COMMUNITY SERVICES

Community Assistance: Applications are available for nonprofit organizations, cities, schools and churches to provide summer camp services as part of the summer camp scholarship program. Approved camp providers can accept summer camp scholarship vouchers issued by the county. The program will serve children ages five to 14 that have completed kindergarten and special needs children up to age 17. Camps should include supervised playground activities, sports, crafts and field trips and are encouraged to provide healthy eating and physical activity opportunities. Applicants must attend a workshop in person or virtually and apply by Feb. 1. Workshop registration and applications are available at volusia.org/community_assistance/applications. For additional information, contact Carmen Hall at CHall@volusia.org.

Volusia Helps, an app developed and managed by the county, will allow residents, social service providers, law enforcement and medical personnel to easily find needed resources in one centralized location. Every agency providing services in Volusia County may register and input their information at vcservices.vcgov.org/VolusiaHelpsEntityPanel. After inputting information, an agency can update its information to ensure it is accurate. The staff has initiated outreach to relevant providers and encouraged them to enter information by Jan. 27 to allow the app to be advertised publicly in February. For additional information, contact Carmen Hall at chall@volusia.org.

Library Services: Library staff in the Youth Services Department at the DeLand Regional Library have developed a partnership with the Boys and Girls Club of DeLand. In a recent meeting, club members voted on three titles they will read and discuss throughout the 2023 school year. The book club will meet once per month. DeLand Friends of the Library have offered to purchase the books for the 25 students to read and keep.

The Mobile Technology Lab will visit after school once per month. Students can play math and literacy-based games, create experiments using electronic kits, design stop-motion videos and explore flight and drone technology. The Mobile Technology van has been made possible by a matching grant from Volusia County Public Libraries and the Institute for Museum and Library Services. For more information, contact Lucinda Colee at lcolee@volusia.org.

COUNTY MANAGER’S OFFICE

Community Information: The division continued messaging regarding hurricane recovery efforts, including a reminder of the Jan. 12 deadline for residents impacted by Hurricane Ian to apply for FEMA assistance. On the Jan. 13 Volusia Today show, staff from the Coastal Division discussed beach recovery initiatives. A beach recovery webpage was launched on Jan. 13 to provide real-time updates to residents and visitors with recovery information. The website may be found at volusia.org/beachrecovery. Additional features will soon be added. Staff continues planning for the 2023 State of the County event. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at kcaptain@volusia.org.

EMERGENCY SERVICES
**Emergency Management:** The division hosted Citizen’s Academy on Jan. 8. The staff 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 hosted the Everbridge Mass Notification System Training on Jan. 9. The EOC also hosted the Critical Incident Stress Management training held Jan. 11 - 13. The weekly Disaster Housing Meeting was held Jan. 13. Staff continues to support beach recovery efforts in collaboration with other divisions. For more information, contact Jim Judge at jjudge@volusia.org.

**Emergency Medical Administration:** The division is working on Zoll compliance and data reporting to the state. For more information, contact Mark Wolcott at mwolocott@volusia.org.

**Emergency Medical Services:** On Jan. 9, staff was at Edgewater Alliance Church for an "EMS Night Out" with scout troops. The event was an excellent opportunity for the scout troops to receive CPR and cardiopulmonary resuscitation training and tour the ambulance. EMS is in the second week of new hire training for two paramedics and four emergency medical technicians (EMTs). Interviews for emergency EMTs and paramedics were also held Jan. 9 and 10. For more information, contact Mark Wolcott at mwolocott@volusia.org.

**Fire Rescue:** The division hosted Citizen’s Academy at the Fire Training Center Jan. 8. On Jan. 9, staff conducted the first New Hire Academy of the year, Class 2023-01. During the academy, the students learned the necessary knowledge, skills and abilities to succeed with the goal of service excellence throughout our community. For more information, contact Fire Chief Joe King at jking@volusia.org.

**OCEAN CENTER**

**Events:** Fire Rescue East will host its annual conference at the Ocean Center Jan. 17 - 20. The event hosts training for every level and function within the fire service and coincides with and hosts State EMS meetings and other industry-relevant training. Fire Rescue East partners with the Florida Hazardous Materials Symposium to host both events concomitantly so attendees may access all training in one location. The event will use the entire building and estimates 3,000 attendee days and 1,500 room nights. The conference is private, and registration is required. The tradeshow is free and open to the public from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Jan. 19, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Jan. 20. For more information about the event, visit [https://flfca.memberclicks.net/fre/](https://flfca.memberclicks.net/fre/).

Touch of Magic Events will host the Volusia Bridal Expo in the Ballroom from noon to 4 p.m. Jan. 19. The event is free and open to the public. To learn more and RSVP, visit [https://www.eventbrite.com/e/volusia-bridal-expo-registration-336632546007](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/volusia-bridal-expo-registration-336632546007).

The Republican Executive Committee of Volusia County will host its annual dinner Jan. 19. The private event expects 944 attendees. For more information, contact Tim Riddle at triddle@volusia.org.

**PUBLIC PROTECTION**

**Animal Services:** On Jan. 10, Field Supervisor Dease attended the "Veterinary Forensics in Animal Investigations" training hosted by the Clay County Sheriff's Office, Clay County Animal Services, Clay Humane Society and the Humane Society of the United States. Topics covered crime scene analysis.
and documentation, evidence recognition – animal vs. human cases and crime scene considerations for different types of cruelty. On Jan. 11, animal control officers attended a webinar presented by the National Animal Control Association entitled "Field Services: Return to Home." This webinar highlighted successful efforts from agencies across the county proven to significantly increase the field return-to-owner rate for animals without obvious identification. For more information, contact Adam Leath at aleath@volusia.org.

PUBLIC WORKS

Coastal: Staff continues to work diligently repairing and reopening assets damaged by Hurricanes Ian and Nicole. This includes removing compromised decking sections, repairing and/or replacing damaged stair treads and stringers, adding extensions and x-bracing to pilings for structural support, and replacing any damaged top caps and/or side rails, aluminum railing, etc. Coastal tradesworkers and maintenance staff have rebuilt the stair access and railing at Browning Avenue in Daytona Beach and completed the installation of new stair sets at Second, Sixth and 19th avenues in New Smyrna Beach. All are now open to the public. Coastal staff will continue to repair, 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 our beachfront parks, accesses, and off-beach parking lots.

Recent openings include the beach approaches at Ocean Breeze Circle and Kathy Drive in Ormond Beach, Browning Avenue in Daytona Beach and 2nd, 6th and 19th avenues in New Smyrna Beach. As of Jan. 10, 115 Coastal assets remain closed. For more information, contact Jessica Fentress at jfentress@volusia.org.

Engineering & Construction: The medical examiner facility is continuing to progress. Over the following weeks, work will include continued construction of steel beams and columns and the beginning of the structural steel roof joist. Additionally, stormwater and utility work is progressing. For more information, contact Tadd Kasbeer at tkasbeer@volusia.org.

Mosquito Control: The division has an integrated pest management program focusing on managing mosquitoes through all life cycle stages, from egg and larva to flying adult. Source reduction or removing habitats where mosquitoes can grow is crucial to managing mosquitoes effectively. "Tip n Toss" refers to emptying containers with standing water found around residential homes and disposing of waste items holding water. Tires are a significant culprit in the production of biting mosquitoes, as eggs are laid inside rimless tires, and water can be challenging to remove. This also contributes to the transportation of invasive mosquito species when tires are moved from one area to another or illegally dumped. The division will host an upcoming free tire disposal day for residents to dispose of up to 20 waste tires per household and reduce potential sources for mosquito breeding. Event details will be added to volusia.org/mosquito and posted to social media pages. For more information, contact Marcus McDonough at mmcdonough@volusia.org.
**Road & Bridge**: Notice to proceed was issued Jan. 3 for the Lake Monroe water quality professional engineering services contract. Survey data collection efforts are underway to support the project's design and permitting. The ARPA-funded project entails the construction of water quality improvements in four locations on the north side of Lake Monroe in the Deltona area: Children's Way, Clark Street, Enterprise Osteen Road, and Lemon Bluff Road. For more information, contact Lori Koontz at lkoontz@volusia.org.

**Solid Waste**: For unincorporated Volusia County residents, there was no change to the garbage, recycling, bulk waste or yard waste collection on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Jan. 16. The West Volusia Transfer Station and the Tomoka Farms Road Landfill also maintained regular operations Jan. 16. For more information, contact Regina Montgomery at montgomery@volusia.org.

**Traffic Engineering**: The division's construction contractor is rebuilding the signal at Clyde Morris and Willow Run boulevards in the Port Orange area. They have installed the mast arm drilled shafts, and the mast arm poles have been delivered to the site for installation. The contractor will begin work next week installing the mast arms. For more information, contact Jay Williams at jiwilliams@volusia.org.

**Water Resources and Utilities**: During the 2022 calendar year, 3,173 continuous water use and 576 high consumption alert calls were made to customers. The utilities support team contacts customers advising of continuous 24-hour use, which may indicate a leak, and unusually high consumption over 72 hours, which may indicate inefficient irrigation use. These proactive measures help customers avoid costly bills and potential damage to their homes. For more information, contact Mike Ulrich at mulrich@volusia.org.