Volusia County Government Activities January 23 – 29, 2021

AVIATION & ECONOMIC RESOURCES

Daytona Beach International Airport

Operations – The scheduled mission of the USAF KC-135 stratotanker, scheduled to arrive Sunday, Jan 24 was canceled. There's a slight uptick in general aviation (corporate) traffic due to this weekend's Rolex 24. Sheltair has requested use of the Alpha Run Up area to park aircraft that will not fit onto the lease hold ramp.

Air Service/ Marketing/ Customer Experience – The airport is partnering with NASCAR to celebrate Speedweeks inside and outside of the airport. This special event marketing activation will run Feb. 5 to 15, and provide visitors and residents with the excitement of the Daytona 500, right when they step into the terminal. The airport will be promoting the branding effort once all of the marketing assets are in place.

Economic Development: Economic Development Director Helga van Eckert will produce and moderate an educational webinar at 10 a.m. Feb. 4, on the Paycheck Protection Program, Round 2. Guest speakers include Tom Daly, Director of the Small Business Development Center and Mike Sibley, Partner with James Moore & Company CPAs. Questions will be taken during the session or can be sent to vced@volusia.org by Feb. 2. Preregistration is required and can be made at https://tinyurl.com/yxj8vhh8. For more information, contact Joanne Magley at 386-248-8030 ext: 18309 or jmagley@volusia.org.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Extension Services: Daytona Gardens Apartments was awarded the Gold Level Florida-Friendly Landscape (FFL) Certification by the Extension Services team. This certification was awarded for their adoption of environmentally sound landscape, irrigation, and management policies that incorporate FFL principles to protect water quality and quantity. This local apartment complex will be recognized as the Commercial Landscape FFL Award winner for Florida. For more information, contact Brad Burbaugh at bburbaugh@volusia.org.

Library Services: On Jan. 27, Daytona Beach Assistant Regional Librarian Dedra Roman, was a presenter for the Bethune-Cookman University School of Education webinar session titled "Social Movements Through Children's Literature." Ms. Romans read and discussed the book "Lillian's Right to Vote by Jonah Winters for children ages 5-9. For more information, contact Lucinda Colee at Icolee@volusia.org

Parks, Recreation and Culture: On Jan. 29, the Backpack Buddies hosted their twelfth Drive-Thru Food give-a-way at PFC Emory L. Bennett Veterans Memorial Park. Volunteers conducted a no-contact distribution process with a participant drive up with placement of food items in the trunk of the vehicles.

COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE

Community Information: Staff continues to work with Public Protection and the Florida Department of Health in Volusia County on COVID-19 vaccination efforts. Staff developed a script and took pictures for the employee recognition video, which will be shown to honorees in March. The production crew worked with Economic Development in presenting the first of a series of monthly webinars for local businesses. Staff interviewed an "Understanding the Vaccine" discussion with Halifax Health physician, Scott Klioze, MD, for a future Volusia Magazine and social media feature. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at kcaptain@volusia.org.

GROWTH & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Environmental Management: The Marine Science Center was busy releasing animals that had been successfully rehabilitated. The Bird Department released 12 birds that included pelicans, royal terns, ring-billed gulls, and laughing gulls. The Turtle Department released three green sea turtles and one loggerhead sea turtle. On Jan. 26, Green Volusia hosted the second hybrid Save Our Springs and Rivers Academy. This water quality academy is designed to provide an in-depth citizen engagement experience about water pollution issues and solutions. The free academy includes six virtual classes with guest speakers, and one in-person field trip at Blue Spring State Park (following COVID-19 precautions). For more information, contact Ginger Adair at gadair@volusia.org.

Planning and Development Services: On Jan. 28, staff met with representatives from the various user groups from the Volusia Fairgrounds and adjacent property owners to review a proposed rezoning to Planned Unit Development (PUD) for the property between the Fairgrounds and I-4. Additionally, there was a discussion with the city of DeLand staff regarding the placement of potable water wells on the Fairgrounds property. There is a standing meeting group representing the Fairgrounds interests and the private property owner to address potential issues regarding to permitted uses, access and compatibility.



OCEAN CENTER

Events: On Jan. 27 to 31, the Ocean Center hosts the area's premier indoor volleyball tournament, the NIKE Daytona Beach 100, Florida's largest two-day indoor tournament. The event attracts more than 290 teams from Florida and Georgia with 3,000+ athletes and 600 coaches, coupled with friends and families. The event utilizes the entire facility and is currently booked through 2024 with discussions to extend through 2027. Staff are excited to soon host Signature EquipoVision's Amway Training and Education conference. The event is expected to bring in 2,000 attendees with an estimated 750 hotel room nights. Additionally, as the EquipoVision event is underway, the center will simultaneously host the Daytona Beach Open annual gymnastics event, produced by ACE Gymnastics. This event will bring approximately 2,000 attendees with an additional 400 room nights. For all events, social distancing and masks are required. For more information, contact Tim Buckley at tbuckley@volusia.org.

PUBLIC WORKS

Coastal: Staff are working to get the beach ready for In-Season levels of service to begin on Jan. 30. Special attention is being paid to sand removal on ramps, preventative maintenance to toll booths, increased staffing of major parks, an increased level of trash service along the beach, opening of seasonal beach ramps and increased ramp grading frequency. For more information, contact Jessica Winterwerp at (386) 248-8072, ext. 20356.

Engineering & Construction: Substantial completion of the DeLeon Springs portion of the Spring to Spring Trail was issued on Jan. 22. This portion of the trail begins on Baxter St at Grand Ave and extends east to Ponce DeLeon Blvd where it turns to the north following Ponce DeLeon Blvd to Spring Garden Ave where it makes its way to US 17. The trail averages 12 feet in width and is approximately 1.2 miles long. For more information, contact Tadd Kasbeer at (386) 736-5967, ext. 15846.

Mosquito Control: Mosquito Control uses an integrated pest management program to detect the presence of viruses and the mosquitoes that transmit them. We conduct year-round surveillance using a variety of mosquito traps to identify where vector mosquitoes are present. To learn more about how Mosquito Control reduces the risk of virus transmission, visit our website at volusia.org/services/public-works/mosquito-control/mosquito-borne-illnesses.stml. For more information, contact Suzanne Bartlett, (386) 424-2920, ext. 20272.





Road & Bridge: Crews recently completed stormwater improvements along Carter Road, working in coordination with Engineering & Construction that then had the roadway resurfaced. For more information, contact Benjamin Bartlett at (386) 822-6422, ext. 20470.

Solid Waste: Staff are planning to host a free collection event for household hazardous materials from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, at DeBary City Hall, 16 Colomba Rd. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, traffic will be one way, and residents must stay in their cars. Residents may drop off old paint, solvents, automobile and household batteries, pool chemicals, pesticides, motor oil, gasoline, other household chemicals, and up to 10 fluorescent lamps. For more information, contact Regina Montgomery at (386) 947-2952, ext. 21347.

Traffic Engineering: Traffic signal staff will be relocating to the new Public Works Northeast Facility from Holly Hill over the next few weeks. For more information, contact Jon Cheney at (386) 736-5968, ext. 12709.

Water Resources and Utilities: A total of 222 water use alerts were sent to customers during the month of January. The utilities support team contacts customers advising of continuous 24-hour use (indicating possible leaks) and unusually high consumption during a 72-hour period (indicating inefficient irrigation use). These proactive measures help customers avoid costly bills and potential damage within the home. For more information, contact Mike Ulrich at (386) 943-7027, ext. 12724.

