Volusia County Government Activities
April 22 – April 28, 2023

AVIATION AND ECONOMIC RESOURCES
Air Service/Marketing/Customer Experience: Daytona Beach International Airport will host a fraud awareness event from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesday, May 16, in the Dennis McGee Room. Representatives from the American Association of Retired Persons Fraud Watch Network and the Volusia Sheriff’s Office will provide information to empower the public in the fight against fraud and scams.

Operations: Staff is preparing for the start of Avelo Airlines’ service by painting fresh yellow lead-in lines for gate parking. This will ensure the aircraft is positioned correctly for loading and unloading passengers using the jet bridge.

Economic Development: Volusia County Aviation and Economic Resources presented to a delegation of international businesses representing aviation and aerospace companies from Japan, India and Brazil as part of the U.S. Department of Commerce’s Select USA program. On April 27, Volusia County Economic Development hosted the Volusia Business Resource Partner Initiative for its quarterly workshop at Daytona Beach International Airport. For more information, contact Joanne Magley at jmagley@flydab.org.

OCEAN CENTER
Events: On April 26, Volusia County Schools hosted a job fair in the ballroom with an estimated upwards of 400 attendees. Ash Productions Dance Competition took place April 28-30 in the ballroom, hosting 400 attendees and generating 280 room nights. Spirit Fest Daytona took place April 29 and 30 in the exhibit hall, with approximately 1,000 attendees. The National High School Drill Team Championships take place May 5-7. This public event, which has taken place at the convention center for over three decades, utilizes the entire building and expects 4,800 attendees, generating 4,500 room nights. More information is available at https://bit.ly/3n9minL. For more information, contact Tim Buckley at tbuckley@volusia.org.

COUNTY MANAGER’S OFFICE
Community Information: Staff is collaborating with the Environmental Management Division on several Be Floridian Now Keep Volusia Beautiful fertilizer ordinance videos geared toward landscapers, homeowners, and sales associates. Staff is also promoting Turtle Nesting Season with a news release and social media post. As Hurricane Preparedness Week starts April 30, staff has been working with the Emergency Management Division to create material to disseminate daily. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at kcaptain@volusia.org.

EMERGENCY SERVICES
Emergency Management: The division continues to support beach recovery efforts in collaboration with multiple divisions. The Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was open from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 22, for the Statewide Amateur Radio Exercise. The EOC monitored Jeep Week activities, held April 23-30. From April 25-27, staff attended Emergency Management Accreditation Program training in Seminole County. The EOC hosted G400 and Fire Training classes on April 25.
The Amateur Radio Group met at the EOC on the evening of April 25. On April 26, the EOC hosted G557 Rapid Needs Assessment and Fire Training classes. The EMS Work Group met on April 26. The EOC hosted a G400 Training Class on April 27. For more information, contact James Judge at jjudge@volusia.org.

**Emergency Medical Administration:** Testing of the EMS charts platform for ZOLL Rescue Net billing integration will commence this week. On April 26, there was an EMS Work Group meeting. The meeting was between the municipalities and the county for collaboration and discussion on various EMS topics to provide residents with the best service. For more information, contact Mark Wolcott at mwolcott@volusia.org.

**Emergency Medical Services:** Staff taught Prehospital Trauma Life Support and Pediatric Advanced Life Support refresher to other division employees and personnel from the Fire Rescue Division. For more information, contact Mark Wolcott at mwolcott@volusia.org.

**Fire Rescue:** Over the next few weeks, Fire Station 41 in DeLeon Springs will be getting new flooring and a parking area to meet the demands of the station. In June of this year, the division will be testing a new classroom delivery method in conjunction with the State Fire Academy. This new hybrid system will consist of online and in-person training, which will help reduce costs and the time that personnel will be away from the department. For more information, contact Chief Joe King at jwking@volusia.org.

**GROWTH & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT**

**Environmental Management:** Staff celebrated Earth Day on April 22 by hosting the 27th annual St. Johns River Cleanup. There were 318 volunteers that collected 3,740 pounds of trash and 420 pounds of tires across nine sites along the river. For more information, contact Ginger Adair at gadair@volusia.org.

**PUBLIC WORKS**

**Coastal:** Contractor repairs to the Mary McLeod Bethune Park aluminum railing continue and are expected to be complete in early May. The County’s Trap Bag installation and debris removal crews continued their efforts last week in Daytona Beach, Wilbur-by-the-Sea and New Smyrna Beach. As of April 25, approximately 4,000 cubic yards of debris have been removed, and 5,072 linear feet of Trap Bags have been installed along the coast since the start of the project.

The county’s sand haul contractor continued to work with Florida Division of Emergency Management crews on the replacement of the Tiger Dams with Trap Bags and provided them with approximately 1,500 cubic yards of sand last week. A total of 67 beach accesses remains closed. For more information, contact Jessica Fentress at jfentress@volusia.org.

**Engineering & Construction:** Current and ongoing activities for the Williamson Boulevard/Strickland Range Road intersection improvements project include road construction, box culvert construction,
storm pipe placement and drilled shaft installation. For more information, contact Tadd Kasbeer at tkasbeer@volusia.org.

**Mosquito Control:** Due to recent rainfall, surveillance data shows an increase in container mosquitoes found in various items around a home, such as potted plants, bird baths, yard ornaments, kiddie pools and tires. The division encourages residents to walk around their homes to look for anything holding a small amount of water and empty it. Staff is conducting neighborhood inspections in selected areas to educate residents and reduce container mosquitoes through source reduction methods. For more information, contact Marcus McDonough at mmcdonough@volusia.org.

**Road & Bridge:** On May 11, the bids for the Main Street bridge mechanical system components Phase 1 project are scheduled to be received. The project consists of multiple items for rehabilitating the machinery that operates the spans of the bascule bridge. The Main Street bridge spans over the Halifax River in Daytona Beach. For more information, contact Lori Koontz at lkoontz@volusia.org.

**Solid Waste:** On April 22, FCC Environmental Services held a community bulky item cleanup in the northwest quadrant of the county. Over eight tons of bulky household items were collected and disposed of properly. For more information, contact Regina Montgomery at rmontgomery@volusia.org.

**Traffic Engineering:** The staff is working with a traffic engineering consultant to perform a sub-area study to determine the area’s future needs around State Road 472 (Howland Boulevard). This will be a partnership with the cities of Deltona, Orange City and DeLand. For more information, contact Jay Williams at jwilliams@volusia.org.

**Water Resources and Utilities:** The contract award for construction manager/general contractor Part A pre-construction services for the expansion of the Southwest Regional (SWR) Water Reclamation, is scheduled for the May 2 County Council meeting. Located in DeBary, the expansion project will provide increased treatment capacity from 2.7 to 5.0 million gallons per day, an additional 5.0 million gallons of reclaimed storage and a Class A biosolids management facility. For more information, contact Mike Ulrich at mulrich@volusia.org.