

Volusia County Government Activities April 3 – 9, 2021

AVIATION & ECONOMIC RESOURCES

Daytona Beach International Airport - Air Service/ Marketing/ Customer Experience: Airport Director Karen Feaster and Marketing/Customer Experience Director Joanne Magley were the featured speakers for the Daytona Regional Chamber of Commerce Eggs & Issues hybrid, Zoom meeting April 8. The presentation included updates on the airport's capital projects, health and safety measures during COVID-19 and air service development. For more information, contact Joanne Magley at jmagley@volusia.org.

Operations: Early planning has begun for the Airport's Table Top (November 2021) and Full Scale Exercises (March 2022). It is yet to be determined the scale of these exercises due to COVID restrictions; guidance from the FAA on this requirement will be forthcoming.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Community Assistance: Summer camp scholarship applications will be made available online for income eligible families with children between the ages of 5-12 who have completed kindergarten and are entering grades 1-6. Individuals up to age 17 attending an approved special needs camp are also eligible. Scholarships cover a seven week period beginning on June 14-July 30 and can be used at one of over 40 approved summer camp sites. Families may apply for summer camp scholarships at www.volusia.org/communityassistance/applications beginning at 8:00 a.m. on April 14. Applications may also be hand delivered or mailed to 110 W. Rich Avenue, DeLand, FL 32720.

Extension Services: The Extension Services team held a citrus under protective screen (CUPS) field day at Vo-LaSalle Farms in DeLeon Springs. 36 citrus growers from around the region learned about the latest CUPS production research from UF/IFAS specialists. Begun in April, the Extension team has expanded financial counseling outreach to include residents with unexpected medical treatment expenses. For more information, contact Brad Burbaugh at bburbaugh@volusia.org.

Library Services: Volusia County Library staff, along with other area public libraries, worked with Girl Scouts of Citrus Council to develop and launch a "Library Love" patch. The patch is open to all levels of Girl Scouts. In keeping with Girl Scouts of Citrus Council's goal of active citizenship, this patch was designed to provide the opportunity for girls to gain an insight into their local community library. Library staff is looking forward to working with scouts to complete the requirements for their "Library Love" patch. The new patch launched April 5. Volusia County Library staff will be making guest appearances during virtual PBS KIDS Time events in partnership with WUCF from April through June. The program features Hamsters, Dinosaurs, and other animals with a focus on learning goals. For more information, contact Lucinda Colee at lcolee@volusia.org

COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE

Community Information: Staff continues to work with Public Protection and the Florida Department of Health in Volusia County on COVID-19 vaccination efforts. Our graphic artist is placing the finishing touches on the booklet for the State of the County Address on April 27. Production staff are attentively involved in the coordination of this month's Volusia ECHO listening sessions. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at kcaptain@volusia.org.

OCEAN CENTER

Events: Cheer and dance teams from top universities throughout the county gathered in Daytona Beach to compete in the NCA/NDA College National Cheer Championship. After a hiatus in 2020 due to the pandemic, the event returned to the Ocean Center and Daytona Beach Bandshell, marking 40 years of competition and 25 years in Daytona Beach. "Twenty-five years ago, our annual championship took place in the Southwest. We had barely 1,000 participants and were struggling to grow. We knew our event had great promise, but the destination wasn't a draw," said Bill Boggs, senior vice president of the National Cheerleaders Association. "So we reassessed and looked to Florida. While many towns weren't interested in hosting our event, Daytona Beach recognized our potential and welcomed us with open arms. And here we are, 25 years later, with a reputation as the single largest collegiate cheer and dance competition in the world!" The five-day event not only provides competitors, as well as their friends and family, an opportunity to experience all that the Daytona Beach area offers, but also supports the local community.



The 2021 competition took place April 7-11 at both the Ocean Center and Daytona Beach Bandshell. Attendance is limited due to the added safety protocols that have been implemented to mitigate and reduce the spread of COVID-19.

There are still 150 college teams with over 3,000 coaches and athletes scheduled to participate (which is excellent considering the challenges), and 174 teams scheduled for the Daytona Beach Classic (a youth cheer event that took place April 11) with over 2,800 participants. This event, as for all events, masks are required and social distancing is enforced.

PUBLIC PROTECTION

Animal Services: Animal Services will be training on the county's new volunteer management software system; they are the first division to utilize the program. AS has added nine approved volunteers and seven of which are current active volunteers who have logged a combined total of 609 volunteer hours to date for 2021. For more information, contact Adam Leath at aleath@volusia.org.

Emergency Management: Emergency Management continues collaboration with DOH-Volusia with vaccination distribution at the Volusia County Fairgrounds as well as at special vaccination events. The Emergency Operations Center and DOH-Volusia will host the second dose vaccination event for First Responders on April 7. For more information, contact Joe Pozzo at jpozso@volusia.org.

Emergency Medical Administration: The county's operational medical director and deputy EMS medical director will begin recording an in-service video which will be provided to all EMS and fire agencies regarding protocol updates on April 7. For more information, contact Mark Wolocott at mwolocott@volusia.org.

Emergency Medical Services: Six paramedics have completed the paramedic academy and are now eligible to begin the field internship. The VCEMS director has approved the sponsorship for seven emergency medical technicians to attend the next paramedic academy. EMS has been selected to host a two-day virtual lecture by National EMS Educator Bob Page on April 13 and 15. This virtual lecture is an early celebration for EMS Week, which will be held May 16 - 22. The lecture will focus on capnography and lung sound training. All agencies in the county are welcome to join. For more information, contact Jason Brady at jbrady@volusia.org.

PUBLIC WORKS

Coastal: Staff coordinated extra services for Easter Sunday which includes port-o-lets for Mary McLeod Bethune Beach Park, janitorial porters, and the early opening of restrooms for sunrise services across Coastal Parks. For more information, contact Jessica Winterwerp at (386) 248-8072, ext. 20356.

Engineering & Construction: The Howland Boulevard widening is continuing to progress. Currently Volusia County utility installation is taking place. Over the coming weeks pond excavation will continue along with storm drain installation and roadway and curb construction. For more information, contact Tadd Kasbeer at (386) 736-5967, ext. 15846.

Mosquito Control: Mosquito Control is collaborating with the Florida Medical Entomology Laboratory to submit *Culex* mosquitoes collected from routine mosquito traps for blood meal host analysis. This project data will support field operations to target common *Culex* mosquitoes in Volusia County that are the potential vectors of West Nile Virus and St. Louis Encephalitis. For more information, contact Suzanne Bartlett at (386) 424-2920, ext. 20272.

Road & Bridge: The Main Street Bridge will be closed to traffic on April 14 and 15, to accommodate inspection of the bascule bridge while one or both spans are in the raised position. A well-signed detour route will be in place. For more information, contact Benjamin Bartlett at (386) 822-6422, ext. 20470.

Solid Waste: Solid Waste Management Compliance Officers actively patrol Sate Road 44 and Tomoka Farms Road and conducted 24 secured load inspections and issued three written warnings to address windblown littering from unsecured waste loads. For more information, contact Regina Montgomery at (386) 947-2952, ext. 21347.

Traffic Engineering: Staff are partnering with Holly Hill and Florida DOT to manage the US 1 traffic signals during the Pickleball and Holly Hill Arts Festival events from April 8-11. For more information, contact Jon Cheney at (386) 736-5968, ext. 12709.