

Volusia County Government Activities December 11 – 17, 2021

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Library Services: Staff participated in two “Magical Morning” programs at Tanger Outlets on Dec. 8 and Dec. 15, 2021. A librarian provided readings of the book, “The Elf on the Shelf” and other winter stories, while other library staff members provided an activity table with make and take crafts for the kids. For more information, contact Lucinda Colee, lcolee@volusia.org.

COUNTY MANAGER’S OFFICE

Community Information: Staff is in the early stages of coordinating a number of upcoming groundbreaking and ribbon-cutting events to highlight several projects of high public interest, including the Gabordy Canal, 10th Street, Oak Hill septic-to-sewer, a trail segment in DeBary, Edwin W. Peck, Sr. Park and Dahlia Avenue Park. Staff also is putting the finishing touches on an anti-litter campaign that will feature PSA videos with all seven County Council members. Additionally, staff continues to coordinate plans for the State of the County on Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2022 at the Ocean Center. Solicitation of sponsors to underwrite the cost of the event has been very successful. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at kcaptain@volusia.org.

GROWTH & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Environmental Management: Water quality staff completed water sampling in the Indian River and Mosquito Lagoon. Chlorophyll levels are well below any indication of an algae bloom. Much dolphin activity was observed as well as migratory birds such as white pelicans and loons that are here for the winter. Environmental Permitting (EP) year-to-date inspection numbers are up 36.2% compared to this time last year. EP staff has conducted 3,103 Inspections and reviews this fiscal year. In FY 20-21, EP staff conducted 18,005 inspections and reviews, an increase of 40% over the FY 19-20. EP inspections have increased by 97% since FY 16-17. For more information, contact Ginger Adair at gadair@volusia.org.

OCEAN CENTER

Events: On Dec. 18-19, 2021, we hosted Joseph Volleyball Camps for the second half of their Florida Holiday Challenge Volleyball Tournament. The first half of the event took place last weekend, with girls and boys from the 10’s-15’s divisions. This weekend was the girls and boys 16-18’s divisions. Attendance was expected to be around 4,000 per-day, with 1,500 room nights being utilized. On Dec. 19-21, 2021, we will also play host to the Daytona Beach Shootout. This is a Men’s and Women’s D3 basketball tournament. This 10-team tournament kicks off Sunday at 4 p.m. with three games, five games on Monday and four games on Tuesday. For additional information, please visit sporttours.net. We expect this event to generate approximately 400 room nights. Masks will be recommended for entry for all events. For more information, contact Tim Riddle at triddle@volusia.org.

PUBLIC PROTECTION

Animal Services: On Dec. 13, 2021, staff attended a petition for custody hearing regarding a canine; Volusia County Animal Services was awarded custody. For more information, contact Division Director Adam Leath, 386-822-3506.

Beach Safety: Beach Safety personnel attended a week-long firearms instructor academy at the Volusia Sheriff’s Office. Director Ethridge conducted a presentation for the Rotary Club at the Palmetto Club in Daytona Beach on Dec 13, 2021. For more information, contact Division Director Andy Ethridge, (386) 239-6414.

Corrections: The Corrections Division continues to offer COVID-19 and booster vaccines to the inmate population. For more information, contact Division Director Mark Flowers, 386-254-1568.

Emergency Management: Emergency Management continues to support COVID-19 testing and vaccination efforts while closely monitoring impacts of the new Omicron variant. Three mobile testing sites continue to operate. Emergency Management had a meet-and-greet on Monday, Dec. 13, 2021 with the United Way Director, and on Wednesday, Dec. 15, 2021, they met with American Red Cross staff. Volusia County wishes a retirement farewell to Chief Meteorologist Scott Spratt, who retired on Dec. 15, 2021. For more information, contact Division Director Helene Wetherington, (386) 254-1500.



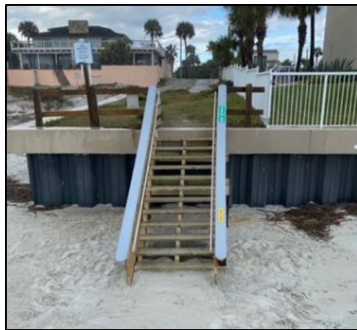
Emergency Medical Administration: In preparation for the new ZOLL upgrade, Emergency Medical Administration met with Information Technology on Dec. 14, 2021 to discuss the plan for the RescueNet ePCR Tablet 6.4 upgrade. ZOLL is an electronic patient care reporting system that is used by the transport agencies. Emergency Management also held a user group meeting on Dec. 15, 2021 in preparation of the upgrade. For more information, contact Division Director Mark Wolcott, (386) 561-8087.

Emergency Medical Services: The EMS recruiter scheduled 15 EMT applicants to begin their written and practical exams. Twenty-nine EMS employees completed their exam process and are now scheduled to interview for the Sergeants Paramedic exam. For more information, contact Division Director Michael Colman, (386) 236-3511.

Fire Rescue: VCFR conducted its Paramedic Academy on Dec. 13-17, 2021. This is a comprehensive program that allows paramedics to go through the clearing process to operate out in the community. For more information, contact Fire Chief Howard Bailey, (386) 736-5940, Ext. 12918.

PUBLIC WORKS

Coastal: Coastal Tradesworkers completed replacement of the staircase at 15th Avenue in New Smyrna Beach. The staircase recently sustained damages and had been closed since the last storm event on Nov. 8, 2021. For more information, contact Jessica Winterwerp at (386) 248-8072, Ext. 20356.



Engineering & Construction: The contractor for Lemon Bluff Park will be videoing and cleaning the storm system in preparation for completion. Next week, they will be sodding all green areas as well as paving the east and west sides of the boat ramp and trailer parking. Once finished, park signs and gates will be installed. For more information, contact Tadd Kasbeer at (386) 736-5967, Ext. 15846.

Mosquito Control: Mosquito Control completed a routine Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services inspection for compliance with Florida State Statute, Chapter 388 and Florida Administrative Code 5E-13. The inspection results had no violations. For more information, contact Tim MacHardy at (386) 424-2920, Ext. 20273.

Road & Bridge: The Road & Bridge construction crew completed the paving of South Samsula Drive in New Smyrna Beach. The project is part of the County's dirt road reduction program, which results in an operational efficiency by eliminating the need for routine grading. For more information, contact Lori Koontz at (386) 822-6422, Ext. 20455.

Solid Waste: There is no change to garbage, recycling, bulk waste or yard trash collection schedules for residents of unincorporated Volusia County during the Christmas and New Year's holidays this year. The Tomoka Farms Road Landfill and West Volusia Transfer Station will be closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day. For more information, contact Regina Montgomery at (386) 947-2952, Ext. 21347.

Traffic Engineering: Staff is preparing a traffic study for the intersection of Tomoka Farms Road and Taylor Road in Port Orange to justify the construction of a northbound right turn lane. For more information, contact Jon Cheney at (386) 736-5968, Ext. 12709.

Water Resources and Utilities: Utilities staff has completed plans and specifications for a 1.2 mile potable water main that will connect the County's distribution system in northeast Volusia with the City of Ormond Beach's water system. The planned interconnect will provide a backup water supply source in the event of an emergency. The project is expected to be advertised for bid during the first quarter of 2022. For more information, contact Mike Ulrich at (386) 943-7027, Ext. 12724.