

Volusia County Government Activities July 11 – 17, 2020

Aviation and Economic Resources

Airport

Projects & Facilities- Staff is preparing to complete the third phase of the Taxiway November project. The \$40 million project is just five months from being completed with the fourth and final phase beginning July 20.

Marketing & Customer Experience- Staff began distributing DAB Cares Kits to departing passengers on July 13. A number of media outlets published articles and TV news spots including NPR Orlando, Fox 35, and Channel 9. The kits include a DAB branded face covering, hand sanitizer, luggage tag, mints and a “thank you for choosing DAB” card. The kits are part of the airport’s Ready to Fly initiative promoting health and safety initiatives at DAB.

Economic Development

It was a busy week for staff as they continue processing COVID-19 recovery grants for small businesses. Below is an update: Small Business Reopening Grant- 2701 applications, 2118 phase-1 approvals, 2297 phase-2 approvals, 1845 checks issued, \$5.6M dispersed, Home-Based Business Grant, Electronic application designed and tested, 286 completed applications have been submitted, 87 phase-1 approvals, Phase-2 reviews to begin next week.

In the first round of PPE kit distribution, 3,500 kits were packed and distributed by the Chambers. Every location was depleted of kits before 2pm. Staff met with the chamber team to organize second round of distribution. For more information, contact Joanne Magley at 386-248-8030 ext: 18309 or jmagley@volusia.org.

Community Services

Agriculture Extension (AG Center)

Extension Services provided subject-matter expertise and technical assistance to 198 residents through email, appointments, and telephone contacts. Additionally, 312 individuals participated in our virtual, online educational programs. Next week, our team will host a multi-county virtual First Detector Training focused on enhancing the early detection of exotic, invasive pests that threaten agriculture, nursery industries, and natural areas. For more information, contact Brad Burbaugh at bburbaugh@volusia.org.

Votran

Paratransit trips for the month of June were up by 1698 from May. Mask distribution is going strong. Nearly 50,000 masks have been handed out to fixed route and paratransit customers. Citizens that don’t ride the bus have been picking up masks at the transfer plaza and the Votran office in South Daytona. As of July 14 total ridership to the Tanger Outlet stop is 83. Service started June 28 and has been averaging 5.2 passengers per day boarding and de-boarding at the Tanger stop. For more information, contact Edie Biro at 386-756-7496.

County Manager’s Office

Community Information

Community Information staff continues to focus primarily on the dissemination of information regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. Staff organized and hosted a news conference and panel discussion this week. Other projects include radio advertising, an "Opportunity Knocks" video, Facebook posts, news releases, utility bill stuffer, pet food giveaway flyer, and the production of 50,000 rent/mortgage assistance flyers. Staff is also working with Growth and Resource Management to create and distribute an informational flyer about short-term rentals. Regarding the Volusia ECHO and Volusia Forever initiatives, a previous video was updated and informational flyers are awaiting final approval. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at kcaptain@volusia.org.

Growth and Resource Management

Administration

On July 13, staff from Growth & Resource Management, the County Attorney’s office and the County Manager’s office met with representatives from the cities of New Smyrna Beach and Edgewater to review proposed amendments to their respective CRAs. The cities were following-up on the issues identified to the County Council at the Feb. 18 meeting. There will be additional discussion between the staff members in order for the cities to determine if they should pursue the proposed changes. For more information, contact Clay Ervin at cervin@volusia.org.

Ocean Center

Events

The Volusia County High School Graduations went off without a hitch. The diligent preparation provided the students and families with a safe celebration, with a remote live feed option. The big move of the PPE equipment to the ballroom and the splitting the ballroom with Halifax Urban Ministries was managed seamlessly. Both have been left easy access to the truck docks via the arena loading docks and the plan has come together as envisioned. Everything has been moved out of the exhibit hall and arena, freeing up space for graduations and other upcoming events.



Our next event moves in next Wednesday and begins on Thursday, the Bacon Beatdown Fitness Competition July 24-26. It's one of the largest fitness competitions in Central Florida with an expected attendance of about 2,500 and approximately 300 room nights. The competition is on Friday 9 a.m. – 6 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m. – 6 p.m., and Sunday 7 a.m. - 3 p.m. For more information, contact Tim Riddle at 386-254-4500 ext: 24514 or triddle@volusia.org.

Public Works

Coastal

The Coastal Division graded and filled the 12th Avenue right-of-way in New Smyrna Beach and the Oceanview Avenue off-beach parking area located in Ponce Inlet. Coastal maintenance staff also installed composite handrail cap on the 12th Avenue dune walkover and conducted landscape improvements at Winterhaven Park in Ponce Inlet in coordination with the county Corrections Division. For more information, contact Jessica Winterwerp at (386) 248-8072, ext. 20356.

Engineering & Construction

Spring to Spring Trail , DeLeon Springs – The Notice to Proceed for the segment of the Spring to Spring Trail in DeLeon Springs was issued on July 6. Clearing and grubbing activities are currently taking place in preparation of trail construction. For more information, contact Tadd Kasbeer at (386) 736-5967, ext. 15846.

Mosquito Control

Mosquito Control surveillance shows increasing mosquito populations due to recent rainfall and saturated soils. Field inspectors are proactively larviciding to reduce additional mosquitoes from emerging. For more information, contact Suzanne Bartlett, (386) 424-2920, ext. 20272.



Road & Bridge

Road & Bridge recently received a citizen request for road repair on St. Johns Place and John Anderson Drive in Ormond Beach. After the repair was completed by the northeast maintenance crew, the citizen called back to express appreciation for the prompt response and good work. For more information, contact Benjamin Bartlett at (386) 822-6422, ext. 20470.

Solid Waste

On July 15, P & S Paving began resurfacing the entrance road at the Tomoka Farms Road Landfill. The resurfacing is expected to be complete by July 18. For more information, contact Regina Montgomery at (386) 947-2952, ext. 21347.

Traffic Engineering

Staff has reviewed three large residential projects in the southwest area of Deltona in the past couple of years (generally along Doyle Road and Enterprise-Osteen Road near SR 415 and Courtland Blvd). These projects include Vineland Reserve, Enterprise Osteen PUD, and Courtland Park. These three “single land use” projects total 1,154 residential units and will generate 1,098 trips in the PM peak hour. County staff will continue to monitor the area since an abundance of residential homes in an area, without adequate nearby *non-residential* land uses to support them, has a strong potential to consume roadway capacity at a much faster rate than areas with a mix of land uses. For more information, contact Jon Cheney at (386) 736-5968, ext. 12709.

Water Resources and Utilities

Utilities staff recently participated with the St. Johns River Water Management District staff in pre-application meetings for renewal of its consumptive use permit, allowing for groundwater withdrawals necessary to serve residents and businesses within the county's various utility service areas. The current permit will expire in May 2021. Consumptive use permits are typically renewed for periods between 20 and 30 years. For more information, contact Mike Ulrich at (386) 943-7027, ext. 12724.