

Volusia County Government Activities

September 4 – 10, 2021

AVIATION & ECONOMIC RESOURCES

Daytona Beach International Airport

Marketing, Customer Experience & Air Service Development: The airport is hosting a TSA PreCheck enrollment event Sept. 13 – 17. For more information, contact Joanne Magley at jmagley@volusia.org.

Operations: The airport saw an increase in race team traffic all this past week due to NASCAR NexGen testing at the track. For more information, contact Joanne Magley at jmagley@volusia.org.

BUSINESS SERVICES

Purchasing and Contracts: Purchasing and Contracts will be hosting two “*How to Do Business with Volusia County*” live webinars 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Sept. 15, and 9 to 10 a.m., Sept. 16. This webinar will be Module One of new edition of “*How to Do Business with Volusia County*.” Module Two will follow at the end of 2021 or early 2022. For more information, contact Pam Wilsky at pwilsky@volusia.org.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Community Assistance: The Affordable Housing Advisory Committee will be meeting at 1 p.m., Sept. 22, at Hope Place, 1340 Wright Street, Daytona Beach (in the cafeteria). Members will review housing incentive strategies and previous meeting minutes. Persons may also attend virtually using a link posted prior to the meeting at www.volusia.org/ahac. To provide written comments for the meeting or to request additional information, contact Carmen Hall, Community Assistance Director, at chall@volusia.org.

Resource Stewardship: Sixty-eight individuals representing 38 organizations attended the ECHO Mandatory workshop, which gave individuals the option to participate virtually or in-person. Technical applications are due by 4 p.m., Sept. 30. The application, ECHO Guidebook, funding cycle calendar, and submission instructions can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/21ECHO>. For additional information, contact Brad Burbaugh, bburbaugh@volusia.org.

COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE

Community Information: Staff attended Emergency Management's first annual strategic planning workshop at the Ocean Center. Staff is working on final edits on a video for EMS that will be utilized as part of an ongoing recruiting campaign. Staff will be working with the Fire Rescue Division on a news release and web site and social media postings to help promote Fire Prevention Week, which will take place from Oct. 3-9. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at kcaptain@volusia.org.

GROWTH & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Environmental Management: Environmental Management staff attended a webinar related to a new state law that requires construction projects with any state financing (including grant funding), that occur within a designated coastal building zone, to complete a Sea Level Impact Projection (SLIP) Study (effective July 1, 2020). The Department of Environmental Protection has developed a web tool (floridadep-slip.org) to help local governments comply with this requirement. The tool identifies the sea level rise and increased storm risk for the project, as well as the average chance of flood damage, and the potential public safety and environmental impacts of the project. The tool also provides information about potential adaptations that can reduce the vulnerability of the project.

OCEAN CENTER

Events: The Ocean Center will host the annual Central Florida Geographical Information Systems (CFGIS) Workshop Sept. 12-15. The program includes technical sessions from Esri, user presentations, vendor exhibits, map gallery and app exhibit. We are expecting 200 attendees for this 3-day event. This is a private event. The Ocean Center will host the Fall Craft and Vendor Show Sept. 18, which is expected to welcome over 70 vendors, crafters, artisans, local businesses and more; the event is free and open to the public. Show hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Masks will be required for entry. For more information, contact Tim Riddle at triddle@volusia.org.

PUBLIC PROTECTION

Animal Services: Director Leath was interviewed on the Volusia Today radio show on Sept. 10, to discuss the upcoming free pet microchip, vaccine and food give-away event to be held on Sept. 18. Staff are collaborating with Community Services' staff for a unified response on hoarding cases. For more information, contact Division Director Adam Leath, 386-822-3506.

Beach Safety: This week, staff will be securing a myriad of Beach Safety "out of season" assets off the beach (i.e. lifeguard towers, traffic signs, and other equipment). For more information, contact Division Director Andy Etheridge, (386) 239-6414.



Emergency Management: The Emergency Management Team continues to participate with healthcare partners in COVID-19 vaccine related conference calls three times weekly. The monoclonal antibody infusion-testing site active in Ormond Beach has conducted the treatment to a total of 2,176 patients in Volusia County. Emergency Management donated 80 boxes of meals ready to eat (MRE) and other disaster foods to Healthy Souls International [a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization] that is heading out to Louisiana and asked us for donations. Emergency Management along with our city and county partners hosted a Strategic Planning Workshop at the Ocean Center on Sept. 9, providing valuable information in developing our five-year plan. For more information please, contact Division Director Helene Wetherington, (386) 254-1500.

Emergency Medical Administration: Emergency Medical Administration staff is collaborating with Information Technology on the RescueNet ePCR Tablet 6.4 Upgrade Plan. The discussion involved creating a plan to get all of the RescueNet ePCR tablets on all vehicles, transports including municipal and fire, upgraded. The RescueNet ePCR tablet is the mechanism on the vehicles used to input patient care information into ZOLL, our patient care reporting system, for billing EMS/Fire municipal transports. For more information, contact Division Director Mark Wolcott, (386) 561-8087.

Emergency Medical Services: VCEMS Division welcomed their new EMS Director, Michael Colman, who is becoming acclimated to his new role with Volusia County. VCEMS also has two EMT new hires that will be joining last week's new hires for in-house training. Eleven new hires that will be completing their in-house training by the end of this week. For more information, contact Interim Division Director Mark Wolcott, (386) 561-8087.

Fire Rescue: On Sept. 10, Squad Engine 35 will be placed into service at Station 35. For more information, contact Fire Chief Howard Bailey, (386) 736-5940 ext. 12918.

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. 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 walked the beach and coastal parks picking up trash continuously and emptied trashcans picked up large items and offered to collect trash from patrons. The Volusia Sheriff's Office provided details for dog compliance at Smyrna Dunes Park and Lighthouse Point Park and provided park enforcement at Sunsplash Park and Mary McLeod Bethune Park. For more information, contact Jessica Winterwerp at (386) 248-8072, ext. 20356.

Mosquito Control: Mosquito Control is training with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to build relationships with beekeepers and understand bee biology including common pests that impact hives. Information for beekeepers and instructions on how to report hives to Mosquito Control is available on our website: <https://www.volusia.org/services/public-works/mosquito-control/information-beekeepers.stml>. For more information, contact Suzanne Bartlett at (386) 424-2920, ext. 20272.

Road & Bridge: Notice to proceed has been issued for a task assignment to review the adopted Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for the Spruce Creek and the Tomoka River. Since the finalization of these TMDLs in 2008 and 2013, respectively, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) has updated Florida's criteria regarding dissolved oxygen and bacteria and adopted statewide water quality numeric nutrient criteria. The findings of the review along with a recommendation of the path forward will be presented to FDEP. For more information, contact Lori Koontz at (386) 822-6422, ext. 20455.

Solid Waste: The household hazardous waste center addition project at the Tomoka Farms Road Landfill upgrading the existing paint and household chemical exchange area is complete and open for operation. The paint and chemical exchange area is open 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Saturday. For more information, contact Regina Montgomery at (386) 947-2952, ext. 21347.

Traffic Engineering / Engineering & Construction: County staff held a meeting with several homeowner associations regarding the planned improvements at the intersection of Pioneer Trail and Sugar Mill Drive. No additional right-of-way will be required and planned improvements include the following: (1) Adding left-turn lanes to all approaches, (2) Adding an eastbound right-turn lane, (3) Upgrading the multi-way stop with flashing beacon to a full traffic signal, and (4) The possible removal of some trees to ensure an adequate safety recovery area (i.e. clear zone). A sizable group of homeowners was able to ask detailed questions about the intersection project. Attendee Claudia Vanderhorst was very grateful stating, "Building understanding through interaction is helpful when so much change is coming to our area; attending property owners appreciated the opportunity to hear it from you first hand." For more information, contact Jon Cheney at (386) 736-5968, ext. 12709 or Tadd Kasbeer at (386) 736-5967, ext. 15846.



Water Resources and Utilities: During August, Utilities staff distributed over 1.6 million gallons of reuse water per day. This represents a 26% increase compared to August 2020 and a 16% increase in the current fiscal year to date. Utilities continues its long-term efforts to expand alternative water supply to curb ground water use. For more information, contact Mike Ulrich at (386) 943-7027, ext. 12724.