

## Volusia County Government Activities June 19 – 25, 2021

### COMMUNITY SERVICES

**Community Assistance:** Volusia County is organizing a three-part Affordable Housing Initiative. The first part will consist of five webinars, which will occur noon to 1:30 p.m. every Friday in July. The second part will be an in-person summit on August 27, at the Ocean Center. The third part will consist of workgroups establishing a countywide action plan by December 2021. For more information, please visit [www.volusia.org/affordable-housing-summit](http://www.volusia.org/affordable-housing-summit). For more information, please contact Carmen Hall at 386-736-5955.

**Ag Extension:** Twelve residents completed the UF/IFAS master naturalist coastal systems training program. These UF-trained volunteers now have the knowledge and skills to educate our community about the ecology, habitats, vegetation, wildlife, and conservation of coastal systems. Next week, land Management staff will help facilitate the Florida Audubon annual Jay Watch held at Lyonia Preserve. Jay Watch observations will help estimate the scrub jay population and will assist in identifying newly fledged juvenile scrub jays on this county-owned preserve. For more information, please contact Kalan Taylor at [kataylor@volusia.org](mailto:kataylor@volusia.org).

**Library Services:** The new StoryWalk® at the DeLand Regional Library opened on June 21, and is a great opportunity for parents and grandparents to promote literacy to young children while also encouraging healthy activity. Community members are invited to read a colorful children's picture book while walking around the outside of the library building. This free activity was made possible by the Friends of the DeLand Library who purchased the sign holders used for the StoryWalk® (see picture at right). Our first featured book is *The Three Billy Goats Gruff*, by Jerry Pinkney. For more information, please contact Lucinda Colee at [lclee@volusia.org](mailto:lclee@volusia.org).



### COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE

**Community Information:** Staff distributed the July/August issue of County Line and is working with Community Assistance to develop a newspaper ad announcing the Consolidated Action Plan. Staff is working with Solid Waste on a feature highlighting the Volusia County Adopt-a-Road program for Evolve Magazine and is collaborating with Mosquito Control on a comprehensive mosquito story. The production team continues to collaborate with Community Services and Grown & Resource Management on the upcoming Affordable Housing Initiative. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at [kcaptain@volusia.org](mailto:kcaptain@volusia.org).

### OCEAN CENTER

**Events:** The Ocean Center hosted the Florida Association of Pupil Transport for their Annual Summer Conference. This event ran from June 21-24. The conference included recognized expert presentations and discussion sessions in a variety of subjects for every level of administrator and staff. There were sessions designed for fleet, safety, routing, driver training and operational supervisors. This event brought approximately 300 attendees, generating over 500 room nights; it was the first time this event was held at the Ocean Center. We also welcomed Signature Equipovision for their Amway Training and Education conference. The event ran June 23-27, bringing with it 1,600 attendees, and an estimated 900 hotel room nights. For more information, contact Tim Riddle at [triddle@volusia.org](mailto:triddle@volusia.org).

### PUBLIC PROTECTION

**Animal Services:** VCAS collaborated with Volusia County Mosquito Control to present heartworm prevention and awareness at the Halifax Humane Society Kid's Camp on June 22, for National Mosquito Awareness Week. For more information, contact Field Supervisor Alicia Dease (386) 717-7831.

**Beach Safety:** The annual washback turtle training is being offered this week. This training helps individuals look for and rescue sea turtles that are caught among the accumulations of seaweed on the beach or have been washed ashore due to heavy winds and surf. For more information, contact Division Director Andy Etheridge, (386) 239-6414.

**Emergency Management:** VCEM will hold the G-300: Intermediate Command System for Expanding Incidents training from June 22-24. This training is designed for emergency response personnel who would function in a Command or

General Staff position during large, complex incidents or for personnel who could be a part of a local or regional Incident Management Team. For more information please, contact Division Director Helene Wetherington, (386) 254-1500.

**Emergency Medical Administration:** Approved by Volusia County Council, video laryngoscopes have been purchased and will be utilized by the Advanced Life Support (ALS) agencies to enhance the proficiency of airway management. For more information, contact Division Director Mark Wolcott, (386) 561-8087.

**Fire Rescue:** June 20-26 is Safety Stand Down week. This is a joint initiative of the International Association of Fire Chiefs and the National Volunteer Fire Council with the goal of reducing the number of preventable injuries and deaths in fire and emergency services. This year's theme is "Rebuild Rehab" which focuses on the critical importance of physical and psychological rehab to mitigate the physiological and mental impacts of firefighting with the goal of ensuring everyone is ready to respond to the next emergency. For more information, contact Fire Chief Howard Bailey, (386) 736-5940 ext. 12918.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

**Coastal:** Coastal trades workers renovated the public beach approach at Heron Street in Wilbur-by-Sea. Coastal staff also installed split rail fencing, additional rails and post to extend the fencing south of the walkway at Starfish Avenue in Bethune Beach. For more information, contact Jessica Winterwerp at (386) 248-8072, ext. 20356.



**Engineering & Construction:** The Lemon Bluff Marina privacy wall installation is complete with the exception of painting, which will take place at the end of the project. This week the septic system inspection is scheduled and the pavilion installation will begin. For more information, contact Tadd Kasbeer at (386) 736-5967, ext. 15846.

**Mosquito Control:** Mosquito Control is conducting proactive inspections and treatments in areas of scheduled community events for the Fourth of July weekend. Requests for service related to upcoming events can be submitted on [volusia.org/mosquito](http://volusia.org/mosquito) or by calling (386) 424-2920. For more information, contact Suzanne Bartlett at (386) 424-2920, ext. 20272.

**Road & Bridge:** The pre-construction meeting for the Gabordy Canal Stormwater Treatment Facility at 10<sup>th</sup> Street project was held on June 15, and notice to proceed with construction has been issued to the contractor. Work will soon be underway for the water quality improvement project that entails the installation of a nutrient removal treatment facility for base flow and roadway stormwater runoff conveyed by the Gabordy Canal prior to its discharge into the Mosquito Lagoon. The project is funded in part through grants from the St. Johns River Water Management District and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. For more information, contact Benjamin Bartlett at (386) 822-6422, ext. 20470.

**Solid Waste:** The Tomoka Farms Road Landfill will hold limited operational hours from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., July 4 in support of the Coastal Division's trash cleanup efforts from the beach and coastal parks. For more information, contact Regina Montgomery at (386) 947-2952, ext. 21347.

**Traffic Engineering:** Traffic signal maintenance was performed in the Orange City and Port Orange areas. For more information, contact Jon Cheney at (386) 736-5968, ext. 12709.

**Water Resources and Utilities:** Water Resources & Utilities (WRU) engineering and operations staff members are currently working with Orange City staff in providing technical review of wastewater and reclaimed infrastructure for the Crossings mixed use development. The project along SR 472 and Kentucky Avenue includes plans for a hotel, apartment complex, and retail/ office space. The county is the wholesale provider of wastewater treatment and reclaimed production for the city's utility. For more information, contact Mike Ulrich at (386) 943-7027, ext. 12724.