

Volusia County Government Activities July 24 – 30, 2021

AVIATION & ECONOMIC RESOURCES

Daytona Beach International Airport

Marketing, Customer Experience & Air Service Development: DBIA was named Florida's 2021 Commercial Service Airport of the Year by the Florida Department of Transportation. The award and issuance of a news release resulted in positive news coverage from multiple media outlets. For more information, contact Joanne Magley at jmagley@volusia.org.

Economic Development: The County's Economic Development Division's infrastructure grant application for \$4M from the Economic Development Administration (EDA) was approved. A CARES Act Recovery Assistance grant, the funds will be used to expand the airport infrastructure to prepare for future economic development projects. This EDA grant will be matched with \$1 million from county economic development funds.

Staff has published the *2nd quarter Economic Development Quarterly* publication, with a focus on international trade opportunities and stories about local businesses that export their products globally. The publication has been converted to a mobile-friendly version available to read at <http://www.floridabusiness.org/ticker/business-beyond-borders.stml>. The publication is also available to read as a printable version at <http://www.floridabusiness.org/core/fileparse.php/6039/urlt/EDQ-Q2-2021-Final-ada.pdf>. In addition, email distribution of the publication has been brought in-house to increase readership and awareness. For more information, contact Joanne Magley at jmagley@volusia.org.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Votran: To help improve safety around our buses, we are adding flashing lights to the rear of our buses to improve visibility while the bus is stopped to board and deboard passengers. Follow this link to see a video of the lights: <https://youtu.be/vlcRzDcR7sk>. Passengers boarding our buses still must wear masks while on board the bus. Operators and staff continue to hand out masks for those passengers who may not have any. For more information, please contact Kelvin Miller at kmiller@volusia.org.

COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE

Community Information: Production staff provided technical support for the recently-concluded series of affordable housing webinars and continues to collaborate with Community Services on production and AV services for the Aug. 27 summit at the Ocean Center. The production staff will be filming the training session that emergency management is putting on for elected officials on Aug. 2. Community Information is collaborating with staff on information needs related to the upcoming redistricting process. Staff will be providing communications support to Mrs. Wheeler and the committee planning for the arrival and public display of the Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune statue. Staff also is working on renewed COVID-19 mitigation communications in light of the recent spike in cases in Volusia County. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at kcaptain@volusia.org.

GROWTH & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Environmental Management: Through the Save Our Springs and Rivers Grant funded initiative, Environmental Management staff developed a number of short videos to provide educational information about Low Impact Development (LID) and Green Infrastructure (GI). These videos, together with the latest LID Forum series, are available as a playlist through Environmental Management's YouTube channel. Topics range from introducing LID and GI to cost effectiveness and maintenance of LID and green building: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLu-ldVs_BY_GWXz-t5Y8x86xNREormO2R. For more information, contact Ginger Adair at GAdair@volusia.org.

OCEAN CENTER

Events: This weekend we are hosting the 4th Annual Slammedenuff Daytona Beach Car Show, July 31- Aug. 1, 1 p.m.- 7 p.m. each day. General admission tickets are \$25 for one day or \$45 for a two-day pass.

Next week, Aug. 4-7, we will host the Florida Onsite Wastewater Association for their annual convention and tradeshow. We are expecting 800 attendees, generating 300 rooms nights. The Florida Onsite Wastewater Association is an organized group of those engaged in the manufacturing, installation, repair or maintenance of onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems, plus firms that service and supply the industry. Members are dedicated to protecting the health of Florida's residents and maintaining the environment through sound ecological practices. They attempt to improve the quality of onsite sewage treatment and disposal system products and installation procedures and furnish information to the public and health authorities.

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



PUBLIC PROTECTION

Animal Services: Director Adam Leath discussed pets and disasters on the July 27 Volusia Today radio show. For more information, contact Division Director Adam Leath, 386-822-3506.

Beach Safety: Junior lifeguard camp will be wrapping up this week. The last camp is an advanced camp for youths interested in advanced skills in stand up paddle board, surf instruction and competition. Professional training in CPR and first aid is also provided. This camp also includes field trips to the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse and Marine Science center. Each camper must have completed three junior camps to qualify for this advanced camp. For more information, contact Division Director Andy Etheridge, (386) 239-6414.

Emergency Management: Director Helene Wetherington had a meet-n-greet on July 28 with Daytona Beach officials to see how EM can support their community during disasters. For more information, please contact Division Director Helene Wetherington, (386) 254-1500.

Emergency Medical Services: Paramedic Academy began July 26, with two EMS employees and three Fire Rescue employees in attendance. The class will run through the end of this week. For more information, contact Interim Division Director Mark Wolcott, (386) 561-8087.

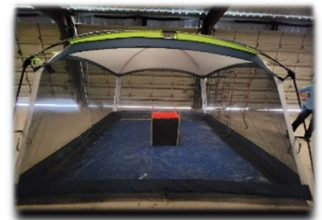
Fire Rescue: Members of VCFR traveled to Appleton, Wisconsin this week to inspect the new tender engine. For more information, contact Fire Chief Howard Bailey, (386) 736-5940 ext. 12918.

PUBLIC WORKS

Coastal: Coastal tradesworkers completed the renovation of the 87-foot-long walkover at Seagull Avenue in Wilbur-by-the-Sea. The Coastal Division has renovated several walkovers this year in which weathered boards were replaced and timber top-rails were replaced with a composite material. These walkovers are an essential part of preserving our natural dune environment by eliminating foot traffic on the natural dunes and offering safe public access to the beach. For more information, contact Jessica Winterwerp at (386) 248-8072, ext. 20356.

Engineering & Construction: Improvements are underway on the Sugar Mill Drive widening project. Currently, swale grading is taking place throughout the project. Additionally, temporary road construction is underway in preparation of a traffic shift. For more information, contact Tadd Kasbeer at (386) 736-5967, ext. 15846.

Mosquito Control: Mosquito Control is preparing to conduct an evaluation of the flight distance of the salt marsh mosquitoes *Aedes taeniorhynchus* and *Aedes sollicitans*. To accomplish this, a dusting device that transfers a colored dye to the mosquitoes is being tested in a controlled enclosure with trays of larval mosquitoes to confirm efficacy before deploying the device in the field. The information gathered will be used to more efficiently target operations and treatments for these mosquitoes that travel long distances from the salt marsh into residential areas. For more information, contact Suzanne Bartlett at (386) 424-2920, ext. 20272.



Road & Bridge: Road striping and pavement markings around school zones are being refreshed in preparation of the start of the new school year in August. For more information, contact Benjamin Bartlett at (386) 822-6422, ext. 20470.

Solid Waste: The Volusia County Adopt a Road Program is a litter reduction campaign designed to remove litter and debris from Volusia County roads to keep Volusia County beautiful. Community volunteers sign up to adopt 1 mile of county roadway and perform litter clean-ups four times a year. In July, thus far, 28 volunteers have performed cleanups, collecting 1,000 pounds of litter from county roadways. For more information, contact Regina Montgomery at (386) 947-2952, ext. 21347.

Traffic Engineering: Due to recent Southwest Activity Center development interest, including a recently submitted multifamily rezoning application, Traffic Engineering prepared a transportation guide to assist developers. The guide is based on the Southwest Activity Center local plan, which has specific transportation planning, traffic circulation, development design and infrastructure requirements as compared to standard development requirements. For more information, contact Jon Cheney at (386) 736-5968, ext. 12709.

Water Resources and Utilities: Utilities staff finalized terms and conditions of a utility services agreement for the Canopy Terrace subdivision in the State Road 472 activity center corridor, providing water, wastewater and reclaimed services for up to 140 residential lots. The agreement is expected to be scheduled for County Council consideration in September. For more information, contact Mike Ulrich at (386) 943-7027, ext. 12724.