

Volusia County Government Activities February 12 – 18, 2022

AVIATION & ECONOMIC RESOURCES

Daytona Beach International Airport

Airport: Daytona Beach International Airport will host the American Association of Airport Executives Finance and Administration Conference Feb. 23 – 25. The conference is at the Daytona Beach Hilton Oceanfront Resort. Festivities include an educational social at the Marine Science Center and a morning warm-up hosted by Volusia County Beach Safety.

Marketing, Customer Experience & Air Service Development: Joanne Magley will represent DAB at Campbell Middle School for the presentation of a jet engine to STEM students. The Daytona 500 marketing activation at DAB went live Feb. 9. Large graphic installations include the 500-logo floor graphic at the entrance, a large triangle graphic on the wall near the rental car exit, tire art on the baggage belts and a Daytona 500 branded racecar in baggage claim. The activation will run through Feb. 22. For more information, contact Joanne Magley at jmagley@volusia.org.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Community Assistance: The Emergency Rental Assistance program has funds available to assist households that have experienced a financial hardship during the COVID-19 pandemic. Eligible households may receive up to nine months of rental and utility arrears and three months of forward assistance. Applications will be accepted online at www.volusia.org/era beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Feb. 23. For more information, please contact Carmen Hall at 386-736-5955.

Library Services: Library Services worked with the Early Learning Coalition and Advent Health Women and Children's Services and will be providing our Early Learning Services brochure and our 1,000 books Before Kindergarten program brochure for inclusion in their postpartum gift bags. This will put information about library services and early literacy for young children in the hands of 1,500 new parents each year. For more information, contact Lucinda Colee at LColee@volusia.org.

COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE

Community Information Staff re-branded and ramped up the *Get Healthy Volusia* social media campaign with multiple Facebook posts this week and more on the way encouraging residents to take advantage of county recreational assets and programs as they take steps to improve their health. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at kcaptain@volusia.org.

GROWTH & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Administration: The second Affordable Housing Land Development Regulations committee meeting was held at the EOC on Feb. 16.

Environmental Management: Volusia County Schools have started reserving field trips to the Marine Science Center with five school groups booked for February and eight groups for March. Summer camp is already completely booked, and staff looks to build on last year's successful camps that focused its programs on the marine and terrestrial habitats around Ponce Inlet. Members of the Marine Mammal Stranding Team have been busy with multiple rescues and recoveries of sick or dead manatees. On Feb. 16, members of the Marine Mammal Stranding Team assisted Disney in releasing a rehabilitated manatee named "Plantaina" at Blue Springs State Park. Water Quality staff performed monthly routine sampling on the Indian River Lagoon. Clarity of the water was very good, which is typical for this time of year with lower temperatures and less rainfall occurring compared to summer months. Testing showed no indication of algae blooms. Anecdotally, staff saw migratory birds as well as pelicans and loons. For more information, contact Ginger Adair at gadair@volusia.org.

OCEAN CENTER

Events: On Feb. 20, the American Quilters Society began to move in for Quilt Week 2022. The show opens to the public, Feb. 23, and runs through Feb. 26. The event is expected to welcome 3,000 attendees and generate 900 room nights. The event is open to the public; admission includes access to all special exhibits and the merchant mall. Tickets are available online or at the door. For additional information and to purchase tickets in advance, visit www.quiltweek.com/locations/daytona-beach/. Read more at <https://bit.ly/3581Hqe>. For more information, contact Tim Riddle at triddle@volusia.org.

PUBLIC PROTECTION

Beach Safety: Two new officers are in field training this week. Beach Safety personnel attended Atlantic High School on Feb. 14 and Seabreeze High School on Feb. 17 in reference to lifeguard recruitment. Beach Safety Personnel will also be attending



New Smyrna Beach High School on Feb. 18 in reference to lifeguard recruitment. For more information, contact Division Director Andy Ethridge, (386) 239-6414.

Corrections: A COVID-19 vaccine event was held on Feb. 17. More than 1,900 vaccines have been provided to the inmate population. Fifty-five inmates were transferred to the Florida State Prison (FSP) last week. Five inmates, which included one female, received their Forklift Certification last week. Inmate classes and volunteer programs and services resumed on Feb. 14 at VCCF and VCBJ. For more information, contact Division Director Mark Flowers, (386) 254-1568.

Emergency Management: Emergency Management, in partnership with the cities, continues to support COVID-19 testing at the three mobile testing sites in Daytona Beach at City Island, Deltona at Dewey O. Boster Park, and at the New Smyrna Beach City Gym. The Emergency Operations Center (EOC) hosted the Daytona Beach International Airport Web-EOC training on Feb. 17. For more information, contact Division Director Helene Wetherington, (386) 254-1500.

Emergency Medical Administration: On Feb. 16, Emergency Medical Administration in coordination with various staff attended a ZOLL User Group meeting in preparation of the ZOLL upgrade. For more information, contact Division Director Mark Wolcott, (386) 561-8087.

Emergency Medical Services: EMS is ramping up the amount of trucks and crews on the roads due to Speedweek and events being scheduled at the New Smyrna Speedway, Volusia Speedway Park and Daytona International Speedway. For more information, contact Division Director Michael Colman, (386) 236-3511.

Fire Rescue: The final phase and selection of the six new hires for the SAFER grant will be completed by the end of February. For more information, contact Fire Chief Howard Bailey, (386) 736-5940 ext. 12918.

PUBLIC WORKS

Coastal: The division conducted annual safety inspections of beach concession vehicles and equipment to ensure equipment is safe and meets all regulated safety requirements before being permitted on the beach. Staff also coordinated excessive sand removal on the Minerva, Florida Shores, Van Avenue, and El Portal access ramps and relocation to an acceptable on-beach location. For more information, contact Terri Propst at (386) 248-8072, ext. 20337.

Mosquito Control: Mosquitoes are active year-round in Volusia and recent rainfall can create prime habitats for pesky mosquitoes in various containers around your home, such as potted plants, clogged gutters, yard ornaments, and kids' toys. Mosquito Control is reminding residents to "tip 'n toss" any items holding water around your home to reduce future mosquito populations. Inspectors will visit your home to determine the source of the mosquito problem by submitting a service request online at Volusia.org/mosquito. For more information, contact Marcus McDonough at (386) 424-2920, ext. 20272.

Road & Bridge: No planned lane or road closures will be permitted on County maintained roadways around the Daytona International Speedway from Feb. 17 – 20 during the Daytona 500 Race and associated events. For more information, contact Lori Koontz at (386) 822-6422, ext. 20455.

Solid Waste: Solid Waste Management Compliance Officers routinely conduct inspections on vehicles hauling solid waste, ensuring waste loads are covered and secured to reduce windblown litter. This past week 38 trucks were inspected, resulting in two written warnings. For more information, contact Regina Montgomery at (386) 947-2952, ext. 21347.

Traffic Engineering: Traffic Engineering signal staff is performing annual preventative maintenance on flashers countywide this month. In addition, Traffic Engineering is collaborating with Road and Bridge for the installation of a pedestrian crossing at the intersection of Lake Helen Osteen Road & Catalina Boulevard in Deltona. Additional work to be completed at this intersection includes updating the existing left-turn light to a flashing yellow arrow to make the pedestrian crossing safer. For more information, contact Jon Cheney at (386) 736-5968, ext. 12709.

Water Resources and Utilities: Utilities staff hosted a tour of the Southwest Regional Water Reclamation facility on Feb 17 for participants of the Florida Natural Resources Leadership Institute. The group learned how the facility treats wastewater and produces alternative water supply for beneficial use. Staff also explained the facility's vital role in the County's regional strategy for reducing nutrient pollutants affecting Volusia Blue and Gemini Springs. For more information, contact Mike Ulrich at (386) 943-7027, ext. 12724.

