

Volusia County Government Activities October 9 – 15, 2021

COMMUNITY SERVICES

An eighth interactive webinar for the County's Affordable Housing Initiative will be held at noon on Oct. 22. The topic for this webinar is funding and how to fund the gaps for affordable housing projects. Staff will be joined by guest speakers with experience obtaining funding for affordable housing projects. This will be our last webinar leading up to the summit. The summit has been rescheduled for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Dec. 7. For more information, contact Dona Butler ddbutter@volusia.org.

Resource Stewardship: Our Urban Horticulture agent recently organized an educational tour at Holt Nursery. This tour was designed to educate the Master Gardener volunteers about succulents. This knowledge will then help educate clients who inquire about this unique plant. Upcoming program: Florida Friendly Landscaping TM Zoom session 1: Right Plant, Right Place & Water Efficiently will be offered from 10 to 11 a.m., Oct. 15. Land management has begun a 20 acre scrub restoration project at Lyonia Preserve. This restoration is being done to improve the habitat for the Florida scrub jay. The land management team has been interviewed by media on the project. For more information, contact Bradley Burbaugh, bburbaugh@volusia.org.

COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE

Community Information: Staff assisted Volusia County Fire Rescue with its awards ceremony by providing photography, audiovisual and emcee services. One staff member attended the unveiling of the Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune statue and is serving as a docent (tour guide) once a week. Staff is collaborating with Volusia County EMS on the development of a recruitment web page. New features for Volusia Magazine are being created by staff. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at kcaptain@volusia.org.

GROWTH & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Environmental Management: On Oct. 12, the MSC Bird Hospital released 10 rehabilitated patients. The patients included two Brown Pelicans, six Laughing Gulls and two Terns. One of these was a Sooty Tern that came in with a wing injury in early September. Sooty Terns are a pelagic species, meaning that they spend most of their lives flying over the ocean, returning to land only to nest. For more information, contact Ginder Adair at gadair@volusia.org.



OCEAN CENTER

Events: From 7 to 9 p.m., Oct. 19, the Ocean Center will the 20th Anniversary Grace House Gala. For additional information, visit: <https://www.gracehouse4life.org/>. Oct. 20 through 23, we welcome the THRIVE Women's Conference. This event is expected to bring 2,000 attendees, utilizing over 1,000 room hotel room nights. For additional information, visit: <https://www.penflorida.org/>. Oct. 21 we begin moving in Dinosaur Invasion. Experience the excitement and feel the roar from over 50 museum-quality, moving, breathing dinosaurs from the most famous to the most rare and fascinating! Kids of all ages have the chance to get up close and personal with their favorite dinosaurs and learn lots of shocking fun facts about each one! Meet and pet baby dinosaurs, ride through the show on your own Jurassic Jeep or Raptor ATV, bounce and laugh in our massive one-of-a-kind inflatable prehistoric playland and take custom pictures with dinosaurs to show all your friends and family that you survived a Dinosaur Invasion! The event runs 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Oct. 23 and 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Oct. 24. For tickets visit: <https://www.dinosaurinvasion.com/>. Face coverings will be required for entry. For more information, contact Tim Riddle at triddle@volusia.org.

PUBLIC PROTECTION

Animal Services: Body Worn Cameras for the Animal Control Officers went live this week. For more information, contact Division Director Adam Leath, 386-822-3506.

Beach Safety: Beach Safety has several training classes personnel will be attending this week to include, instructor techniques, taser instructor, crisis intervention, and narcotics & dangerous drugs. An in-house jet ski operator class was

conducted on Oct. 11, for part-time staff. Selected staff attended a career expo at Embry Riddle on Oct. 12. For more information, contact Division Director Andy Etheridge, (386) 239-6414.

Emergency Management: Emergency Management continues to support COVID-19 testing and vaccination efforts. Of the three mobile testing sites active in Volusia County, one has moved to the International Speedway and the remaining two sites are in Deltona and New Smyrna Beach. The Monoclonal Antibody Infusion site in Ormond Beach has conducted 5,644 treatments to date. The EOC will support workshops on management of spontaneous volunteers and local volunteers and donations management this week. The city managers conference call will be conducted on Oct. 13 and a planning meeting for the upcoming airport exercise is scheduled for Oct. 12. The International Association of Emergency Managers Conference will be attended by Aubrie Austin who will be honored in receiving her Certified Emergency Management Credential. For more information please, contact Division Director Helene Wetherington, (386) 254-1500.

Emergency Medical Services: EMS Division welcomes four new hires, (two full-time Paramedics, one full-time EMT & one intermittent EMT), who have started their new hire orientation this week. For more information, contact Division Director Michael Colman, (386) 236-3511.

PUBLIC WORKS

Coastal: Coastal Division staff assisted the University of Florida Hurricane Research Team with a test deployment of their Sentinel Project equipment on the beach in Ponce Inlet. Engineered to be deployed where the eye of the storm is anticipated to make landfall, each "Sentinel" can simultaneously measure key multi-disciplinary variables that define impacts to a coastal community, i.e., wind speed, water depth, wave height/direction, erosion, and biological/chemical properties associated with environmental and ecological degradation. The data and video will be shared with a broad spectrum of operational, research, and commercial partners supporting the Sentinel Project as well as any partners supporting local response and recovery. For more information, contact Jessica Winterwerp at (386) 248-8072, ext. 20356.



Engineering & Construction: Orange Camp Widening Project: Traffic on Orange Camp Road was shifted from the existing roadway to the new section on the north side of the road, while traffic on Martin Luther King (MLK) Boulevard was shifted from the existing roadway to the new section on the west side of the road. Also completed was the raising of the intersection of MLK and Orange Camp approximately three feet. The project is currently in Phase 2 of the traffic shift and the majority of the work will be completed in this Phase. For more information, contact Tadd Kasbeer at (386) 736-5967, ext. 15846.

Mosquito Control: Mosquito Control is conducting proactive inspections and operations for fall community events throughout the County with an additional focus on campgrounds and event sites for Biketoberfest. For more information, contact Suzanne Bartlett at (386) 424-2920, ext. 20272.

Road & Bridge: Road & Bridge traffic operation crews provided messaging signs, barricades, and cones in preparation of visitors attending Biketoberfest in Daytona Beach from Oct. 14 – 17. During this event, no planned lane or road closures will be permitted on Volusia County maintained roadways located on the east side of the county. For more information, contact Lori Koontz at (386) 822-6422, ext. 20455.

Solid Waste: The Solid Waste Division maintains 14 used motor oil drop off sites for residents to recycle used motor oil. During the first week of October, 780 gallons of used motor oil was recycled. For more information, contact Regina Montgomery at (386) 947-2952, ext. 21347.

Traffic Engineering: Traffic Engineering signals staff will be performing traffic signal maintenance in New Smyrna Beach and DeLand during the month of October. For more information, contact Jon Cheney at (386) 736-5968, ext. 12709.

Water Resources and Utilities: This year's Volusia Water Symposium is scheduled for Oct. 29 from 9 AM to 1:30 PM. Registration information for the Zoom virtual meeting event can be found at www.VolusiaWater.org. Erin Reed, County Utilities Engineer, is scheduled to present various springs protection initiatives by West Volusia water providers. For more information, contact Mike Ulrich at (386) 943-7027, ext. 12724.