

Volusia County Government Activities December 10 – 16, 2022

AVIATION AND ECONOMIC RESOURCES

Daytona Beach International Airport: The airport will celebrate the holiday season with several exciting activities. Local public safety officers will service hot cocoa in the concourse. The Aircraft Rescue & Fire Fighting crew will serve from 9:30 to 11 a.m., and 2:30 to 4 p.m. on Dec. 21. The Volusia Sheriff's Office deputies will serve from 10 to 11 a.m. on Dec. 22. Santa and Mrs. Claus will greet arriving passengers in the baggage claim area between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Dec. 23. Passengers and visitors can also enjoy the festive holiday décor, which includes a new 22-foot tree with bright-colored LED lights, and the beautiful poinsettia tree, an airport holiday favorite for more than 30 years! Joanne Magley was also featured on the Dec. 16 Volusia Today show highlighting the airport's seasonal flights, holiday events and other important aspects of the airport. For more information, contact Joanne Magley at 386-248-8030.

OCEAN CENTER

Events: The Daytona Beach Shootout hosted by Sports Tours International takes place Dec. 19 through Dec. 22 in the arena with an estimated 800 attendee days and 580 room nights. The event is free and open to the public. Additional event information is available at <https://www.sporttours.net/mw-d3-basketball#wd3daytona>. The LED lighting project continues with contractors taking advantage of consecutive non-event days in the ballroom to perform necessary tasks. On Dec. 14, staff met with Community Information to plan for the 2023 State of the County event. For more information, contact Tim Riddle at triddle@volusia.org.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Resource Stewardship: Staff presented a 1,339-acre project on the Volusia Forever A-List to the Florida Forever Acquisition and Restoration Council (ARC) last week in Tallahassee. The ARC approved moving the project to the next step in their process with a state team visiting the property in early spring to evaluate its conservation value. For more information, contact Brad Burbaugh at 386-943-7081.

Votran: Votran will operate a Sunday service schedule on Dec. 25, and Jan. 1. Riders are encouraged to plan their travel in advance to avoid possible travel conflicts. Because the holidays fall on Sundays, buses will follow a regular Sunday schedule. Only routes that normally operate on Sundays will run on Dec. 25 and Jan. 1.

- Routes 1, 3, 4, 10, 15 and 17 will operate on a Sunday schedule from the Intermodal Transportation Facility.
- All other routes and the New Smyrna Beach Flex will not operate.

Votran's Gold Service will operate limited service. For more information, contact a reservationist or Votran customer service at (386) 761-7700.

COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE

Community Information: Staff continues to prepare for the annual State of the County event. Production and marketing staff attended a walk-through at the Ocean Center to discuss event logistics. Staff is assisting Votran with various recruitment campaigns. The division has been



disseminating information regarding the Federal Disaster Declaration relating to Hurricane Nicole to ensure the public knows that assistance is now available; this included having a FEMA representative on the Dec. 16 Volusia Today show. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at kcaptain@volusia.org.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Emergency Management: The division continues to support the affected areas through the Disaster Recovery Center and provide resources to those areas of need for Hurricanes Ian and Nicole. The Emergency Operations Center (EOC) hosted the Traffic Incident Management meeting on Dec. 12. The Local Mitigation Strategy and Community Organizations Active in Disasters meetings were held at the EOC on Dec. 13. The G300/G400 Proctored Test Out was conducted on Dec. 14 at the EOC. Emergency Management hosted EMS Sergeant Training on Dec. 15. Staff attended the Region 5 Directors meeting in Osceola County on Dec. 15. Emergency Management continues to support beach recovery efforts in collaboration with other divisions. For more information, contact James Judge at (386) 254-1500.

Emergency Medical Administration: On Dec. 14, Emergency Medical Administration staff attended the “Days of Thunder” tabletop exercise on weapons of mass destruction terrorism hosted by Halifax Health Medical Center, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Department of Energy’s National Nuclear Security Administration. Emergency Medical Administration, EMS and Information Technology met on Dec. 16 to discuss ambulance network connectivity. For more information, contact Division Director Mark Wolcott at (386) 561-8087.

Emergency Medical Services: On Dec. 14, EMS staff attended Career Day at New Smyrna High School, per a teacher’s request, to inform students of the Emergency Medical Services program. Interviews and testing for emergency medical technicians and paramedics were held on Dec. 14. For more information, contact Interim Division Director Mark Wolcott at (386) 561-8087.

Fire Rescue: During the week of Dec. 12, VCFR conducted the second part of the Battalion Chief Assessment Center process. They also conducted the second grant-funded aerial class. This course will introduce participants to classroom lectures and practical exercises on the uses of aerial apparatus, including the recognition of hazards which may be present during aerial operations, tactical and safe placement of aerial apparatus and principles of water supply during aerial operations. For more information, contact Interim Fire Chief Joe King at (386) 736-5940 ext. 12909.

GROWTH & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Environmental Management: The Marine Science Center (MSC) has updated its website to accept donations directly to its account. This upgrade allows supporters of the MSC to donate through an online portal instead of downloading, printing and mailing the donation form. The traditional method still exists as an alternative option. The new opportunity to accept donations on the home page may be found at www.marinesciencecenter.com. Manatee Protection Plan staff participated in Manatee Health Assessments in the Brevard portion of the Indian River Lagoon Dec. 12 -16. Staff was trained on manatee capture techniques and conducted health assessments of potentially sick and injured manatees. This coordinated effort included the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, the University of Florida and other rescue organizations. On Dec. 6-8, the Sea Turtle program staff attended and presented at a lighting workshop held at the University of Florida in Gainesville. The

presentation, titled “The Triumphs and Challenges of Implementing a Sea Turtle Lighting Management Plan in Volusia County,” was presented by Sea Turtle Lighting Specialist Nicole Weiss. Since Oct. 3, Environmental Management Habitat Conservation Plan staff have issued 190 beach passes to property representatives requiring access to the beach with vehicular equipment. The passes authorize the activity to be conducted in accordance with state and local environmental standards. The office and staff continue assisting beachfront owners with emergency permitting and instruction on applying for permits to secure property. For more information, contact Ginger Adair at gadair@volusia.org.

Planning & Development Services: A new dental office on Roscommon Drive in Halifax Plantation (2021-F-FSP-0550) passed all final site inspections and received a Certificate of Occupancy on Dec. 12.

PUBLIC WORKS



Coastal: Coastal staff coordinated with contractors to install a new exit gate at Lighthouse Point Park, similar to the new beach gate design installed at the Park’s main entrance. (Pictured)

Coastal tradesworkers repaired the ADA access at the Amsden Road off beach parking and completed the demo at the Ocean Breeze Circle and Kathy Drive beach accesses in Ormond Beach and Ormond-by-the-Sea. This involved cutting back the walkovers to improve structural integrity and coordinating with contractors to remove debris, allowing staff to begin installing new stair sets in the following weeks. Trades continue to demo and coordinate the removal of other damaged segments at repairable walkovers throughout the county in an ongoing effort to regain public beach access at beachfront parks, accesses and off-beach parking lots.

Recent openings include the Sandra Drive walkover, Argosy Park ADA Access in Ormond-by-the-Sea, and the International Speedway Blvd Vehicular Ramp in Daytona Beach. One hundred and fifteen Coastal assets remain closed. For more information, contact Jessica Fentress at (386) 248-8072.

Engineering & Construction: Wharton Smith has erected all tilt walls around the entire perimeter and the interior of the Medical Examiner’s Office building site. Upcoming activities through the end of December include plumbing and electrical roughs, casting bed demo, site work, weir installation and water and sewer utility work. For more information, contact Tadd Kasbeer at (386) 736-5967.

Mosquito Control: The division utilizes sentinel chickens to conduct surveillance of mosquito-transmitted viruses and to plan treatment operations throughout the county. Chickens do not become sick from these viruses, and the viruses cannot replicate in the chicken; therefore, chickens cannot spread the virus to other mosquitoes. Every spring, the flocks are retired and replaced with young chickens. The division utilizes a local farmer as a vendor who orders the chicks from a hatchery and raises them to four months. The day-old chicks for 2023 have arrived safely to the farmer. Residents interested in adopting retired sentinel chickens in the spring can email vcmosquito@volusia.org. More information regarding the sentinel chicken program may be found at <https://bit.ly/3FYUzMW>. For more information, contact Marcus McDonough at (386) 424-2920.

Road and Bridge: Bids are due on Feb. 2, 2023, for the North & South Clyde Morris Boulevard stormwater conveyance improvements project. The project consists of pipelining and storm structure rehabilitation. The Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund of the American Rescue Plan Act will fund the project. For more information, contact Lori Koontz at (386) 822-6422.

Solid Waste: There is no change to garbage, recycling, bulk waste or yard trash collection schedules for residents of unincorporated Volusia County during the upcoming holiday season. The Tomoka Farms Road Landfill and West Volusia Transfer Station will close for Christmas and New Year's Day. For more information, contact Regina Montgomery at (386) 947-2952.

Traffic Engineering: Staff is evaluating the intersection of North Sparkman Avenue and West French Avenues in Orange City to improve safety and driver compliance. For more information, contact Jay Williams at (386) 736-5968.

Water Resources and Utilities: Staff completed evaluations of qualifications and proposals for planning, design, permitting and construction administration services for potable water storage and pumping facilities within the southwest and southeast utilities service areas. Additional water storage and pumping facilities will enhance overall system resiliency during an unplanned service interruption. Recommendations of the contract awards is scheduled for the Jan. 6, 2023, County Council meeting. For more information, contact Mike Ulrich at (386) 943-7027.