

Volusia County Government Activities August 21 – 27, 2021

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Affordable Housing Initiative update. In addition to the Sept. 10 plenary webinar, staff has scheduled another webinar for Oct. 1, titled, *Getting the Right Tool for the Right Job*. There is a demonstrated need for local governments to balance the implementation of land development regulations, including zoning, with creating partnerships or incentives for affordable housing. Any internet search will provide a multitude of programs or “tools” available to local governments to assist with the appropriate streamlining of regulations to facilitate the development of affordable housing. During this webinar staff will be joined by panelists from the planning industry to discuss questions such as, How does a local government determine the appropriate “tools” to include in their land development regulations? How often does a local government need to review and update their “tool box”? For more information, please contact, Dona D. Butler at ddbutler@volusia.org.

Community Assistance: Special contract funding in the amount of \$15,000 is still available through the Children and Families Advisory Board for government entities or non-profit organizations to provide sickle cell disease education and outreach services in Volusia County. Applications are available online at <https://www.volusia.org/services/community-services/community-assistance/applications.stml>. The deadline for accepting applications has been extended to Sept. 3. For more information, please contact Carmen Hall at 386-736-5955.

Votran: Race weekend Aug. 27 and 28 may cause some delays or re-routing with the routes serving the areas close to the speedway. A public message/service alert is going out this week. Over 447,000 masks have been distributed to our customers on the fixed route, paratransit and subcontractor buses. Votran's new supervisor vans have started hitting the road; all seven of the new vans should be deployed by early September. These vans are all ADA accessible with wheelchair lifts in the rear of the vehicle. For more information, contact Kelvin Miller at kmiller@volusia.org.

COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE

Community Information: Staff is working with Management and Budget on informational social media messaging regarding property taxes in Volusia County. Staff continues to collaborate with Emergency Management, FDOH and other partners on testing efforts for the county and is aggressively pushing testing information on social media. Staff is working with Emergency Management and Dr. Peter Springer on an upcoming social piece highlighting the monoclonal antibody infusion center in Ormond Beach. Staff are collaborating on a panel interview in cooperation with Halifax Health's Chief Medical Officer Dr. Margaret Crossman, AdventHealth-Daytona Chief Medical Officer Dr. Joe Smith and Volusia County Chief Medical Examiner Dr. James Fulcher. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at kcaptain@volusia.org.

GROWTH & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Environmental Management: Staff from Environmental Management guided several marine salvage companies to sites on the St. Johns River where derelict vessels have been located. A total of five vessels will be removed using a grant from the Florida Wildlife Commission (FWC). For more information, contact Ginger Adair at gadair@volusia.org.



PUBLIC PROTECTION

Animal Services: Dr. Goldstein will be training all week with the ASPCA Spay/Neuter Alliance in Asheville, North Carolina. On Aug. 25, the division director presented to University of Florida Grand Rounds on the role of the shelter in public health and safety. For more information, contact Division Director Adam Leath, 386-822-3506.

Corrections: Corrections continues to offer COVID-19 vaccines to inmates through a partnership with Family Health Source. 1,165 Johnson & Johnson vaccinations have been administered since April. Patient Services Coordinator Dee Kaye, has successfully achieved certification as a Certified Correctional Health Professional (CCHP), a significant achievement. Staff is working with Family Health Source to develop a continuum of care for HIV inmates to receive medical care and medication post incarceration. Daniel Sullivan has accepted the position of Corrections Warden and will begin on Sept. 13. Mr. Sullivan has over 30 years' experience in the New York prison system and with private correctional institutions throughout the United States. Sullivan replaces Warden Rodney Prince who will retire on Sept. 3 with 27 years of dedicated service. In its three weeks of operation, Chief Judge James Clayton's virtual courtroom has produced considerable results toward reducing the inmate population. An inactive classroom in the branch jail has been converted to the new virtual courtroom. For more information, contact Division Director Mark Flowers, 386-254-1568.

Emergency Management: The Emergency Management Team continues to coordinate closely with Emergency Support Function 8, (Health and Medical Services, the Florida Division of Emergency Management, and healthcare providers) to support COVID 19 testing, vaccinations, and the Monoclonal Antibody Infusion testing. For more information please, contact Division Director Helene Wetherington, (386) 254-1500.

Emergency Medical Services: Braun Ambulance is scheduled to deliver four of the 12 new ambulances ordered to Ten-Eight in Sanford to inspect and deliver to Fleet by the end of this week. For more information, contact Interim Division Director Mark Wolcott, (386) 561-8087.

Fire Rescue: Interviews have been completed by VCFR for the upcoming New Hire Academy. The academy will consist of 10 people, four weeks of training thru the training division and is tentatively scheduled for mid-September 2021. For more information, contact Fire Chief Howard Bailey, (386) 736-5940 ext. 12918.

PUBLIC WORKS

Coastal: Coastal staff coordinated landscape improvements at Al Weeks North Shore Park and the Cardinal Off-Beach Parking Facility, both located in Ormond Beach. The landscape improvements included replacement palm trees, native grasses, perennials and pine straw mulch. Additional landscape beds were designed to enhance the entrance to Al Weeks North Shore Park, providing an aesthetic view to park patrons and beach-goers. For more information, contact Jessica Winterwerp at (386) 248-8072, ext. 20356.

Engineering & Construction: The Lemon Bluff Boat Ramp Project recently had the septic and potable water systems installed. Light poles have been delivered and the required electrical service has been requested. For more information, contact Tadd Kasbeer at (386) 736-5967, ext. 15846.

Mosquito Control: Mosquito Control is reminding residents that wearing an EPA approved repellent is the best way to prevent mosquito bites. You can search for the best repellent for you by going to: <https://www.epa.gov/insect-repellents/find-repellent-right-you>. For more information, contact Suzanne Bartlett at (386) 424-2920, ext. 20272.

Road & Bridge: No planned lane or road closures were permitted on County maintained roadways around the Daytona International Speedway from Aug. 26 - 29 during the Speedway's race events. For more information, contact Lori Koontz at (386) 822-6422, ext. 20455.

Solid Waste: The Tomoka Farms Road Landfill is held limited operational hours on Aug. 29 in support of the Coke Zero Sugar NASCAR race. For more information, contact Regina Montgomery at (386) 947-2952, ext. 21347.

Traffic Engineering: Traffic Engineering signals staff will be installing temporary detection to those intersections affected by milling and resurfacing projects. These resurfacing projects are being completed by Construction Engineering in the Deltona and Daytona Beach areas. For more information, contact Jon Cheney at (386) 736-5968, ext. 12709.