

Volusia County Government Activities

February 29 – March 6, 2020

Aviation and Economic Resources

Economic Development

On March 3, staff coordinated a site visit for prospective employer Bimbo QSR, a global bakery company operating as Grupo Bimbo, headquartered in Mexico City, Mexico. Activities included touring a potential production facility and introductions and partner presentations by Team Volusia EDC, Volusia County and Ormond Beach Economic Development staff, CareerSource Flagler/Volusia, Daytona State College, Florida Power & Light and the CEO Business Alliance. Performance incentive resolutions for high wage job creation were approved by both the County Council (QTI) and the Ormond Beach City Commission (GAP) that day. [For more information, contact Joanne Magley at 386-248-8030 ext: 18309 or \[jmagley@volusia.org\]\(mailto:jmagley@volusia.org\).](#)

Community Services

Agriculture Extension (AG Center)

Extension Services is partnering with UF Health podiatrists to conduct a research study on farm workers footwear with the goal of identifying practices and footwear to help reduce feet and back related pain in farmers and farmworkers in the county's fern industry. Next week Master Gardener volunteers will be hosting plant clinics for our citizens at five county libraries. [For more information, contact Brad Burbaugh at \[bburbaugh@volusia.org\]\(mailto:bburbaugh@volusia.org\).](#)

Community Assistance

Children and Families Advisory Board (CFAB) - Summer camp scholarship applications will be available at the following locations beginning March 6. Approved summer campsites, Community Assistance Division, Human Services offices, Volusia County Libraries, Volusia County Health Department locations, The Early Learning Coalition of Volusia and Flagler Counties, Healthy Start Coalition of Flagler & Volusia Counties, Hope Place, The Neighborhood Center, Community Connector and Volusia County Schools.

Summer Food Program: Organizations interested in becoming a 2020 Summer Food Services Program site should submit an application by 5 p.m. on March 13. Organizations must have a representative attend a training but there is no cost to the organization to participate and provide meals in the program. [For more information, contact Carmen Hall at \[chall@volusia.org\]\(mailto:chall@volusia.org\)](#)

Parks, Recreation and Culture

The fourth graders at Orange City Elementary were welcomed at DeBary Hall Historic Site. They were able to travel back in time where they met members of the DeBary Family, made butter the old-fashioned way, learned the basic waltz step, and created their own family crest. [For more information, contact Tim Baylie at \[tbaylie@volusia.org\]\(mailto:tbaylie@volusia.org\).](#)

Votran

Votran staff was invited to speak at the Zone 5 Neighborhood meeting on March 2, and provided bus schedules and Votran Gold applications. Staff also presented information on Fixed Route and Paratransit service, the new routing to Tanger Outlets, the my stop app, Vo-to-Go and emergency evacuations to general and special needs shelters. [For more information, contact Edie Biro at \[386-756-7496\]\(tel:386-756-7496\).](#)

County Manager's Office

Community Information

Census promotions are reaching their peak, with radio ads and social media posts premiering and the newspaper, billboard and movie theaters campaigns in full swing. Staff has scheduled several census presentations, and is arranging for Census Partnership Specialist Channa Lloyd to speak to the Complete Count Committee. Community Information also arranged for the health department to discuss the coronavirus during a meeting of the Public Information Network. [For more information, contact Kevin Captain at \[kcaptain@volusia.org\]\(mailto:kcaptain@volusia.org\).](#)

Finance

Information Technology

Developing online forms to allow Animal Control to take online deposit payments for their Spay/Neuter Program. Helping the City of New Smyrna Beach to use the County's online GIS data to power their new electronic permitting application. Working with Legal to provide GIS support for the decennial redistricting process. [For more information, contact Kevin Benge at \[kbenge@volusia.org\]\(mailto:kbenge@volusia.org\) or Brian Whiting at \[bwhiting@volusia.org\]\(mailto:bwhiting@volusia.org\).](#)



Growth and Resource Management

Environmental Management

This week, Publix Supermarket in New Smyrna Beach will present the Marine Science Center a donation check raised from the sales of Boar's Head meats, staff participats in a WNDB radio interview (Volusia Today) regarding the Marine Science Center and water conservation. Staff participats in a WSBB radio interview about the change in outdoor water restrictions and staff participats in a NEWS 13 interview regarding water quality issues in southwest Volusia County. [For more information, contact Clay Ervin at cervin@volusia.org.](#)

Human Resources

On March 3, Human Resources (along with Corrections, Emergency Operations, and Fire Services), participated in the 1st Annual Career Fair at the Babe James Community Center, in New Smyrna Beach. [For more information, contact Madelin Victorero, at 386-736-5951.](#)

Twenty-one employees completed the County's Management and Training Supervisory Series (MTS). The MTS consists of a series of supervisory/managerial courses totaling 88 hours over a commitment of approximately 15 months. [For more information, contact Leah Marttila at 386-736-5951.](#)

Ocean Center

Events

Kick off Bike Week with the Ocean Center, March 9. Enjoy the music and the bikes at, "Harleys on A1A." From 6 to 10 p.m., Saturday, March 14, the Ocean Center will host the 4th Annual Kory Souza Originals No-Class Bike Show for its first time, outgrowing its previous location. It includes concessions, a full bar, entertainment, and a silent auction and raffle raising funds for two non-profits. Both events are free and open to the public.

[For more information, contact Tim Riddle at 386-254-4500 ext: 24514 or triddle@volusia.org.](#)

Public Works

Coastal

The Coastal Division will complete the construction and installation of a tot lot playground area at Sunsplash Park. The playground is designed to provide a safe and secure play area for families with children ages two to five years-old. [For more information, contact Jessica Winterwerp at 386-248-8072, ext. 20356.](#)

Engineering & Construction

Construction of the Veterans Memorial Bridge is approaching completion. Construction on the east fishing pier continues, and the bridge will be painted with handrails installed in the next few weeks. [For more information, contact Tadd Kasbeer at 386-736-5967, ext. 15846.](#)

Mosquito Control

Mosquito Control is collaborating with Solid Waste to identify tire dumping sites for pickup and disposal. This effort is funded by a grant obtained by Mosquito Control from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to reduce mosquito habitats. [For more information, contact Suzanne Bartlett at 386-424-2920, ext. 20272.](#)

Road & Bridge

To accommodate the annual Daytona Bike Week and associated events, there will be no permitted lane or road closures on Volusia county maintained roads from March 11–15. [For more information, contact Benjamin Bartlett at 386-822-6422, ext. 20470.](#)

Traffic Engineering

Staff conducted a traffic study for the potential installation of a four way stop at Boundary Avenue and Wisconsin Avwnue in DeLand. [For more information, contact Jon Cheney at \(386\) 736-5968, ext. 12709.](#)

Water Resource and Utilities

A project to reduce disinfectant byproducts (DBPs) within two ground storage tanks at the Glen Abbey Water Treatment plant will kick off this month. The reduction of DBPs will yield a higher water quality, while also augmenting water conservation efforts by reducing the need for system flushing. [For more information, contact Mike Ulrich at 386-943-7027, ext. 12724.](#)