COMMUNITY SERVICES

Resource Stewardship: Land Management assisted the Florida Forest Service in hosting an Operation Outdoor Freedom turkey hunt in the Barberville Conservation Area which provided an opportunity for wounded veterans in our area to participate in a guided hunt on county conservation land. Volusia Forever staff will present the Carter-Quail Ranch property at a second Acquisition and Restoration Council (ARC) hearing in Tallahassee. If the ARC approves, the property will become eligible for Florida Forever funding and expand the Volusia Conservation Corridor. For more information, contact Brad Burbaugh at bburbaugh@volusia.org.

COUNTY MANAGER’S OFFICE

Community Information: Staff assisted with social media campaigns for Food Waste Prevention Week (Solid Waste), International Dark Sky Week (Environmental Management) and the continuation of Water Conservation Month (Environmental Management). Staff also partnered with Environmental Management to create messaging for the public, local lawn maintenance/landscape companies and outdoor/garden retailers to inform them about the annual fertilizer ordinance from June 1 through Sept. 30. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at kcaptain@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. The Emergency Operations Center (EOC) hosted the MGT-346 EOC Operations and Planning Course April 11 and 12. The Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD) met at the EOC April 11. On April 13, the EOC hosted Communications User’s Group training. Volusia County Schools conducted Student Services Training April 14. For more information, contact James Judge at jjudge@volusia.org.

Emergency Medical Administration: The EMS medical director will be conducting three paramedic clearances. For more information, contact Mark Wolcott at mwolcott@volusia.org.

Emergency Medical Services: Staff attended a meet-and-greet with EMS staff and the Holly Forest Homeowners Association (HOA) on April 13. Staff provided the HOA with an overview of EMS. On April 13, staff had a recruitment table at the Deltona Job Fair. On April 14, the staff had two meet-and-greets: One at Champions Elementary School in Deltona, and the other at Citrus Grove Elementary School in DeLand, where the staff gave the students a tour of an ambulance and information about EMS. For more information, contact Interim Division Director Mark Wolcott at mwolcott@volusia.org.

Fire Rescue: The division wants to congratulate seven team members who completed the 160-hour Hazardous Materials (HazMat) Technician course. This will allow these individuals to serve on the division’s HazMat Team and support incidents involving hazardous materials. In addition to these seven individuals, the division had three team members complete the Aircraft Rescue Firefighting certification to serve at the airport fire station and support air operations with partners. For more information, contact Chief Joe King at jwking@volusia.org.
PUBLIC PROTECTION

**Animal Services:** Staff instructed in the Florida Animal Control Association’s Animal Control Officer Certification Course all week. This year’s 40-hour course was held at Beach Safety Headquarters. For more information, contact Adam Leath at aleath@volusia.org.

PUBLIC WORKS

**Coastal:** Installation of a new concrete sidewalk at Al Weeks North Shore Park in Ormond-by-the-Sea and repairs to the railings at Mary McLeod Bethune Beach Park in New Smyrna Beach started April 10. Tradesworkers completed repairs and opened the walkovers at Mallard Avenue in Daytona Beach Shores and 5th Avenue in New Smyrna Beach. Coastal staff also prepared and removed county assets from the beach ahead of the forecasted nor’easter storm.

Debris removal and placement of TrapBags on private property and county assets continued as the tide permitted. As of April 11, approximately 1,000 yards of debris have been removed, and 1,700 linear feet of TrapBags have been installed along the coast, providing much-needed temporary protection. The division anticipates beginning TrapBag placement and debris removal in New Smyrna Beach by April 17, tide and weather permitting. A total of 62 Coastal accesses remain closed. For more information, contact Jessica Fentress at jfentress@volusia.org.

**Engineering and Construction:** Projected work over the next two weeks at the City Island seawall project includes grading, site cleanup, and sod placement. Near the end of the month, the contractor will shut down the southeast corner of the parking lot to demo the sidewalk and mill and resurface the parking lot radius. For more information, contact Tadd Kasbeer at tkasbeer@volusia.org.

**Mosquito Control:** On April 4, staff presented at a Lunch and Learn EcoBuggy tour event in Longleaf Pine Preserve as part of the Explore Volusia program. Attendees learned about the biology of mosquitoes, how mosquitoes impact Volusia County residents and how the public can help manage mosquitoes. For more information, contact Marcus McDonough at mmdonough@volusia.org.

**Road and Bridge:** New sidewalk has been installed on LPGA Boulevard in Holly Hill. The project completes a missing section of sidewalk that now provides connectivity from the LPGA Boulevard/Nova Road intersection going east towards Bishop Boulevard. For more information, contact Lori Koontz at lkoontz@volusia.org.

**Solid Waste:** FCC Environmental Services will conduct a scheduled bulky community item cleanup in the northwest quadrant of the unincorporated county April 22. The company will collect up to four bulk items from unincorporated residential households in this area. For more information, contact Regina Montgomery at rmontgomery@volusia.org.

**Traffic Engineering:** Staff is reviewing the Traffic Impact Analysis for the Dixie Ridge subdivision on the west side of Old Dixie Highway, approximately 0.6 miles north of Plantation Oaks Boulevard in Ormond Beach. This development will consist of 144 single-family homes. For more information, contact Jay Williams at jiwilliams@volusia.org.