

Volusia County Government Activities September 11 – 17, 2021

AVIATION & ECONOMIC RESOURCES

Daytona Beach International Airport

Marketing, Customer Experience & Air Service Development: The airport is hosting a virtual Quarterly Tenant Meeting Sept. 22. Staff will implement a new customer experience initiative the week of Sept. 20 that provides complimentary post cards to departing airport passengers, complete with a drop box and subsequent postage and mailing by staff. For more information, contact Joanne Magley at jmagley@volusia.org.

Operations: On Sept 21, the airport will host Incident Command Structure training conducted by the American Association of Airport Executives. Agencies participating include Volusia County Fire Rescue, Volusia Sheriff's Office, EMS, Daytona Beach Fire Department, Volusia County EOC and International Speedway Corporation. On Sept. 22, the airport will be paving the perimeter service road on the international ramp. The airport expects delivery of two new ARFF vehicles from Oshkosh Corporation between Sept. 25 - 28.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Community Assistance: The Children and Families Advisory Board will meet at 1:30 p.m., Sept. 28 in conference room A of the Volusia County Lifeguard Headquarters, 515 S. Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach. Members will review the 2021 Annual Report, score applications and make funding recommendations for the FY 2021/22 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG). Persons may also attend virtually using a link posted prior to the meeting at www.volusia.org/cfab. To request additional information, contact Carmen Hall, Community Assistance Director at chall@volusia.org.

Resource Stewardship: Extension Services welcomed Amy Biedenbach as the new Sea Grant extension agent. Amy will be working in Flagler and Volusia Counties and she was recently highlighted in the News-Journal (<https://tinyurl.com/abiedenbach>). The ECHO Advisory Committee will meet at 1 p.m., Sept. 23, in the County Council Chambers. Citizens may participate in-person or virtually. A link to join the meeting is posted at www.volusia.org/echo-committee. To request additional information, contact Bradley Burbaugh, Resource Stewardship Director at bburbaugh@volusia.org.

Votran: Votran Customer Service will be speaking at the monthly meeting of the Daytona Beach chapter of the National Federation for the Blind. Fixed Route, Gold and emergency evacuation transportation information will be presented. To date Votran has distributed close to half a million masks (468,680) to customers on buses and at our facilities. Four Votran operators received the National Safety Council Award of Honor for the Southeast Region. For more information, contact General Manager Kelvin Miller at kmiller@volusia.org.

COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE

Community Information: Staff completed work on production of a recruitment video for EMS, which has been posted on the EMS Facebook page and can be viewed here: <https://www.facebook.com/VolusiaEMS/videos/392991709208330>. It also will be posted on the EMS web page and cut up into four shorter videos for use in a paid social media campaign to enhance the reach and penetration of the video. Staff helped promote the Sept. 18 Animal Services and COVID vaccination event with a news release, social media post and event fliers in English and Spanish. The promotion generated news coverage for the event in the News-Journal, West Volusia Beacon and on WNDB. Staff prepared a detailed marketing plan for the Volusia ECHO program. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at kcaptain@volusia.org.

FINANCE

Information Technology: Completed a major upgrade to the FASTER system used for asset management in Fleet. This upgrade involved a migration to newer servers, updates to software and the underlying database, and upgrades to 34 clients at three locations. This 14-hour process not only improved security, but also added the ability to track fuel and odometer information when refueling outside of the County's fuel depots.

OCEAN CENTER

Events: On Sept. 18, the Ocean Center hosted Fall Craft and Vendor Show. The show had over 70 vendors, crafters, artisans and local businesses and was free to the public. On Sept. 20-28 the Ocean Center will host the United Church of God for Feast of Tabernacles for nine days. This is only the second year this group has hosted their event with us. This event is private, but we expect 600 attendees, generating approximately 1,800 room nights. On Sept. 8, the Daytona Beach City Commission approved an amended and restated Public Use Permit for the Ocean Center. This amendment improves the opportunity for the Ocean Center to hold activities outside the Ocean Center building when associated with an event occurring in the Ocean Center. This provides another facet to the Ocean Center staff when marketing the facility to event promoters and other customers. County



staff worked with city staff to develop a set of guidelines that ensures a safe use of outside space that can be easily implemented. County staff from the Ocean Center and Growth & Resource Management are researching funding opportunities to address landscaping, lighting, paving and signage. For more information, contact Tim Riddle at triddle@volusia.org.

PUBLIC PROTECTION

Corrections: Corrections received notification that it is eligible to receive \$759,000 in ARPA funds through the Department of Health ELC for the detection and mitigation of COVID-19 in confinement facilities. A task team has been assembled to develop a work plan for submission to DOH. For more information, contact Division Director Mark Flowers, 386-254-1568.

Emergency Management: The Emergency Management team conducted their annual strategic planning session at the Ocean Center with over 50 partner organizations including county departments, municipalities, private sector partners and others. They continue to participate with healthcare partners in COVID vaccine related conference calls three times per week. The monoclonal antibody infusion testing site active in Ormond Beach has conducted the treatment to a total of 3,641 patients in Volusia County. The mobile testing sites in Daytona Beach and Deltona continue to operate. For more information please, contact Division Director Helene Wetherington, (386) 254-1500.

Emergency Medical Services: Eleven new hires start their field training with a Field Training Officer this week while two EMT new hires are completing their new hire in-house training. One Paramedic was cleared to become a lead paramedic by the medical director. For more information, contact Division Director Michael Colman, (386) 236-3511.

Fire Rescue: VCFR Fire Prevention Office is updating and preparing for Fire Prevention Week in October. This year's theme is the "Sounds of Fire Prevention." For more information, contact Fire Chief Howard Bailey, (386) 736-5940 ext. 12918.

PUBLIC WORKS

Coastal: Contractors for the Coastal Division are collecting field data for the annual beach monitoring survey this week. Each year the Coastal Division collects beach and near shore elevation data to monitor sand erosion and/or accretion along the length of Volusia County's beaches. This data collection and reporting is critical for planning future projects along the beaches and inlet and providing a data set for erosion and accretion trends. For more information, contact Jessica Winterwerp at (386) 248-8072, ext. 20356.

Engineering & Construction: The Orange Camp Widening project activities include utility relocation and placement, storm drain construction, and standard road construction activities. Temporary asphalt construction will begin on Sept. 19 at night in anticipation of the Phase two traffic shift. For more information, contact Tadd Kasbeer at (386) 736-5967, ext. 15846.

Mosquito Control: Mosquito Control is conducting our annual aerial adulticide equipment calibration to ensure applied products are following all label requirements. The droplets produced by the spray equipment are captured on slides to be measured under the microscope. The droplets must be a specific size to target the size of a mosquito; if the droplets are too small or too big, they will not be effective. For more information, contact Suzanne Bartlett at (386) 424-2920, ext. 20272.



Road & Bridge: Permit applications have been submitted to the St. Johns River Water Management District and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the Ariel Canal Water Quality Improvement Project. This project is located in Riverbreeze Park in the Oak Hill area and identified within the Mosquito Lagoon Reasonable Assurance Plan that will contribute to the reduction of nutrient loading into the Mosquito Lagoon. Construction will be funded in part through a \$900,000 Florida Department of Environmental Protection grant and a \$450,000 St. Johns River Water Management District grant. Once fully designed and permitted, the project will be bid out for construction. For more information, contact Lori Koontz at (386) 822-6422, ext. 20455.

Solid Waste: The Solid Waste Division offers the removal of home fuel oil free to all Volusia County residents. The goal is to remove abandoned home fuel oil from all known tanks. In August, staff removed 1,240 gallons of home fuel oil from 14 residential properties. Residents needing home fuel oil removed may call the Solid Waste Division at (386) 943-7889 to schedule removal. For more information, contact Regina Montgomery at (386) 947-2952, ext. 21347.

Traffic Engineering: Traffic Engineering signal staff will be completing signal maintenance in the Holly Hill, South Daytona and Deltona areas. Inspection of the new signal at I-95 SB & US-442 in Edgewater for the FDOT has also been scheduled. For more information, contact Jon Cheney at (386) 736-5968, ext. 12709.

Water Resources and Utilities: A total of 2,768 continuous water use and 601 high consumption alerts were sent to customers from Oct. 1, 2020 – Sept. 13, 2021. 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 more information, contact Mike Ulrich at (386) 943-7027, ext. 12724.