

# Volusia County Government Activities

## April 4 - 10, 2020

### Aviation and Economic Resources

#### ***Aviation (Daytona Beach International Airport)***

Operations, Marketing, Customer Experience, Air Service Development – Staff participates in regular industry conference calls with special agencies in response to COVID-19.

The Airport has expanded its COVID-19 FDOH screening process to now include the three local Fixed Base Operators. For more information, contact Joanne Magley at 386-248-8030.

### Community Services

#### ***Agriculture Extension (AG Center)***

Extension Services received another year of full funding for the Family Nutrition Program (FNP). This USDA grant program, administered through UF, provides \$376,408 in funds locally to help limited-resource families learn how to grocery shop wiser, eat and cook healthier, and funds the development of school and community gardens. Last year, the FNP team helped establish 11 gardens and reached 26,892 residents through nutrition education classes. For more information, contact Brad Burbaugh at bburbaugh@volusia.org.

#### ***Florida Department of Health- Volusia County***

During the agency's response to COVID-19, DOH-Volusia is maintaining its normal essential health and environmental services. At least half of the workforce has been redirected to COVID-19 activities to include: conducting testing of people under investigation for COVID-19, contact tracing and monitoring of positive cases and close contacts of positive cases, staffing a call center for the public, conducting on-site assessments with long-term-care facilities that have a positive COVID-19 case, supporting community partners in need of supplies or guidance related to COVID-19 exposures. Coordinating with Emergency Management, municipal and hospital public information officers. To assist with the heightened epidemiological activities, DOH-Volusia has requested and received four temporary epidemiology workers from the State. For more information, contact Holly Smith at holly.smith2@flhealth.gov.

#### ***Library Services***

Volusia Reads Stories is live on the Library Facebook page every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 10:30 am. For more information, contact Lucinda Colee at lcolee@volusia.org.

#### ***Votran***

Votran Fixed Route trips are running approximately 50% of normal. Votran Gold trips are running approximately 32% of normal. Votran instituted rear door boarding on Fixed Route to minimize bus operator contact. Masks and sanitizer are being distributed as far as industry supplies allow. For more information, contact Edie Biro at 386-756-7496.

### County Manager's Office

#### ***Community Information***

Staff are coordinating a panel discussion for next week on economic recovery efforts for small business, completing a virtual tour for the Lyonia Environmental Center, arranging virtual County Council meetings, and tailoring the Volusia Magazine and Volusia Today shows to COVID-19. An increase in social media efforts, graphics and website updates continue. The PIN site (Volusia.org/coronavirus) is updated daily. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at kcaptain@volusia.org.

### Finance

#### ***Information Technology***

Information Technology has been working with Community Information to enable "virtual" Council meetings and an in-house application for submitting public comments over the internet. This allows citizens to watch and participate in Council meetings. It also allows Council members to attend remotely. Public comments submitted over the internet are collected, printed, and added to the agenda.

Information Technology has created a web-based whiteboard application for the Medical Examiner's Office, allowing them to use familiar tools and techniques to track the status and progress of their case load. For more information, contact Kevin Benge at kbenge@volusia.org or Brian Whiting at bwhiting@volusia.org.

### Humann Resources

Human Resources and Community Services have partnered in starting a new program - Volusia CARES. The program is a way to allow our employees to help their fellow employees without giving money, but instead their time. Part one entails sewing machines downstairs in the TCK training rooms for staff to volunteer to sew masks for other employees. Employees can participate- one to two hours max a day. Part two will be starting a Food for Families program to provide bags of food to families



negatively impacted by COVID. For more information, contact Dona DeMarsh-Butler, at 386-736-5951; or Dana Paige-Pender, at 386-736-5951

## **Growth and Resource Management**

### ***Building & Code Administration***

Inspections in habitable dwellings have gone virtual to ensure the safety of our staff, while still maintaining that level of service to the public. Please note that inspectors will be on the property to ensure the validity of the inspection.

### ***Environmental Management***

The Lyonia Environmental Center continues to provide educational programs on Facebook. This week's posts included Manatee Madness Monday, Craft Corner, National Gopher Tortoise Day programs. Last week's Facebook programming had an audience reach of 17, 059. The MSC continued live streaming this week and reached 56,104 viewers. The viewers learned about feeding the stingrays, some of our animal ambassadors, and watched a sea turtle release. Environmental Permitting continues to process permits and conduct inspections. For more information, contact Clay Ervin at [cervin@volusia.org](mailto:cervin@volusia.org).

## **Ocean Center**

### ***Events***

The Ocean Center Sales Team remains busy shuffling the calendar deck, responding to cancellations and finding future dates for those events seeking alternate scheduling due to COVID-19. For more information, contact Tim Riddle at 386-254-4500.

## **Public Works**

### ***Coastal***

Coastal Division COVID-19 response actions include closure of all beach parks, inlet parks, coastal public restrooms, beach ramps, off-beach parking lots and associated public amenities including beach and park showers, playground facilities and the Sunsplash Park splash pad. Informational signs explaining the public health risk closures were placed at all beach and inlet park public access points. The division has worked closely with beach maintenance, concessions, ramp toll and port-a-let contractors to determine adequate service levels and plan for beach re-opening. For more information, contact Jessica Winterwerp at 386-248-8072, ext. 20356.

### ***Engineering & Construction***

Engineering and Construction is preparing to begin construction on Trail Segment 4A from Guise Road to Gobblers Lodge. The final plans are being reviewed and construction is anticipated to begin this month. For more information, contact Tadd Kasbeer at 386-736-5967, ext. 15846.

### ***Mosquito Control***

Mosquito Control continues to respond to customer service requests, made online or by calling (386) 424-2920, following CDC guidelines for social distancing. However, neighborhood inspections that consist of going door to door throughout an entire community, have been suspended at this time. For more information, contact Suzanne Bartlett at 386-424-2920, ext. 20272.

### ***Road & Bridge***

In response to COVID-19, Road & Bridge fabricated signs for the Parks, Recreation and Culture Division to assist with closing playgrounds and campsites at all county-operated parks and preserves. For more information, contact Benjamin Bartlett at 386-822-6422, ext. 20470.

### ***Solid Waste***

Due to COVID-19, effective March 30, the Tomoka Farms Road Landfill and the West Volusia Transfer Station customers will need to use a credit card to complete their transactions. Both facilities accept both VISA and MasterCard. For more Solid Waste information, contact Regina Montgomery at (386) 947-2952, ext. 21347.

### ***Traffic Engineering***

Installed east & west 4-section flashing yellow arrows at Mason Avenue & Bill France Boulevard in Daytona Beach to reduce wait time for motorists. For more information, contact Jon Cheney at (386) 736-5968, ext. 12709.

### ***Water Resource and Utilities***

Finalized the terms and conditions with the developer to provide utility services for the distribution center along Normandy Boulevard in Deltona. The utility services agreement is scheduled for County Council consideration on April 21. For more information, contact Mike Ulrich at 386-943-7027, ext. 12724.

