

Volusia County Government Activities

Aug. 29 – Sept. 4, 2020

AVIATION & ECONOMIC RESOURCES

Daytona Beach International Airport

Operations - Operations Agent Josh Barberi was presented with the Al Gulamali Excellence in Airport Operations Award by the FAC Operations Committee this week. For more information, contact Joanne Magley at 386-248-8030 ext: 18309 or jmagley@volusia.org.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Community Assistance

Housing and Grants Administration: A series of virtual public meetings will be held during the development of the Five-Year Consolidated Plan and One-Year Action Plan. The plans serve as the grant application for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) and the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG). The meetings are scheduled for Sept. 10th, 16th, and 24th from 1- 2:30 pm to solicit input regarding community needs. The meetings will be held on Go-To via <https://tinyurl.com/y5wf9lq4>. For more information, contact Carmen Hall at chall@volusia.org.

COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE

Community Information

Community Information launched the EMS Facebook page, is promoting National Preparedness Month on Emergency Management's Facebook page, disseminated information about beach safety for the holiday weekend, launched a last push for Census response and continues to use digital and print ads and paid social media to promote awareness about FDEM's COVID-19 testing at the fairgrounds. The production team created a video spotlighting the cleanup work done by Road & Bridge after the Aug. 18 DeLand tornado and the CI team is creating a video highlighting the County's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at kcaptain@volusia.org.

GROWTH AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Environmental Management

Environmental Management has been awarded a \$47,160 grant from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission to remove five derelict vessels from the St. Johns River. The project is 100% grant funded. For more information, contact Ginger Adair at GAdair@volusia.org.

OCEAN CENTER

Events

The Ocean Center Exhibit Hall was used by the Daytona Beach Police Department for 4 days (Aug. 31-Sept 3) of Mobile Field Force Training.

On September 11, the Ocean Center will host Bare Knuckle Fighting Championship for BKFC 12, with the event being broadcast live exclusively on the Bare Knuckle TV App. Tickets are now on-sale through BareKnuckle.TV and Ticketmaster, starting at just \$35.

Halifax Urban Ministries and Public Protection continue to utilize space for assembling and distribution of resources and food for the public and PPE for businesses and frontline workers. This week, volunteers with the Halifax Area Chamber of Commerce distributed bags of PPE from the exhibit hall to assist area businesses.

PUBLIC PROTECTION

Administration: 51,900 COVID-19 care packs have been distributed to the Volusia County Community.

Animal Services

The Animal Services Director and Field Supervisor will be teaching multiple courses at the Florida Animal Control Association Animal Control Officer Certification course at Daytona State College. This 40-hour course is for individuals who are seeking training to gain employment or who are currently employed with a county, municipal or governmental animal control enforcement agency. Animal Control course graduates will be eligible to be employed in a capacity to take enforcement action under the jurisdictional agency to write citations and make civil or criminal complaints about animal cruelty, law or regulatory violations. For more information, contact Mark Swanson at 386-740-5120.

Beach Safety

Beach Safety ramped up activities for the busy Labor Day holiday weekend and coordinated with Community Information on a news release promoting information and safety measures. For more information, contact Mark Swanson at 386-740-5120.

Corrections

Corrections make their final preparations for the Labor Day holiday weekend and also is continuing to fill sandbags in the event they are needed. For more information, contact Mark Swanson at 386-740-5120.

Emergency Management

Emergency Management continues to monitor the tropics as we move into the height of the hurricane season. EM continues to participate in daily conference calls with FDEM, the local health department and Region 5 Counties. Jim Judge will participate in a Daytona Beach radio show with Dr. Durham on Wednesday from noon to 1:00 pm. For more information, contact Patricia Bythwood at 386-740-5120.



Emergency Medical Services

EMS Headquarters has been making facility improvements at Carswell Ave (Post One), to include painting and updating the landscaping. Upgrades have also taken place at the Orange City (Post Two) location in order to provide a new crew quarters for staff posted to that location. For more information, contact Patricia Bythwood at 386-740-5120.

Fire Services

Logistics will continue to deliver PPE kits in District 1, in coordination with Councilwoman Girtman. 1,600 kits have already been delivered to elementary schools, the Neighborhood Center and Rising Against All Odds. For more information, contact Patricia Bythwood at 386-740-5120.

PUBLIC WORKS

Coastal

The Coastal Division coordinated the installation of a Fill-a-Bag beach cleanup station sponsored and maintained by the Daytona Tortugas and located directly on the beach at Sunsplash Park. The Division also placed COVID-19 social distancing reminder decals on all beach ramp toll booths. For more information, contact Jessica Winterwerp at (386) 248-8072, ext. 20356.



Engineering & Construction

The Veterans Memorial Bridge is open to traffic. The contractor continues to work on completing the punch list of items and repairing the courthouse parking lot. For more information, contact Tadd Kasbeer at (386) 736-5967, ext. 15846.

Road & Bridge

The Public Works Northeast Services Facility is secured with doors and officially "topped out" with all buildings sufficiently completed to keep out weather elements. Work with weather-sensitive materials will now begin indoors. For more information, contact Benjamin Bartlett at (386) 822-6422, ext. 20470.



Mosquito Control

Mosquito Control staff are currently evaluating the use of a "DynaTrap" mosquito trap for implementation into our mosquito surveillance program. This trap's performance will be compared to the currently widely used "CDC" and "ABC" mosquito traps to determine ease of use, any potential restrictions and accuracy of trap captures. For more information, contact Suzanne Bartlett, (386) 424-2920, ext. 20272.

Solid Waste

Solid Waste Management Compliance Officers routinely patrol Volusia County administering solid waste collection guidelines for the unincorporated residential collection contract. This past week compliance officers continued their response to the DeLand tornado area, following up to ensure contractors are disposing of the debris they collect at a permitted solid waste facility. Officers have also identified piles of construction and demolition debris for Road & Bridge crews to collect this week. For more information, contact Solid Waste Director Regina Montgomery at (386) 947-2952, ext. 21347.

Traffic Engineering

In preparation for the Aug. 31 opening of schools, Traffic Engineering staff performed annual maintenance on all school flashers and installed new reduced school speed zones at East Beresford Ave & South Garfield Ave (DeLand Middle) and South Blue Lake Ave adjacent to Freedom Elementary. Staff also replaced the reduced school zone flashers on Amelia Av and Garfield Av with solar flashers (George Marks Elementary) after being damaged in the Aug. 18 tornado. For more information, contact Jon Cheney at (386) 736-5968, ext. 12709.

Water Resources and Utilities

Construction is underway at the Del North wastewater treatment site, where crews have completed installation of the master lift station wet well. The installation of three miles of underground pipe through Orange City will begin in mid-September. Upon completion, the new pipe will connect to the southwest service area to enable advanced wastewater treatment at the County's facility in DeBary. For more information, contact Mike Ulrich at (386) 943-7027, ext. 12724.