

# Volusia County Government Activities

## May 2 – 8, 2020

### Aviation and Economic Resources

#### **Aviation (Daytona Beach International Airport)**

Using social distancing guidelines, the airport is planning a ceremony for Yenky, VSO's bomb detection dog, who is retiring after 10 years. The event will be for airport staff only currently slated for Wednesday, May 13. For more information, contact Joanne Magley at 386-248-8030.

### Community Services

#### **Community Assistance**

COVID-19 Mortgage Assistance Program

Starting 8 a.m on May 11, Community Assistance will start accepting applications for the COVID-19 Mortgage Assistance Program. This program is an effort to assist homeowners who have experienced a loss of income as a direct result of COVID-19. It is designed to assist eligible households with payment of their mortgage for one to three months. This includes arrears, current and future payments. The amount of assistance is capped at \$1,500/month. Assistance will be provided on a first-ready, first-served basis and a limited number of applications will be accepted based on funding availability. For more information, contact Carmen Hall at [chall@volusia.org](mailto:chall@volusia.org).

### County Manager's Office

#### **Community Information**

Community Information assisted with the assembly, editing, and marketing impressions of the first draft of the 54-page Relaunch Volusia booklet. Staff hosted four news conferences that included participation from physicians Joe Smith, MD (AdventHealth), Margaret Crossman, MD, and Scott Klioze, MD (Halifax Health), and Peter Springer, MD (Volusia County), as well as Community Services' Carmen Hall, who spoke on the mortgage assistance program. Staff continue its efforts for the communitywide dispersion of COVID-19 information. A panel discussion with an emphasis on health and wellness took place with guests from Halifax Health, Stewart-Marchman-Act and Cigna, which will be aired in a future Volusia Magazine program. The Volusia Today radio program featured Scott Klioze, MD (Halifax Health) and Andria Klioze, MD (Volusia County Medical Society); featured was how our daily habits/culture will change living with the virus. The Volusia Today show will continue to feature COVID-19 related subject matter, reopening, and cultural influences thereof. Staff continue an active presence at the County's Emergency Operations Center, the crafting of organic graphics and videos relative to the pandemic, as well as facilitate ESF #14's Public Information Network calls with PIOs from our cities and municipalities.

Staff continues to track census data and encourage members of the Complete Count Committee to remind residents to complete their census forms. We also bid a fond farewell to highly respected Production Coordinator Jeff Crumbley, who retired on May 8. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at [kcaptain@volusia.org](mailto:kcaptain@volusia.org).

### Growth and Resource Management

#### **Environmental Management**

The Marine Science Center continues to live stream educational programs and reached over 26,000 people last week. On May 7, the new Touch Pool Exhibit will be installed. Staff anticipates three to four weeks to finish theming the surrounding beach dune portion of the exhibit and renovating the life support system to handle the new exhibit.

#### **Planning & Development Services**

Two county owned surplus properties were sold for a total of \$10,000, adding these properties back on the tax roll. For more information, contact Clay Ervin at [cervin@volusia.org](mailto:cervin@volusia.org).

### Ocean Center

#### **Events**

Ocean Center Operations & Engineering Staff have been working diligently on many projects during the facility down-time. Terrazzo floors in West Concourse have been re-polished using diamond pad polishing technique. All carpeted areas have been deep cleaned via carpet extraction. Landscaped areas on the campus grounds (OC, Parking Surface Lots and areas around Parking Garage) have all been trimmed, weeded and re-mulched. All permanent concession areas have been gutted, all equipment removed for deep cleaning, wall and floor repair and utility relocations. Re-installation of equipment in a more efficient production design for non-contact serving (done in conjunction with Spectra F&B contractor) will be completed in May. Pace of cancellations and postponements have slowed and we are receiving new inquiries regarding late summer and fall bookings as the economy slowly reopens. We eagerly await continued opening and the revelation of new mass gathering guidelines as things move forward. For more information, contact Tim Riddle at 386-254-4500.



## **Public Works**

### ***Coastal***

The Coastal Division initiated phased re-opening of the beach for handicapped registered vehicles and citizens at three (3) beach access ramps. The division also opened all county controlled right-of-ways to the beach for parking and public access. Large coastal beach parks and inlet parks were re-opened at partial parking capacity. Strategic hardscape renovations including re-surfacing the El Portal Avenue beach ramp in Daytona Beach Shores, the entrance driveway and parking areas at Smyrna Dunes Park and curb painting and re-stripping at other coastal facilities has continued during the COVID-19 facility closures. The division is also working closely with beach maintenance, concession, ramp toll and port-a-let contractors to plan for beach re-opening in the near future. For more information, contact Terri Propst at (386) 248-8072, ext. 20337.

### ***Engineering & Construction***

The proposed widening of Howland Boulevard in Deltona is gearing up for construction. The limits of the widening project extend from Elkcarn Boulevard to Providence Boulevard. A pre-construction meeting is scheduled for May 14. For more information, contact Tadd Kasbeer at 386-736-5967, ext. 15846.

### ***Mosquito Control***

In late April Mosquito Control Staff larvicided over 200 acres by air in the North Marsh, South Marsh and LPGA areas due to recent rainfall. Inspectors are responding to an increase in customer service requests while continuing social distancing. For more information, contact Suzanne Bartlett at (386) 424-2920, ext. 20272.

### ***Road & Bridge***

During the COVID-19 facility closures, Road & Bridge assisted the Coastal Division by resurfacing and restriping the Smyrna Dunes parking lot and entrance road in New Smyrna Beach and the El Portal Beach Ramp in Daytona Beach Shores. For more information, contact Benjamin Bartlett at (386) 822-6422, ext. 20470.



### ***Solid Waste***

The unincorporated solid waste and recycling collection services transitioned to FCC Environmental Services on April 1, 2020. FCC Environmental Services has completed the first month of the transition with good results. The company is navigating and fine-tuning the daily collection routes to maximize service efficiencies that may alter collection times throughout the day while keeping the same collection days. For more information, contact Regina Montgomery at (386) 947-2952, ext. 21347.

### ***Traffic Engineering***

Completed controller installation and programming for 39 FDOT Grid smart project intersections. GridSmart is part of the Central Florida MetroOrlando Congestion Management Grant's GreenWay-Advanced Sensor Technology initiative, which uses the latest in detection technology. This information will be used to evaluate traffic signal performance measures to optimize signal timings. For more information, contact Jon Cheney at (386) 736-5968, ext. 12709.

### ***Water Resources and Utilities***

Working in cooperation with the Florida Dept of Environmental Protection, staff has secured a \$2.5 million grant for design and construction of 3 miles of wastewater infrastructure benefiting environmental water quality within the DeLeon Springs basin area. DeLeon Springs is one of 30 Outstanding Florida Springs established by the Florida Legislature. County Council consideration of the agreement is scheduled on May 19. For more information, contact Michael Ulrich at (386) 943-7027, ext. 12724.