

Volusia County Government Activities

Aug. 8 – 14, 2020

AVIATION & ECONOMIC RESOURCES

Daytona Beach International Airport: *Marketing & Customer Experience*

The airport's National Aviation Day campaign launched Aug. 10. The campaign has two components: A kids' paper airplane contest where parents drop off paper planes and our ERAU judges pick winners based on best flyer and most creative; and, a social media contest for best airline/airplane photo. Winners will be announced Aug. 19, National Aviation Day.

Projects & Facilities

As part of the Daytona Beach International Airport's taxiway rehabilitation project, the airport's main air carrier runway will be closed from 7 p.m. to 5 a.m. Aug. 17 for approximately 32 nights. Beginning Sept. 21, the main carrier runway will be closed 24/7 for approximately 20 days. The closures will not impact airline operations but will affect flight patterns. Neighbors of the airport may notice a change in flight patterns and an increase in north-south flight traffic during the closure. For more information, contact Joanne Magley at 386-248-8030 ext: 18309 or jmagley@volusia.org.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Community Assistance

Volusia County will accept emergency repair applications from homeowners who have been impacted by COVID-19. Applications for necessary septic tank pump outs and A/C repair or replacement will be accepted from August 20th to September 2nd. The program is funded with \$482,400 in Coronavirus Relief Funds (CARES Act) and will help residents maintain the safety of their home. To be eligible homeowners must currently have income at or below 120% of the area median income level. Applications will be available at www.volusia.org/C19ER. For more information, contact Carmen Hall at chall@volusia.org.

Extension Services

Extension's Agriculture and Natural Resources faculty member received the statewide John and Martha Woeste Professional Development Award. This award recognizes and funds an early-career faculty member who has developed a strong proposal for professional development. The Extension team will host a meeting of their Overall Citizen Advisory Council on August 25.

Votran

As of Aug. 8, Votran has handed out 93,330 disposable masks to customers and citizens. Votran Gold realized a slight increase of 145 trips in July compared to June. Fixed Route trips decreased 546 in July compared to June. In partnership with the River to Sea TPO, Votran is distributing 40 bicycle light kits and 30 pedestrian lights at the Transfer Plaza in Daytona Beach and the Market Place super stop in Orange City.

COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE

Community Information

Community Information continues to prioritize COVID-19 messaging. Staff is promoting the free testing at the Volusia County Fairgrounds with social media, news releases, newspaper ads, flyers and emails. Staff hosted a COVID-19 briefing, posted photos of business grant recipients on Facebook, and issued a news release and social media post about emergency repair funds. Additionally, the staff is updating the Volusia Forever video and planning an unveiling of historic interpretive panels at Argosy Park in Ormond-by-the-Sea. Among other things, news releases, social media posts and the Volusia Today show cumulatively addressed the International Coastal Cleanup, washback season, vendor workshops, Votran driving awards, and Fight Night at the Ocean Center. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at kcaptain@volusia.org.

FINANCE

Information Technology

The interactive map for COVID-19 testing sites developed by County GIS staff is serving the public and has been visited by over 2,900 unique visitors. This website offers information about testing availability in Volusia, Flagler, Lake, Seminole, and Brevard counties; often with more detail than is available from other sources.

GROWTH AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Building & Code Administration

The BCA division is continuing to see an increase in numbers. There was 9.8% increase in scheduled inspections. Additionally, Plans Examiners saw an increase of 527 reviews, and Code Compliance had 25 more complaints reported over the previous month. For more information, contact Kerry Luezingler at kleuzinger@volusia.org.

Environmental Management

In 2018 Volusia County was awarded a \$240,000 grant by DEP to develop the Save our Springs and Rivers initiative to reduce non-point source pollution in the Blue Spring springshed. As part of the grant, Environmental Management launched a marketing campaign on August 3rd, designed to provide facts about the impacts of septic tank nutrient pollution on Blue Spring. Developed by a consulting company with community participation, the campaign provides residents with information about the sources of non-point source pollution that are negatively impacting Blue Spring and actions we can all take to contribute towards the solution - This is our home. Let's fix it! Together. The campaign includes a 30-second video/PSA, posters and flyers, social media pieces, and web page content. See the full campaign at www.greenvolusia.org: *It's time to change the way we go*. For more information, contact Ginger Adair at gadair@volusia.org.



OCEAN CENTER

Events

The Ocean Center will greet the 31st Annual National Reptile Breeders' Expo on August 22-23, which is dubbed as the largest reptile meeting in the world. There will be hundreds of captive-born snakes, spiders, lizards, amphibians, and turtles, along with herpetology memorabilia, books, and supplies. A "Cold Blooded Creations Art Show" will also be part of the expo. New COVID policies and procedures are in place and the floor plan will allow for social/physical distancing and require exhibitors and participants to wear face masks.

On Aug. 15, the Ocean Center welcomed professional boxing as Christy Martin, in association with Payne Boxing Management, brought *Christy Martin's Fight Night - the Battle at the Beach 3*, which included an action-packed card. The main event featured Alberto Palmetta, who competed in the 2016 Olympics and who boasts a 13-1 record. Additional boxers included Torres, Fortunato, Saya and King. The event was shown live on paid-per-view by QC Broadcasting.

PUBLIC PROTECTION

Animal Services

On Aug. 14, Director Adam Leath and Field supervisor Alicia Dease recorded a webinar for the National Animal Care and Control Association Level II Animal Control Officer Certification course. The webinar, "De-Escalation," will be available to all animal control officers nationwide who choose to go through this certification course. It will help to prepare animal control officers to use calming language to diffuse, re-direct, or de-escalate a conflict situation. For more information contact Mark Swanson at 386-740-5120.

PUBLIC WORKS

Engineering & Construction

Demolition for the Highbridge Pier replacement resumed on August 3, and the drive guide template for the piles is being set up on the north side of Highbridge Road. Once the piles on the north side have been driven, the process will be repeated on the south side. For more information, contact Tadd Kasbeer at (386) 736-5967, ext. 15846.

Mosquito Control

Mosquito Control Environmental Specialists are preparing mosquito colonies reared in our insectary for field trial tests this week. Caged mosquitoes along with slides are used to verify proper chemical droplets and function of spray equipment. For more information, contact Suzanne Bartlett at (386) 424-2920, ext. 20272.



Road & Bridge

Several structures for the Public Works Northeast Services Facility are in place as the project continues to progress. The first lift of asphalt was recently completed on the north side of the site. For more information, contact Benjamin Bartlett at (386) 822-6422, ext. 20470.



Solid Waste

Solid Waste Management Compliance Officers routinely patrol and investigate illegal dumpsites in Volusia County. While on active patrol, a compliance officer witnessed a pickup truck with an overloaded and unsecured landscaping debris load, littering on the roadway. The officer pulled them over, educated the business on proper guidelines for waste disposal, requirements for a waste transportation license, and issued the driver a warning notice requiring proper disposal at the Tomoka Farms Road Landfill. For more information, contact Solid Waste Director Regina Montgomery at (386) 947-2952, ext. 21347.

Traffic Engineering

The Florida Department of Transportation has initiated the deployment of four (4) traffic adaptive systems along SR 40/Granada Blvd (Ormond Beach), SR 421/Dunlawton Blvd (Port Orange), SR 44 (New Smyrna Beach), and US 17/92 (Debary & Orange City). These traffic adaptive systems will adjust signal timings and operations based on actual traffic demand along the corridor. Staff has been assisting the contractors during construction. Upon completion, the Florida DOT will operate the traffic adaptive system and the County will be responsible for all other maintenance responsibilities of the signalized intersections. For more information, contact Jon Cheney at (386) 736-5968, ext. 12709.