COMMUNITY SERVICES

Community Assistance: The Summer Food Service Program begins June 5 and will provide free breakfast and lunch for children and teens 18 years of age and younger. The program, funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, provides nutritious meals during summer break when schools are closed. Over 60 organizations throughout the county have volunteered to serve meals at their locations on weekdays. To find a feeding spot, visit summerbreakspot.org. For more information, contact Carmen Hall at chall@volusia.org.

OCEAN CENTER

Events: USA Today Network will host the Volusia-Flagler-St. Johns High School Sports Awards in the arena on June 6 for an estimated 800 attendees. The athletic recognition program, which honors the area’s top-performing athletes, coaches and teams, will feature 12-Time Olympic Medalist Dara Torres as the guest speaker. To learn more and get tickets, visit https://bit.ly/3N8fC3k. The Atlantic Coast Classic moves in June 7 and 8 for a functional fitness competition throughout the following three days. In its tenth year at the Ocean Center, the event will take over the entire building, expecting 2,500 attendees and generating 1,000 room nights. To learn more about the competition, including how to register as an athlete or secure your spot as a spectator, visit https://bit.ly/3Pbd8CT. For more information, contact Tim Buckley at tbuckley@volusia.org.

COUNTY MANAGER’S OFFICE

Community Information: Due to the recent high number of water rescues conducted by Beach Safety, staff has amplified messaging on various platforms notifying beachgoers of dangerous water conditions, including rip currents. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at kcaptain@volusia.org.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Emergency Management: On June 3, the division held a hurricane shelter awareness event at the Emergency Operations Center, offering residents the opportunity to learn what to bring and expect if they must evacuate to a shelter. For more information, contact James Judge at jjudge@volusia.org.

Environmental Management: Environmental Permitting FY 2022-23 year-to-date inspection numbers are up 6.43% compared to the same time as the previous FY. Additionally, inspections have increased by 65% since FY 2017-18.
Utilizing a $19,550 grant from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, staff oversaw the removal of a 3.39-ton derelict vessel from the St. Johns River in the Astor area. The 25-foot sailboat was submerged with only the bow above the water line. The vessel contained hazardous materials, including a lead acid battery, two fire extinguishers and an air conditioner pump with unknown chemicals on board. The vessel was demolished, placed in a roll-off container and taken to the Tomoka Landfill for disposal. For more information, contact Ginger Adair at gadair@volusia.org.

PUBLIC WORKS

*Mosquito Control:* The division conducted a successful Tire Amnesty Day event on May 19, collaborating with the Volusia County Department of Health, collecting approximately 510 tires from the community. For more information, contact Marcus McDonough at mmcdonough@volusia.org.