AVIATION AND ECONOMIC RESOURCES
Air Service/Marketing/Customer Experience: Staff from the airport and airline representatives, rental cars, restaurants and janitorial will attend the National Tourism Breakfast hosted by the Lodging & Hospitality Association. County Manager George Recktenwald will be on the panel, representing the airport and the Ocean Center. For more information, contact Joanne Magley at jmagley@flydab.org.

COUNTY MANAGER’S OFFICE
Community Information: Staff created materials and supported the Emergency Management Division in disseminating information for Hurricane Preparedness Week from April 30 through May 6. Videos and other information highlighting the week may be found on the county’s primary Facebook page and Emergency Management Division’s Facebook page. Kevin Captain was confirmed as the new director of Volusia County EMS by the County Council during the May 2 meeting. Until a new director is appointed, media inquiries can be sent to Community Information Manager Clayton Jackson, at cjackson@volusia.org.

EMERGENCY SERVICES
Emergency Management: The division continues to support beach recovery efforts in collaboration with multiple divisions. The EOC hosted G-205 Recovery from Disaster training May 2 and 3. The Hurricane Season Shelter Kick-Off meeting was held May 2. Also, on May 2, Yolanda Buckles conducted Hazard Presentations at Conviva Centers in Ormond Beach and will be conducting presentations at Council on Aging centers in Port Orange and New Smyrna Beach May 3. Aubrie Austin also conducted a Hazard Presentation at Westminster Canterbury in Daytona Beach on May 3. On May 4 and 5, the EOC hosted training for G-108 Mass Care. For more information, contact James Judge at jjudge@volusia.org.

Emergency Medical Administration: Personnel continued discussions with AdventHealth Daytona Beach and HCA Florida Lake Monroe Hospital to advance stroke programs while meeting emergency medical services requirements under state laws and regulations. For more information, contact Mark Wolcott at mwolcott@volusia.org.

Emergency Medical Services: The division is conducting continuing education with staff that started May 2, including mental health awareness for first responders and new equipment being deployed on ambulances. The division is interviewing eight emergency medical technician (EMT) candidates this week while finalizing sponsorship for nine current EMTs entering the paramedic program at Daytona State College on May 18. The division will participate in the 2023 hurricane preparedness meeting with Emergency Management while, in parallel, preparing supervisory training pertinent to hurricane season. Training will focus on response planning, nursing home evacuation and strike team leader activities. The County Council voted to approve the confirmation of the appointment of the new division director, Kevin Captain, during the May 2, 2023, meeting. Captain will transition from the Community Information Division to the VCEMS Division throughout the coming weeks. For more information, contact Mark Wolcott at mwolcott@volusia.org.
Fire Rescue: WSP Consulting, a geological consulting group, will visit the training center on May 9 to meet with staff concerning the inspection of the grounds for the Aqueous Film-Forming Foam contamination identified approximately eight years ago. Division members will visit Pierce Manufacturing (a division of Oshkosh [Truck] Corporation) in Appleton, Wisconsin, the week of May 8 to perform a final inspection of the County’s new fire truck, Engine 12. For more information, contact Chief Joe King at jwking@volusia.org.

INTERNAL AUDITOR
On May 8, Internal Auditor Director Jonathan Edwards will accept the Distinguished Knighton Award from the Association of Local Government Annual Conference for exemplary work completed in the field. For more information, contact Jonathan Edwards at jpedwards@volusia.org.

OCEAN CENTER
Events: After wrapping up the National JROTC Showcase to take place the evening of Sunday, May 7, staff will quickly work to reset the arena and ballroom for Embry Riddle Aeronautical University’s three graduation ceremonies the following day, which are expected to bring in 7,500 attendees. The SMA Healthcare Foundation will host the Who is Jay? Mental Health Symposium Wednesday, May 10, in the ballroom and several meeting rooms; approximately 300 attendees are expected. More information, including the symposium schedule, cost to attendee and where to register, can be found at https://bit.ly/42sxCKw. Joseph Volleyball moves into the building Thursday, May 11, to begin setting up the FC Power League Volleyball tournament May 13 and 14. The tournament is estimated to bring in 6,400 attendees and 2,750 room nights. For more information, contact Tim Buckley at tbuckley@volusia.org.

PUBLIC PROTECTION
Beach Safety: On May 5, personnel attended the Florida Beach Chief’s Association awards banquet in Orlando. For more information, contact Division Director Andy Ethridge at aethridge@volusia.org.

PUBLIC WORKS
Coastal: The county’s TrapBag installation and debris removal crews continued efforts last week in Daytona Beach, Wilbur-By-The-Sea and the unincorporated area of New Smyrna Beach. Work is expected to begin in Daytona Beach Shores by Monday, May 8, tide and weather permitting. As of May 1, approximately 5,200 cubic yards of debris have been removed, and 5,500 linear feet of TrapBags have been installed.

Coastal maintenance staff have repaired the pedestrian beach access at Riverview Blvd, which is now open to the public. Additionally, before May 1, posts were driven at various beach accesses to allow staff to continue repairing storm-damaged walkovers with minimal impact on turtle nesting. A total of 66 beach accesses remain closed. For more information, contact Jessica Fentress at jfentress@volusia.org.

Engineering & Construction: The contractor, Gregori, is scheduled to repave the parking lot and turn lane due to deficiencies in the original work and install the concrete environmental curb for the City Island Seawall project. In addition, the contractor will install the new south outfall structure. For more information, contact Tadd Kasbeer at tkasbeer@volusia.org.
Mosquito Control: On May 6, the division participated in the annual Volusia County Library’s How-To Festival at the Port Orange Library. The focus topic for the division was "how to" fight the bite. Attendees learned about the division’s integrated pest management program, how to help reduce mosquitoes on their property and preventing mosquito bites. For more information, contact Marcus McDonough at mmcdonough@volusia.org.

Road & Bridge: Spring marks the time of year when routine mowing begins. Mowing is a scheduled task within the division’s annual work plan, and its productivity is monitored to ensure service levels are met. The current yearly mowing frequencies are thoroughfare road rights-of-way eight times, local road rights-of-way four times and six times for retention pond areas. For more information, contact Lori Koontz at lkoontz@volusia.org.

Solid Waste: On April 21, compliance officers on active patrol found an illegal dump site in the DeLand area. Officers investigated and were able to identify the responsible party. The responsible party was issued a warning, cleaned up all the debris and paid for proper disposal at the Tomoka Farms Road Landfill. For more information, contact Regina Montgomery at rmontgomery@volusia.org.

Traffic Engineering: Staff is reviewing the Traffic Impact Analysis for the Blue Springs Ridge subdivision, located south of West Holly Drive and east of Westside Parkway in Orange City. This development will consist of 150 single-family detached dwelling units. For more information, contact Jay Williams at jwilliams@volusia.org.

Water Resources and Utilities: Utilities staff is working in cooperation with City of DeBary management, economic development and engineering staff to coordinate the city’s future water, wastewater and reclaimed service needs for planned commercial, residential, and municipal projects within its Main Street/business district, located just north of the SunRail station. The county serves as the utility service provider to the residents and businesses within the city. For more information, contact Mike Ulrich at mulrich@volusia.org.