

## Volusia County Government Activities December 25 – 31, 2021

### COMMUNITY SERVICES

**Human Services Advisory Board:** Volusia County's Human Services Advisory Board will meet at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 13, at the United Way of Volusia and Flagler Counties, 3747 W. International Speedway Blvd., Daytona Beach. Members will review programmatic reports and assign members to board committees. The public is invited to attend, participate and provide comments in the meeting. Residents may provide written comments regarding the agenda to [cjackson@volusia.org](mailto:cjackson@volusia.org) or by letter to Clayton Jackson, Manager, Human Services Activity, 123 W. Indiana Ave., DeLand, FL 32720. Comments received by 5 p.m. Jan. 12 will be presented to the advisory board and become part of the public record. Submissions must include the person's name and address, along with HSAB: public participation. Persons may also choose to watch and participate virtually. A link to participate virtually will be posted the day of the meeting at [www.volusia.org/hsab](http://www.volusia.org/hsab). No registration required. For more information, contact Clayton Jackson at [cjackson@volusia.org](mailto:cjackson@volusia.org) 386-736-5956, ext. 12980.

**Children and Families Advisory:** The Children and Families Advisory Board will meet at 1:30 pm on Tuesday, January 11 in the County Council Chambers of the TCK Administration Center, 123 W. Indiana Ave., DeLand. Members will discuss and determine summer camp funding criteria. For more information, please contact Carmen Hall, Community Assistance Director at (386) 736-5955.

**Votran:** Votran operated a limited service schedule on New Year's Day. Votran reminds all riders that masks are required to be worn while onboard, per TSA and CDC requirements. Votran Gold will operate limited service. For more information, contact a reservationist or Votran customer service. Effective immediately, the service window for Votran's paratransit, call-ahead curb service will change from one hour to 90 minutes for in-town trips and from two hours to three hours for cross-county trips. Effective Saturday, Jan. 8, fixed route Saturday service will transition from 30-minute intervals to 60-minute intervals. This temporary change will affect routes 3, 4, 7, 10, 11, 15, 20 and 60, as the other routes already operate on a 60-minute service on Saturdays. For more information, please contact Kelvin Miller, General Manager, at (386) 756-7496., ext. 4126.

### COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE

**Community Information:** Staff supported the scheduled Jan. 12 re-opening of the emergency rental assistance portal with public messaging, including a news release and social media posting. The information was broadly disseminated by local media outlets, to include the Daytona Beach News-Journal, West Volusia Beacon, WNDB and Spectrum News 13. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at [kcaptain@volusia.org](mailto:kcaptain@volusia.org).

### OCEAN CENTER

**Events:** The weekend of January 8 & 9, the Ocean Center welcomes back the AJV's Florida Winter Volleyball Festival. This event will bring 4,700 attendees and an estimated 1,650 room nights to our area for the weekend, with play on 29 courts simultaneously in the exhibit hall and arena. This event is open only to team members and affiliated parties. Masks will be recommended for entry for all events. For more information, contact Tim Riddle at [triddle@volusia.org](mailto:triddle@volusia.org).

### PUBLIC PROTECTION

**Emergency Management:** Emergency Management, in partnership with the cities, continues to support COVID-19 testing and vaccination efforts. We are closely monitoring impacts of the new Omicron variant and any unmet needs in the community. The three mobile testing sites in Volusia County, as well as others throughout the region, have experienced a significant spike in demand this week. We are pleased to announce



that the Emergency Management Team is a recipient of the DEM ARPA Grant for \$50,000. This grant supports the development of a multi-model transportation, incident response, and recovery plan (airways, highways, trains, and marine). For more information please, contact Division Director Helene Wetherington, (386) 254-1500. For more information, contact Division Director Helene Wetherington, (386) 254-1500.

**Emergency Medical Services:** Emergency Medical Services is continuing to monitor COVID trends and has started holding weekly meetings with Health Department again. For more information, contact Division Director Michael Colman, (386) 236-3511.

**Fire Rescue:** During the first two weeks of January, VCFR personnel will be partaking in their EMS recertification courses; these courses allow staff to maintain and practice their field which is a vital service to our community. For more information, contact Fire Chief Howard Bailey, (386) 736-5940 ext. 12918.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

**Coastal:** Anticipating beautiful weather and holiday weekend beach crowds, the Coastal Division increased the level of service at the ramps to include opening six additional ramps with three more ramps that operate on weekends only in the off-season open daily. Secondary toll booths and extra toll attendants were also stationed at International Speedway Boulevard, Dunlawton Boulevard, Flagler Avenue and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. Holiday levels of service continue through January 2. For more information, contact Jessica Winterwerp at (386) 248-8072, ext. 20356.

**Engineering & Construction:** Wrapping up 2021, Engineering and Construction has placed final surface asphalt on the Williamson Boulevard, Sugar Mill Drive, and 10<sup>th</sup> Street projects. 10<sup>th</sup> Street and Williamson Boulevard have minor work to bring them to final close out, however all are open to traffic. For more information, contact Tadd Kasbeer at (386) 736-5967, ext. 15846.

**Mosquito Control:** Mosquito Control is actively collaborating with the St. John's River Water Management District (SJRWMD) to review recent and upcoming coastal marsh restoration projects within the Mosquito Control District. Close collaboration is essential to ensure the restoration and rehabilitation projects maximize ecological benefits while minimizing mosquito production habitat. Staff will be visiting several restoration areas over the coming months and collecting data on juvenile mosquito production. The data will be shared with the SJRWMD and utilized to plan for possible source reduction measures that can be incorporated into the restoration projects. For more information, contact Tim MacHardy at (386) 424-2920, ext. 20273.

**Solid Waste:** There is no change to garbage, recycling, bulk waste and yard trash collection schedules for residents of unincorporated Volusia County during the New Year's holiday. For more information, contact Regina Montgomery at (386) 947-2952, ext. 21347.

**Traffic Engineering:** In response to recent city commission-approved comprehensive plan amendments and planned development rezonings, Traffic Engineering met with City of Daytona Beach Planning staff to discuss the impacts such approvals will have on the county's thoroughfare system. The anticipated development in the City of Daytona Beach is projected to have significant impacts on multiple County thoroughfare road segments that are at critical or near critical capacity due to prior development in the area. Also discussed were potential solutions, such as the implementing a network of city maintained roads and a balance of land uses, to help accommodate growth. For more information, contact Jon Cheney at (386) 736-5968, ext. 12709.

**Water Resources and Utilities:** Utilities staff has provided planning, design and continual technical support for the City of Oak Hill's water quality improvement project in Indian Harbor Estates, benefiting the Mosquito Lagoon. Through the cooperative efforts of the County as well as the St. Johns River Water Management and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, the City sponsored construction project is set to commence during the first quarter of 2022. A ground-breaking is being planned for Wed Jan 12. For more information, contact Mike Ulrich at (386) 943-7027, ext. 12724.