AVIATION AND ECONOMIC RESOURCES

**Administration:** Daytona Beach International Airport staff and airline representatives attended the National Tourism Breakfast hosted by the Lodging & Hospitality Association. County Manager George Recktenwald was on the panel representing Volusia County, the airport and the Ocean Center.

**Air Service, Marketing, Customer Experience:** Joanne Magley will present to the Halifax Area Advertising Authority on May 17 to request $50,000 from the CVB’s air service line-item budget to promote new air service from Avelo Airlines.

**Economic Development:** Volusia County Economic Development will host its “Q” Breakfast meeting at 8 a.m. May 19 in the Dennis McGee Room at Daytona Beach International Airport. Aviation and Economic Resources Director Cyrus Callum will provide a presentation on the 1st quarter of 2023 economic data that includes industry average wages, building permit data, labor statistics and employment trends. A panel of developers will discuss industrial development projects in Volusia County. Panelists include:

- Don Schoenheider, Exec VP, Midwest Market Leader, Hillwood, a Perot Company
- Scott Claiborne, Director of Development, Onicx Group
- Jim Ford, CEO, TRES III, LLC

For more information, contact Joanne Magley at jmagley@flydab.org.

OCEAN CENTER

**Events:** On May 15, Daytona State College moves in to prepare for three graduation ceremonies the following day in the arena. The event, which also uses the exhibit hall, expects 6,500 attendees. Florida Homeschool Association will hold its 2023 Convention and Curriculum Expo in the ballroom on May 17, with up to 200 attendees. The One Voice for Volusia Annual Health and Human Services Summit takes place May 18 in the ballroom and meeting rooms. This free event is open to the public and expects up to 500 attendees; learn more at https://bit.ly/42DL4M8.

Richard Milburn Academy moves into the arena on May 18 to prepare for its graduation ceremony the next day; 1,000 attendees are expected. The FlyKicksOnly Sneaker Expo will take place in the ballroom May 21. The event is open to the public, and tickets are available online at https://bit.ly/42BG0aX. For more information, contact Tim Buckley at tbuckley@volusia.org.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

**Community Assistance:** The department and division are soliciting proposals from for-profit and not-for-profit developers to support the development of affordable, multi-family rental housing projects or
permanent supportive housing. State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) and HOME Investments Partnerships – The American Rescue Plan Act (HOME-ARP) funds totaling $7,082,000 are available. Funding may be used as gap funding for developers utilizing other affordable housing sources. Projects must be located within Volusia County, excluding the incorporated city limits of Daytona Beach and Deltona. Proposals will be accepted until 3 p.m. on May 25.

A waiting list for summer camp scholarships was established on May 8. Applications may still be received and placed on a waiting list until funding becomes available. The waiting list will be reviewed regularly so eligible applicants can be pulled from the waiting list and issued a voucher as funding allows. For additional information, contact Carmen Hall at chall@volusia.org.

**Library Services:** On May 6, the division held the sixth annual How-To Festival across six branches. Local experts, hobbyists, staff and professionals shared their passions and offered instruction on various topics, with over 5,000 attending. For more information, contact Lucinda Colee at llcolee@volusia.org.

**COUNTY MANAGER**

**Community Information:** Staff highlighted Nurses Week and Correctional Officers Week through social media. Staff is scheduled to create and disseminate information for other divisions, including EMS Week, Public Works Week, Beach Safety Week and Mosquito Control Week. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at kcaptain@volusia.org.

**EMERGENCY SERVICES**

**Emergency Management:** The division continues to support beach recovery efforts in collaboration with multiple divisions. Staff presented at two separate branches for the Library’s How-To-Festival on May 6. Staff will attend the Governor’s Hurricane Conference in West Palm Beach June 8-12. The Emergency Operations Center (EOC) hosted Emergency Services, the Animal Control Advisory Board and COAD meetings on May 9. On May 10, The EOC hosted Fire New Hire Testing with Human Resources, the Human Services meeting and CGI training. Yolanda Buckles will soon be doing a walk-through of Special Needs Shelters with Volusia County Schools Administration. For more information, contact James Judge at jjudge@volusia.org.

**Emergency Medical Administration:** The division is discussing the establishment and software setup of EMS Charts with the Emergency Medical Services division. This meeting will begin the transition from ZOLL's original flagship platform to its web-based product. It will focus on maintaining compliance for state data reporting, ensuring ambulance billing has all required information to collect accounts and adding any additional fields necessary for objectively measuring system and clinical performance. While EMS Charts is established with non-transport providers, numerous fields that exceed the current software’s configuration are required for transport. The division continues to work with AdventHealth, Halifax Health and HCA toward their continuing and evolving stroke programs. This week, EMA will be on-site at Halifax Health for a site visit by the Joint Commission of Hospital Accreditation to demonstrate the countywide emergency medical services relationship with the health care system. For more information, contact Mark Wolcott at mwolcott@volusia.org.

**Emergency Medical Services:** On May 8, staff was at Pine Ridge High School Health Academy to give an overview of the services EMS provides. There was a Skilled Nursing Facility Evacuation
Exercise Tactics meeting held internally by EMS on May 10. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at kcaptain@volusia.org.

Fire Rescue: Division staff attended the annual Florida Governor’s Hurricane Conference from May 8-12 to obtain the latest information and response capabilities for hurricane mitigation. This conference provided dozens of training sessions and workshops to help address challenges often identified with these large-scale disasters. The division sent four individuals to Appleton, Wisconsin, to conduct the final inspection of Engine 12. This inspection is to ensure the apparatus meets all of the requirements outlined by VCFR and that delivery remains on schedule. For more information, contact Chief Joe King at jwking@volusia.org.

GROWTH & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Environmental Management: Staff participated in various meetings, such as the Indian River Lagoon National Estuary Program Management Board, STEM and the IRLNEP. The IRLNEP Management Conference approved $15,371 in small grants to help organizations with education and restoration projects impacting the lagoon in Volusia County.

As of May 10, 37 sea turtle nests are on Volusia County-managed beaches. Sea Turtle Habitat Conservation Plan staff continue to work with property owners to facilitate coastal construction projects while protecting sea turtles and their nests. For more information, contact Ginger Adair at gadair@volusia.org

PUBLIC PROTECTION

Animal Services: Director Adam Leath’s last day with the county was May 10. Alicia Dease has been named as the interim director. For more information, contact Alicia Dease at adease@vousia.org.

Beach Safety: The division is working with the Volusia Sheriff’s Office regarding the transition of law enforcement authority on the beach. For more information, contact Andy Ethridge at aethridge@volusia.org.

Corrections: National Correctional Officers Week was celebrated May 7-13. Lunch and dinner were arranged for both the day and night shifts. Public Protection Administration and Human Resources staff showed their appreciation by helping serve the meals. On May 10, staff attended the civilian and employee of the shift ceremony. For more information, contact Warden Steven Smith at sksmith@volusia.org.

PUBLIC WORKS

Coastal: Maintenance staff repaired and reopened the pedestrian beach accesses at Old Carriage Road in Ponce Inlet and Marcelle Avenue in Wilbur-by-the-Sea. Trades staff continued site work at the Lighthouse Point Park Jetty Connector in preparation for repairs.

The county’s TrapBag installation and debris removal crews continued their efforts last week in Daytona Beach, Wilbur-by-the-Sea, Daytona Beach Shores and the unincorporated area of New Smyrna Beach. As of May 9, approximately 4,805 cubic yards of debris have been removed, and 7,562 linear feet of TrapBags have been installed. A total of 59 beach accesses remain closed. For more information, contact Jessica Fentress at jfentress@volusia.org.
**Engineering & Construction:** Construction has started for a sidewalk along Stratford Avenue in DeLand from Westchester Drive to Vassar Road. The proposed sidewalk will run along the west side of Stratford Avenue to Yorkshire Drive, where it will cross to the east side for the remainder of the project. Construction is anticipated to last for one month. For more information, contact Tadd Kasbeer at tkasbeer@volusia.org.

**Mosquito Control:** As part of an integrated pest management program, the division uses source reduction methods to reduce mosquito habitats and lessen biting mosquito populations. Tires are a common culprit for producing mosquitoes as they hold small amounts of water that are difficult to dump. The division will have a tire amnesty event from 7 a.m. to noon May 19 at the Volusia County Department of Health, 1845 Holsonback Drive, Daytona Beach. Only residential tires will be accepted, and there is a limit of 20 per person. There is no cost to drop off tires. Details of the event are available at volusia.org/mosquito. For more information, contact Marcus McDonough at mmcdonough@volusia.org.

**Road and Bridge:** Bridge and drainage crew members coordinated to repair areas along the South Williamson Boulevard overpass bridge near Port Orange. Erosion caused by heavy rains necessitated this repair work within the right-of-way of the I-95 overpass area of South Williamson Boulevard. For more information, contact Lori Koontz at lkoontz@volusia.org.

**Solid Waste:** The division offers free removal of home fuel oil to all Volusia County residents. The objective is to remove abandoned home fuel oil from all known tanks. Staff removed 417 gallons of home fuel oil in April from three residential properties. Residents needing home fuel oil removed may call 386-943-7889 to schedule an appointment. For more information, contact Regina Montgomery at rmontgomery@volusia.org.

**Traffic Engineering:** The division’s signal staff will perform preventive signal maintenance this month in the Deltona and Ormond Beach areas. Inspections have been performed for the signal modification project at LPGA and US-92 in Daytona Beach and the mast arm upgrade project at Clyde Morris Boulevard and Herbert Street in Port Orange. For more information, contact Jay Williams at jwilliams@volusia.org.

**Water Resources and Utilities:** Annual maintenance and flow testing of 1,680 fire hydrants has begun within the county’s six utility service areas. Preventative maintenance ensures reliable supply and water pressure for fire protection. Currently, crews are completing scheduled work within the Spruce Creek utility service area, with the Southeast and Northeast service areas to follow. For more information, contact Mike Ulrich at mulrich@volusia.org.