

Volusia County Government Activities Nov. 26 – Dec. 2, 2022

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Community Assistance: Community Assistance is accepting applications for Disaster Recovery Program – Relocation Assistance for income-eligible residents who have been displaced due to Hurricanes Ian or Nicole. The program is funded by the State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) and can assist homeowners and renters from a property in Volusia County but not within the city limits of Daytona Beach or Deltona. Eligible applicants may receive help with security deposits, first and last month's rent and up to three months of rental assistance. Applicants will need to provide documentation of income, proof of displacement by a Hurricane, an application package, proof of insurance and a FEMA application, if applicable. To view eligibility criteria and more details on the program, visit www.volusia.org/housing-disaster.

The Human Services Advisory Board will meet at 3:30 p.m. on Dec. 7 at the Thomas C. Kelly Annex, 121 W. Rich Ave., DeLand. Members will review the FY2023 Community Action Plan. The Children and Families Advisory Board will meet at 1:30 p.m. on Dec. 13 in the County Council Chambers. Members will review and score Justice Assistance Grant applications for FY2023. Members will also review outcomes and expenditures from the previous fiscal year and determine the criteria and requirements for the 2023 summer camp scholarship program. A link to attend virtually may be found at www.volusia.org/cfab. To request additional information, contact Carmen Hall at chall@volusia.org.

Resource Stewardship: The 2023 ECHO grant cycle closed on Nov. 10. Three applications were submitted, two from non-profits and one from a municipality, with a total request of \$3,505,000. The Volusia Forever Advisory Committee will meet at 9 a.m. on Dec. 7 to review the applications and discuss the current criteria for evaluating each property. For more information, contact Brad Burbaugh at BBurbaugh@volusia.org.

COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE

Community Information: Staff disseminated information regarding the emergency coastal permitting open house held on Dec. 1 and assisted our media partners while at the event. Staff hosted representatives from FEMA and the U.S. Small Business Administration on Dec. 2, to explain assistance programs and to address commonly asked questions that residents have had since assistance was made available after the storm. Staff also recorded shows with Deputy County Manager Suzanne Konchan, which will air Dec. 23, and County Manager George Recktenwald, which will air Dec. 30. Both prerecorded shows touch on some of the County's accomplishments throughout 2022 and what is upcoming in 2023. Staff continues assisting in spreading information about hurricane recovery efforts and addressing media inquiries. Final preparations are being carried out for the unveiling of the Veterans Hall of Fame in the TCK Rotunda during the Dec. 6, County Council meeting. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at kcaptain@volusia.org.

GROWTH & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Environmental Management: Environmental Management staff recently attended Indian River Lagoon (IRL) Council meetings in Grant-Valkaria and Sebastian. The Management Board and the



STEM committees discussed seagrass, wastewater treatment plant relocations, new sources of funding and the Kennedy Space Center Master Plan. Water Quality staff sampled the IRL and its tributaries, including a new site in the southern part of the lagoon. Preliminary data indicated normal conditions in the IRL with no indications of an algal bloom. Department of Health staff was present to take bacteriological sampling in the aftermath of Hurricane Nicole. For more information, contact Ginger Adair at gadair@volusia.org.

OCEAN CENTER

Events: The Halifax Humane Society will host their annual Fur Ball Gala in the ballroom on Dec. 7, with an estimated 500 attendees. Tickets can be purchased at <https://www.halifaxhumanesociety.org/events/index>. Joseph Volleyball Academy (JVA) moves in on Dec. 8 for their Florida Holiday Challenge on Dec. 10 and 11 in the arena and exhibit hall. The event is expected to have 4,000 attendees and generate 1,000 room nights. This is the last of four major events the JVA will host at the Ocean Center in the calendar year of 2022. 24 Seven will utilize the ballroom and meeting rooms for a dance convention from Dec. 9 through 11. The private event expects 300 attendees, generating 350 room nights. For more information, contact Tim Riddle at triddle@volusia.org.

PUBLIC PROTECTION

Emergency Management: The division continues to support the affected areas through the Disaster Recovery Center and provide resources to those areas of need for Hurricanes Ian and Nicole. The Emergency Operations Center hosted FEMA Procurement Training on Nov. 30. Staff continues supporting beach recovery efforts in collaboration with other divisions. For more information, James Judge at (386) 254-1500.

Emergency Medical Services: On Nov. 30, Volusia County EMS participated in a decontamination drill with AdventHealth Fish Memorial Hospital in Orange City. EMS assisted as observers in evaluating the hospital and providing feedback for patient care involving hazardous materials. EMS met with Information Technology on Nov. 30 to discuss the ambulance network connectivity status and improvements. For more information, contact Mark Wolcott at (386) 561-8087.

Fire Rescue: VCFR's Technical Rescue Team will host a Tech Level ropes class for VCFR and the surrounding fire departments throughout the week of Dec. 5. This class will expand the knowledge and skills of rope operations from the previous courses on high and/or low angle rescue. This will also complete the rope training course curriculum. For more information, contact Joe King at (386) 736-5940 ext. 12909.

PUBLIC WORKS

Coastal: Coastal staff is diligently working to repair and re-open assets damaged by Hurricane Nicole. This includes assessing structural integrity, removing compromised sections of decking, repairing and/or replacing damaged stair treads and stringers, adding extensions and x-bracing to pilings for structural support, replacing any damaged top caps and/or side rails, aluminum railing and other repairs as necessary.

Coastal tradesworkers completed repairs to walkover three and began work on the remaining damaged sections of walkovers one and two at Lighthouse Point Park in Ponce inlet. This included



cutting back the structures to improve structural integrity and coordinating with contractors on debris removal for staff to begin the installation of new stair sets in the following weeks.

Recent reopenings include Al Weeks North Shore Restrooms in Ormond Beach, Plaza Blvd. in Daytona Beach and the Wisteria Off Beach Parking Lot in Daytona Beach. One hundred and twenty-seven coastal assets remain closed. For more information, contact Jessica Fentress at (386) 248-8072, ext. 20356.

Engineering & Construction: The potable plumbing project for pods five and six at the Volusia County Branch Jail is approaching substantial completion on or around Dec. 2, with anticipated completion by Jan. 21, 2023. Activities for the coming weeks include main valve replacement, roof curbs and vertical piping and insulation. For more information, contact Tadd Kasbeer at (386) 736-5967, ext. 15846.

Mosquito Control: The division is sending a representative to the UF/IFAS Mosquito BEACONS working group meeting on Dec. 6. The Mosquito Biodiversity Enhancement and Control of Non-native Species (BEACONS) working group has members from Louisiana, Mississippi, Georgia, Florida, North Carolina and South Carolina. The group consists of academic researchers, mosquito control personnel and senior management, private pest control, state public health and agriculture entities and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. This meeting will provide advanced identification training on emerging and invasive mosquito species in the southern region. As part of an integrated pest management program, the division conducts surveillance of mosquito species throughout the County to plan field operations, and accurate identification is necessary to understand the risk of disease transmission to communities. For more information, contact Marcus McDonough at (386) 424-2920, ext. 20272.

Road and Bridge: From 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Dec. 4, travelers on roads surrounding the Daytona International Speedway experienced delays to accommodate the CLASH Endurance Daytona triathlon. Message boards and law enforcement officers were along the route to assist with traffic flow and intersection crossings. For more information, contact Lori Koontz at [\(386\) 822-6422](tel:(386)822-6422), ext. 20455.

Solid Waste: Since Oct. 1, the Tomoka Farms Road Landfill has received and processed 19,565 tons of storm-related demolition debris. For more information, contact Regina Montgomery at (386) 947-2952, ext. 21347.

Traffic Engineering: Traffic Engineering is currently reviewing the Traffic Impact Analysis for the Shell Pointe Colony residential development located west of Williamson Boulevard and south of Pioneer Trail in New Smyrna Beach. This development will consist of 701 single-family dwelling units. For more information, contact Jay Williams at (386) 736-5968, ext. 12139.

Water Resources and Utilities: Utilities staff hosted a joint planning session with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, St. Johns River Water Management District, and the cities of DeLand, Deltona and Orange City. The purpose was to review current capital improvement projects, evaluate potential regional water supply and wastewater remediation projects and discuss future protection strategies and funding for the Blue Spring watershed. For more information, contact Mike Ulrich at (386) 943-7027, ext. 12724.