

Volusia County Government Activities December 24 – 30, 2022

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Community Assistance: Five homes have received assistance through the Wind Hazard Mitigation program since Oct. 1. Contractors are in the process of completing improvements on four additional homes. The division is still accepting applications to assist eligible homeowners with home upgrades that improve wind resistance. The program can fund window and door coverings (hurricane shutters), gable-end, tie-downs and upgraded garage doors. The assistance provided can be at most \$15,000 per household. Funding can be used for owner-occupied homes in the Volusia County service area, excluding those within the city limits of Daytona Beach and Deltona. Household income cannot exceed 120% of the area median income, and funds are limited for households at 80-120%. For more information, contact Carmen Hall at chall@volusia.org.

Resource Stewardship: The council-appointed Agribusiness Interrelationship Advisory Committee met on Dec. 19. The committee elected Steve Crump as the new chairman and David Griffis as vice-chairman. For more information, contact Brad Burbaugh at 386-943-7081 ext. 13455.

COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE

Community Information: Staff continues disseminating information regarding the hurricanes, including the Jan. 12 application deadline for those impacted by Hurricane Ian. The 2023 State of the County event preparations continue. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at kcaptain@volusia.org.

OCEAN CENTER

Events: Joseph Volleyball will host the Florida Volleyball Festival on Jan. 7 and 8. The private event expects to generate 6,500 attendees and 1,650 room nights throughout the weekend. In 2022, the Ocean Center hosted over 130 events, generating more than 420,000 attendee days. For more information, contact Tim Riddle at triddle@volusia.org.

PUBLIC WORKS

Mosquito Control: As part of an integrated pest management program, the division conducts source reduction to decrease potential larval habitats and prevent biting adult mosquitoes. As weather permits, the division performs annual wintertime herbicide treatments and the cleaning of maintained hand ditches to ensure proper water flow to support mosquito fish (pictured on next page). These native fish (genus name, *Gambusia*) act as a natural biological control that consumes mosquito larvae in the water. For more information, contact Marcus McDonough at (386) 424-2920, ext. 20272.



Gambusia (mosquito eating fish)

Traffic Engineering: Signal staff inspected a new emergency traffic signal at SR 44 and Canal Street for New Smyrna Beach Fire Station 50. The signal staff has also completed the annual traffic signal conflict monitor testing for all county-maintained signals. For more information, contact Jay Williams at (386) 736-5968, ext. 12139.