

# Volusia County Government Activities

## May 1 – 7, 2021

### AVIATION & ECONOMIC RESOURCES

#### **Daytona Beach International Airport**

**Marketing, Customer Experience & Air Service Development:** Marketing/Customer Experience Director Joanne Magley represented the airport on a panel for National Tourism Week held May 7, at the Hard Rock Hotel.

**Facilities & Maintenance:** Construction is complete on the rental car parking lot, which reopened midweek. The eastern half of the short term parking lot has re-opened for paid parking (this was the temporary rental car lot). The eastern half of the long term parking remains closed but is expected to open within a week. The final chapter in this phase of the construction project is milling and resurfacing of Catalina Drive, expected to begin the week of May 10. For more information, contact Joanne Magley at [jmagley@volusia.org](mailto:jmagley@volusia.org).

**Economic Development:** Director Helga van Eckert was a guest on WSBB radio and talked about how Economic Development assisted businesses with the COVID-19 small business grants and programs. For more information, contact Joanne Magley at [jmagley@volusia.org](mailto:jmagley@volusia.org).

### COMMUNITY SERVICES

**Community Assistance:** Community Assistance is accepting applications to assist first-time homebuyers purchase a home by providing down payment assistance and closing costs. A program overview and list of Affordable Housing Partners to work with can be found at [www.volusia.org/affordable-housing](http://www.volusia.org/affordable-housing). All applicants must work with an Affordable Housing Partner that will assist them throughout the process. Household income cannot exceed 80% of the area median income, or \$52,300 for a family of four. Additional eligibility requirements are listed in the program overview. The funds are provided as a 0% interest, deferred mortgage. Please contact Lori Brown, Affordable Housing Coordinator, for additional information at 386-736-5955.

**Votran:** Votran has a public meeting scheduled in Deltona to inform residents of an upcoming service change that may impact some users. The meeting will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. May 11, at the Deltona Regional Library, 2150 Eustace Ave. The meeting will be in an open house format and attendees may arrive at any time within the designated meeting timeframe. Please contact Kelvin Miller, General Manager for more information at 386-756-7496.

### COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE

**Community Information:** In a continued effort to encourage COVID-19 vaccines throughout Volusia County, Community Information is running several social media campaigns simultaneously. The "*Vax up, Volusia*" campaign builds off the original "*Step up, Volusia*" campaign that was launched early in the pandemic and overwhelmingly embraced by the community. This refreshed includes not only messaging to *Wash up, Back up* and *Mask up*, but also to *Vax up*. The campaign targets individuals 18 to 65+ in Volusia County and is set to run through July 31. And, as recent studies and reports have found individuals with vaccine hesitancy are most likely to trust information provided by their health care provider, we've launched a "*Talk to your health care provider*" campaign that encourages individuals with questions to talk to their physician, with a tag line of "*Get the facts, then get the shot.*" The campaign targets individuals 18 to 65+ in Volusia County and is set to run through July 31. Efforts targeting the Gen Z (18-24) and Millennials (25-34) continue to run, as well. In three weeks, the campaign has generated over 25,271 impressions. This messaging and creative continues to be shared with the Volusia County Public Information Network (PIN) group through bi-weekly phone calls and emails. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at [kcaptain@volusia.org](mailto:kcaptain@volusia.org).

### OCEAN CENTER

**Events:** May 6-9, the Ocean Center is hosting the Rinosnet Corporation Conference, as they provide new product training for attendees. This is the first time this conference will take place in Daytona Beach. It brings approximately 1,000 attendees and nearly 500 hotel room nights. Also May 8-9, we will be hosting the AAU State Gymnastics Championship in our Exhibit Hall. This event comes to use every other year typically, and we expect attendance to be approximately 3,000, requiring an estimated 1,000 room hotel room nights.

Levels include: Artistic 1-10, all levels of Xcel, Ladies Division Acrobatic all levels

- **ADMISSION:** \$20.00/adult (13 years of age and up), \$15.00/child (4-12 years of age), three and under-free
- **2 Day Pass:** \$30.00 /adult (13 years of age and up), \$20.00 /child (4-12 years of age), three and under-free

This event, as for all events, masks are required and social distancing is enforced.



## **PUBLIC PROTECTION**

**Beach Safety:** Three Beach Safety Officers are attending a speed measurement class at Daytona State College. This class will certify the three officers in radar and laser use. VCBS prepared for Mother's Day crowds by increasing Beach Safety personnel. A press release, through Community Information, was published on expected water conditions, tides, and beach safety tips. The press release also encouraged residents to follow Beach Safety on social media. For more information, contact Andrew Ethridge at [aethridge@volusia.org](mailto:aethridge@volusia.org)

**Corrections:** Corrections partnered with Family Health Source to provide the COVID-19 vaccine to the inmate population. On April 29, more than 300 inmates were administered the Johnson and Johnson COVID-19 vaccine. COVID-19 vaccinations will be offered once per week until further notice. For more information, contact Mark Flowers at [mflowers@volusia.org](mailto:mflowers@volusia.org).

**Emergency Management:** VCEM Activity Project Manager will present a Hurricane Preparedness Training to the Daytona Blind Association via conference call on May 7. For more information, contact Joe Pozzo at [jpozso@volusia.org](mailto:jpozso@volusia.org)

**Emergency Medical Administration:** On May 5, VCEMA met with the veterinarian of Animal Services to discuss canine protocols for potential transportation of law enforcement canines. For more information, contact Mark Wolcott at [mwolcott@volusia.org](mailto:mwolcott@volusia.org)

**Fire Rescue:** Fire Rescue will be conducting risk assessments, pre-fire plans, and hydrant checks to meet the Insurance Services Office (ISO) and accreditation requirements. Throughout the month of May, VCFR will conduct station hurricane drills to ensure all stations have the necessary equipment and supplies for the upcoming hurricane season. For more information, contact Howard Bailey at [hbailey@volusia.org](mailto:hbailey@volusia.org).

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

**Coastal:** Coastal staff installed two new Memorial Benches at Mary McLeod Bethune Beach Park. The benches were donated by Bethune Beach resident, Ms. Sheila Gray, in memory of her Son and Husband. For more information, contact Jessica Winterwerp at (386) 248-8072, ext. 20356.

**Engineering & Construction:** Orange Camp Road widening and roundabout construction is ongoing. Utility relocation and placement continues along with storm drain placement and road construction. For more information, contact Tadd Kasbeer at [tkasbeer@volusia.org](mailto:tkasbeer@volusia.org).

**Mosquito Control:** Mosquito Control is preparing to conduct a field evaluation on the flight range of the salt marsh mosquitoes, *Aedes taeniorhynchus* and *Aedes sollicitans*, in the southern salt marsh area of the County. The collected data will allow for more efficient treatments and surveillance of the historical larval production sites. For more information, contact Suzanne Bartlett at [sbartlett@volusia.org](mailto:sbartlett@volusia.org).

**Road & Bridge:** The new sidewalk project on S. Clyde Morris Boulevard from Big Tree Road to Springwood Drive in Daytona Beach has been completed. The project also included the installation of five bus stop pads. For more information, contact Benjamin Bartlett at [bbartlett@volusia.org](mailto:bbartlett@volusia.org).

**Solid Waste:** The Solid Waste Division offers the removal of home fuel oil free to all Volusia County residents. Our goal is to remove abandoned home fuel oil from all known tanks. In April, staff removed 960 gallons of home fuel oil from eight residential properties. 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 [rmontgomery@volusia.org](mailto:rmontgomery@volusia.org).

**Traffic Engineering:** On April 23, the Department of Economic Opportunity concluded the state review of the county's proposed Transportation Map Series comprehensive plan amendments with no objections. The amendments are anticipated to go to County Council for the second reading in June. For more information, contact Jon Cheney at [jcheney@volusia.org](mailto:jcheney@volusia.org).

**Water Resources and Utilities:** Recent supply chain delays involving meters, electronic components, fittings, PVC and ductile iron pipe are resulting in longer procurement lead times. In an effort to maintain current levels of service and accommodate the exceptionally strong new home construction market, the utilities field operations team will defer its annual meter replacement program until product availability improves. On average, approximately 1,500 meters are annually planned for replacement. For more information, contact Mike Ulrich at [mulrich@volusia.org](mailto:mulrich@volusia.org).