

Volusia County Government Activities
June 6 – 12, 2020

Community Services

Agriculture Extension (AG Center)

Extension Services presented a statewide “Florida-Friendly Landscaping and the Law” webinar to 75 community association managers this week. The 4-H youth development program is also offering 40 virtual adventures/camps this summer for young people in our community. Camp descriptions and registration can be found here: http://florida4h.org/programsandevents_/4-h-adventures/ For more information, contact Brad Burbaugh at bburbaugh@volusia.org.

Community Assistance

To help children prevent the summer slide, Library Youth Services staff has created a new program called "Lit Kits." Library staff will be curating Lit Kits for children in grades K-5 to include library books, activities, and other educational materials. Kits will be filled and picked up on a weekly bases between June 1 and Aug. 15. To register, visit our website, <https://www.volusialibrary.org/kids/> For more information, contact Carmen Hall at chall@volusia.org

Parks, Recreation and Culture

Volusia County Summer Camps opened on Monday. There are 13 sites offered throughout the county for children ages five through 12 years of age. All camps follow CDC guidelines to ensure child safety. Temperatures are also being taken each day before the child is allowed in camp. Although no field trips are offered at this time, there are plenty of fun activities for kids to enjoy. Staff will lead supervised activities, indoor and outdoor games, arts and crafts, and a talent show during the last week of camp. Camp is offered from June 8 through July 31 from 7:30am until 5:30 pm. For more information, contact Tim Baylie at tbaylie@volusia.org.

Votran

Trips have increased from last month. 32,518 increase in Fixed Route and 2,726 increase in Gold trips. 121 expired bus passes that were bought before the fares were waived were replaced. All operators provided with PPE. For more information, contact Edie Biro at 386-756-7496.

County Manager’s Office

Community Information

Staff continue to explore new and exciting ways of disseminating information. Our webmaster designed a “Volusia County Spotlight” section on the main page of Volusia.org to help aid in the rapid identification of COVID-19 related resources and information. The production coordination staff have been making equipment, software and logistical changes to the A/V processes in the Chambers. Staff are preparing this year’s internal emergency directory booklet for hurricane season, along with the creating of new graphics and a short video for Animal Services’ pet food/microchipping give-a-away event. The next Volusia County COVID-19 panel discussion is slated for 10 a.m. Friday, June 19, and will feature area health professionals. Moving forward, panel discussions will transition to a biweekly (every other week) schedule. This transition is being made to accommodate panelists’ increasingly busy schedules as businesses and agencies begin to reopen. Press conferences will continue as information flow warrants; however, their frequency has decreased to once weekly at this point. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at kcaptain@volusia.org.

Finance

Information Technology

Worked with Economic Development, the EOSCC, and Pomeroy to reconfigure 10 workstations in the Citizens Information Center. These workstations allow volunteers to receive and process relief applications as part of the Relaunch Volusia program. Assisting with the Relaunch Volusia program to automate, as much as possible, the processing relief applications, verification of Taxpayer ID numbers, creation of vendor records, issuance of relief checks, creation of IRS 1099 forms, and the storage of backup documentation in OnBase. These processes are currently in place for Small Business Grants, but will soon be expanded to include Home Business Grants and Mortgage/Rental Assistance. For more information, contact Kevin Benge at kbenge@volusia.org or Brian Whiting at bwhiting@volusia.org.

Growth and Resource Management

Environmental Management

There are currently 306 sea turtle nests located on Volusia County beaches; 301 Loggerhead, three Leather back, one Green and one Kemps! First nests are due to hatch this week, and rut raking has also begun. For more information, contact Clay Ervin at cervin@volusia.org.

Ocean Center

Events

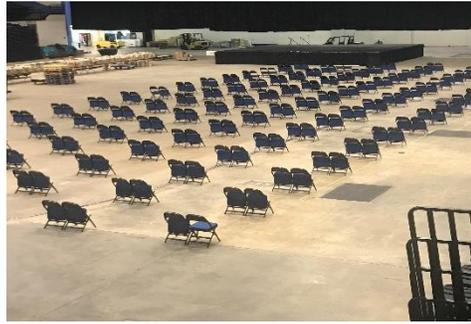
This week the Ocean Center received word that the readers of Connect Sports nominated our facility for one of the Best Sports Convention Centers. We were one of only four convention centers nominated and the only convention center nominated from Florida.

We are excited to host another live event this weekend, the Edge Dance Recital. We expect to host over 400 attendees (in two separate sessions) and dancers at the Ocean Center. All seating will meet social distancing guidelines with all parties six feet or more apart on the arena floor. We are setting 204 pairs of chairs (seating for 408 total) as most attendees will be parents of the dancers, other dancers, etc.

The attached photo reflects the beginning of the setup, you can see how the chairs are staggered to meet current social distancing requirements. Ocean Center will also be monitoring restroom areas for increased sanitation frequency, along with social distancing in place



(every other fixture closed in restrooms) and revised maximum capacities, posted and monitored by staff. For more information, contact Tim Riddle at 386-254-4500 ext: 24514 or triddle@volusia.org.



Public Protection

Animal Services

On June 6, Animal Services held a free pet food and microchip giveaway at our office located at 1250 Indian Lake Road. In total, our team microchipped 388 animals, identified 15 animals as already chipped and gave away 7 1/2 pallets of food (236 bags of dog food and 162 bags of cat food). In total, 354 cars came through.

Animal Services will present at the Halifax Humane Society summer camp on June 11. This yearly camp is for children ages six to 12 at the shelter and offers an opportunity to learn firsthand experience about shelter life as well as more information about dogs, cats, bunnies, birds, marine life, and more. Animal Services will teach responsible pet ownership and familiarize them with the role Animal Services has in the community. For more information call Mark Swanson at 386-740-5120.

Beach Safety

Beach Safety junior lifeguard camp one starts this week in Ormond Beach. The second seasonal lifeguard recruit class will be held all week. For more information call Mark Swanson at 386-740-5120.

Public Works

Coastal

The Coastal Division beach maintenance contractor cleaned up multiple minor fish kills on the beach made up of by-catch from commercial shrimp trawlers currently operating offshore the Volusia coast. The south coastal maintenance group performed interior and exterior painting improvements on the riverside restroom building at Bethune Beach Park and the popular splash pad at Sunsplash Park was re-opened for daily operation as part of the COVID-19 Re-launch Volusia County initiative. For more information, contact Terri Propst at (386) 248-8072, ext. 20337.

Engineering & Construction

Highbridge Pier Replacement - Coordination with FEMA continues for funding and approval of the completed construction design and shop drawings. For more information, contact Tadd Kasbeer at (386) 736-5967, ext. 15846.

Mosquito Control

Mosquito Control is constructing the prototype of a new sentinel chicken coop design to reduce routine maintenance costs and allow for increased security from predators. For more information, contact Suzanne Bartlett, (386) 424-2920, ext. 20272.

Road & Bridge

In response to a request made by the City of Holly Hill, crews recently repaired an erosion concern on the open channel canal along LPGA Blvd that is also known as the B-30 Mosquito Control canal. While working in the area, crews also removed several trees to keep the channel clear of obstructions and the waterway functioning properly. For more information, contact Benjamin Bartlett at (386) 822-6422, ext. 20470.

Solid Waste

Solid Waste received the new CAT 836 K compactor approved for purchase in the FY 19-2020 budget. The local dealer, Ring Power Corporation, delivered and provided an informational walk around training of the new equipment. For more information, contact Regina Montgomery at (386) 947-2952, ext. 21347.

Traffic Engineering

Staff began a signal detection inventory on LPGA Blvd, from Tournament Dr to Clyde Morris Blvd (Daytona Beach). This effort is the first step in the project to install adaptive signal control along this corridor. Adaptive signal technology adjusts signal timings in real-time based on current traffic conditions for improved traffic flow. For more information, contact Jon Cheney at (386) 736-5968, ext. 12709.

Water Resources and Utilities

Initiated hydraulic load testing of the three, five-acre cells in order to evaluate the potential for a constructed wetland treatment and aquifer recharge facility to increase spring flow and augment regional groundwater supply within the Blue Spring basin. Utilities staff is overseeing the feasibility phase in partnership with the St. Johns River Water Management District and the cities of DeLand, Deltona, and Orange City. For more information, contact Mike Ulrich at (386) 943-7027, ext. 12724.