AVIATION AND ECONOMIC RESOURCES

Daytona Beach International Airport

Air Service: Delta Air Lines and American Airlines added additional flights for the Daytona 500 weekend, including two flights to and from Detroit on Delta. On Feb. 19, there will be 12 arriving flights, compared to eight on a typical Sunday.

Marketing/Customer Service: On Tuesday, Feb. 14, staff from the airport and airlines will acknowledge passengers by distributing Valentine’s Day chocolates, flowers and airport cards. See attachment.

Operations: Staff will be ready to accommodate the hundreds of extra flight operations due to the arrival and departure of corporate jets ahead of the Daytona 500. The Thunderbirds and their support aircraft, the C-17, will arrive next week. The Thunderbirds will practice from the airport before their flyover of the race Feb. 19.

Economic Development: Volusia County Economic Development will host the "Q" Breakfast at 8 a.m. Feb. 17, in the Dennis McGee Room at the Daytona Beach International Airport. Director Helga van Eckert will present the fourth quarter of 2022 economic data, including building permit activity, labor statistics and employment trends by industry. A panel of innovation experts will discuss cultivating innovation within the available incubator environments. Speakers include Stephanie Miller, Ph.D., Executive Director, Technology Transfer and Research Park, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University; Lou Paris, Serial Entrepreneur, Konkeros; and Connie Garzon, Site Manager, Volusia County Business Incubator powered by the University of Central Florida. For more information, contact Joanne Magley at jmagley@flydab.org.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Community Assistance: The Children and Families Advisory Board met Thursday, Feb. 9, to review summer camp scholarship program provider applications and made recommendations for approval. For more information, contact Carmen Hall at chall@volusia.org.

COUNTY MANAGER’S OFFICE

Community Information: Staff disseminated advisory board recruitment information by placing paid ads in six local newspapers, a news release and a social media post. A flyer was also created that may be distributed at advisory board meetings. Staff also coordinated the Employee Recognition Luncheon that was held Feb. 8. Invitations for the 2023 State of the County event were made available due to the public via email distribution lists, a news release and a social post. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at kcaptain@volusia.org.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Emergency Management: Emergency Management 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 HR Fire Fighter Testing Feb. 6. The G300 class was held at the Fire Training Center on Feb. 7, and again Feb. 9.

The Just-in-Time (JIT) Recovery Management Training was held at the EOC Feb. 9. The JIT training was developed by FEMA's Community Assistance Branch in partnership with the Emergency Management Institute to strengthen local governments' post-disaster response, which includes peer-to-peer resources, tips for officials to navigate the recovery management process and other best practices.

On Feb. 10, the Federal Interagency Resource Exchange training was held at the EOC. These exchanges complement the JIT Recovery Management training by creating information-sharing and relationship-building opportunities between local governments and federal agencies offering financial assistance. Staff was trained on the OnBase Document Scanning Program Feb. 6. The Statewide Tornado Drill took place Feb. 8. The Affordable Housing Advisory Committee met at the EOC Feb. 8. Emergency Management continues to support beach recovery efforts in collaboration with other divisions. For more information, contact James Judge at jjudge@volusia.org.

**Emergency Medical Administration:** The division has prepared its presentation for Citizens Academy. EMS is meeting with Halifax Health to discuss the EMS-to-emergency department interface. The discussion will likely include addressing ambulance offload delays, emergency department diversions and other topics of interest. The division is finalizing the quality assurance process under the new EMS Charts reporting software. This discussion includes all emergency medical provider agencies within the system. For more information, contact Mark Wolcott at mwolcott@volusia.org.

**Emergency Medical Services:** EMS has scheduled the final interviews with the director to fill two battalion chief vacancies. Discussions continue with Information Technology to resolve connectivity issues involving computers in ambulances connected to computer-aided dispatch (CAD). A new employee orientation class began this week with one ambulance service technician, four emergency medical technicians and two paramedics. For more information, contact Mark Wolcott at mwolcott@volusia.org.

**Fire Rescue:** Fire Station 12 has begun remodeling after suffering damage from Hurricane Ian. The remodeling of the station is estimated to take eight weeks. A contractor has been selected to resurface the parking lot at Station 41. This project has an estimated start date within the next four weeks and will take several weeks to complete. For more information, contact Chief Joe King at jwking@volusia.org.

**GROWTH & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT**

**Environmental Management:** Staff attended the Indian River Lagoon (IRL) National Estuary Program Management Board and STEM meetings held in Grant Valkaria and the IRL Council meeting held in Sebastian.

Volusia County Marine Mammal Stranding Team has been assisting with disentangling a juvenile Bottlenose Dolphin in the Mosquito Lagoon for the past two weeks. In the coming weeks, the team will help with at least a dozen releases of rescued manatees at Blue Spring State Park.
Volusia County Manatee Protection Program Staff participated in the 2023 Manatee Festival at Blue Spring State Park Jan. 28 and 29. With over 500 manatees in the spring and 9,000 visitors to the park, the staff was able to address marine mammal concerns, teach visitors about current efforts to protect our manatee population and promote other county programs.

Department Director Clay Ervin, Environmental Director Ginger Adair, Protected Species Specialist Jennifer Winters and HCP Manager Jaymie Reneker met with officials from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Florida Department of Environmental Protection and Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission on two separate days to conduct tours of the beach of the hurricane-impacted areas between Daytona Beach and Ponce Inlet. The purpose was to show the extent of damages to properties along the coast and to discuss options to allow coastal construction activities to occur during the upcoming sea turtle nesting season. Preventative measures are being developed and will be proposed to all agencies to consider permissible options.

Since Oct. 2022, 126 Beach and Dune emergency permits and 137 beach access memorandums of understanding have been issued. An additional 45 Beach and Dune permit applications are currently under review. For more information, contact Ginger Adair at gadair@volusia.org.

OCEAN CENTER
Events: Sprayfoam 2023 Convention & Expo, put on by the Spray Polyurethane Foam Alliance, continues through Thursday, Feb. 16, bringing an expected 450 attendees and generating approximately 1,500 room nights. The Spray Polyurethane Foam Alliance (SPFA) is an educational and technical resource for the spray polyurethane foam industry. The SPFA offers members and other construction industry stakeholders a variety of technically focused literature, installation best practices and safety materials. All are designed to guide professionals in the field, aiming to optimize the performance of spray foam in roofing and insulation applications. For more information about the event, visit https://www.sprayfoam.org/sprayfoam23.

On Sunday, Feb. 19, the center will begin the move-in and set-up process for the Quilt Week Show, which runs from Feb. 22-25. For information about the event, visit https://www.americanquilter.com/quiltweek/daytona-beach-2023/.

For more information, contact Tim Riddle at triddle@volusia.org.

PUBLIC PROTECTION
Animal Services: The division welcomed two new employees to its team; a new animal control officer and a veterinary assistant. On Feb. 10, Animal Control Officers attended an in-house training to learn about processing evidence at animal crime scenes. For more information, contact Adam Leath at aleath@volusia.org.

PUBLIC WORKS
Coastal: Public Works Director Ben Bartlett and Coastal Director Jessica Fentress attended the Florida Shore and Beach Preservation Association’s 36th Annual National Conference on Beach Preservation Technology, in which professionals, agencies and academics presented case studies specific to beach preservation, beach and inlet maintenance and post-storm recovery efforts.
Coastal tradesworkers replaced the beach gates at Harvey Avenue Beach Approach in Daytona Beach, which were damaged during Hurricane Nicole. Staff also completed the installation of a new stair set at 26th Avenue in New Smyrna Beach and are currently working on installing new stair sets at Hillside Avenue in Daytona Beach and Calumet Avenue in Ponce Inlet. Both projects anticipate to be completed and open to the public by Feb. 10. A total of 88 Coastal access points remain closed. For more information, contact Jessica Fentress at JFentress@volusia.org.

**Engineering & Construction:** Sheet pile installation was completed Jan. 27, at the City Island seawall repair site. The contractor is currently forming and pouring the concrete bulkhead. Additionally, the contractor is beginning the layout and dewatering for the storm drainage tie-in and wall outfall structure. For more information, contact Tadd Kasbeer at TKasbeer@volusia.org.

**Mosquito Control:** Staff attended the Florida Mosquito Control Association DODD Short Courses during the week of Jan. 30. The courses provide advanced instruction to nationwide attendees on various mosquito control topics. Attendees also received continuing education credits for Public Health applicator license renewals. Staff assisted with the instruction of the Sentinel Chicken course, including maintenance of chickens, collection of serum samples and data management. Division staff was invited in conjunction with the Volusia Department of Health to the Advanced Mosquito-Borne Viruses course to present their exemplary relationship and communication during increased mosquito-borne illness activity periods. For more information, contact Marcus McDonough at MMcDonough@volusia.org.

**Road and Bridge:** Radius improvements are underway on Menton Road and Nine Mile Point Road in Pierson. A paved radius on these clay/shell roads where they intersect North County Road 3 will provide a safer transition for the traveling public and for the division’s grader when the roads are routinely maintained. For more information, contact Lori Koontz at LKoontz@volusia.org.

**Solid Waste:** FCC Environmental Services will conduct a scheduled community bulky item cleanup in the northeast quadrant of the unincorporated county Feb. 25. The company will collect up to four bulk items from unincorporated residential households in this area and will begin notifying residents Feb. 13. For more information, contact Regina Montgomery at RMontgomery@volusia.org.

**Traffic Engineering:** The division is currently reviewing the Traffic Impact Analysis for the Tomoka Farms Mixed-Use Development, located east of Tomoka Farms Road, south of SR 400 and west of I-95 in Daytona Beach. This child-tract development will consist of 253 single-family dwelling units, 250 townhomes and 800 apartments. It is part of a parent tract that will ultimately be comprised of 200,000 square feet (200 KSF) light industrial, 125 KSF mini-warehouse, 10 KSF general office, 30 KSF shopping center, 250 multi-family (low-rise) residential dwelling units, 800 multi-family (mid-rise) residential dwelling units and 610 single-family detached residential dwelling units. For more information, contact Jay Williams at JIWilliams@volusia.org.

**Water Resources and Utilities:** Staff met with the City of Deltona economic development, planning and utility personnel to review water, wastewater and reclaimed service needs. Cooperative local utility infrastructure planning and project implementation remain key strategies for ensuring cost-effective and sustainable operations because of regional population growth, economic prosperity goals and protection of the area’s natural resources. For more information, contact Mike Ulrich at MUlrich@volusia.org.