AVIATION AND ECONOMIC RESOURCES

Daytona Beach International Airport

Administration: Director of Aviation and Economic Resources Cyrus Callum participated in "The Black Experience" panel discussion Feb. 28. The event was presented by the Mainland High School Student Government Association. The panelists discussed their career journeys and gave the students insight into pursuing their future careers.

Operations: Airport Operations and Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting (ARFF) will assist Yelvington Jet Aviation with the Commemorative Air Force AirPower History Tour's support from March 17-19. Planning for the event was completed this week. More information about the tour can be found at https://www.airpowersquadron.org/daytona-beach-fl.

Economic Development: Staff hosted and participated in the Daytona Business United Program (DBUP) workshop held on Feb. 28. Participants in the DBU program meet quarterly to learn more about business tactics and resources available to their businesses. Staff also participated in the launch of the Daytona Regional Chamber Workforce Taskforce Feb. 28. Participants worked on narrowing focus towards segmenting workforce issues to areas that can be immediately impacted to exact positive change. A staff member will present the Volusia Business Resources (VBR) initiative at One Million Cups in Daytona Beach on March 8. The VBR initiative is a private/public partnership with local economic development leaders and community stakeholders focused on providing resources to help propel Volusia County businesses toward growth. For more information, contact Joanne Magley at jmagley@flydab.org.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Resource Stewardship: Youth representing Volusia County 4-H, a youth development program led by our UF/IFAS Extension Services team, brought home the state championship and third place titles at the 2023 Florida 4-H State Poultry Judging Contest, held Feb. 17 at the Florida State Fairgrounds in Tampa. This was the county’s first-ever state championship in poultry judging is attached. For more information, contact Brad Burbaugh at bburbaugh@volusia.org.

COUNTY MANAGER’S OFFICE

Community Information: The division produced the 2023 State of the County event Feb. 28 at the Ocean Center. The event may be viewed by visiting http://bit.ly/3kMexTo. Staff is working with multiple divisions regarding beach recovery efforts, including messaging about debris removal and upcoming easements. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at kcaptain@volusia.org.

GROWTH & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Environmental Management: Water Quality staff performed routine monthly monitoring of the north St. Johns River. Normal sampling conditions were reported, and water samples were shipped to the St. Johns River Water Management District lab for analysis. This area covers six stations, ranging from the south end of Lake George upstream to Lake Woodruff.
Environmental Permitting (EP) year-to-date inspection numbers increased by 4% compared to this time last fiscal year. EP inspections have increased by 64% since the fiscal year 2017-18.

Beach and Dune Permit reviews are being received at a steady pace. The staff has processed 309 applications for Beach and Dune emergency permits, regular Beach and Dune permits or vehicle access Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) since October 2022. Many of the most recent applications are for long-term permanent armoring structures. While many properties are in the process of permitting long-term repairs, most properties have not received permits to conduct work at all. There are hundreds of damaged properties on the beach. As staff prepares for sea turtle nesting season, which begins May 1, they will work with property owners to remove dangerous debris from the beach and properties along the ocean.

Manatee Protection Staff attended the Indian River Lagoon Symposium Feb. 23 and 24.

The Volusia County Marine Mammal Stranding Team assisted in releasing 12 manatees that had been rehabilitated at facilities across the country at Blue Spring State Park on Feb. 13. These releases were just in time to make room for manatees that will be needing care over the winter months. The Team also assisted in rescuing three manatees over the past two weeks.

The Volusia County Manatee Watch Program had two trainings to focus on efforts to educate the public about manatees and train individuals on documenting manatee usage of Volusia County waterways and how to report distressed marine mammals properly. Training took place March 1 at the Volusia County Historic Courthouse in DeLand, and another training was held March 5 at the Daytona Beach Lifeguard Headquarters in Daytona Beach.

For more information, contact Ginger Adair at gadair@volusia.org.

PUBLIC PROTECTION

**Animal Services:** On March 3, Animal Control Officers attended "Meet the Pack" at Bicentennial Park in Ormond-by-the-Sea. This event allows citizens to meet with Animal Control Officers and learn about the programs and services offered by Volusia County Animal Services. For more information, contact Adam Leath at aleath@volusia.org

**Beach Safety:** On Feb. 28, Beach Safety personnel attended a career day at Atlantic High School. The third round of junior and seasonal lifeguard tryouts was held March 3. For more information, contact Division Director Andy Ethridge at aethridge@volusia.org.

PUBLIC WORKS

**Coastal:** Coastal tradesworkers and maintenance staff repaired the pedestrian beach access, reopened the off-beach parking lot, and coordinated with contractors to place a portable restroom unit at Ocean View Avenue in Ponce Inlet. The staff has also repaired and opened the pedestrian beach access at 22nd Avenue in New Smyrna Beach. In addition, maintenance and trades staff began repairs at Major Street in Ponce Inlet and Watts Drive in New Smyrna Beach; they have made significant progress with repairs at the pedestrian beach access at Goodall Avenue in Daytona Beach. A total of 78 Coastal accesses remains closed. For more information, contact Jessica Fentress at jfentress@volusia.org.
**Engineering & Construction:** The City Island Seawall bulkhead cap is complete; the storm structure has been installed and the bulkhead outfall concrete has been placed. Upcoming activities include irrigation installation, beginning construction on the pier and shore revetment. For more information, contact Tadd Kasbeer at tkasbeer@volusia.org.

**Mosquito Control:** The division conducted a successful Tire Amnesty Day Feb. 25, held at the Mosquito Control facility in New Smyrna Beach. Approximately 1,159 tires were collected from the community. Tires are a serious source of biting mosquitoes as they hold small amounts of water that can be difficult to dump. This event is a critical component of the Division's integrated pest management program, which includes source reduction efforts to prevent biting mosquitoes. For more information, contact Marcus McDonough at mmcdonough@volusia.org.

**Road & Bridge:** No planned lane or road closures will be permitted on county-maintained roadways throughout Volusia County from March 8 to 12, during the annual Daytona Bike Week and associated events. The division is providing traffic cones and signage to support the Volusia Sheriff's Office with detouring traffic at key locations. For more information, contact Lori Koontz at lkoontz@volusia.org.

**Solid Waste:** On Feb. 25, FCC Environmental Services held a community bulky item cleanup in the county’s northeast quadrant. Over 50 tons of bulky household items were collected and disposed of properly. The Tomoka Farms Road Landfill will hold limited operational hours from 7 to 9 a.m. Sundays, March 5 and 12, in support of Bike Week events. For more information, contact Regina Montgomery at rmontgomery@volusia.org.

**Traffic Engineering:** The division is reviewing the Traffic Impact Analysis for the Project Oasis Mixed-Use Development, located southeast of Williamson Boulevard and LPGA Boulevard and west of Clyde Morris Boulevard in the City of Daytona Beach. This development will consist of 410 multifamily low-rise dwelling units; 400 multifamily mid-rise dwelling units; 135,000 square feet (SF) warehouse; 100,000 SF mini-warehouse; 54,000 SF general office; 8,000 SF fast-casual restaurant; 24,000 SF strip retail plaza; 120 hotel suites; 10,000 SF auto care center; and a 14,000 SF high-turnover restaurant. For more information, contact Jay Williams at jiwilliams@volusia.org.

**Water Resources and Utilities:** Staff presented an overview of municipal water and wastewater operations for participants of the Climate Smart Floridians program and explained the various ways utilities throughout the state address environmental and regulatory goals necessary to achieve long-term sustainability for ensuring a healthy community and prosperous economy. Staff specifically discussed efficient groundwater consumption, advanced wastewater treatment and expansion of alternative water supply systems. For more information, contact Mike Ulrich at mulrich@volusia.org.