

## Volusia County Government Activities July 31 – August 6, 2021

### COMMUNITY SERVICES

**Community Assistance:** The Children and Families Advisory Board (CFAB) will meet at 1:30 p.m., Aug. 10, in the Frank T. Bruno, Jr., Council Chambers, 123 W. Indiana Ave., DeLand. Members will hear agency presentations for proposed contingency programs, make contingency funding recommendations, and hear lead agency presentations about proposed RSQ changes. Staff will also provide a summer camp scholarship program update.

Special contract funding for \$15,000 is available through the Children and Families Advisory Board for government entities or non-profit organizations to provide sickle cell disease education and outreach services in Volusia County. Applications are available online at <https://www.volusia.org/services/community-services/community-assistance/applications.shtml> and will be accepted until Aug. 13. For more information, please contact Carmen Hall at 386-736-5955.

**Resource Stewardship:** The Extension Services team collaborated with state agencies, local non-profits and farmers to host a Saw Palmetto Berry information and networking meeting on July 31. This educational session offered our citizens the opportunity to learn more about the Saw Palmetto industry, the permitting process, and tips for successful berry harvesting. This week our Land Management team led an onsite, state-required review of our management practices at Doris Leaper Spruce Creek Preserve. For more information, contact Brad Burbaugh at [bburbaugh@volusia.org](mailto:bburbaugh@volusia.org).

### COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE

**Community Information:** Staff coordinated with Public Protection to launch a paid social media campaign supporting hiring efforts for EMS providers by way of a Google search engine marketing campaign and; in addition, with the future creation of a recruitment video(s). Staff is coordinating with Animal Services to promote their upcoming pet microchip and disaster kit giveaway event on Saturday, Aug. 14; a news release and social post will be sent Aug. 9. Efforts are underway in the creation of new features for Volusia Magazine. Staff are collaborating with the Emergency Management Division, the Florida Department of Health in Volusia County and physician leaders from AdventHealth and Halifax Health, with the continued efforts to encourage COVID-19 vaccination. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at [kcaptain@volusia.org](mailto:kcaptain@volusia.org).

### GROWTH & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

**Environmental Management:** International Coastal Cleanup Registration Open: Volusia County residents and visitors can think globally and act locally during the 2021 International Coastal Cleanup and Halifax/Indian River Cleanup on Sept. 18. The Volusia County Environmental Management Division is looking for volunteers to remove trash from beaches, rivers, and park. Registration is now open and will close 11 a.m., Aug. 27. The first 1500 registered volunteers will receive a commemorative clean up giveaway so register early for your site. <http://origin.volusia.org/services/growth-and-resource-management/environmental-management/get-invol>. For more information, contact Ginger Adair at [gadair@volusia.org](mailto:gadair@volusia.org).

### PUBLIC PROTECTION

**Animal Services:** Division Director, Adam Leath and Field Supervisor Alicia Dease will be training animal control officer candidates from throughout Florida in collaboration with Daytona State College, Volusia County State Attorney's Office, Volusia County Health Department and Flagler Humane Society. Animal Control course graduates will be eligible to be employed in a capacity to take enforcement action under the jurisdictional agency to write citations and make civil or criminal complaints about animal cruelty, law or regulatory violations. For more information, contact Division Director Adam Leath, (386) 822-3506.

**Beach Safety:** In an effort to provide collegial and personal support, staff conducted a fundraiser for a Beach Safety officer who was recently diagnosed with brain cancer. Beach Safety Annual Awards Banquet to be held at One Daytona on Aug. 5, sponsored by the Volusia Surf Lifesaving Association. For more information, contact Division Director Andy Etheridge, (386) 239-6414.



**Corrections:** The Corrections Division vaccinated another 125 inmates during the recent week, bringing the total number of inmates who have received their vaccination while in custody to 1,065. Not all of these inmates are still in custody, many have returned to our communities. For more information, contact Division Director Mark Flowers, (386) 254-1568

**Emergency Management:** Staff hosted an *Elected Officials Role in Disasters* training Aug. 2 at the Emergency Operations Center in Daytona Beach. Staff is closely monitoring and collaborating with state agencies and community partners with efforts to mitigate the current spike in COVID-19 infections within the community. Staff are implementing a range of situational awareness activities including weekly COVID-19 Pandemic Conference calls, weekly flash reports, and city manager briefings. For more information, please contact Division Director Helene Wetherington, (386) 254-1500.

**Fire Rescue:** Training has been completed on the new Squad Engine 35 that arrived last month. The new apparatus is being outfitted with tools and equipment with a tentative in-service date, Sept. 1. For more information, contact Fire Chief Howard Bailey, (386) 736-5940 ext. 12918.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

**Coastal:** Coastal staff worked with Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) and U.S. Fish and Wildlife (FWS) staff to conduct a pre-bid meeting for the removal of exotic vegetation within Smyrna Dunes Park. This project was initiated by a grant from FWC and aims to treat approximately 85 acres of habitat that currently contains significant exotic vegetation. Contractors plan to complete all treatment in early fall of 2021. For more information, contact Jessica Winterwerp at (386) 248-8072, ext. 20356.

**Engineering & Construction:** The solicitation for the High Bridge Boat Ramp closed on July 27. Request of award and bid packages were received on Aug. 3 and are currently under review with anticipated concurrence from the County Engineer by Aug.16. For more information, contact Tadd Kasbeer at (386) 736-5967, ext. 15846.

**Mosquito Control:** Mosquito Control surveillance shows an increase in the domestic or container-breeding mosquitoes, *Aedes aegypti* and *Aedes albopictus*. Field inspectors are responding to neighborhoods to conduct property inspections to educate residents on where mosquitoes may be producing in their yard and to empty any standing water to reduce biting mosquitoes. Wide area larviciding operations are also being conducted to reach hard to reach areas where these mosquito larvae are found. Mosquito Control staff licensed by the Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services perform the larvicide operations. These products do not harm people, pets or the environment when applied in accordance to product label instructions. For more information, contact Suzanne Bartlett at (386) 424-2920, ext. 20272.

**Road & Bridge:** New reporting requirements to analyze stormwater and wastewater needs were passed during the recent legislative session, known as House Bill 53. By June 30, 2022, and every five years thereafter, the bill requires each county, municipality or special district providing a stormwater management program/system or wastewater services to develop a needs analysis for its jurisdiction for the next 20 years. Feedback will be provided to the Office of Economic and Demographic Research to assist with the reporting template. For more information, contact Benjamin Bartlett at (386) 822-6422, ext. 20470.

**Solid Waste:** With the sale of the Road & Bridge Holly Hill property at 455 Walker St., the used oil and recycling drop off containers will be removed Aug. 20. Alternate used oil and recycling drop off locations may be found at <https://www.volusia.org/services/public-works/solid-waste-and-recycling/recycling/recycling-drop-off-sites.stml>. For more information, contact Regina Montgomery at (386) 947-2952, ext. 21347.

**Traffic Engineering:** There are currently eight state, county and developer road construction projects affecting 27 traffic signals countywide. The road construction contractors are responsible for maintaining these traffic signals during construction, with Traffic Engineering staff inspecting and accepting the signal work performed when the project is complete. 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 Halifax Plantation subdivision Section O Phases 2 and 3 in its northeast service area. The agreement provides for water and wastewater services for up to 145 residential lots. Consideration of the agreement is scheduled for the Aug. 17 County Council meeting. For more information, contact Mike Ulrich at (386) 943-7027, ext. 12724.