

Volusia County Government Activities September 12 - 18, 2020

AVIATION & ECONOMIC RESOURCES

Daytona Beach International Airport

Marketing & Customer Experience: The airport is coordinating with Public Protection for the assembly of 5,000 DAB Cares Kits. Assembly of the first 5,000 was completed by DAB staff; the second round of production will be completed with the assistance of the Public Protection team at the Ocean Center. This will allow for easier tracking of inventory and expedited completion of kits. For more information, contact Joanne Magley at 386-248-8030 ext: 18309 or jmagley@volusia.org.

Economic Development: Our team continues to work with local businesses responding to COVID-19 related concern and businesses looking to expand and relocate. For more information, contact Joanne Magley at 386-248-8030 ext: 18309 or jmagley@volusia.org.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Community Assistance: The Human Services Advisory Board (HSAB) provides recommendations to assist the Volusia County Council in developing Community Services Block Grant program goals and objectives, identifying community needs, and evaluating program effectiveness. As required by grant regulations, there will be five public meetings where community members will elect one person at each meeting to represent low-income people in that area on HSAB. Residents may also participate in the meeting virtually. The link will be posted the morning of each meeting at www.volusia.org/hsab. For more information, contact Carmen Hall at chall@volusia.org.

Housing and Grants Administration: Volusia County will receive a second allocation of Coronavirus Relief Funds from the Florida Housing Finance Corporation. The county previously received \$1,245,522 and the second allocation will provide an additional \$853,624 for housing activities necessary due to the COVID-19 emergency, including rental assistance and emergency repair.

Votran: For the first week of September, Votran Fixed Route trips have increased to 80% of normal ridership. Paratransit trips have increased to 60% of normal ridership. For more information, contact Edie Biro at ebiro@volusia.org.

COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE

Community Information: Community Information filmed at Animal Services for a video/news release package highlighting the lifesaving surgery that our Animal Care Clinic performed on a pet dog that had sustained an extremely traumatic broken leg that required amputation. Staff continues to engage in robust efforts with messaging surrounding the coronavirus pandemic, and are planning an upcoming interview with Halifax Health's Dr. Scott Klioze. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at kcaptain@volusia.org.

FINANCE

Information Technology: Participating in a multi-agency initiative to develop guidelines and standards for the use of drones for data collection. Agencies involved include Beach Safety, Public Works, Property Appraiser, Fire Services, and Information Technology.

GROWTH AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Environmental Management: The Marine Science Center received a large donation of endangered Staghorn corals, *Acropora cervicornis*, collected by the Florida Aquarium. Small pieces of corals fragments were collected under the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary permits for various educational and research projects and grown into large specimens in their aquariums. These corals make a great addition to the Living Reef Exhibit that focuses on the diversity of Florida's Natural Reefs, threats to corals world-wide, and Florida's restoration efforts to save reef-building corals. For more information, contact Ginger Adair at gadair@volusia.org.



OCEAN CENTER

Events: The Bare Knuckle Fighting Championship recently brought in almost 1,300 attendees, which was a well-executed event and had a very nice tribute to our fallen heroes. We are shuffling calendars/spaces and working with Halifax Urban Ministries to extend their contract through the end of December to utilize space for assembling and distribution of resources and food. We are also working with the division of Public Protection to extend their use of Ocean Center through the end of the year as well for the storage of PPE for businesses and frontline workers.

PUBLIC PROTECTION

Animal Services: On Sept 11, Volusia County Animal Services collaborated with the Volusia County Sheriff's Department for a case in Unincorporated Deland. This investigation resulted in an individual arrested on three counts of felony animal cruelty. For more information contact Mark Swanson at 386-740-5120.

PUBLIC WORKS

Coastal: The Volusia County Coastal Division conducted two artificial reef deployments at Volusia County Reef Site 9 located 33 miles offshore the Volusia County coast. The new reefs are made up of donated, large, clean concrete culverts and will significantly improve marine reef habitat for fishing and diving at Site 9. These are the first reef deployments at Site 9 since 1996. For more information, contact Jessica Winterwerp at (386) 248-8072, ext. 20356.

Engineering & Construction: Clearing and grubbing operations continue for the Spring to Spring trail project in DeLeon Springs. Additionally, the contractor has begun the stabilized subgrade construction. For more information, contact Tadd Kasbeer at (386) 736-5967, ext. 15846.

Mosquito Control: Mosquito Control is collaborating with Adapco to film an educational video series for training mosquito control personnel. Video clips include mosquito trapping, sentinel chickens, lab activities including our insectary, and staff inspecting and treating various mosquito habitats throughout Volusia County. For more Mosquito Control information, contact Suzanne Bartlett, (386) 424-2920, ext. 20272.

Road & Bridge: The Thornby Park Water Quality Improvement project in Deltona continues to make progress with the installation of the Nutrient Removing Filtration System. Work will soon be underway near the Providence Blvd and Lakeshore Dr intersection as the Nutrient Separating Baffle Box is installed. For more information, contact Benjamin Bartlett at (386) 822-6422, ext. 20470.



Solid Waste: On Sept. 26, FCC Environmental Services will conduct a scheduled community bulky item cleanup in the southeast quadrant of the county. This week the company will distribute flyers to the unincorporated residential households in the area regarding bulk items that may be placed curbside by 7 a.m. For more information, contact Solid Waste Director Regina Montgomery at (386) 947-2952, ext. 21347.

Traffic Engineering: Traffic Engineering staff is drafting a disclaimer for traffic impact analysis (TIA) approvals on development projects in the cities. The disclaimer states that county approval of the TIA document should not be misconstrued to mean that the county supports the approval of the respective development project or any associated negative impacts to roadways or other jurisdictions. It further explains that only the cities have the legislative authority to approve developments in cities, and that though a developer may be required to pay proportionate fair share, a single development project's payment is typically less than 3% of the cost of an entire roadway project. For more information, contact Jon Cheney at (386) 736-5968, ext. 12709.

Water Resources and Utilities: Engineering and operations staff members are currently conducting final inspections of water, wastewater, and reclaimed water mains within Phase I of the Rivington community in DeBary. The utility infrastructure, which will serve up to 200 new residential units, is expected to be placed into operation by the end of the month. The entire community is planned for up to 700 residential units and 30,000 sq. ft of commercial space. For more information, contact Mike Ulrich at (386) 943-7027, ext. 12724.