

Volusia County Government Activities October 12 – November 1, 2019

Aviation and Economic Resources

Daytona Beach International Airport (DBIA)

-10/18 -American Airlines is expanding service. Beginning in January 2020, American will replace some smaller, regional planes to the mainline Airbus a319 for one of its daily flights to and from Daytona Beach to Charlotte, North Carolina. Also starting in January, American will increase the number of daily flights from four to five to Charlotte. Beginning Jan. 11, American Airlines will continue non-stop service between DAB and LaGuardia Airport (LGA) in New York.

The Airport Terminal Updates project is making significant progress as our contractor is moving forward on several fronts. Most recently the balcony area, baggage claim area, gate two, and ticket counters have all undergone significant changes.

-11/1 - The airport underwent its annual Part 139 Safety/Certification Inspection Oct. 21 – 23. Part 139 is the Federal airport certification regulation that established certification requirements for airports serving scheduled air carrier operations. The inspection process is a very detailed three-day event that covers all compliance items found in 14 CFR Part 139 (the air carrier operation regulation).

The Inspector noted that DAB is a very safe airport. He also noted a very professional staff and clean, well-maintained airfield. There were several minor findings that have since been corrected or are scheduled for correction in the near future. The airport continues to maintain its very important FAA Part 139 operating certificate.

For more information, contact Joanne Magley at 386-248-8030 ext: 18309 or jmagley@volusia.org.

Budget and Administrative Service

Budget

-10/18 -Management & Budget is completing the TRIM process and publishing the Adopted Budget. That is to be completed Oct. 23. Capital Improvement Plan books to be presented to council on Nov. 19, including ADA versions for the Web.

For more information, contact Aaron Van Kleeck at 386-736-5934 ext: 12458 or avankleeck@volusia.org.

Business Services

Information Technology

-10/18 -Coordinated the procurement and installation of all new radio consoles for Sheriff's dispatchers. This will provide improved dispatch and public safety communications. Also I.T. completed the implementation and testing of new network infrastructure to support the SmartCommunications tablets which are currently being deployed in Corrections for inmate programs.

For more information, contact Kevin Benge at kbenge@volusia.org or Brian Whiting at bwhiting@volusia.org.

Central Services

11/1 -TCK Administration Building Elevator Refurbishment Program – The project to completely rebuild and refurbish the five building elevators is underway. Two elevators are completed. The other two will be completed within ten days. The freight elevator completion is expected by the end of December.

TCK Cubicles – The Sheriff's Office Administrative suite phase one on the 4th floor was completed last week. Phase two will be complete by mid-November.

The Property Appraiser's Office on the 1st floor is being designed and reconfigured to accommodate additional staff needs.

For more information, contact George Baker at gbaker@volusia.org.

Revenue



11/1- Over 270,000 annual property tax bills were mailed on Nov. 1, and the tax roll is now open for collection! You may view, print, and pay your bill online at <https://volusia.county-taxes.com/public> (volusia.org/taxes). Payments are also accepted by mail to the DeLand office or in person at any of our four branch offices located in DeLand, Orange City, Daytona Beach, and New Smyrna Beach. There is a 4% discount for early payment, if paid in November, and taxes become delinquent on April 1, 2020.

For more information, contact Craig Baumgardner at cbaumgardner@volusia.org.

Community Services

Agriculture Extension (AG Center)

-10/25- Last week Family Nutrition Program (FNP) staff met with St. Vincent De Paul Society in DeLand to discuss nutrition education at the food pantry site. Starting in November, FNP staff will periodically teach a nutrition education lesson at St. Vincent de Paul Society to support their food pantry.

Community Assistance

-10/18- The Children and Families Advisory Board (CFAB) Planning Subcommittee released an online stakeholder survey for evaluating service categories, risk factors, and scopes of work for community needs funded met through the Request for Statement of Qualification (RSQ) process.

-10/25- The new Human Services office opened on Monday, Oct. 28 in the Florida Department of Health building, 1845 Holsonback Drive, Daytona Beach. The new location replaces the office that was damaged on North Beach Street by Hurricane Irma. Office hours are 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Human Services assists low-income Volusia County households with utilities, rent, mortgage, prescriptions, dental extractions, and indigent cremations/burials. Persons seeking assistance may call 386-254-4675 after 8 a.m. weekdays to schedule an appointment. They may also apply in person starting at 7:30 a.m. each weekday.

For more information, contact Carmen Hall at 386-736-5955 ext: 12044 or at chall@volusia.org.

Florida Department of Health in Volusia County (FDOH-Volusia)

-10/18- Urgent dental needs of children are the subject of a quality improvement project. The DOH-Volusia recently completed a quality improvement project in six public schools to increase the low numbers of parents who attend to their child's urgent care needs following notification from the department's school-based dental team.

10-25- As of Oct. 21, 259 cases of Hepatitis A have been confirmed in Volusia County this calendar year. In all of 2018, five Hepatitis A cases were confirmed in the county. The Volusia County Health Department (CHD) continues to focus on reaching three high-risk populations by offering vaccinations and prevention education.

Influenza activity remained at low levels across Florida according to the Oct. 12 Florida Flu Review surveillance report.

For more information, contact Holly Smith at 386-274-0838 or Holly.Smith2@flhealth.gov.

Library Services

-10/18- The Library added Weiss Financial Ratings Series to volusialibrary.org. It gives accurate, independent ratings and financial planning tools our residents need to make informed decisions about insurance, banking and investment options.

-10/25- Volusia County libraries continue to serve as community gathering places for both library and non-library programs and meetings. During fiscal year 2019, more than 177,000 people of all ages attended library sponsored programs, while an additional 52,786 people attended non-library meetings in library facilities.

For more information, contact Lucinda Colee at 386-248-1745 ext: 11212.

Parks, Recreational & Culture

10/18- Land Management staff have been working with Volusia County's information technology staff to develop a mobile wildlife application to be used to collect wildlife data on the county's conservation lands. The application will be used to log and track animal species to include GPS coordinates, time of day, the quantity of each

species observed, and the type of the habitat the species was observed in. This information can be used as a tool to measure our success in habitat improvement.

10/25-Historian, teacher, and musician Stanton O'Neal performed songs from World War I through the 1960s on Oct. 19, in the DeBary Hall Theater. Mr. O'Neal performed tunes made famous by Glenn Miller, the Andrews Sisters, Elvis, Marty Robbins, the Beatles, Chubby Checker, Bob Dylan and others. He also shared historical highlights and little known facts to include DeLand planes bombing Lake County and the opening of the "fireproof" Hotel Putnam.

For more information, contact Tim Baylie at 386-736-5953 ext: 12636 or at tbaylie@volusia.org.

Votran

10/25-In an e-mail from a business in Port Orange, a staff person commended the Votran Gold operator for his phenomenal patience and caring when escorting an elderly customer to their business. Business personnel said the driver walked with the customer "arm in arm" and made sure she got in the door safely.

For Fiscal Year 2019 ending Sept. 30 Votran's Gold Service operators transported 319,895 customers and received more than twice as many commendations as complaints!

For more information, contact Frank Alvarez at 386-756-7496.

County Manager's Office

Community Information

10/18-Community Information's staff continued to plan the 2020 Daytona Beach Half Marathon, securing sponsorships including Brown & Brown as the returning, presenting sponsor. Community Information is stepping up efforts to promote the 2020 Census; staff delivered a presentation to VITAS administrators regarding group quarters enumeration and met with the Intergovernmental Subcommittee to brainstorm ideas and share plans.

For more information, contact Kevin Captain at kcaptain@volusia.org.

Growth and Resource Management

Administration

10-25-Staff gave a presentation to the League of Women Voters regarding smart growth and the future of development within Volusia County.

Building & Code Administration

11/1-Building and Code Administration welcomed a new Building Inspector this week.

Environmental Management

10/12-The 2019 Sea Turtle nesting season began on May 1 and will run through October 31st. As of 10/07 there have been 984 nests laid on our beaches. This breaks our previous record of 919 nests in 2012. Add to this the 809 "false crawls" and this brings the total number of crawls on our beaches this year to 1,793.

10/25-Environmental Management staff participated in the official signing of the East Central Florida Regional Resilience Collaborative at the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council in Orlando. Council Member Wheeler was one of the distinguished speakers at the event and highlighted Volusia County's prominent role in the creation of this regional framework to address the impacts of climate change. Chair Kelley signed the MOU on behalf of the county. Council Member Girtman was also in attendance, representing the county.

Ocean Center

10/12- The Ocean Center was notified it had been honored among 337 convention and visitor bureaus (CVBs), meeting facilities and hotels located across the South, to receive this year's ConventionSouth Readers' Choice Award.

Daytona Beach News-Journals 59th Annual Fall Home Show will bring 5,000 people to the Ocean Center. We will also be welcoming a new event called the Strongman Games the end of the month and first weekend of November.

10/25- On Oct 24 - 27, the Ocean Center hosted the Daytona Beach News-Journals 59th Annual Fall Home Show. It had a record attendance of over 5,000 people.

11/1- Nov. 1-3, the Ocean Center will host, for the first time, the Official Strongman Games. Over 230 athletes will participate in this event that will take place in the Ocean Center arena.

For more information, contact Tim Riddle at 386-254-4500 ext: 24514 or triddle@volusia.org.

Public Protection

Beach Safety

10/25- Beach Safety continues to fly the red flag. Surf conditions have remained poor which also leads to extended beach closures due to higher tides.

For more information, contact Ray Manchester at rmanchester@volusia.org.

Emergency Medical Services (EMS)

10/18- Volusia County EMS leadership has been collaborating with area hospital emergency departments (ED) in optimizing the off-load time of patients arriving to the ED. In the last two months, the overall bed delay numbers have decreased by significant measure. These stronger relationships are getting our ambulances back on the road quicker!

For more information, contact Jason Brady at (386) 236-3510.

Corrections

11/1- Last week, the Corrections Division received two body scanners in an effort to enhance security and minimize the amount of contraband items entering the jail environment. A "Train the trainer" training session will be conducted next week and the scanners are expected to be fully operational by the end of November.

The new inmate telephone system and video visitation system has been completely installed and is fully functional.

For more information, contact Mark Flowers at 386-323-3505.

Public Works

Coastal

10/12- Coastal staff collaborated with the Road & Bridge division to fill in and regrade the northeast parking lot at Mary McLeod Bethune Beach Park. Work was completed on Oct, 4.

10/25- The Coastal Division developed and installed a popular beach toy exchange box at the busy Flagler Avenue beach area in New Smyrna Beach. This low-cost, self-service beach amenity reduces litter and supports beach toy sharing for families and kids.

11/1- The Coastal Division cooperatively provided grant information to the coastal cities of Daytona Beach and New Smyrna Beach in support of derelict vessel removal grants to be submitted to the Florida FWC and Florida Inland Navigation District.

For more information, contact Jessica Winterwerp at 386-248-8072, ext. 20356.

Engineering & Construction

10/18- Work continues on the Countywide resurfacing contract, with the recent completion of Kicklighter Road in Lake Helen; Deerfoot Road, Spring Garden Road, Beresford Avenue, Taylor Road and Blue Lake Avenue in



DeLand; Marsh Road and Reynolds Road in DeLeon Springs; and the Pine Run Neighborhood in Ormond Beach. Old Mission Road in Edgewater is currently in process.

10/25-Engineering and Construction is currently in the selection process for professional Architectural/Engineering Services for the design of a new Medical Examiner facility.

11/1- Work continues on the Countywide resurfacing contract, with the recent completion of Old Mission Road in Edgewater. LPGA Blvd in Daytona Beach is currently in process.

For more information, contact Tadd Kasbeer at 386-736-5967, ext. 15846.

Mosquito Control

10/18-Mosquito Control is actively treating for mosquitoes and advising residents to use personal protection to prevent mosquito bites in accordance with the Florida Department of Health issuing a Mosquito-borne illness advisory for West Nile virus.

10/25-The surveillance program indicates an increase in mosquito populations throughout the County following last week's rain event. We are working to schedule treatments based on surveillance data and areas of concern for Halloween related events.

11/1- When responding to citizen requests, Mosquito Control Inspectors work diligently to find the source of the problem and educate the public. Staff often receives calls afterwards to thank us for our efforts.

For more information, contact Suzanne Bartlett at 386-424-2920, ext. 20272.

Road & Bridge

10/18-On Oct. 4, work was recently completed on the Josephine Street Sidewalk project in New Smyrna Beach. The project replaced approximately 2,180 feet of sidewalk along the north side of Josephine Street from Old Mission Road to New Smyrna Beach High School. The \$80,487 project complies with the American with Disabilities Act and was funded by a Community Development Block Grant.



10/25-The Road & Bridge Tree Crew removed several hazardous trees and vegetation within the right-of-way at various locations throughout the County to include Daytona Beach, DeLand, New Smyrna Beach, Oak Hill, Ormond Beach, and Pierson. The trees were removed based on citizen requests and after Road & Bridge staff determined that the trees were hazardous.

11/1- The Road & Bridge Traffic Operations staff coordinated the approval of three lane closures and three road closures for upcoming projects in Cassadaga, Daytona Beach, Deltona, Holly Hill, Ormond Beach, and Pierson. The lane closures and road closures provide safety in the work zone for traveling motorists and workers during projects such as turn lane construction, traffic signal and cabinet replacement, railroad crossing reconstruction, and utility work. Road & Bridge staff provides advanced notice to the public and affected agencies such as public safety, law enforcement, school board, news media, municipalities, and county departments of the closure locations and dates.

For more information, contact Benjamin Bartlett at 386-822-6422, ext. 20470.

Solid Waste

10/18-Volusia County's Solid Waste Division will host free collection events for residential household hazardous waste materials on Nov. 8, at Ormond Beach Public Works, 501 N. Orchard St. and on Nov. 9, at New Smyrna Beach Public Works, 124 Industrial Park Avenue. Both events are from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

10/25-On Oct. 20, in support of community Biketoberfest events, the Tomoka Farms Road Landfill had operating hours from 7–10 a.m. receiving and processing over 45 tons of garbage.

11/1- As an ongoing educational initiative, this past week Solid Waste Management Compliance Officers have actively patrolled SR 44 & SR 415 conducting 45 secured load inspections and issuing three written warnings to address windblown littering from unsecured waste loads.

For more information, contact Regina Montgomery at (386) 947-2952, ext. 13603.

Traffic Engineering

10/18-On Oct 2, signal staff Inspected the intersection at SR 40 and Tomoka Avenue and put the signal into full operation for the FDOT.

10/25-Staff responded to comments received by cities and developers regarding the proposed Transportation Map Series comprehensive plan amendments. Staff reviewed the comments and will pursue minor map edits based on the feedback.

11/1- The Traffic Engineering Division reviewed, coordinated with cities and developers, and sent comments on the following: the Liberty Station (Orange City) Traffic Impact Analysis (TIA, 200 single family homes), West Volusia Crossings TIA Methodology (Orange City, 280 apartments & over 62,000 square feet of retail/service/lodging/office uses), The Palms of Ashton Lakes TIA proportionate fair share negotiations (Port Orange, 83 bed nursing home/88 unit assisted living facility/10,000 square feet of retail), and Cloar TIA Methodology (Daytona Beach, 500 senior living homes & apartment/condo units). Additionally, the Coastal Woods "Parent Tract" (all phases) TIA was received and processed for internal review.

For more information, contact Jon Cheney at (386) 736-5968, ext. 12709.

Water Resource and Utilities

10/18-Utilities staff participated in a Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) workshop promoting clean water loans and grant opportunities for nonpoint source (stormwater) pollution and sewer conversion projects. DEP officials presented various projects eligible for funding. Protection of our water resources is among the state's highest priorities for ensuring safe water quality and a reliable supply.

10/25-Performed final plan review for construction of three miles of a wastewater force main connecting the Del North wastewater facility to the Southwest Regional Water Reclamation Facility. This connection will allow for the decommissioning of the Del North facility while providing advanced wastewater treatment to a larger number of residents in Southwest Volusia. The project is expected to commence in early FY 2020.

11/1- Participated with City of DeLand Utilities on the Oct. 22 Volusia Today radio broadcast discussing regional cooperative efforts among local governments to protect water quality and limited groundwater supply. Discussed the value of water in terms of health, quality of life and our local economy.

For more information, contact Mike Ulrich at 386-943-7027, ext. 12724.