AVIATION AND ECONOMIC RESOURCES

Daytona Beach International Airport

Administration: Staff held a celebratory press conference on the morning of April 5 to announce Avelo Airlines, an ultra-low-fare airline, that will start providing twice-weekly flights to New Haven, Connecticut, in June. An Avelo Airlines representative also said another destination would be announced soon. A recording of the press conference may be found at https://bit.ly/3Gi65CC. For more information, contact Joanne Magley at jmagley@flydab.com.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Community Assistance: The division will start accepting summer camp scholarship applications at 7:30 a.m. April 10. Scholarship information, an interactive map exhibiting the approved camps and an application are available at volusia.org/scs.

The Children and Families Advisory Board will meet at 1:30 p.m. April 11 in the Volusia County West Annex conference room, 121 W. Rich Ave., DeLand. Members will elect officers and review previous meeting minutes. Members will also review the contingency funding application, funding criteria, and evaluation elements for FY 2023/24. Meeting materials, meeting agenda, and virtual registration information can be found at www.volusia.org/cfab.

The Affordable Housing Advisory Committee will meet at 3 p.m. April 12 in the Volusia County West Annex Conference Room, 121 W. Rich Ave., DeLand. Members will discuss the timeline and process for evaluating and recommending affordable housing incentive strategies. Members will also review previous meeting minutes. Meeting materials, meeting agenda, and virtual registration information can be found at www.volusia.org/ahac. For more information, contact Carmen Hall at chall@volusia.org.

Library Services: The Junior League of Daytona Beach recently selected the Children’s Discovery Center at Daytona Beach Regional Library as a "Do It in a Day Project" beneficiary. The group supplied over $1,000 of new toys, puzzles and games for this unique, youth-explorative and imaginative learning center. Some of the larger items donated include a new construction center, play grill, new furniture and "residents" for the playhouse. The Junior League members put all items together. Following the "construction" of all the toys, they sponsored a reception for visiting families. The discovery center, with generous contributions of time and money by the Junior League of Daytona Beach, opened in 1987 as part of the newly constructed children’s wing at the library. The Junior League has continued to be a generous donor to the Discovery Center throughout the past thirty-three years. For more information, contact Lucinda Colee at lcolee@volusia.org.

Resource Stewardship: The ECHO Advisory Committee will meet at 9 a.m. April 13 in the County Council Chambers at the Thomas C. Kelly Administration Center, 123 W. Indiana Ave., DeLand. The newly appointed members will review the sunshine law requirements, committee member duties and responsibilities, as well as ECHO grant procedures. Additional meeting information may be found at https://bit.ly/437ddvK. For more information, contact Brad Burbaugh at bburbaugh@volusia.org.
COMMUNITY INFORMATION: Staff assisted the Daytona Beach International Airport with livestreaming the press conference announcing the newest airline servicing Daytona Beach, Avelo. The division continues to create and disseminate messaging regarding beach recovery efforts, as the biweekly recovery newsletter was issued April 7. The link to read the latest edition and subscribe to the newsletter may be found at volusia.org/beachrecovery. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at kcaption@volusia.org.

EMERGENCY SERVICES
Emergency Management: The Disaster Recovery Center and the Business Recovery Center permanently closed March 31. The division continues to support beach recovery efforts in collaboration with multiple divisions. Jill Hemmerlein attended the Region 5 WebEOC New Administrator Training (virtual) April 4 - 6. On April 6, Aubrie Austin attended the National Weather Services' St. Johns River Warning Team Workshop in Sanford. For more information, contact James Judge at jjudge@volusia.org.

Emergency Medical Administration: The division is meeting with the Volusia Sheriff’s Office to discuss alternative emergency medical dispatch guide card options. For more information, contact Division Director Mark Wolcott at mwolcott@volusia.org.

Emergency Medical Services: The division is meeting with Facilities to perform a walkthrough and discuss the setup and needs of the modular building for staff at county Fire Station 13, 15 Southland Road, Ormond Beach. Two newly promoted paramedics are assigned following successful clearing with the medical director. The division is hosting a new hire orientation class this week consisting of three ambulance supply technicians, four emergency medical technicians and two paramedics. For more information, contact Mark Wolcott at mwolcott@volusia.org.

Fire Rescue: The division is hosting Rapid Intervention Team training for the next two weeks. The training will involve how Rapid Intervention Teams (RITs) or Rapid Intervention Crews (RICs) act as standby rescuers on a fire scene. Their duties include monitoring the situation and aiding firefighter and civilian rescue if necessary. The training will provide knowledge and numerous techniques to rescue injured firefighters. As of April 3, Station 12 is now back to operational status. For more information, contact Chief Joe King at jwking@volusia.org.

OCEAN CENTER
Events: Varsity Spirit’s National Cheerleaders Association (NCA) & National Dance Alliance (NDA) Collegiate National Championship, as well as the Daytona Beach Open, took place April 5-9, utilizing the entire Ocean Center facility, as well as the Daytona Beach Bandshell. The marquee event generates over 10,000 room nights. The Florida Key Club will begin moving in April 12 for the Florida District Education and Leadership Conference April 13-16. In its second year at the Ocean Center, the private event takes over the entire building and is estimated to generate 3,000 attendees and over 2,100 room nights. For more information, contact Tim Riddle at triddle@volusia.org.

PUBLIC PROTECTION
Beach Safety: Personnel attended a crisis response class at Daytona State College all week. Junior lifeguard registration began April 1, all junior lifeguards must try out before registering. The seasonal
lifeguard recruitment class was held April 8 and 9. For more information, contact Division Director Andy Ethridge, (386) 239-6414.

PUBLIC WORKS

Coastal: Staff coordinated with contractors to repair and install a new gate and railing at the Flagler Avenue beach approach. Tradesworkers are finishing the walkover at Mallard Street in Daytona Beach Shores and reconstructing the walkover at 5th Avenue in New Smyrna Beach. Tradesworkers are also conducting demolition activities on multiple walkovers before future reconstruction.

Debris removal and placement of temporary armament through the use of TrapBags® began March 27 at Frank Rendon Park. Work continued throughout the week at Edwin Peck Park and several county beach ramps, including Botefuhr, Seaview and Hartford. The division began debris removal and placement of TrapBags® on private property with executed easements in Daytona Beach April 3 and will begin work in New Smyrna April 10. A total of 64 coastal accesses remain closed. For more information, contact Jessica Fentress at jfentress@volusia.org.

Engineering and Construction: Notice to proceed for the proposed Blue Lake Extension south to S.R. 472 is scheduled for April 10. For more information, contact Tadd Kasbeer at tkasbeer@volusia.org.

Mosquito Control: On April 1, staff attended the New Smyrna Beach Museum Heritage Festival and Marine Science Center Turtle Day. Citizens could view insect specimens, learn how Mosquito Control conducts surveillance using different traps, take a free repellent sample and ask staff questions. The approximate total of citizens who interacted with the educational displays was 2,150. For more information, contact Marcus McDonough at mmcdonough@volusia.org.

Road and Bridge: Tree and drainage crew members are coordinating efforts to remove vegetation from the open channel that runs parallel to Reed Canal Road in South Daytona. The activity is a routine maintenance task performed on open channels to ensure mosquito control assets function properly. For more information, contact Lori Koontz at lkoontz@volusia.org.

Solid Waste: The Volusia County Adopt-a-Road Program is a litter reduction campaign designed to remove litter and debris from roads to keep Volusia County beautiful. During the first quarter of 2023, 33 groups conducted clean-ups, accumulated 423 volunteer hours and removed 5,460 pounds of litter from county roadways. For more information, contact Regina Montgomery at rmontgomery@volusia.org.

Traffic Engineering: Staff is communicating with the contractor, Florida Industrial Electric, for a formal completion schedule of the upgraded signal at Clyde Morris Boulevard and Willow Run Boulevard in Port Orange. For more information, contact Jay Williams at jwilliams@volusia.org.

Water Resources and Utilities: During the second quarter of the fiscal year 2022-23, 732 continuous water use and 151 high consumption alert calls were made to customers. Since Oct. 1, 1,789 continuous or high consumption notifications have occurred. The utilities support team contacts
customers to advise them that constant use could indicate 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 mulrich@volusia.org.