

Volusia County Government Activities

May 23 – 29, 2020

Aviation and Economic Resources

Daytona Beach International Airport

Operations – The airport’s main air carrier runway, 7L-25R, will be closed nightly from 8 p.m. – 5 a.m. for the next two weeks to accommodate construction work.

The Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security flew into DAB (Sheltair) on May 26, overnighed in the area and was scheduled to attend the shuttle launch on May 27. DAB coordinated this visit with the US Secret Service.

The airport and Air Traffic Control conducted its annual runway safety action team meeting on May 21. During this FAA-mandated meeting, staff discussed the threats to runway safety, examining the past 12 months of runway data on runway incursion and surface incidents.

The airport welcomed Galt, an explosive detection K9 who takes over for Yenky, who recently retired after 10 years of service. Galt’s handler is VSO Sr. Deputy Joe Durney.

Marketing & Customer Experience – Staff is preparing for the launch of recovery messaging/PR for the airport. The messaging focuses on health and safety measures implemented at DAB, including the installation of transparent sneeze guards at customer service counters, enhanced cleaning, throughout the terminal, and increased messaging about health safety and resources.

Promotional DAB CARES kits will also be provided to passengers and will include reusable face coverings and hand sanitizer.

Economic Development

Staff continue processing COVID-19 recovery grants for small businesses and modifying the process to allow for businesses with 26-50 employees to apply. The availability of this county business assistance program has been promoted in numerous social and news media outlets by our partners including chambers of commerce, SCORE, SBDC, CareerSource, Team Volusia and others.

Director Helga van Ecker provided interviews for WSBB radio on May 25 and WESH 2 news on May 21. To date, more than 100 grants have been approved. For more information, contact Joanne Magley at 386-248-8030 ext: 18309 or jmagley@volusia.org.

County Manager’s Office

Community Information

Staff continue in daily efforts with coordinating and supporting activities surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic. A short one-on-one interview with the Community Assistance director was recorded for social media to assist in the marketing for the rental/mortgage assistance programs. As hurricane season begins, staff are answering a growing number of inquiries related to preparations of hurricane season and what it may look like during the pandemic, especially with sheltering and physical distancing. A short one-on-one interview with the Emergency Management director was recorded for social media about the upcoming hurricane season. Production coordinators are assisting the Property Appraiser’s office and the Fire Rescue division for the creation of videos; our graphic artist is creating billboard and newspaper advertisements, and our webmaster continually makes daily updates to optimize the county’s web pages. PIOs have written multiple news releases this week related to the pandemic, organically created multiple social media posts, and authored talking points for the press conferences held throughout the week.

The division continues to staff a minimum of one full-time public information officer on-site at the EOC’s ESF #14 office. Staff are compiling a comprehensive communications report on the division’s collective efforts performed during the COVID-19 pandemic. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at kcaptain@volusia.org.

Ocean Center

Events

Hopefully, as a sign of good things to come, we are now receiving many inquiries from customers hosting events (primarily consumer shows and trade shows) in late summer, about requirements for public attendance at their shows. Ocean Center has been in discussions with Legal and County Leadership as to our procedures for shows with regard to social distancing and sanitation guidelines that will be followed.

Each event at Ocean Center can be very different in terms of the nature and type of event. While we are developing a set of principles that will be applied to every event, we believe our best plan of action going forward is to craft a detailed, specific plan for each event as they arise due to the wide disparity in types of events. A large educational gathering is far different than a catering function which is very different from a trade show. There is no “one size fits all” approach but we are working to ensure that each and every event meets prescribed social distancing guidelines while keeping enhanced sanitation procedures in place for all events with regard to public spaces, restrooms and hot touch surfaces. For more information, contact Tim Riddle at 386-254-4500 ext: 24514 or triddle@volusia.org.



Public Works

Coastal

In preparation for the Memorial Day weekend, Coastal Division contractors added additional port-o-lets at Mary McLeod Bethune Park and staged extra dumpsters throughout the County parks. During the holiday weekend, janitorial contract staff were continuously moving from park to park cleaning/ sanitizing restrooms, replenishing supplies and assisting with litter pick up. In addition, 25 contract staff walked the beach and coastal parks picking up trash and 15 trash carts continuously emptied trash cans, picked up large items and offered to collect trash from patrons. For more information, contact Terri Propst at (386) 248-8072, ext. 20337.

Mosquito Control

Mosquito Control is launching the seasonal midge barge in Lake Monroe near Stone Island. The barge consists of large white panels with solar powered floodlights on a timer to attract nuisance non-biting midges away from the shoreline and nearby residences. For more information, contact Suzanne Bartlett, (386) 424-2920, ext. 20272.



Road & Bridge

On May 28 the onsite crane erected 30 wall panels for the operations building of the Public Works Northeast Services Facility. For more information, contact Benjamin Bartlett at (386) 822-6422, ext. 20470.



Traffic Engineering

Installed Miovision at Oriole Avenue and Toronita Avenue (Wilbur By the Sea) to investigate parking complaints on Oriole Avenue. For more information, contact Jon Cheney at (386) 736-5968, ext. 12709.

Water Resources and Utilities

Completed installation and programming of water meter transmitters in Hacienda Del Rio, South Waterfront Park, and Fisherman's Cove, as testing of the new radio communications network continues in the County's southeast utility service area. Conversion of over 1,700 water meters to advanced meter infrastructure (AMI) technology, within this service area, is scheduled for completion by mid-July. For more information, contact Mike Ulrich at (386) 943-7027, ext. 12724.