

Volusia County Government Activities December 17 – 23, 2022

AVIATION & ECONOMIC RESOURCES

Daytona Beach International Airport: Santa & Mrs. Claus flew in on Dec. 23 and gave arriving passengers Christmas presents. For more information, contact Joanne Magley at 386-248-8030.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Community Assistance: The Children and Families Advisory Board will meet at 1:30 p.m. Jan. 4 at the Emergency Operations Center. Members will review and score Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) applications for fiscal year 2022/23. They will also review outcomes and expenditures from fiscal year 2021/22 and determine criteria and requirements for the 2023 summer camp scholarship program. A link to attend virtually is posted on www.volusia.org/cfab. To request additional information, contact Carmen Hall, Community Assistance Director at 386-736-5955.

Resource Stewardship: Resource Stewardship and Environmental Management partnered with the Marine Discovery Center to teach volunteers habitat evaluation principles through the UF/IFAS Florida Master Naturalist Program. These trained volunteers are now prepared to share their knowledge of habitat evaluation, water quality monitoring, and land management techniques with others in our community. For more information contact Brad Burbaugh 386-943-7081 ext. 13455.

COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE

Community Information: Staff assisted in media requests regarding cold weather preparation, sand renourishment and other post-hurricane recovery projects. The County's social media feeds featured posts on Beach Safety, the Daytona Beach International Airport, post-hurricane information, Dr. Fulcher, Chief Medical Examiner and Fire Rescue. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at kcaptain@volusia.org.

GROWTH & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Environmental Management: The Volusia County Marine Mammal Stranding Team was dispatched to Blue Spring State Park on Dec. 19 to assist with the release of a manatee named, "Miles." Miles had been rescued in 2016 as an orphaned calf, and again in early 2022 and treated for starvation. Miles was released directly into the Manatee Sanctuary at Blue Spring State Park where the natural spring keeps the water warm enough to sustain our manatees through the winter. We expect hundreds of manatees to congregate in this area over the next few weeks and months.

Volusia County Environmental Management and Save the Manatee Club partnered for an outreach event to promote safe boating on the intracoastal waterway. Brochures and educational materials were distributed by Volusia County volunteers to local marinas and boat rental facilities. The partnership is planning a second event in the spring.

The Marine Science Center (MSC) is planning a Community Conversation at the Ponce Inlet Community Center on Jan. 11 at 6 p.m. to discuss the Marine Science Center's capital improvement plans. The meeting will start with a brief presentation about the animal hospital, education, and guest services programs, and then attendees will be able to visit stations that detail each program at the



MSC including future plans for the facility. Staff wants to engage the community and get their input on our wonderful facility. For more information contact Ginger Adair (gadair@volusia.org).

Planning & Development Services: Wexford Reserve Unit 2 (111 single-family lots) in Ormond Beach passed all final infrastructure inspections. Single-family homes can now receive a Certificate of Occupancy. Halifax Plantation Unit II, Section O, Phase 4, a 68-lot single-family residential subdivision, was recorded Dec. 19. The subdivision infrastructure is currently undergoing final inspections and all building permits will have a Certificate of Occupancy hold until those final inspections are passed.

OCEAN CENTER

Events: The Florida Sunshine Shootout hosted by Sports Tours International takes place Dec. 27 through Dec. 30, in the arena with an estimated 800 attendee days and 400 room nights. The event is free and open to the public; additional information is available at <https://www.sporttours.net/mw-d3-basketball#wd3daytona>. For more information, contact Tim Riddle at triddle@volusia.org.

PUBLIC PROTECTION

Emergency Management: The division worked on the cold weather coordination for the upcoming holiday weekend. 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 EOC will host a ZOLL meeting on Dec. 21, 2022. Emergency Management continues to support beach recovery efforts in collaboration with other divisions. For more information, contact Division Director James Judge, (386) 254-1500.

Emergency Medical Services: A discussion for training on the controlled substance lockers was held at the Command Staff meeting on Dec. 20. Emergency Medical Services held interviews for a lead emergency medical technician (EMT) and a paramedic. For more information, contact Interim Division Director Mark Wolcott, (386) 561-8087.

Fire Rescue: A New Hire Academy will start on Jan. 9, 2023, for five new firefighters. The Battalion Chief promotional process will be concluded the week of Dec. 19 for three candidates. Once candidates have completed the process, they will meet with the fire chief for a Fire Chief Interview. The second grant funded aerial class is being conducted this week. This class 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. On Dec. 21, the VCFR Technical Rescue Team went Over The Edge at Halifax Hospital for their annual Christmas Repel for the children. For more information, contact Interim Fire Chief Joe King, (386) 736-5940 ext. 12909.

PUBLIC WORKS

Coastal: Coastal staff coordinated with contractors to repair and install beach gates at Harvard Dr Beach Approach in Ormond Beach, which were damaged during Hurricane Nicole. Coastal staff also completed installation of a new set of stairs at 7th Ave in New Smyrna Beach. Coastal trades workers repaired the split-rail fencing at Glenview Off Beach Parking, as well as installed new side boards on the walkover at Via Madrid in Ormond. Trades are continuing to repair, demo, and coordinate the removal of other damaged segments at repairable walkovers throughout

the County in an ongoing effort to re-gain public beach access at our beach front parks, accesses, and off beach parking lots.

Recent openings include the Harvard Dr Vehicle Ramp and Via Madrid Dr Walkover in Ormond Beach plus the 7th Avenue Walkover in New Smyrna Beach. One hundred and twelve (112) Coastal accesses remain closed. For more information, contact Jessica Fentress at (386) 248-8072, ext. 20356.

Engineering & Construction: Notice to proceed was issued on Dec. 5 for the Williamson Blvd/Strickland Range Road intersection improvements. Coordination on lead times for traffic signal equipment is underway. Other activities include MOT placement and general mobilization. For more information, contact Tadd Kasbeer at (386) 736-5967, ext. 15846.

Mosquito Control: As weather becomes cooler, mosquito production slows down but does not completely stop. Surveillance continues throughout the winter to monitor populations, and treatments are conducted as needed, weather permitting. The division is currently conducting maintenance and required annual calibration for all equipment to ensure proper function. Field staff are also receiving routine training on the safe operation of equipment, calculating application rates, and proper material handling. For more information, contact Marcus McDonough at (386) 424-2920, ext. 20272



Road & Bridge: Road & Bridge staff is coordinating with the Coastal division to temporarily repair the Silver Beach Avenue beach ramp. The ramp was damaged during Hurricanes Ian and Nicole. For more information, contact Lori Koontz at (386) 822-6422, ext. 20455.

Solid Waste: FCC Environmental Services held a community bulky item cleanup in the southwest quadrant of the county on Dec. 10. Over twenty-two (22) tons of household bulky items were collected and disposed of properly. For more information, contact Regina Montgomery at (386) 947-2952, ext. 21347.

Traffic Engineering: Since the beginning of Dec. 2022, Traffic Engineering has received an influx of Transportation Impact Analyses. Within this timeframe, there have been five (5) TIA Methodologies and nine (9) TIAs reviewed, which is significantly higher than normal. Per the River to Sea TPO guidelines, TIAs are required when projected daily traffic volumes for a new development exceed 1,000 daily trips. For more information, contact Jay Williams at (386) 736-5968, ext. 12139.

Water Resources and Utilities: Utilities engineering staff recently completed final inspections of water and wastewater infrastructure, enabling utility service to be placed into operation in Wexford Phase II (111 single family residential units) and Halifax Plantation Unit II Section O Phase 4 (68 single family residential units). For more information, contact Mike Ulrich at (386) 943-7027, ext. 12724.