

Volusia County Government Activities March 26 – April 1, 2022

AVIATION & ECONOMIC RESOURCES

Economic Development: Division Director Helga van Eckert will participate in the West Volusia Regional Chamber of Commerce 2022 Economic Forum 8 to 10:30 a.m. April 5 at The Center at Deltona. Ms. van Eckert will provide an update on the Volusia Business Resources initiatives as well as trends in the workforce and permit activity. For more information, contact Joanne Magley at jmagley@volusia.org.

COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE

Community Information: Staff is collaborating with Emergency Management, the Volusia COAD (Community Organizations Active in Disaster) and the Volusia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce on the arrangements for this year's Hurricane Expo, which will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on May 21 in the Bill Hester & Elvin Daugharty Buildings at the Volusia County Fairgrounds. Staff designed new web sliders on Volusia.org for various upcoming activities, such as the St. Johns River Cleanup and Summer Camp Scholarships, as well as a social media advertisement. Staff are focusing additional efforts on the County's social media platforms. A walkthrough was conducted at DeBary Hall for the upcoming invitational-only *Florida Trails Summit*, coordinated by the Florida Department of Transportation and the Florida Greenways and Trails Foundation; the County is hosting the private event. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at kcaptain@volusia.org.

GROWTH & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Environmental Management: The Sea turtle Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) program is hosting a Sea Turtle Lighting Expo at the Daytona Beach Shores Community Center from 1 to 7 p.m. May 27. The Expo will educate residents, managers and regulatory officials about the lighting ordinance and options for coming into compliance while providing safely lit properties and roadways. Water Quality staff conducted routine sampling from the southern portion of the St. Johns River (including Lake Harney), as well as Lake Ashby, Deep Creek, and various streams. Water levels were up in the river due to rainfall received during the month.

OCEAN CENTER

Events: The National Cheer Association and National Dance Association move into the facility on April 5, for their 26th Annual National Championship. Competition takes place April 7- 9 at both the Ocean Center and the Daytona Beach Bandshell, and is the single largest collegiate cheer and dance event in the world. Over 8,000 participants from 355 colleges will compete, generating an estimated 8,250 room nights. The NCA/NDA Collegiate National Championship is open to the public; for more information and tickets visit www.varsity.com/nca/school/competitions/college-nationals/. For more information, contact Tim Riddle at triddle@volusia.org.

PUBLIC PROTECTION

Animal Services: On March 31, Animal Services will be attending and providing resources to citizens at the *Partnering for Prosperity* Event at the Dr. Joyce M. Cusack Resource Center in DeLand. For more information, contact Division Director Adam Leath, (386) 822-3506.

Beach Safety: On March 30, Beach Safety held additional junior lifeguard tryouts. For more information, contact Division Director Andy Ethridge, (386) 239-6414.

Emergency Medical Administration: On March 28, the Medical Director met with field-level, fire-based providers to put into context the Basic Life Support (BLS) transport program. These discussions outlined his expectations, answered questions and concerns from field level providers, and enabled the codifying of a protocol for distribution. On March 28, Emergency Medical Administration met with the City of DeLand to provide support in their initial application for a Florida Advanced Life Support (ALS) license. For more information, contact Division Director Mark Wolcott, (386) 561-8087.

Fire Rescue: On March 25, Deputy Chief Jeff Alberts completed and graduated from the National Fire Academy's Executive Fire Officer Program. For more information, contact Fire Chief Howard Bailey, (386) 736-5940 ext. 12918.



PUBLIC WORKS

Coastal: Coastal staff scheduled the restoration and painting of the Mary McLeod Bethune meeting room, anticipating rentals in late April. Corrections finished re-painting the seawall at Sun Splash Park in Daytona Beach to match the existing colors of the restrooms, columns and knee walls throughout the park. The Coastal Division coordinated the installation of park entrance signs at Edwin W. Peck, Sr. and Dahlia Beach Parks in Daytona Beach Shores. For more information, contact Terri Propst at (386) 248-8072, ext. 20535.

Engineering & Construction: Work continues on dewatering and the accessory dock forms at the Highbridge Park boat ramp. Both north and south accessory dock forms are approximately 50% complete. The next concrete placement is tentatively scheduled for the week of Apr. 11. For more information, contact Tadd Kasbeer at (386) 736-5967, ext. 15846.

Mosquito Control: Mosquito Control keeps a record of the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Service (FDACS) registered beehive locations for reference when planning treatment operations. Larvicide operations that occur during the daytime hours do not impact bees. Adulticide operations are conducted after sunset and before sunrise when bees are in their hives to reduce risk of exposure. More information about bees can be found on our website: <https://www.volusia.org/services/public-works/mosquito-control/information-beekeepers.stml>. Beekeepers can also report their specific hive locations and request to be added to our courtesy notification list by emailing vcmosquito@volusia.org. For more information, contact Marcus McDonough at (386) 424-2920, ext. 20272.



Road & Bridge: Miami-Dade County officials tasked with Biscayne Bay water quality efforts reached out for information on Volusia County's Mosquito Lagoon Reasonable Assurance Plan (RAP). Volusia County's process of working with stakeholders from RAP development through its adoption with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection provided a reference and guidance as Miami-Dade begins a similar process. For more information, contact Lori Koontz at (386) 822-6422, ext. 20455.

Solid Waste: The Solid Waste Division offers the free removal of home fuel oil to all Volusia County residents. The goal is to remove abandoned home fuel oil from all identified tanks. Staff removed 1,337 gallons of home fuel oil from sixteen (16) residential properties during the 1st quarter of calendar year 2022. Residents needing home fuel oil removed may call the Solid Waste Division at (386) 943-7889 to schedule removal. For more information, contact Regina Montgomery at (386) 947-2952, ext. 21347.

Traffic Engineering: Traffic Engineering signal staff performed an inspection of the mast arm upgrade at the intersection of LPGA Boulevard and Center Avenue in Holly Hill. The project is substantially complete with some minor discrepancies identified. Final acceptance of the project will occur upon resolution of the discrepancies. For more information, contact Jon Cheney at (386) 736-5968, ext. 12709.

Water Resources and Utilities: Utilities staff met with City of DeBary economic development, planning, and engineering staff to review utility service needs for future development projects and to discuss wastewater service for communities identified within the priority focus area, by the Department of Environmental Protection, for the Gemini Springs basin management action plan. For more information, contact Mike Ulrich at (386) 943-7027, ext. 12724.