

Volusia County Government Activities April 17 – 23, 2021

AVIATION & ECONOMIC RESOURCES

Daytona Beach International Airport

Marketing, Customer Experience & Air Service Development: Marketing/Customer Experience Director Joanne Magley provided interviews with radio stations in New Smyrna Beach, Flagler Beach and St. Augustine, about the airport's recent grant application and other updates. Magley also provided an update at the quarterly meeting of the Tourism Development Council. The second issue of the airport's newsletter *Skyline*, was recently published and emailed to airport employees, tenants, county leadership and the County Council.

Operations: The airport and Air Traffic Control hosted the annual Runway Safety Action Team Meeting. This meeting is for all airfield users to discuss overall safety while operating at DAB. The airport is supporting two KC135 aircraft this weekend with parking. The crews are on standby for a mission conducted in the area.

Economic Development: Director Helga van Eckert attended and reported to the Daytona Beach Economic Advisory Board; City Manager Chisholm was also a presenter. Van Eckert visited Synergy Billing with Councilwoman Post. In addition, van Eckert met with Florida Secretary of Transportation Kevin J. Thibault and Councilwoman Post. Staff participated in the Federation of Advanced Manufacturing Education (FAME) program development. For more information, contact Joanne Magley at jmagley@volusia.org.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Community Assistance: Community Assistance is accepting pre-applications to assist eligible homeowners with emergency health and safety repairs. A program overview and pre-application can be found at www.volusia.org/affordable-housing, and should be mailed to the address listed on the form when completed. Health and safety issues that can be addressed through the program include: heating and air conditioning systems, septic systems, well water systems, roofs, water and septic hook-up, and installation of accessibility structures. Homes in the city limits of Deltona and Daytona Beach are not eligible for the program. Household income cannot exceed 80% of the area median income, or \$52,300 for a family of four. Additional eligibility requirements are listed in the program overview. Please contact Antoinette Hartsfield, Grant Coordinator, for additional information at 386-736-5955.

Two new Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) programs funded through Community Assistance are underway. Halifax Urban Ministries is implementing a homeless prevention program for households who are at imminent risk of homelessness. Funding may be used to assist eligible households with case management, security deposits, rental assistance, utility deposits and utility payments. For more information, individuals may contact Halifax Urban Ministries at 386-317-5886.

The Neighborhood Center of West Volusia is implementing a rapid re-housing program for households who are experiencing homelessness. Funding may be used to assist eligible households with case management, security deposits, rental assistance, utility deposits and utility payments. For more information, individuals may contact the Neighborhood Center of West Volusia at 386-734-8120. For more information, contact Carmen Hall at chall@volusia.org.

Library Services: The Library Services Division will be presenting the fourth annual "How-To Festival" as a virtual event from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on May 1 and 2. Library staff, local experts, hobbyists, and professionals will share their passions and offer instructions online with 24 unique programs on the Volusia County Public Library Facebook and YouTube Channels. Participants can pick up tips on how to play the ukulele, how to publish a book, healthy eating for kids, and more during this community education event. Visit volusialibrary.org for more information. For more information, contact Lucinda Colee at lclee@volusia.org.

COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE

Community Information: Staff continues to work with Public Protection and the Florida Department of Health in Volusia County on COVID-19 vaccination efforts. Staff is collaborating with Parks, Recreation and Culture with the May scheduling of two upcoming trail opening ribbon cuttings; confirmations will sent out soon. Staff are also collaborating with Human Resources with the creation of a short video presentation to recognize long-tenured county employees whose milestones have been reached. This video will be presented internally in the coming weeks.

A myriad of efforts are underway for the final preparations for the State of the County Address on April 27, at the Ocean Center. Our graphic artist has completed the magnificent design of the 48-page booklet, which has been sent to a local printer. Confirmation of RSVPs and a headcount for meals is being estimated for our caterer, Spectra, along with coordination of the table and seating arrangements. Production staff are carrying out much of the heavy lifting this week and in the coming days. They have spectacularly completed the final edits on the video and they are in the midst of transporting various equipment needs for a high-quality production. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at kcaptain@volusia.org.

GROWTH & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Administration: The first Volusia Forever listening session took place on April 21, at the TCK Administration Building in DeLand.



Environmental Management: On April 19, the MSC released Quantum - a 240-pound adult Loggerhead sea turtle. Quantum arrived with half of a front left flipper and an injured right front flipper with a severe infection. Through intense antibiotic treatments and multiple surgeries, Quantum recovered after 600 days of treatment. Her stay was 480 days more than the estimated average stay for a sea turtle in rehabilitation at the MSC.



PUBLIC PROTECTION

Beach Safety: The second seasonal lifeguard recruit class continues on April 24. For more information, please contact Interim Director Andy Ethridge, (386) 239-6414.

Emergency Management: Emergency Management held the Municipal and County Government Employee COVID-19 vaccine event on April 19. For more information please, contact Public Protection Department Director Joseph E. Pozzo, (386) 740-5120.

Emergency Medical Administration: EMA will meet with the Volusia County Sheriff's office on April 20, to discuss Senate Bill 388/ House Bill 697 on injured police canines. The discussion will involve the expectations of EMS and transportation of injured law enforcement animals as well as any existing contracts for emergency treatment. This collaboration will also include the establishment of treatment protocols through a veterinarian. For more information, please contact Division Director Mark Wolcott, (386) 561-8087.

Emergency Medical Services: EMS training staff are conducting In Services for all EMS, County Fire, Beach Safety, and Air One in Preparation of the EMS protocols going into effect May 17. The In Service will assist all of the clinical EMS providers in familiarizing themselves with the new treatment protocols. For more information, please contact Division Director Jason Brady, (386) 236-3511.

Fire Rescue: Volusia County Fire Rescue (VCFR) Training and Logistics sections continue preparation for the May 17 New Hire Academy for six firefighters. A team from VCFR is currently in Appleton, Wisconsin—home of Pierce Manufacturing—to inspect the Squad Engine 35 which is currently in production. The VCFR team will assess how production of the apparatus is going and will give final approval to prepare the apparatus for delivery. For more information, please contact Fire Chief Howard Bailey, (386) 736-5940 ext. 12918.

PUBLIC WORKS

Engineering & Construction: The segment of the Spring to Spring Trail from Highbridge Rd to US 17/92 is underway. Currently clearing and grubbing activities are taking place, along with stabilized subgrade and base construction. For more information, contact Tadd Kasbeer at (386) 736-5967, ext. 15846.

Mosquito Control: Staff are conducting annual maintenance and updating informational signage on the midge program light barge in preparation for the seasonal launch in Lake Monroe near Stone Island. The barge consists of large white panels with solar powered floodlights on a timer to attract nuisance non-biting midges away from the shoreline and reduce the amount of midges flying to residences. For more information, contact Suzanne Bartlett at (386) 424-2920, ext. 20272.

Road & Bridge/Coastal:

Traffic striping crews re-striped the following off-beach parking areas for the Coastal Division:

- Ormond Beach: Amsden Road, Harvard Drive, Neptune Avenue, Seminole Drive, Standish Drive
- Ormond-by-the-Sea: 1608 Oceanshore Boulevard, 1631 Oceanshore Boulevard
- Daytona Beach: Silver Beach Avenue
- Daytona Beach Shores: 3101 S. Atlantic Avenue, Botefuhr Avenue, Demotte Street, Florida Shores Boulevard, Minerva Road

For more information, contact Benjamin Bartlett at (386) 822-6422, ext. 20470.

Solid Waste: Solid Waste Management Compliance Officers routinely patrol and investigate illegal dump-sites in Volusia County. This past week an illegally dumped jet ski was found in the woods near Daytona Beach. Officers investigated and were able to identify the owner. The owner was issued a warning, removed the jet ski, and paid for proper disposal at the Tomoka Farms Road Landfill. For more information, contact Regina Montgomery at (386) 947-2952, ext. 21347.

Traffic Engineering: The FDOT's traffic adaptive systems along SR40/Granada (Tymber Creek Road to SR A1A) and SR421/Dunlawton (Summer Trees to SR A1A) are operational. The adaptive systems will undergo fine tuning & monitoring over the next several weeks. As part of the implementation of the county's traffic adaptive system along LPGA Blvd, new signal timings have been installed and are currently undergoing testing, fine tuning, and monitoring, prior to making the adaptive system operational. For more information, contact Jon Cheney at (386) 736-5968, ext. 12709.

Water Resource and Utilities: Obtained five year operating permit renewal from the Department of Environmental Protection for the Pelican Dunes wastewater treatment facility in northeast Volusia. The permit has been renewed through Sept. 2026. For additional information, please contact Water Resources and Utilities Director Mike Ulrich at (386) 943-7027, ext. 12724.