# Volusia County Government Activities September 3 – 9, 2022

## **AVIATION & ECONOMIC RESOURCES**

Daytona Beach International Airport (DAB)

Air Service, Marketing, Customer Experience: The airport recently hosted Leadership Daytona for their Class XLII program on Sports Tourism. Aviation & Economic Resources Director Cyrus Callum was one of the five speakers and presented information on DAB and Economic Development. For more information, contact Joanne Magley at jmagley@volusia.org.



Leadership Daytona at Daytona Beach International Airport!



#### **COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**Community Assistance:** The Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC) will hold a public hearing at 5 p.m. on Sept. 14 in the County Council Chambers. The purpose of the hearing is to review the AHAC's recommendations on local housing incentive strategies. A copy of the draft report of recommendations is available online at www.volusia.org/reports.

During the meeting, the committee will also review prior meeting minutes and a proposed meeting schedule. Meeting materials, meeting agenda and virtual registration information can be found at www.volusia.org/ahac. To request additional information, contact Carmen Hall, Community Assistance Director, at chall@volusia.org.

**Resource Stewardship:** Our UF/IFAS Extension Services team have been selected to lead and highlight two landscapes in the county on an upcoming episode of Flip My Florida Yard television program. The program is a partnership between Florida Department of Environmental Protection and UF/IFAS. The series is designed to show homeowners how to create a Florida-Friendly landscape using drought-tolerant plants and water-saving techniques that correlate with the Florida-Friendly Landscaping Principles. The program is featured on nine to stations across the state utilizing the PBS platform as well as streaming platforms such as Roku, Amazon Fire TV, and Apple TV.

#### **COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE**

**Community Information:** Staff collaborated with the Public Works and Public Protection Departments with the coordination of the groundbreaking event for the new District 7 Medical Examiner's Office facility. A video news release was provided to our media outlets and a post-event social media video will be published early next week. Staff are in the final stages of the final Volusia Magazine show that is scheduled to air in mid-September. Staff collaborated with Animal Services with messaging to help successfully promote the adoption of dogs that were recently seized from a local cruelty case. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at kcaptain@volusia.org.

## **GROWTH & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT**

**Environmental Management**: Sea Turtle HCP staff reports that there have been 88 nest hatching disorientation events this season and over 150 lighting cases are currently under process for compliance deficiencies. Staff is taking one new case to the Code Enforcement Board on Sept. 21. City streetlight upgrades, including new white unshielded LEDs in Daytona Beach, Daytona Beach Shores and Ormond Beach have been observed as contributing factors in many of the disorientation events, especially in the vicinity of vehicle access ramps and where hatchlings were attracted into roadways and were run over. Staff is working with FPL, City and County



reps to ensure street and roadway lighting is compliant with the sea turtle lighting ordinance. The \$20,000 award granted to the HCP program from the University of Florida Archie Carr Research Program will be distributed to small properties needed assistance to purchase compliant lighting options in the coming fiscal year. For more information, please contact Ginger Adair at gadair@volusia.org.

## **OCEAN CENTER**

**Events:** Central Florida GIS began their annual workshop on Sept. 11. The event runs through Sept. 13 in the ballroom and is expected to have 200 attendees and 98 room nights. Almost 200 event planners and suppliers will visit the facility on Sept. 12 evening for a tour as part of a familiarization event hosted by Destination Southeast in coordination with the Daytona Beach CVB.

The Daytona Boat Show begins setup in the exhibit hall on Sept. 14 in preparation for their event, which runs Sept. 16-18. Tickets to the show are \$5 and can be purchased online at https://daytonaboatshow.com/ or at the door. Up to 2,300 attendees are expected. The Daytona Home Show moves into the arena Sept. 17 and 18. Entry to the event is free. The show is expected to have 1,000 attendees and generate 20 room nights. The Black and Blue Gala, hosted by the Volusia County Democratic Black Caucus, will be held in the Ocean Center's Ballroom and 101ABC on Sept. 17. Five hundred attendees are expected. For more information, contact Tim Riddle @volusia.org.

## **PUBLIC PROTECTION**

**Animal Services:** VCAS's new Animal Control Officer started on Sept. 6. For more information, contact Division Director Adam Leath, (386) 822-3506.

**Beach Safety:** Beach safety had a promotion and award ceremony on Sept. 7 at Beach Headquarters. For more information, contact Division Director Andy Ethridge, (386) 239-6414.

**Corrections:** During his commute to work on August 30 (at approximately 0500), Officer B. O'Neill stopped and rendered aid to a civilian in a car accident on I-4. The car was in a position where oncoming traffic would be unable to see it until they were right on it. He removed the person from the vehicle, took her safely to the side, and into another vehicle that had stopped to help. He then stood in the road with his flashlight and ensured no one hit the stranded vehicle as it sat in the traffic lanes. Officer O'Neill was given a Letter of Commendation from the Corrections Division. For more information, contact Acting Division Director Warden Steven Smith, (386) 254-1570.

**Emergency Management:** On Sept. 7-9, Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) Training is being held at the EOC. For more information, contact Interim Division Director James Judge, (386) 254-1500.

Emergency Medical Administration: Ongoing implementation and testing of the ZOLL electronic patient care reporting software upgrade. EMA is evaluating the Lucity software platform for internal and external use to track state-mandated quality assurance activities through a central and secure portal. This platform will potentially give municipal partners an efficient means to submit information directly to the Interim EMS Medical Director Jessica Gershen, M.D. EMA is meeting with staff and our architect to evaluate needs surrounding the proposed emergency medical services complex. Dr. Gershen will be meeting (at the request of Emergency Medical Services) with DispatchHealth to explore alternative treatment modalities in lieu of conventional ambulance transport. For more information, contact Division Director Mark Wolcott, (386) 561-8087.

**Emergency Medical Services:** EMT interviews will be held on Sept 9. For more information, contact Division Director Michael Colman, (386) 236-3511.



**Fire Rescue:** The new UCAPIT EMS vending supply machine has arrived and is currently being setup at Station 32 (on Firehouse Road). The goal of this machine, once fully operational, will be to enhance logistics and promote better fiscal expenditures on EMS supplies. For more information, contact Interim Fire Chief Joe King, (386) 736-5940 ext. 12909.

#### **PUBLIC WORKS**

**Coastal:** In preparation for Labor Day weekend, Coastal Division contractors added additional port-o-lets at Mary McLeod Bethune Park and staged extra dumpsters in the core area of Daytona Beach. During the holiday weekend, janitorial contract staff were continuously moving from park to park, cleaning and sanitizing restrooms, replenishing supplies, and assisting with litter pick up. In addition, contract staff continuously walked the beach and coastal parks, picking up trash, emptying trash cans, picking up large items and offering to collect trash from patrons. The Volusia Sheriff's Office provided park enforcement at Sunsplash Park and Mary McLeod Bethune Park. For more information, contact Jessica Fentress at (386) 248-8072, ext. 20356.

**Engineering & Construction:** The Notice to Proceed on improvements to Old New York Avenue was issued on Aug. 22. Current activities include clearing and grubbing. Concurrent to this preliminary activity, improvements are being made to Old New York Avenue in conjunction with the Andover Ridge subdivision, located southeast of the intersection of Old New York Avenue and SR 44. These improvements will require Old New York Avenue to be restricted to westbound traffic only. Motorists traveling eastbound will need to follow a detour north on Grand Avenue to SR 44. This closure is anticipated to last through September. For more information, contact Tadd Kasbeer at (386) 736-5967, ext. 15846.

**Mosquito Control:** Mosquito Control is sending attendees to the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Central Florida GIS Workshop at the Daytona Beach Ocean Center on Sept. 12 & 13. GIS products are used daily in mosquito control operations to conduct tasks, such as tracking mosquito larval production sites, monitoring arbovirus activity, and planning targeted treatment operations. A public web map is available on our website for residents to view planned and recently completed treatments at volusia.org/mosquito. For more information, contact Marcus McDonough at (386) 424-2920, ext. 20272.

**Road & Bridge:** Sign maintenance activities are being performed for the City of DeBary. This work is in support of the interlocal agreement for providing municipal services. For more information, contact Lori Koontz at (386) 822-6422, ext. 20455.

**Solid Waste:** Solid Waste Management Compliance Officers investigate illegal dumping in Volusia County. This past week an illegally dumped jet ski was reported in the woods near Osteen. Officers investigated and were able to identify the owner. The owner was issued a warning, removed the jet ski, and paid for proper disposal at the Tomoka Farms Road Landfill. For more information, contact Regina Montgomery at (386) 947-2952, ext. 21347.

**Traffic Engineering:** To maximize safety and minimize delay to the motoring public, Traffic Engineering is reviewing several Traffic Impact Analyses for proposed developments. These reviews are important as they are used to determine the current and future needs for specific roadways. For more information, contact Jon Cheney at (386) 736-5968, ext. 12709.

**Water Resources and Utilities**: Utilities staff finalized terms and conditions of a master utility services agreement for I-4 Logistics Park in the county's Del North service area. The agreement provides for water, wastewater, and reclaimed service capacity to serve industrial-warehouse distribution facilities. Consideration of the agreement is scheduled for the Sept. 20 County Council meeting. For additional information, please contact Water Resources and Utilities Director Mike Ulrich at (386) 943-7027, ext. 12724.

