AVIATION AND ECONOMIC RESOURCES

*Daytona Beach International Airport:* Staff is coordinating with fixed-based operators, United States Air Force (USAF) Thunderbirds and other stakeholders in preparation for the 2023 Daytona 500. The Airport Rescue and Fire Fighting crew are undergoing training for the USAF Thunderbird F16 emergency hydrazine response. For more information, contact Joanne Magley at jmagley@volusia.org.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

*Community Assistance:* Applications for the Hurricane Disaster Recovery Program (HDRP) are available for residents who need home repairs or insurance deductible payments due to damage caused by Hurricanes Ian and Nicole. Applicants must live in Volusia County but outside the city limits of Deltona or Daytona Beach. HDRP information is available at volusia.org/housing-disaster. For additional information, contact Carmen Hall at chall@volusia.org.

*Library Services:* On Jan. 17, the Volusia County Public Library system participated in the annual Winter History-Con at the Museum of Arts and Sciences in Daytona Beach. Attendance was close to 400 people during this history-focused event. Library staff interacted with more than 100 people, many expressing enjoyment and gratitude for the county’s libraries. Attendees enjoyed learning about the resources available at the libraries and upcoming history-related programs. For more information, contact Lucinda Colee at lcolee@volusia.org.

*Resource Stewardship:* The Extension Services team started an eight-week training series for 17 new Master Gardener Volunteers (MGVs) to be provided advanced, research-based horticulture education that will equip them with the knowledge, resources and confidence to educate Volusia County residents. In 2022, the local Extension-trained MGVs provided 9,835 hours of service to the community, equivalent to 4.8 full-time employees. For more information, contact Brad Burbaugh at bburbaugh@volusia.org.

COUNTY MANAGER’S OFFICE

*Community Information:* The staff promoted Mosquito Control’s upcoming Tire Amnesty event in February, including a news release, social media and a feature on the Jan. 27 Volusia Today radio show. Staff continue disseminating information regarding the beach recovery efforts and coordination of the Employee Recognition Luncheon and the State of the County events. 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. The Emergency Operations Center (EOC) hosted a G300 Training Jan. 24 and 26. FDOT – SHRPS 2 Training and the LMS Meetings were held at the EOC Jan. 25. Staff continues to support beach recovery efforts in collaboration with other divisions. For more information, contact James Judge at jjudge@volusia.org.
Emergency Medical Administration: The medical director attended the 2023 National Association of EMS Physicians (NAEMSP) Annual meeting during the week of Jan. 23 for training and recertification. For more information, contact Mark Wolcott at mwolcott@volusia.org.

Emergency Medical Services: The International Association of EMTs and Paramedics (IAEP) negotiations were conducted Jan. 25 and 26. For more information, contact Mark Wolcott at mwolcott@volusia.org.

Fire Rescue: The New Hire Academy is attending the Hydraulics Pump Operator course at Port Orange Fire Rescue. This is the first course in the series to become a State Certified Driver Operator. Starting the first week of February, VCFR will be hosting the first session of ISO Training along with seven other fire departments. The topic of this training is vertical ventilation, which is a collaborative effort among the different fire services to provide the annual required training at a highly professional level. For more information, contact Fire Chief Joe King at jwking@volusia.org.

Ocean Center Events: The Association of Marina Industries 2023 Conference and Expo takes place Jan. 30 through Feb. 1. The event will utilize the ballroom, exhibit hall and meeting rooms and expects to generate 2,400 attendee days and 670 room nights. More information on the event is available at https://bit.ly/3WAbv1p. The Ocean Center will host Citizen Academy participants Feb. 2. In addition to the Ocean Center, Aviation and Economic Resources will also present to attendees.

Joseph Volleyball begins move-in to the arena, ballroom and exhibit hall Feb. 2, for the Daytona Beach 100 taking place Feb. 4 and 5. The private event expects to generate 9,000 attendee days and 2,700 room nights. The Ocean Center had 34 facility event days in January. For more information, contact Tim Riddle at triddle@volusia.org.

Public Protection Animal Services: Clinic staff attended the 2023 VMX Veterinary Meeting and Expo in Orlando. This expo is the world's largest veterinary conference and gathering of like-minded professionals. For more information, contact Division Director Adam Leath at aleath@volusia.org.

Beach Safety: On Jan. 21, Beach Safety personnel attended the "Cops' N Cars for Kids" show in Oviedo. This is the largest car show in Central Florida, with over 200 of the best classic and modern vehicles. In addition to the car show, there is a significant turnout from law enforcement and fire departments around the state with specialty vehicles, helicopters, and K9 units. For more information, contact Division Director Andy Ethridge at aethridge@volusia.org.

Public Works Coastal: Coastal tradesworkers and maintenance staff have repaired the ADA beach access at Bicentennial Park in Ormond by the Sea and installed new stair sets at Glenview Boulevard restrooms in Daytona Beach and First Avenue in New Smyrna Beach. These facilities are now open to the public. Ninety-four Coastal accesses remain closed. For more information, contact Jessica Fentress at jfentress@volusia.org.
**Engineering & Construction:** Electrical work on the Medical Examiner’s Office building site commenced this week, along with slab work associated with the chiller yard and dumpster. Activities for the next two weeks include fire protection, plumbing, electrical roughs and the beginning of the interior structural framing. For more information, contact Tadd Kasbeer at tkasbeer@volusia.org.

**Mosquito Control:** During Citizen’s Academy, the staff reviewed Florida's history before there was organized public health programs. Staff then highlighted how public health programs have allowed the state to become a safer place to live. The division also reviewed the components of its integrated pest management program, which focuses on surveillance data collected from the field to plan and apply appropriate treatment options.

**Traffic Engineering:** During Citizen’s Academy, the staff discussed transportation planning, traffic studies, signal maintenance and operations. Staff also discussed construction costs and funding, upcoming roadway projects and the county's efforts to improve pedestrian safety and reduce crashes.

**Water Resources & Utilities:** During Citizen’s Academy, the staff concluded with an overview of how the utility system operates to ensure safe, reliable and cost-effective services for the community. Staff also explained how the organization cooperates with local cities and state agencies to plan and implement regional water supply and wastewater remediation projects necessary to protect natural resources within its various service areas. For more information, contact Arden Fontaine at afontaine@volusia.org.

**Road & Bridge:** Eastside traffic sign crews continue to adjust and reset road signs affected by extreme winds during Hurricanes Ian and Nicole. For more information, contact Lori Koontz at lkoontz@volusia.org.

**Solid Waste:** The Volusia County Adopt-a-Road Program is a litter reduction campaign designed to remove litter and debris from the roads to keep the county aesthetically appealing. Community volunteers sign up to adopt one mile of county roadway and perform litter cleanups four times a year. In the last quarter of 2022, 110 volunteers participated in 22 cleanups, collecting 3,350 pounds of litter from county roadways. For more information, contact Regina Montgomery at rmontgomery@volusia.org.