

Volusia County Government Activities July 4 – 10, 2020

Aviation and Economic Resources

Airport

Marketing & Customer Experience – Staff is preparing DAB Cares Kits to begin distribution on Monday, July 13. 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

Staff continues processing COVID-19 recovery grants for small businesses. For more information, contact Joanne Magley at 386-248-8030 ext: 18309 or jmagley@volusia.org.

Community Services

Agriculture Extension (AG Center)

Extension’s local Commercial Horticulture and Agriculture/Natural Resources Faculty members were recently promoted to the rank of Agent III (i.e., associate professor) and Agent II (i.e., assistant professor). Starting next week, the 4-H youth development program will offer virtual day camps that cover sewing, entomology/insects, strengths-based leadership development, and environmental science topics. For more information, contact Brad Burbaugh at bburbaugh@volusia.org.

Community Assistance

The Volusia County Community Assistance Division released a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the Emergency Solutions Grant - COVID Relief funds. These special ESG-CV funds are available for eligible non-profit organizations to be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus pandemic among individuals and families who are homeless or receiving homeless assistance. Applications were recently received from nine non-profit organizations for a total of \$2,017,015.00. For more information, contact Carmen Hall at chall@volusia.org

Food Distribution at Area Churches: Relaunch Volusia – Feed a Family Program, July 7, 2020

During the week of July 6, seven area churches distributed 470 bags of food to individuals impacted by the Coronavirus. Churches from Holly Hill, Ormond Beach, South Daytona, New Smyrna Beach, and Deltona participated. Next week an additional DeLand church will participate. Halifax Urban Ministries purchased the food through the Relaunch Volusia - Feed a Family Program and United Way of Volusia/Flagler County coordinated volunteers from the churches for food distribution.

Churches that participated include Kingdom Family Church, Prince of Peace Ormond, Healthy Souls, International, Saint Vincent de Paul at Saint Gerard’s Church, Trinity Assembly Church, White Chapel Church of God, Calvary Christian Church/Dream Center. Next week, Stetson Baptist will participate.

Votran

Fixed Route is operating at 63% of normal ridership. Paratransit is operating at 47% of normal ridership. From June 28 to July 8 ridership to and from the Tanger bus stop totals 50. Votran has received 100,000 face masks, which staff begun distributing to riders and residents last week. These masks are available on buses and at Votran’s Transfer Plaza, 207 Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Blvd., Daytona Beach; and the Votran administrative office, 950 Big Tree Road, South Daytona. To date over 10,000 masks have been distributed. For more information, contact Edie Biro at 386-756-7496.

County Manager’s Office

Community Information

Community Information staff focused on new and repeated advertising for the CARES-funded rental and mortgage grant programs. These included the creation of an organic FB video, sending information to county banks and credit unions, churches/places of worship, and landlords, as well as radio and graphic advertisements in local print ads. Myriad headshot graphics were designed for the *Step Up Volusia* campaign. The COVID-19 testing page on Volusia.org/coronavirus was redesigned and graphics were also designed for COVID-19 testing print ads. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at kcaptain@volusia.org.

Finance

Information Technology

Coordinated with the Airport and technology contractors to implement a new “shared environment,” allowing ticket counters and gates to be dynamically rebranded and reassigned. This will assist with accommodating airline and flight schedule requirements; as well as ease the introduction of new airlines to the facility. Work is ongoing to implement a new intelligent display system to replace the Airport’s physical signage with smart video walls. This will allow for dynamic messaging from the airlines and the provision of up-to-the-minute information for the passengers. For more information, contact Kevin Benge at kbenge@volusia.org or Brian Whiting at bwhiting@volusia.org.



Growth and Resource Management

Building and Code Administration

On Thursday, July 2, 2020, staff from the County Attorney's office, Sheriff's Department, Public Works and Building and Code Enforcement met with representatives from Bethune Beach to review their concerns with short term rentals, illegal parking, speeding and pests. The representatives provided staff with a list of recommendations. Staff is working through the list of recommendations to ensure that implementation is feasible. A response to the residents will be sent out by the end of this week. There may be additional follow-up with the County Council if the recommendations require a direction on existing policies or an amendment to a particular code. Inspections Monthly Snapshot: Scheduled Inspections = 2360; Completed scheduled inspections by County Inspectors = 1134 / 2360 = 48%; Completed scheduled inspections by Universal Inspectors = 1226 / 2360 = 52%; There was a 20% increase for inspections scheduled. For more information, contact Clay Ervin at cervin@volusia.org.

Ocean Center

Events

Ocean Center successfully teamed up with the Chamber Alliance assembling and distributing PPE kits, along with food distribution with Halifax Urban Ministries. Staff recently worked with Emergency Management to extend the time period for Center space and resources, currently slated through September. There will be some shifting of space necessary for upcoming events. Volusia County High School Graduations are this week's chief events. In collaboration with the school board, safety protocols are our top priority. For more information, contact Tim Riddle at 386-254-4500 ext: 24514 or triddle@volusia.org.

Public Works

Coastal

The Coastal Division coordinated the development of a comprehensive July Fourth holiday beach operations, maintenance and management plan among multiple county divisions, contractors and stakeholder groups. Over 24 tons of garbage and 2.25 tons of recyclables were collected from the beach during the holiday weekend with contractor staff mobilized on foot, in utility vehicles and with trucks and trailers before daybreak on Saturday and Sunday. Coastal trades workers also installed low-rise fencing to demarcate the mangrove wetland mitigation area at the Wilbur Boathouse property located in Wilbur-by-the-Sea. For more information, contact Terri Propst at (386) 248-8072, ext. 20337.



Mosquito Control

Mosquito Control Environmental Specialists are conducting routine chemical resistance testing on *Culex quinquefasciatus* mosquito populations that were reared in our insectary. For more information, contact Suzanne Bartlett, (386) 424-2920, ext. 20272.

Road & Bridge

The construction of the Public Works Northeast Services Facility is progressing well. Sixty cubic yards of concrete for the wash rack was placed on June 26. For more information, contact Benjamin Bartlett at (386) 822-6422, ext. 20470.

Solid Waste

On June 2, 2020, the County Council approved the selection and award of an agreement with Superior Processing and Weighing for the replacement of two truck scales at the Tomoka Farms Road Landfill. Superior Processing and Weighing completed the installation on June 28, 2020. For more information, contact Solid Waste Director Regina Montgomery at (386) 947-2952, ext. 21347.

Traffic Engineering

Reviewed several beach side issues to include, a) pedestrian crossing issues at Hiles Blvd. and CR A1A/S Atlantic Ave. and Hiles Blvd. and Saxon Drive and b) July Fourth holiday stacking issues at the Intl Speedway Blvd. and SR A1A beach approach. Staff have also been setting up speed radar feedback signs due to citizen concerns about speeding along Prevatt Ave. (Lake Helen) and E. Iris Dr. (Orange City). For more information, contact Jon Cheney at (386) 736-5968, ext. 12709.

Water Resources and Utilities

Utilities field operations and maintenance crews completed annual hurricane preparation procedures checking all auxiliary and standby equipment to ensure proper operation of its 16 treatment plants, 26 production wells, and 123 wastewater pumping stations throughout the County during emergency conditions. For more information, contact Mike Ulrich at (386) 943-7027, ext. 12724.