020

AVIATION & ECONOMIC RESOURCES

Daytona Beach International Airport

Marketing, Customer Experience & Air Service Development – Director of Marketing/Customer Experience Joanne Magley represented DAB during FDOT's Multimodal Transportation Workshop Oct. 30 – Nov. 5. The airport was part of the Nov. 4 program titled "Aviation Industry Responds to COVID-19." The airport's outbound advertising campaign began this week to promote the new direct flights on American Airlines to Dallas and Philadelphia. See web banner here; <http://www.flydaytonafirst.com/>. For more information, contact Joanne Magley at jmagley@volusia.org.

Economic Development: Director Helga van Eckert met individually with city managers and economic development professionals from DeBary, Orange City, DeLand, Daytona Beach, Edgewater and New Smyrna Beach. The division finalized and submitted additional information to the U.S. Economic Development Administration for a \$4M grant; staff began researching workforce development software for business retention/expansion programs; conducted Salesforce training for economic development practitioners; delivered a presentation to businesses at the New Smyrna Beach business forum; met with Georgia Turner of the West Volusia Tourism Authority to discuss tourism collaboration; met with small high-tech company looking to expand local operations; held two virtual meetings with Project Ocean (manufacturer considering building here); met with Sparton regarding PR for water quality grant; and, worked on in-house economic development project proposals. For more information, contact Joanne Magley at jmagley@volusia.org.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Extension Services: The Extension is collaborating with Environmental Management to provide hybrid training sessions for volunteers who wish to receive the Florida Master Naturalist Certification. Our team will be offering a virtual lunch and learn session, *Holiday Meals on a Budget*, on Nov. 20 from noon–1 pm. Call 386-822-5778 to register. For more information, contact Brad Burbaugh at bburbaugh@volusia.com

Veterans Services: On Veterans Day the Volusia County Veterans Services Division will be represented at the following events:

Veterans Ceremony at the Emory L. Bennett Nursing Home at 9:30 a.m.
Veterans Day Ceremony at the Holly Hill City Hall at 11 a.m.
Veterans Day benefit dinner for the Emory L. Bennett nursing home in DeLand at 4 p.m.
Veterans Day ceremony at Sea Pines cemetery in Edgewater at 11 a.m.
At 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 10, a drive through event at Halifax Medical Center in Deltona.
For more information, contact Bob Watson at rbwatson@volusia.org.

COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE

Community Information: Staff conducted video interviews of Dr. P.T. "Bud" Fleuchaus, Dr. T. Wayne Bailey and Sam Bell for an upcoming video about the 50th anniversary of the Home Rule Charter, with plans to show it during the Nov. 17 County Council meeting. Community Information along with Economic Development recently coordinated a visit by County staff and Council members to Sparton in DeLeon Springs to commemorate the completion of Sparton's new, environmentally friendly wastewater treatment facility. The project was made possible with the help of a water quality infrastructure grant from the County. The visit was filmed and photographed by Community Information's production team for a video and news release that were disseminated on Friday, Nov. 6. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at kcaptain@volusia.org.

Sparton Video Link: <https://tinyurl.com/y2hmp2um>

Sparton News Release Link: <https://tinyurl.com/y5wwfty6>

GROWTH & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Environmental Management: On Nov. 4, Green Volusia began the first hybrid *Save Our Springs and Rivers Academy*. This water quality academy is designed to provide an in-depth citizen engagement experience about water pollution issues and solutions. The free academy includes six virtual classes with guest speakers and one in-person field trip. Upon completion of the academy, attendees will pledge to educate others on behalf of Volusia Blue Spring as "Ambassadors." For more information, visit: www.greenvolusia.org.

The Lyonia Environmental Center started a series of homeschool programming; registration was full for the second program scheduled on Nov. 4. The center's first virtual story time program was held on Nov. 5. Volusia County's UF/IFAS Extension Office and Environmental Management Division partnered to facilitate their first hybrid Florida Master Naturalist Program



(FMNP) Freshwater Systems Class. The class that concluded on Nov. 6, included virtual presentations and three in-person field studies, and generated interest in future FMNP classes. For more information, contact Ginger Adair at gadair@volusia.org.

OCEAN CENTER

Events: Looking ahead, the Ocean Center we will be hosting the International League of Christian Schools for their National Christian Educators Conference. This is the first time that this group has held their event in Daytona Beach. The conference runs from Nov. 11-13 and we are expecting it to bring 1,000 attendees, generating 650+ hotel room nights. This event is contracted to return again in 2021. For more information, contact Tim Buckley at tbuckley@volusia.org.

PUBLIC PROTECTION

Corrections: Corrections Branch Jail kitchen flooring capital project has been completed and the kitchen is operational once again. For more information, please contact Mark Flowers 386-254-1568.

PUBLIC WORKS

Coastal: Coastal will coordinate the installation of a large interpretive park map to be placed at the main pavilion of Smyrna Dunes Park along with informational wildlife signs and trail markers. The Coastal Division also recently completed removal of two derelict vessels from the Halifax River with 100% of the removal and disposal costs reimbursed by a grant from the Florida FWC. For more information, contact Jessica Winterwerp at (386) 248-8072, ext. 20356.



Engineering & Construction: Construction on the Howland Blvd widening project continues. Current and future activities over the next week include utility relocations, pond excavation, storm drain installation, and roadway and curb construction. For more information, contact Tadd Kasbeer at (386) 736-5967, ext. 15846.

Mosquito Control: Mosquito Control utilizes sentinel chickens to monitor endemic mosquito virus activity throughout Volusia County. The information is used to plan field operations to targeted areas. As temperatures begin to drop in wintertime, vector mosquitoes are still present and sentinel chickens continue to be used to monitor for mosquito virus transmission. For more information, contact Suzanne Bartlett, (386) 424-2920, ext. 20272.

Road & Bridge: Work continues on the Thornby Park Water Quality Improvement project in Deltona. The Nutrient Separating Baffle Box was delivered Oct. 30, and is being installed near the Providence Blvd. and Lakeshore Drive intersection. For more information, contact Benjamin Bartlett at (386) 822-6422, ext. 20470.

Solid Waste: The Solid Waste Division will provide roll-off dumpsters this week in support of the cleanup efforts for the Volusia County Fair & Youth Show's modified livestock shows and auction. For more information, contact Regina Montgomery at (386) 947-2952, ext. 21347.

Traffic Engineering: Staff set bases for two pedestrian crossings in Venetian Bay on North Airport Road at the Luna Bella Lane and Casello Drive intersections. Installation is scheduled for the week of Nov. 9. For more information, contact Jon Cheney at (386) 736-5968, ext. 12709.

Water Resources and Utilities: Construction of over three miles of force main along Rhode Island Ave./Normandy Blvd. and underground infrastructure at the Del North wastewater facility remains on schedule for completion by late Spring 2021. This water quality initiative benefiting the Blue Spring watershed will connect the Del North service area with the Southwest service area, providing for advanced bionutrient treatment at the County's water reclamation facility in DeBary. For more information, contact Mike Ulrich at (386) 943-7027, ext. 12724.