

Volusia County Government Activities

April 11 – 17, 2020

Aviation and Economic Resources

Daytona Beach International Airport

Operations - ERAU Flight Line is closed through May 2. Delta has confirmed it will only be operating one scheduled flight per day going forward. This is down from six scheduled flights per day, prior to the Covid-19 pandemic. American Airlines is currently averaging two flights per day, canceling two flights per day on average. Taxiway November construction project has entered into the next phase, (D2). All runways are now available with planned runway closures coming in approximately 45 days.

Economic Development

On April 16, the division launched a new website, www.volusiabusinessresources.com, which will serve as a countywide source of assistance and incentive program information for businesses. Volusia County's Economic Development division is leading this resource coordination effort between cities and agencies, and also serves as the clearinghouse of information for the website. For more information, contact Joanne Magley at jmagley@volusia.org.

Community Services

Agriculture Extension (AG Center)

Extension Services provided subject-matter expertise and technical assistance to 302 residents through email and telephone contacts. Additionally, 169 individuals participated in our web-based educational programs. Next week, our team will host a multi-county virtual training for pesticide applicators to earn continuing education credits to help them remain licensed to apply pesticides during this unprecedented time. Prospective participants can register here: <https://tinyurl.com/VCvirtualceu>. For more information, contact Brad Burbaugh at bburbaugh@volusia.org.

Community Assistance

Community Assistance will accept applications from households that have been financially impacted by COVID-19. Rental assistance may be provided to eligible households for up to three months. Assistance will be provided on a first-ready, first-served basis and a limited number of applications will be accepted based on funding availability. As of 5 p.m., April 9, 425 applications had been received. If you have additional questions they may be submitted to communityassistance@volusia.org. Community Assistance offers assistance to eligible households for utilities, past-due rent, and past-due mortgage. There are 261 phone appointments scheduled for this week. A household in need of assistance may schedule an appointment by calling [386-239-7757](tel:386-239-7757).

Summer camp scholarships are available to income-eligible children through Volusia County's Community Assistance Division. Families with children who are entering grades 1-6 and are between the ages of 5 and 12 may apply for scholarships. Students up to 17 years old who will be attending approved special needs camps are also eligible. Summer camp scholarship applications are currently being accepted electronically and by mail until 5 p.m. on July 31. To submit an electronic application, visit <https://vcservices.vcgov.org/secureupload/d/summercamp>. For more information, contact Carmen Hall at chall@volusia.org

Library Services

Residents can call or email their local library at <https://www.volusialibrary.org/VCPLbranches.html> to pick up the following forms at curbside pickup: Tax Forms, Unemployment Applications, Rental Assistance Fliers, Help with SNAP Applications – Flier, and Summer Camp Scholarship Applications. For more information, contact Lucinda Colee at LColee@volusia.org.

Votran

Hand sanitizer dispensers are being installed on the fixed route and paratransit buses beginning April 13. Fixed Route trips for March 2020 were down by 63,599 compared to March 2019. Paratransit trips for March 2020 were down by 8801 compared to March 2019. Votran operators and support staff received thanks from customers and the members of the River to Sea TPO BPAC committee for operating under these current conditions and providing transportation to those in need during this pandemic. For more information, contact Edie Biro at 386-756-7496.

County Manager's Office

Community Information

Staff coordinated with Economic Development and other local agencies with a panel discussion to aid small businesses during COVID-19. The LEC virtual tour was completed, as well as more graphics and video productions for information dissemination. Staff are also planning the time capsule opening for Wednesday, April 22. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at kcaptain@volusia.org.



Finance

Information Technology

Brought up a new ArcGIS Portal Server that will enable mapping in next generation Lucity management applications. Also added, at no cost, 500 educational licenses to support any future distance-learning initiatives that might be developed by the Library or the School Board. Implemented the first Virtual Council Meeting, to considerable success. Teleworking initiative is now supporting 280 remote workers. Currently implementing next-generation security firewalls to protect the County's computer network. Working with Corrections to research the feasibility of tracking inmate movement using RFID tags. For more information, contact Kevin Benge at kbenge@volusia.org or Brian Whiting at bwhiting@volusia.org.

Growth and Resource Management

Environmental Management

Environmental Management is continuing with virtual public programming, including Facebook live sessions at the Marine Science Center and the Lyonia Environmental Center. In lieu of our traditional St. Johns River Cleanup scheduled for May 2, we are organizing a social media cleanup event so that individuals and families can still do their part to remove debris from the river, while maintaining social distancing requirements. This event should be a fun way to get the public out of their houses while doing some good for the environment. More to follow on this. For more information, contact Clay Ervin at cervin@volusia.org.

Public Works

Coastal

Coastal Division COVID-19 response actions include closure of all beach parks, inlet parks, coastal public restrooms, beach ramps, off-beach parking lots and associated public amenities including park showers, playground facilities and the Sunsplash Park splash pad. Port-o-let service and beach trash services have been reduced. The division is working closely with beach maintenance, concession, ramp toll and port-a-let contractors to plan for the re-opening of the beach. For more information, contact Jessica Winterwerp at (386) 248-8072, ext. 20356.

Engineering & Construction

Construction of the Veterans Memorial Bridge is continuing to progress. Construction continues on the west fishing pier as well as bridge painting. Handrail, light pole, and fender system installation is underway. For more information, contact Tadd Kasbeer at 386-736-5967, ext. 15846.

Mosquito Control

Mosquito Control continues to practice social distancing and implementing CDC recommendations in all daily activities. Field inspectors are focusing pro-active inspections in high traffic areas such as grocery stores and shopping plazas where mosquitoes can be found in the storm drains. For more information, contact Suzanne Bartlett, (386) 424-2920, ext. 20272.

Solid Waste

The unincorporated solid waste and recycling collection transitioned to FCC Environmental services on April 1. Due to COVID-19, the new provider is experiencing increased residential tonnages with the safer at home order. The unincorporated residential garbage tonnage has increased in the past two weeks 4% on average and yard trash tonnage has increased 24% on average. For more information, contact Regina Montgomery at (386) 947-2952, ext. 21347.

Road & Bridge

In response to COVID-19, Road & Bridge provided three message boards to direct traffic for drive-up testing at the Daytona International Speedway. For more information, contact Benjamin Bartlett at (386) 822-6422, ext. 20470.

Traffic Engineering

Installed Radar Feedback signs on Fort Florida Road and Providence Boulevard in Deltona, and completed the North Florida Avenue Speed Study in DeLand that will be taken to the County Council for approval. For more information, contact Jon Cheney at (386) 736-5968, ext. 12709.

Water Resources and Utilities

The Utilities division has successfully reached out to over 350 customers within the last 30 days to alert them of a leak or high consumption thanks to the new Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) technology. The new technology is a water conservation initiative benefiting customers that also enhances water distribution efficiency. For more information, contact Mike Ulrich at (386) 943-7027, ext. 12724.