

Volusia County Government Activities

June 5 – 11, 2021

AVIATION & ECONOMIC RESOURCES

Daytona Beach International Airport

Marketing, Customer Experience & Air Service Development: On June 7, Joanne Magley presented to the Daytona Beach Rotary and discussed terminal renovations, passenger traffic and customer service/passenger amenities. On June 11, Magley joined the Daytona Beach CVB and Hotel/Lodging Association in a panel discussion on tourism for the Youth Civic Leadership Experience (a program of the Port Orange/South Daytona Chamber) held at the Daytona International Speedway. The audience was 15–17 year olds from Spruce Creek and Atlantic High Schools. A TSA precheck event will take place at the airport June 14-18. Preregistration is required. For more information, contact Joanne Magley at jmagley@volusia.org.

Economic Development: Helga van Eckert, director of Economic Development, was a panelist on the county's Employee Mental Wellness Panel Discussion held on June 11. For more information, contact Joanne Magley at jmagley@volusia.org.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Community Assistance: The summer food program started June 7 with more than 60 sites. The program provides free and nutritious meals to children 18 years of age and younger while school is out for the summer. To locate a site a person may go to www.summerbreakspot.com. The Children and Families Advisory Board is scheduled to meet at 1:30 p.m. on June 15. The meeting will take place in conference room A of the Volusia County Lifeguard Headquarters, 515 S. Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach, and will include a virtual option for the public. The Human Services Advisory Board is scheduled to meet at 3:30 p.m. on June 15. The meeting will take place in the council chambers of the Thomas Kelly Administration Building, 123 W. Indiana Ave., DeLand, and will include a virtual option for the public. For more information, please contact Carmen Hall at 386-736-5955.

COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE

Community Information: As businesses bring staff back to their offices and hire new employees, Community Information staff coordinated a live mental wellness discussion panel on June 11. The focus of the panel recognized the importance of mental wellbeing, sharing best practices with local businesses, and identifying communitywide resources available to businesses, both large and small, for those employees in need. Panelists included representatives from the County's Economic Development Division, CareerSource of Flagler Volusia, Brown & Brown, Halifax Health and the United Way of Volusia-Flagler. Check it out here: <https://www.facebook.com/CountyOfVolusia/videos/787916561743958>. Community Information is collaborating with Emergency Management on evacuation messaging and community awareness to coincide with the onset of the hurricane season. Staff are collaborating with Mosquito Control on National Mosquito Control Awareness week pop-up events taking place June 21-25. The events will allow the public to learn about the county's integrated pest management program and best practices for mosquito prevention and population control. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at kcaptain@volusia.org.

FINANCE

Information Technology: Staff completed a major upgrade of the Aquarius system used in Environmental Management for water quality testing. Developed a Lucity-based work order system for Community Information, improving the tracking and prioritization of video assignments. Updated the Parks and Trails mobile app used by the public. For more information, contact Kevin Bengé at kbenge@volusia.org.

GROWTH & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Environmental Management: Green Volusia facilitated a weeklong Youth Resilience Academy for the Spring Hill Lacey Family Boys & Girls Club from June 7-11. Students learn about climate change, resilience and actions they can take to influence change. The academy is part of the Community Resilience through Green Infrastructure within the Spring Hill community in DeLand. The MSC has had a great full reopening with an average of 331 visitors per day during the first week of June. The pre-pandemic, June 2019, first week average was 485 visitors. Attendance has continued to climb this week as the word gets out the MSC is fully reopened, including 631 visitors on June 8. For more information, contact Ginger Adair at gadair@volusia.org.

OCEAN CENTER

Events: This year the Ocean Center hosted 12 High School Graduation ceremonies from June 1-6, with approximately 45,000 guests over the six days. Full capacity seating was permitted, and masks were optional (that decision is at the event organizer's option for all Ocean Center events currently). The Ocean Center welcomes the USA Powerlifting for the Open, Masters, Raw & Equipped Full Meet, Youth and Raw & Equipped Bench Press Nationals (Teen, Junior, Open, Masters), scheduled for June 14-19. This is the first time this event will be in Daytona Beach, after canceling the event last year due to COVID-19. We expect about 1,000 people to attend and approximately 900 room nights generated. For more information, contact Tim Riddle at triddle@volusia.org.



PUBLIC PROTECTION

Beach Safety: Junior Lifeguard Camp began on June 5, continuing throughout the summer at different locations throughout the county. The Daytona Truck Meet event at the Daytona International Speedway started June 11, and VCBS has prepared for the increase of vehicles on the beach during the weekend event. For more information, please contact Division Director Andy Ethridge, (386) 239-6414.

Corrections: VCCD has collaborated with the Volusia County School district to conduct a graduation for two high school inmates. The ceremony took place on June 7. Family Health Source continues to provide the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccination to inmates. The vaccines are offered to inmates weekly with over 800 vaccines having been administered to date. For more information, contact Division Director Mark Flowers, 386-254-1568.

Emergency Management: As part of the public outreach mission, VCEM will give disaster preparedness presentations to five senior living centers throughout the week. The training course L-965: All-Hazards Position Specific Resource Unit Leader will be held at the Emergency Operations Center on June 8-11. This course provides an overview of the duties, responsibilities, and functions of the Resource Unit Leader during a disaster response. For more information please, contact Division Director Helene Wetherington, 386-254-1500.

Fire Rescue: With the completion of the first Leadership Academy, VCFR will adjust the pilot academy curriculum to meet the needs of the future leadership within the department. Two additional Leadership Academies will begin in August and December of 2021. The New Hire Academy continues this week as recruits learn the basics of rope techniques. For more information, contact Fire Chief Howard Bailey, (386) 736-5940 ext. 12918.

PUBLIC WORKS

Coastal: Staff installed a new Memorial Bench at the 2nd Avenue Walkover in New Smyrna Beach. The bench was donated by New Smyrna Beach resident, Mr. Tom Luker, in memory of his father. For more information, contact Jessica Winterwerp at (386) 248-8072, ext. 20356.

Engineering & Construction: Corrections Facility kitchen floor update: The Duracrete floor for Corrections is underway and should finish up by June 11. Next week, the contractor will finish the electrical and gas line relocations followed by moving equipment back in the following week. Finish work and incidentals, as well as restocking dry storage, will commence the week of June 26. For more information, contact Tadd Kasbeer at (386) 736-5967, ext. 15846.

Mosquito Control: Mosquito Control uses mosquito fish for biological control of mosquito larvae as a key part of our Integrated Pest Management (IPM) program. They are the ideal solution for managing mosquitoes in abandoned or neglected swimming pools in the community. This article from UF IFAS describes the important work mosquito fish are doing to manage invasive species: <https://blogs.ifas.ufl.edu/news/2021/06/03/uf-scientists-discover-how-a-native-fish-prevents-the-establishment-of-a-globally-invasive-species>. For more information, contact Suzanne Bartlett at (386) 424-2920, ext. 20272.

Road & Bridge: Drainage crews are installing a stormwater drainage system along Seabreeze Drive in Ormond-By-The-Sea. The project is one of several targeted within the North Peninsula area that will improve stormwater drainage conveyance and water quality before its discharge into the Halifax River. For more information, contact Benjamin Bartlett at (386) 822-6422, ext. 20470.

Solid Waste: The pre-construction meeting for the Class III disposal stormwater improvements will be held on June 17. The project includes an updated grading plan that will change the current terrace stormwater system to a conventional stormwater system that includes the construction of 6,300 linear ft. of perimeter ditch surrounding the class III cell to collect stormwater runoff. It also includes expansion of an existing wet detention stormwater pond for storage & treatment. The improved system will meet current FDEP requirements and will improve the water quality that is eventually discharged to onsite wetlands. Operationally, we will be able to utilize the 90,000 cy³ of soil excavated from the pond expansion for daily and intermediate waste disposal cover needs. For more information, contact Regina Montgomery at (386) 947-2952, ext. 21347.

Traffic Engineering: Staff are preparing and submitting a scope and fee estimate for a Pedestrian Evaluation Study at the intersection of S. Atlantic Avenue and Hiles Boulevard. This study will determine whether pedestrians are utilizing the crosswalk correctly and whether drivers are complying when the flashing pedestrian signs are activated. In addition, the study will look at other options for pedestrian crossing warnings and the costs associated with them. For more information, contact Jon Cheney at (386) 736-5968, ext. 12709.

Water Resources and Utilities: Utilities management team and supervisory staff completed vulnerability assessments of its water treatment plants, distribution systems, and administrative operations in accordance with state and federal guidelines. The purpose of the assessment process is to evaluate potential operational threats and identify corrective actions that can reduce or mitigate the risk of serious consequences resulting from natural disasters or malevolent acts. For more information, contact Mike Ulrich at (386) 943-7027, ext. 12724.

