

Volusia County Government Activities March 20 – 26, 2021

COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE

Community Information: Community Information finished coordinating the 10th Annual Feed the Need Public Employees Food Fund Drive, which concluded on March 19 and exceeded its \$7,500 fundraising goal. The results will be presented to the County Council on April 20. Community Information continues to work on production of the State of the County Address video and published booklet, while coordinating with the Ocean Center for the April 27, event. Staff collaborated with Councilwoman Girtman to produce a video designed to promote the COVID-19 vaccine to the minority community. A trailer preview video is posted on Facebook, with a YouTube link to the longer, full-length video. The Facebook post can be viewed here: <https://www.facebook.com/CountyOfVolusia/videos/456261925578355>. Staff are collaborating with the Coastal Division on the creation of an online information presentation and public comment portal related to the planned improvements to the County's Silver Beach Avenue and International Speedway Boulevard beach access ramps. The presentations are tentatively scheduled for release to the public in May. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at kcaptain@volusia.org.

FINANCE

Information Technology: Information Technology developed a field data collection tool for Fire Services to collect Risk Assessment and Pre-Plan information. Ongoing work with the Sheriff's Dispatch will make this information available through CAD and Mobile Data Terminals. Other field data collection tools recently deployed include surveys to collect information for Community Assistance, a monofilament line recycling program, and beach turtle protection. Information Technology is participating in a cooperative agreement with the Department of Health and Rollins College to map chloride and nitrate intrusion into drinking water wells throughout the county. This will assist the City of New Smyrna Beach with a septic-to-sewer conversion study they are conducting.

GROWTH & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Environmental Management: The Marine Science Center has admitted over 80 sea turtles since the beginning of March. As reference, this is over half of the sea turtles admitted in the entire year of 2020 (156). For more information, contact Ginger Adair at gadair@volusia.org.

OCEAN CENTER

Events: This Ocean Center hosts the College Basketball Invitational (CBI), an NCAA Division I Men's basketball tournament, featuring Army West Point, Coastal Carolina, Bowling Green, Bryant, Longwood, Pepperdine, Bellarmine and DeLand's own Stetson Hatters. Pepperdine brought home the championship, defeating Coastal Carolina in the finals. On March 25, Palmer College held their graduation at the Ocean Center with about 300 people in attendance.

March 26 through 28, the Ocean Center will host the Florida Federation of Colorguards Circuit (FFCC) Championships. This event typically brings over 6,000 attendees and over 750 room nights. The FFCC offered a competitive outlet during winter for color guard, indoor marching percussion and concert percussion teams and Winds. The competitive season begins in January and culminates in the Circuit Championships in early April. Additional information can be found at ffcc.org.

In addition to FFCC, March 27-28, we also hosted the Poseidon Duals, an amateur wrestling event produced by Tyrant Wrestling. This event will include boys and girls, elementary school through high school wrestlers competing in appropriate age categories. We expected about 1,000 in attendance with approximately 500 room nights. Admission to this event is \$25 per day or \$45 for an all session pass. Additional information can be found at tyrantwrestling.com/Poseidon. These events, as for all events, masks are required and social distancing is enforced.

PUBLIC PROTECTION

Animal Services: Animal Services hosted a free microchipping event on March 21 and had microchipped 110 pets, increasing their chances of being reunited with their families if lost. For more information, please contact Division Director Adam Leath, 386-822-3506.

Beach Safety: Beach Safety continues to hold tryouts for summer lifeguards throughout the week. Large crowds are expected at the beach in the coming weekends as students celebrate Spring Break. Community Information will assist in filming segments of the current recruit class as part of an upcoming Lifeguard Recruitment video. For more information, please contact Interim Division Director Andy Ethridge, 386-236-6414.



PUBLIC WORKS

Coastal: Staff conducted follow-up annual safety inspections of beach concession vehicles and equipment to ensure beach concession equipment meets all regulated safety requirements before being allowed on the beach. Staff also coordinated excessive sand removal on the Silver Beach and Beach Street access ramps and relocation to an acceptable on beach location. For more information, contact Jessica Winterwerp at (386) 248-8072, ext. 20356.



Engineering & Construction and Traffic Engineering:

As a condition of the new Buc-ee's opening, numerous roadway improvements were needed. Traffic Engineering and Engineering & Construction staff worked together with the Buc-ee's team to implement these improvements that included widening LPGA Blvd to 6-lanes and Technology Blvd to 4-lanes (city street). Additionally, an extra eastbound left turn at Technology was added and both left-turn lanes extended towards the Interstate ramps. Technology Blvd also had an additional southbound right turn added with a new traffic signal at Gateway North. All improvements were opened to the public prior to Buc-ee's opening. Impact fee credits were utilized to add the required capacity to the County's thoroughfare network. For more information, contact Tadd Kasbeer at (386) 736-5967, ext. 15846 or contact Jon Cheney at (386) 736-5968, ext. 12709.



Mosquito Control: Mosquito Control has two upcoming tire amnesty events scheduled. The first event will be from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on April 9, at the Osteen Road and Bridge Facility, 200 State Road 415; the second event will be on April 10, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Volusia County Mosquito Control, 801 South Steet, New Smyrna Beach. These free amnesty events will accept residential tires only, with a limit of 20 tires per person. For more information, contact Suzanne Bartlett at (386) 424-2920, ext. 20272.

Road & Bridge: The bid opening for the Gabordy Canal Stormwater Treatment Facility at 10th Street is scheduled for March 22. This water quality improvement project entails the installation of a nutrient removal treatment facility for base flow and roadway stormwater runoff that is conveyed by the Gabordy Canal prior to its discharge into the Mosquito Lagoon. For more information, contact Benjamin Bartlett at (386) 822-6422, ext. 20470.

Solid Waste: March 20, FCC Environmental Services conducted a scheduled community bulky item cleanup in the northeast quadrant of the county, collecting just over 45 tons of bulky household trash. For more information, contact Regina Montgomery at (386) 947-2952, ext. 21347.

Water Resources and Utilities: Staff obtained an operating permit renewal from the Department of Environmental Protection through Mar. 2026 for the Halifax water treatment facility in the northeast service area. Meanwhile, five year operating permits renewals are currently in progress for the Pelican Dunes and Pine Island wastewater treatment facilities. For more information, contact Mike Ulrich at (386) 943-7027, ext. 12724.