

Volusia County Government Activities

April 18 – 24, 2020

Community Services

Community Assistance

Summer camp scholarships are available to income-eligible children through Volusia County's Community Assistance Division. Families with children who are entering grades 1-6 and are between the ages of 5 and 12 may apply for scholarships. Students up to 17 years old who will be attending approved special needs camps are also eligible. Scholarship awards are based on income-eligibility and will be awarded according to funding availability. Summer camp scholarship applications are being accepted electronically and by mail until 5 p.m. July 31. Scholarship applications should be submitted along with copies of the child's most recent report card, proof of household size, and proof of income for all household members for the last 30 days. To submit an electronic application, visit www.volusia.org/summercamp. Applications may also be submitted by mail to the Community Assistance Division, 110 W. Rich Ave., DeLand, FL 32720. For more information, contact Carmen Hall at chall@volusia.org.

Extension (AG Center)

Many citizens have been gardening during their recent extended time at home. Extension Services responded to 150 inquiries during this reporting period to provide assistance to these citizens who wish to grow their own food or maintain their landscape using UF's research-based recommendations. Our team will be offering an online, two-part workshop for First Time Homebuyers on April 29 & 30 from 1 – 5 p.m. Interested citizens can call 386-822-5778 to register. For more information, contact Brad Burbaugh at bburbaugh@volusia.org.

Votran

Votran is currently working with the Council on Aging to develop runs to deliver meals to seniors in the county. Votran was featured on Channel 2 News for keeping our staff and passengers safe while continuing our mission to meet the transportation needs for the citizens of Volusia County. <https://www.wesh.com/article/volusia-countys-public-transportation-keeping-passengers-employees-safe/32192433> For more information, contact Edie Biro at 386-756-7496.

County Manager's Office

Community Information

Staff from Community Information and Growth and Resource Management collaborated to gather items for an Earth Day time capsule that will be opened on April 22, 2045. They staged a Facebook Live event during which Ed Kelley, George Recktenwald and Clay Ervin opened the 1995 time capsule and planted the new one.

Staff continue to be heavily engaged in a myriad of activities related to COVID-19, including social media posts, design for graphics, and daily updates to the PIN site with continual department/division web page updates on Volusia.org. With each press conference and panel discussion, the production coordination team members are finding better ways to deliver the news in our virtual platform. Staff continue to be assigned to the emergency support functions for Emergency Management's partial activation. Daily press briefings are planned with the invitation for special guests both inside and outside of the county. Panel discussions continue on Friday mornings for topics germane to further support the community and small business needs during the pandemic. The Volusia Today and Volusia Magazine programs are being transformed with each feature as we endeavor a more virtual focus. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at kcaptain@volusia.org.

Growth and Resource Management

Environmental Management

The Facebook lives from the Marine Science Center are still grabbing the attention of viewers. In the last week, there were over 85,000 views! For more information, contact Clay Ervin at cervin@volusia.org.

Ocean Center

The Ocean Center continues to update the calendar for postponements and cancellations related to COVID-19. We are also preparing to transition to a re-opening phase and are detailing new "social distancing" room sets in addition to new attendee screening protocols. SPECTRA, our Food and Beverage Services Provider's nationwide management team, are finalizing a Covid-19 recovery and reopening protocols for all food and beverage areas including kitchen and concession facilities. For more information, contact Tim Riddle at 386-254-4500 ext: 24514 or triddle@volusia.org.

Public Protection

Animal Services

Animal Services staff celebrated National Animal Control Officer Week and Animal Cruelty Prevention month. The Animal Control Officers were each presented with a framed National Animal Control Officer Week proclamation which was signed by each County



Council member. Also a signed, framed copy of the National Animal Cruelty month proclamation was hung on the wall in the Animal Services office.

Public Works

Coastal

The Coastal Division has initiated a series of strategic hardscape maintenance activities during the COVID-19 facility closure to include the resurfacing, re-striping and curb painting at coastal parks and off-beach parking areas. For more information, contact Terri Propst at (386) 248-8072, ext. 20337.

Engineering & Construction

The Lemon Bluff Marine Park and Boat Ramp bid package is in purchasing with the opening date set for April 30. The final addendum to the bid package will be submitted once all questions are received. For more information, contact Tadd Kasbeer at 386-736-5967, ext. 15846.

Mosquito Control

Mosquito Control trucks seen in the evening hours are using Ultra Low Volume (ULV) machines to spray for mosquitoes. The EPA has issued guidance that ULV applications would not be appropriate for large-scale coronavirus control. Please see the EPA's website for more information: <https://www.epa.gov/coronavirus/can-i-use-fumigation-or-wide-area-spraying-help-control-covid-19>. For additional information, contact Suzanne Bartlett, (386) 424-2920, ext. 20272.

Road & Bridge

In support of the Safer-At-Home directive due to COVID-19, Road & Bridge assisted Beach Safety in providing barricades at the Bass Drive parking lot along AIA in Ormond Beach. For more information, contact Benjamin Bartlett at (386) 822-6422, ext. 20470.

Traffic Engineering

Traffic Engineering has not seen a reduction in plan/subdivision reviews or Traffic Impact Analysis (TIA) reviews for the March. The Division is currently reviewing several large projects including Avalon Park in Daytona Beach, Walkers Green in Daytona Beach, Park Lake Estates in DeLand, and the Enterprise Osteen PUD in Deltona. During the month of March, 54 site plan/subdivision reviews (compared to 51 in February) and 39 TIA reviews (compared to 20 in February) were completed. For more information, contact Jon Cheney at (386) 736-5968, ext. 12709.

Water Resources and Utilities

Construction of utility infrastructure along Fort Florida Rd in DeBary is ahead of schedule. Water, sewer, and reclaimed mains, each approximately 3,000 feet in length have been installed and are awaiting final testing and clearance for operation. The extensions will serve new residential communities totaling more than 900 homes within the city. Substantial completion is expected by early May. For more information, contact Mike Ulrich at (386) 943-7027, ext. 12724.