AVIATION AND ECONOMIC RESOURCES

Daytona Beach International Airport

Operations: The Airport Operations Director will represent the airport at the opening ceremonies for the National Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting Training Alliance Leadership Symposium. The symposium is from Feb. 26 to March 1 at the Hilton Daytona Beach Oceanfront Resort.

Marketing/Customer Service: The airport participated in an Adopt-A-School presentation Feb. 23 at Longstreet Elementary in Daytona Beach. The airport donates model jet engines to this program. For more information, contact Joanne Magley at jmagley@flydab.org.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Community Assistance: The Affordable Housing Advisory Committee will meet March 8 in the MAG Conference Room at the Emergency Operations Center. The board will review and take action on previous meeting minutes and review a draft Request for Proposal for rental housing development. For additional information, contact Carmen Hall at chall@volusia.org.

Resource Stewardship: The ECHO Advisory Committee reviewed the ECHO Direct County Expenditure 5-Year Plan on Feb. 17 and unanimously voted to recommend it to the County Council for approval. It will be presented to County Council March 7. In coordination with Environmental Management, Land Management hosted a volunteer project on Longleaf Pine Preserve for World Wetland Day. County staff and volunteers repaired and enhanced 120 feet of the red trail catwalk, allowing visitors to explore and traverse a wetland ecosystem. For more information, contact Brad Burbaugh at bburbaugh@volusia.org.

COUNTY MANAGER’S OFFICE

Community Information: Staff assisted Volusia County Mosquito control with efforts to promote Tire Amnesty Day, which was held Feb. 25. Staff completed the series of posts for Black History Month featuring much-admired members of our community. Staff is working with Parks, Recreation and Culture on planning and marketing for the Trails Master Plan public meetings in March. Staff is curating social media campaigns for recycling initiatives with the Solid Waste Division. Staff is making final preparations for the State of the County event. The event starts at noon Feb. 28. More than 500 people have indicated they plan to attend. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at kcaptain@volusia.org.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Emergency Management: The division continues to support the affected areas through the Disaster Recovery Center and provide resources to those areas of need for Hurricane Ian and Nicole. On Feb. 18, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University students were given a presentation and tour by staff. The Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was partially activated during the Daytona 500 Race. On Feb. 20, the division’s spring interns were given a Volusia County Corrections Facility tour. Also, on Feb. 20, the EOC hosted the Tax Collector’s Office training.
Network WKMG-6 recorded a segment regarding the Critical Incident Stress Management program with department directors Jim Judge and Mark Swanson on Feb. 22. The EOC hosted the State Agricultural Response Team’s meeting Feb. 21. The Deland Cub Scouts toured the EOC the evening of Feb. 21.

The Florida Division of Emergency Management held two meetings regarding the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program in conjunction with the division at the EOC. One session was for county and municipal elected officials and senior management to learn how they participate and submit applications on behalf of residents. The second meeting, tailored to residents, provided an overview of eligible projects and available assistance. The session also informed residents that they must work with their municipal government in an incorporated area. The resident must work with the county if they live in an unincorporated area.

A G-272 Warning Coordination Training was held at the EOC Feb. 23 and 24. Emergency Management continues to support beach recovery efforts. For more information, contact James Judge at jjudge@volusia.org.

**Emergency Medical Services:** There will be a meet and greet with Emergency Medical Services staff and students from City College, Altamonte Springs, for the recruitment of paramedics. For more information, contact Mark Wolcott at mwolcott@volusia.org.

**Fire Rescue:** On Feb. 22, VCFR sent numerous fire officers to Chief Frank Viscuso’s Step Up and Lead- Fire Department Leadership seminar that Deltona Fire Rescue hosted. This seminar focused on effective fire service leadership, introduced the traits and skills essential for successful fire service leaders, and discussed the importance of customer service. On March 2, VCFR will conduct the New Hire Academy Graduation Ceremony for Recruit Class 2023-1. After completing this academy, these firefighters will be assigned to units across the county. Over the next year, they will be evaluated on their knowledge, skills and abilities to provide fire and EMS services and strive for service excellence for internal and external customers. For more information, contact Chief Joe King at jwking@volusia.org.

**OCEAN CENTER**

**Events:** The Ocean Center will host the 2023 State of the County Feb. 28. For more information, contact Tim Riddle at triddle@volusia.org.

**PUBLIC WORKS**

**Coastal:** Coastal tradesworkers and maintenance staff have repaired and opened the ADA beach access at Al Weeks North Shore Park in Ormond Beach. Other recent Ormond Beach openings include the Marlin Drive and Capri Drive pedestrian accesses and the Milsap Road vehicular ramp. The staff has also installed a temporary beach gate at Milsap Road, begun site prep for the beach access at Goodall Avenue in Daytona Beach and started repairs to the Ocean View Avenue access in Ponce Inlet. A total of 80 Coastal accesses remains closed. For more information, contact Jessica Fentress at jfentress@volusia.org.

**Engineering & Construction:** Limerock base and asphalt shoulder placement are underway as crews work on the Old New York Avenue shoulder widening project. Additionally, storm pipe placement is taking place. For more information, contact Tadd Kasbeer at tkasbeer@volusia.org.
Mosquito Control: Mosquito Control received a report of a large tire dump site off Williams Road in Daytona Beach, causing a mosquito problem for residents walking in the area. The site was reported to Solid Waste Compliance, with officers promptly responding to investigate, removing tires and posting "no dumping" signs in the area. The operation successfully removed 31 potential mosquito-breeding tires and resulted in compliments from the reporting resident on the swift response and action taken by the county. For more information, contact Marcus McDonough at mmcdonough@volusia.org.

Road & Bridge / Solid Waste: On Feb. 18, staff from the Solid Waste and Road & Bridge Divisions met with the Citizens Academy participants. After briefing each division’s mission and operation, the group toured the Tomoka landfill. For more information, contact Solid Waste Director Regina Montgomery at rmontgomery@volusia.org or Road & Bridge Director Lori Koontz at lkoontz@volusia.org.

Traffic Engineering: Construction continues at the Clyde Morris Boulevard and Herbert Street intersection in Port Orange. Three of the four mast arms, along with many of the signal heads and the signal cabinet, have been installed. The final mast arm will be installed within the next seven days. Overall completion is expected in late March or early April. For more information, contact Jay Williams at jiwilliams@volusia.org.

Water Resources and Utilities: The Utilities engineering staff participated in the Volusia Online Learning program, providing high school students an overview of how water service contributes to everyday life and the importance of protecting and preserving our natural resources. Staff explained the various types of jobs and career opportunities available for high school and college graduates in science, engineering, construction, and water treatment operations. For more information, contact Mike Ulrich at mulrich@volusia.org.