

# Volusia County Government Activities

## September 25 – October 1, 2021

### AVIATION & ECONOMIC RESOURCES

#### Daytona Beach International Airport

**Operations:** The airport has received the shipment of its two new Oshkosh Striker 1500 Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting trucks. VCFS/ARFF firefighters will receive training the week of Oct. 4 – 9. For more information, contact Joanne Magley at [jmagley@volusia.org](mailto:jmagley@volusia.org).

### COMMUNITY SERVICES

**Community Assistance:** The Affordable Housing Advisory Committee will be meeting at 2 p.m., Oct. 6, at Hope Place, 1340 Wright Street, Daytona Beach (in the cafeteria). Members will review previous meeting minutes, housing incentive strategies, and set a public hearing. Persons may also attend virtually using a link posted prior to the meeting at [www.volusia.org/ahac](http://www.volusia.org/ahac). To provide written comments for the meeting or to request additional information, contact Carmen Hall, Community Assistance Director, at [chall@volusia.org](mailto:chall@volusia.org).

**Resource Stewardship:** The Land Management team completed a prescribed burn at the Lake George Forest and Wildlife Management Area to remove excess vegetation and improve habitat. Extension Services will offer a budgeting tools and savings strategies class via Zoom from 5 to 8 p.m., Oct. 6, to help residents improve their financial management. Interested individuals can register here <https://volhome.eventbrite.com> or call 822-5778 for more information.

**Votran:** Votran Customer Service will be participating in a FACT-Families and Community Together-Fair at Deland High School on Oct. 7. For more information, contact Kelvin Miller at [kmiller@volusia.org](mailto:kmiller@volusia.org).

### COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE

**Community Information:** Staff are collaborating with Road & Bridge and Environmental Management with anti-litter efforts, which include the featuring of an upcoming storm drain marking event in southeast Volusia on Oct. 28. Staff are assisting the members of the Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Statuary Fund, Inc., for the upcoming statue unveiling at the Daytona State College News-Journal Center in Daytona Beach. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at [kcaptain@volusia.org](mailto:kcaptain@volusia.org).

### GROWTH & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

**Marine Science Center:** On Sept. 16, the Marine Science Center started its own Facebook Page with the help of Community information. 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 had 1,305 people participate in the International Coastal and Halifax/ Indian River Lagoon cleanup. Volunteers 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](mailto: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, 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](mailto:ppanton@volusia.org).

### OCEAN CENTER

**Events:** Oct. 2 and 3, the Ocean Center is welcomes Reeftoberfest to the venue for the first time for a trade show promoting the growth and sale of live coral and reef products for salt water aquariums. The trade show is expecting 500 attendees. In addition to Reeftoberfest

we are also excited to host the 2021 IFBB/NPC Daytona Beach Classic bodybuilding and physique competition. This event is expected to draw approximately 1,000 fans and competitors to the area. This event, as for all events, masks are required and social distancing is encouraged. For more information, contact Tim Riddle at [triddle@volusia.org](mailto:triddle@volusia.org).

## **PUBLIC PROTECTION**

**Animal Services:** On Sept. 29, Animal Services' staff attended in-service training for Body Worn Cameras, conducted by Axon. On Sept. 30, Officer Shawn Riggins provided a presentation of services available by Animal Services for the University High School Career Day. For more information, contact Division Director Adam Leath, 386-822-3506.

**Beach Safety:** Beach Safety will be receiving their Axon Body Worn Cameras this week and will have Axon conduct orientation and training. 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 Monoclonal Antibody Infusion testing site active in Ormond Beach has conducted 4,302 treatments. The Emergency Operations Center will support upcoming workshops on Hurricane Evacuation and Sheltering during a Pandemic and the Cold Weather Shelter Annual meeting. A City Manager's Go-To-Meeting is scheduled for Sept. 29. For more information, contact Division Director Helene Wetherington, (386) 254-1500.

**Emergency Medical Administration:** Emergency Medical Administration met with DeLand Fire on Sept. 28, to discuss the transition of DeLand Fire to Advance Life Support (ALS). For more information, contact Division Director Mark Wolcott, (386) 561-8087.

**Emergency Medical Services:** Staff performed final inspections of four new ambulances from Braun. Once the final inspection is complete, these ambulances will be delivered to the EMS vendor to complete their outfitting and delivery to the County. For more information, contact Division Director Michael Colman, (386) 236-3511.

**Fire Rescue:** Volusia County Fire Rescue, Airport Rescue and Firefighting (Station 17), receive their new apparatus this weekend. Over the next few weeks, the new apparatus will be outfitted and placed in service in the near future. The New Hire Academy began on Sept. 28 for 13 firefighters. This new academy will assist VCFR in increasing the daily staffing and Effective Response Force (EFR) to emergency incidents. For more information, contact Fire Chief Howard Bailey, (386) 736-5940 ext. 12918.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

**Coastal:** In effort to improve our level of service to Volusia County residents and guests, Coastal staff converted several of the picnic tables in Smyrna Dunes Park to ADA accessible picnic tables. Modifications included removing a section of bench seating from one table at pavilions 1, 3, 6 and 7 to allow adequate seating opportunities to individuals utilizing wheelchairs. For more information, contact Jessica Winterwerp at (386) 248-8072, ext. 20356.

**Engineering & Construction:** In the coming weeks, the City of Deltona is anticipated to complete the installation of their utilities as part of the Howland Boulevard widening project. Volusia County utility installation is still underway. Additionally, pond excavation and storm sewer installation are taking place along with the standard roadway and curb construction. For more information, contact Tadd Kasbeer at (386) 736-5967, ext. 15846.

**Mosquito Control:** Mosquito Control is conducting maintenance to the mosquito trap storage room to include the replacement of battery charger connectors. The Division uses a variety of mosquito traps powered by six and 12-volt rechargeable batteries. Mosquitoes collected in traps are identified by species by our lab technicians and the data collected is used to plan field operations. For more information, contact Suzanne Bartlett at (386) 424-2920, ext. 20272.

**Road & Bridge:** The Lake Beresford/Lakeside Drive stormwater improvement project has been completed and will provide water quality and nutrient load reduction for Lake Beresford and the St. Johns River. The project was funded in part through a \$278,500 Florida Department of Environmental Protection grant. For more information, contact Lori Koontz at (386) 822-6422, ext. 20455.

**Solid Waste:** FCC Environmental Services held a community bulky item cleanup in the southeast quadrant of the county on Sept. 25. Nearly twenty tons of household bulky items were collected and disposed of properly. For more information, contact Regina Montgomery at (386) 947-2952, ext. 21347.

**Traffic Engineering:** The County Council approved by consent a Joint Project Agreement between the County and the Town of Ponce Inlet on Sept. 21. The project will install pedestrian-activated Leading Edge LED Flashing signs in Ponce Inlet at an existing crosswalk near 4679 S. Atlantic Ave. For more information, contact Jon Cheney at (386) 736-5968, ext. 12709.

**Water Resources and Utilities:** Reroof and structural improvements to the Spruce Creek Water Treatment Plant have been completed. The project included a new asphalt shingle roof system, replacement of plywood sheathing and fascias; repair of existing trusses and the installation of new hurricane connectors. Three other treatment plant facilities within the county's utility system are scheduled for repair and hurricane hardening improvements over the next 12 months. For more information, contact Mike Ulrich at (386) 943-7027, ext. 12724.

