

## Volusia County Government Activities October 15 – 21, 2022

### COMMUNITY SERVICES

**Community Assistance:** Volusia County's Human Services Advisory Board will meet at 3:30 p.m. Oct. 27, at CareerSource Flagler Volusia, 359 Bill France Blvd, Daytona Beach. Members will review programmatic reports, officially seat representatives from the low-income sector and appoint members to board committees. For more information, contact Carmen Hall at [chall@volusia.org](mailto:chall@volusia.org).

**Resource Stewardship:** ECHO hosted a mandatory workshop for 2023 grant applicants, with 23 individuals representing 18 organizations attending. The deadline for submitting the technical application for these groups is Nov. 10. Volusia Forever is currently accepting applications from willing sellers and citizens wishing to nominate properties for consideration until Nov. 15. Interested individuals can access the application and find more information at <https://bit.ly/3EZAMx2>.

### COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE

**Community Information:** Staff continues to respond to media inquiries stemming from Hurricane Ian, such as damage estimates, permitting, housing and shelter, and assistance resources available in the community. The division maintains continuous contact with other divisions to disseminate information via news releases and social media posts. The previous three Volusia Today segments have been concerning the storm. On Friday, Oct. 21, guests from Volusia County Community Assistance and the U.S. Small Business Administration discussed resources for impacted residents to obtain assistance. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at [kcaptain@volusia.org](mailto:kcaptain@volusia.org).

### OCEAN CENTER

The Pop Warner Cheer East Coast Conference hosted a competition in the arena and ballroom on Oct. 23. Approximately 3,000 people attended the event. Grace House will host its Annual Fundraising Gala in the ballroom on Oct. 27, with 160 attendees expected. Signature Equipovision will move into the arena on Oct. 27, for their Amway Conference, which will be held from Oct. 28 through Oct. 30. The private event is estimated to generate 1,500 room nights and 4,500 attendee days. The Hometown Heroes Banquet, hosted by the Daytona Beach News-Journal, will take place in the ballroom on the evening of Friday, Oct. 28. Florida Concrete and Products Association will utilize the exhibit hall, several meeting rooms and west surface lot for a private event on Oct. 28 and Oct. 29. They estimate 500 attendees and 174 room nights. Team Rubicon continues to utilize meeting rooms 203 and 204 and portions of the exhibit hall dock and south lot for Hurricane Ian relief efforts. For more information, contact Tim Riddle at [triddle@volusia.org](mailto:triddle@volusia.org).

### PUBLIC PROTECTION

**Animal Services:** The division welcomes the new Clinic Supervisor, Becky Haze, who started in her new position Monday, Oct. 17. Animal Services has been providing 24-hour personnel to evacuation shelters before the onset of the storm to assist with pets at the shelters. All pets in the shelter have been examined and treated by the veterinarian. Five pallets of cat food and six pallets of dog food will be delivered to Animal Services on Oct. 25 for staff to distribute supplies to pet owners impacted by the storm in the form. In addition to food, collars, leashes, and other supplies, as well as veterinary care and medications to treat sick and injured animals. There has been an overwhelming response



from the public after VCAS advertised on social media that pet food was available at the VCAS office. For more information, contact Division Director Adam Leath at (386) 822-3506.

**Emergency Management:** Emergency Management continues to support the affected areas through the Disaster Recovery Center and provide resources to those areas of need. Emergency Management is still handling Hurricane Ian calls from the public due to the closure of the Citizens Information Center. For more information, contact Division Director James Judge at (386) 254-1500.

**Emergency Medical Administration:** On Oct. 20, the medical director hosted a systemwide constituency group with all Emergency Medical Services providers. The discussion focused on priorities following the medical director transition. For more information, contact Division Director Mark Wolcott at (386) 561-8087.

**Emergency Medical Services:** EMS will conduct Field Training Officer and EMS Sergeant interviews. For more information, contact Division Director Michael at (386) 236-3511.

**Fire Rescue:** VCFR's senior staff will conduct firefighter interviews with prospective candidates on the eligibility list. Those selected will be filling the 15 slots that are currently available and will start their recruit academies tentatively in November 2022 and January 2023. VCFR is drafting the roles and responsibilities for the new Division Chief of EMS. This position will assist VCFR with the medical requirements, training and logistical needs for successful EMS operations within VCFR. For more information, contact Interim Fire Chief Joe King at (386) 736-5940 ext. 12909.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

**Engineering & Construction:** Engineering and Construction currently has two projects for bid. The first project is the Blue Lake Avenue extension, which is scheduled to open on Nov. 3. The second project is the old Elections building demolition and parking lot resurfacing, which will be extended and will likely open on Nov. 17. For more information, contact Tadd Kasbeer at (386) 736-5967, ext. 15846.

**Mosquito Control:** Mosquito Control staff are responding to Hurricane Ian by conducting county-wide surveillance to monitor mosquito larval and adult populations. Field inspectors are larviciding areas of standing water to prevent larval mosquitoes from emerging into biting adults. The division is also collaborating with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to conduct aerial operations in response to widespread biting mosquitoes. These operations, using fixed-wing aircraft, began on Oct. 19 and continued nightly into the week, weather permitting, until completion. Treatment areas are posted on our online web map, which can be viewed at: [www.volusia.org/mosquito](http://www.volusia.org/mosquito). For more information, contact Marcus McDonough at (386) 424-2920, ext. 20272.

**Road & Bridge:** Road & Bridge is responding to a multitude of service requests after Hurricane Ian. Tree crews are addressing leaning and hanging trees that are encroaching the right-of-way. The drainage crews are cleaning and removing obstructions from stormwater systems. The road crews are repairing eroded areas that were inundated with flooding and grading dirt roads. The traffic sign crews are installing missing signage and fabricating needed signage for other departments. For more information, contact Lori Koontz at (386) 822-6422, ext. 20455.

**Solid Waste:** The Tomoka Farms Road Landfill and West Volusia Transfer Station facilities reopened Saturday, Oct. 1, after Hurricane Ian. Since then, the Tomoka Farms Road Landfill has operated seven days a week, processing 4,564 tons of storm-related demolition debris and 3,933 of storm-related vegetative debris. For more information, contact Regina Montgomery at (386) 947-2952, ext. 21347.

**Traffic Engineering:** Traffic Engineering staff has actively been performing hurricane response tasks, including damage assessment, traffic signal repairs and coordinating with state and local partners to restore functionality to vital infrastructure as quickly as possible. For more information, contact Jon Cheney at (386) 736-5968, ext. 12709.

**Water Resources and Utilities:** During the FY 2021/22, a total of 3,012 continuous water use and 585 high consumption alerts were sent to customers. The utilities support team contacts customers advising of continuous 24-hour use, indicating possible leaks, and unusually high consumption during a 72-hour period, indicating inefficient irrigation use. These proactive measures help customers avoid costly bills and potential damage within the home. For additional information, contact Water Resources and Utilities Director Mike Ulrich at (386) 943-7027, ext. 12724.