

Volusia County Government Activities
Aug. 22 – 28, 2020

AVIATION & ECONOMIC RESOURCES

Daytona Beach International Airport: *Marketing & Customer Experience*

Airport staff continue to assemble and distribute DAB Cares Kits to departing passengers. To date, nearly 5,000 have been distributed.



Operations

The airport expects a slight increase in race team traffic for the 2020 Coke Zero Sugar scheduled for Aug. 29. The USAF C-130, which will perform a flyover with the 39th Rescue Squadron, will park on the terminal ramp between gates 5 and 6.

Economic Development

Thirty-five hundred PPE kits were made available to the business community Aug. 25 - 27 with assistance from the Volusia County Chamber Alliance. For more information, contact Joanne Magley at 386-248-8030 ext: 18309 or jmagley@volusia.org.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Agriculture Extension

Volusia County 4-H takes home state championship. Local youth members of the county's 4-H program earned first place at the state livestock judging contest in Gainesville. This team will represent Florida in the 2020 National 4-H Livestock Judging Contest in Louisville, Kentucky. For more information, contact Brad Burbaugh at BBurbaugh@volusia.org.

Community Assistance

Volusia County will accept emergency repair applications from homeowners financially affected by COVID-19. Applications for necessary septic tank pump outs and A/C repair or replacement will be accepted from Aug. 20 to Sept. 2. Funded with \$482,400 in Coronavirus Relief Funds (CARES Act), the program 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.

Housing and Grants Administration

The FY 20/21 Emergency Solutions Grant application will be available on Aug. 28. Non-profit organizations may apply for funding in the amount of \$80,686 for rapid re-housing and \$80,686 for homeless prevention activities. Of these funds, up to 7.5% can be used for administration. Applications can be requested by contacting Edina Toth at 386-736-5955 or by e-mail at etoth@volusia.org.

Library Services

Library Services has added [Gale Business Plan Builder](#) to help residents with starting their own business. Plan Builder keeps entrepreneurs on track with prompts that guide them through the process of starting and operating a business, including accounting, finance, human resources, marketing, taxes and more. Plan Builder can also be used by nonprofits to create a grant proposal. The database is free for library cardholders. Learn more about Plan Builder at volusialibrary.org.

Votran

As of Aug. 24, Votran staff has handed out 114,245 masks on all Fixed and Gold routes and at our manned facilities. For more information, contact Edie Biro at ebiro@volusia.org.

COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE

Community Information

Community Information staff met virtually with the Complete Count (Census) Committee and is preparing a final census promotion campaign. Staff hosted a COVID-19 panel discussion on mental wellness with AdventHealth's Dr. Luis Allen and Halifax Health's Mark Spivey. The New-Journal's Mark Harper wrote a "How to survive the COVID pandemic" story about the panel. Staff is working with Community Assistance to develop a 28-page ECHO Guidebook and with Fire Rescue to gather information about mailing a postcard survey to all unincorporated residents. Staff used news releases and social media to promote the *Save our Springs and Rivers* initiative, the increase in COVID-19 rent and mortgage assistance, PPE distribution, LIHEAP program, ESG grants and other programs. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at kcaptain@volusia.org.

GROWTH & RESOURCES

Building & Code Compliance

The Code Compliance conducted a meeting Aug. 26, among county staff from the Sheriff's office, Solid Waste Division, Building and Code Compliance and the residents of Bethune Beach to review their complaints about short-term rentals, garage management, parking violations and speeding. Staff presented a summary of the actions taken since the original meeting held on July 2. Everyone agreed that the efforts resulted in visible improvements, but there are still outstanding issues that will warrant continued enforcement efforts. There will be additional meetings to update the residents in the future. For more information, contact Kerry Leuzinger at KLeuzinger@volusia.org.

Environmental Management

The Marine Science Center has released three juvenile green sea turtles between this in the last two weeks. Released on July 30, was "Otilie," an adult female loggerhead stranded and disoriented in Daytona Beach. She was presenting unusual behaviors in the shallow surf while trying to nest, and after diagnostics, she was found to be fighting an infection. Otilie passed over 115 eggs while at the MSC, which were then buried on the beach by the local sea turtle monitoring group. So far this year, the MSC has received 82 sea turtle hatchlings. For more information, contact Ginger Adair at gadair@volusia.org.

OCEAN CENTER

Events

Adhering to CDC regulations with masks required, the Ocean Center hosted the National Reptile Breeders' Expo. The event was a great hit that brought close to 7,000 people for the weekend. The event was well covered by the local media. Channel 13 came out with cameras to get shots on the news and the News-Journal ran a feature story on the front of the local section. The snakes, spiders, lizards and turtles created quite a little buzz!

An agreement was reached with the Bare Knuckle Fighting Championships. Tickets, which will be going on sale soon, include a special tribute show taking place 9 p.m. Sept. 11, in memory of all our brave men and women.

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 WORKS

Coastal

Coastal trades workers renovated the Pompano Avenue dune walkover located in Bethune Beach. Coastal park maintenance staff updated and improved park landscaping at the Toronita Avenue Park in Wilbur-by-the-Sea and Argosy Park in Ormond-by-the-Sea. For more information, contact Jessica Winterwerp at (386) 248-8072, ext. 20356.

Engineering & Construction

The 10th Street widening project continues to make progress. Recent activities include the diversion of the canal to allow for the construction of a new box culvert. For more information, contact Tadd Kasbeer at (386) 736-5967, ext. 15846.

Road & Bridge

In response to the EF-2 tornado that came through DeLand on the afternoon of Aug. 18, Road & Bridge crews worked late into the night alongside Duke Energy power crews to clear roadways and restore access to streets. On Aug. 20, Road & Bridge crews began removing debris from the public rights-of-way on county roads within unincorporated areas. The storm debris collection efforts continued throughout the weekend and the following week to facilitate recovery of the community. For more information, contact Benjamin Bartlett at (386) 822-6422, ext. 20470.

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 have been focusing on the DeLand tornado area, making contact with over 30 contractors advising them of their responsibility to dispose of the debris they collect at a permitted solid waste facility. For more information, contact Solid Waste Director Regina Montgomery at (386) 947-2952, ext. 21347.

Traffic Engineering

New development continues to thrive in the county, especially in the cities, despite the impact of COVID-19 on the economy. During the months of May, June and July 2020, Traffic Engineering reviewed 62 site plans and 109 traffic impact analysis (TIA)-related reviews. Over the same three-month period in 2019, 62 site plans and 81 TIA-related reviews were completed. For more information, contact Jon Cheney at (386) 736-5968, ext. 12709.

Water Resources and Utilities

Utilities administrative and engineering staff members provided technical assistance in support of the City of Oak Hill's grant application requests to the St. Johns River Water Management District and Department of Environmental Protection for wastewater system construction and improved water quality within the Mosquito Lagoon. For more information, contact Mike Ulrich at (386) 943-7027, ext. 12724.