AVIATION AND ECONOMIC RESOURCES
Daytona Beach International Airport
Marketing/Customer Service: Staff is coordinating with ClearChannel Airports on a marketing activation for the Daytona 500. On Feb. 6, contractors will install a large floor graphic inside the terminal’s entrance and checkered flag graphic across the main crosswalk. Here is a time lapse from previous year’s floor installation. https://youtu.be/bjPtuMP5TqA

Economic Development: Staff will participate in the CareerSource Flagler Volusia Alliance4 meeting on Feb. 10 consisting of business stakeholders, economic development practitioners and education partners. The meeting will focus on ways of attracting and retaining talent for the business community. For more information, contact Joanne Magley at 386-248-8030 ext: 18309 or jmagley@flydab.org

COMMUNITY SERVICES
Resource Stewardship: Land Management staff met with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission’s Upland Invasive Plant Management Program staff to hold a pre-quote meeting related to funding received to complete a 315-acre exotic species project on Doris Leeper Spruce Creek Preserve. Volusia County was approved for up to $135,000 in grant funding to use to treat the invasive Brazilian pepper and Australian Pine on the preserve.

COUNTY MANAGER’S OFFICE
Community Information: Staff fielded multiple media requests in reference to the county’s beach recovery efforts and the DEP’s Hurricane Resorption Reimbursement Grant Program. Final preparations are being made for the upcoming (county) Employee Recognition Ceremony at Ocean Center on Feb. 8. Staff drew attention to the resumption of library services at Keech Street in Daytona Beach with their new modular library unit by distributing news release and social media. Preparations are being made for an upcoming ribbon cutting for the Volusia Forever purchase of the ~19-acre Penland and Pomerenke property in Ormond Beach. Planning efforts continue for the upcoming State of the County event at the Ocean Center on Feb. 28. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at 386-822-5062 ext: 15637 or kcaption@volusia.org

EMERGENCY SERVICES
Emergency Management: Emergency Management continues to support the affected areas through the Disaster Recovery Center and provide resources to those areas of need for Hurricanes Ian and Nicole. The EOC hosted an ESF 8 (Community Partners) meeting on Jan. 30.. FEMA’s G300 Training was held in the OPS room on Jan. 31 and Feb. 2. Emergency Management hosted the EMS Providers and Medical Director’s Meetings on Feb. 1. Staff participated on a panel discussion during the FEPA conference on Feb. 1, on Hurricane Nicole’s Impact on Florida Coastal Communities. Staff attended the Low Impact Development Resiliency meeting in Deltona on Feb. 2. Emergency Management continues to support beach recovery efforts in collaboration with other divisions. For more information, contact Interim Division Director James Judge, (386) 254-1500.
Emergency Medical Administration: A meet-and-greet with Halifax Health and county staff was held on Feb. 1. The EMA director and medical director are interviewing two prospective physicians from the AdventHealth system for the deputy medical director position. The medical director is meeting with systems stakeholders to discuss quality assurance matters, needs of the system, and other concerns in this recurring forum. The medical director is hosting a combined live/virtual educational session followed by a general question and answer session. This opportunity is intended to allow field-level providers the opportunity to directly interact with the medical director. For more information, contact Division Director Mark Wolcott, (386) 561-8087.

Emergency Medical Services: EMS is preparing for the annual Speedweek events to ensure operational and staffing preparedness. With the support of IT, EMS continues to modernize cellular connection in the ambulances. The modernization includes the use of dual cellular cards to lessen the loss in fidelity of signal and ensuring connectivity necessary to our operations. EMA staff discussed options for space at the Halifax Health Port Orange facility to afford a point of origin/termination for a single ambulance crew. The anticipated objective is better coverage in the Port Orange area and is responsive to a request by the Port Orange fire chief. The Sheriff’s communication center rolled out updated guide cards to expand and better triage basic life support ambulances to appropriate prehospital incidents. This project was done in conjunction with system stakeholders and the medical director. For more information, contact Interim Division Director Mark Wolcott, (386) 561-8087.

Fire Rescue: During the month of February, VCFR and six other fire departments will be conducting joint ISO training on the topic of ventilation. This collaborative effort allows for the different fire departments to work together to provide a more efficient and effective response to the citizens we serve. For more information, contact Fire Chief Joe King, (386) 736-5940 ext. 12909.

OCEAN CENTER
Events: Feb. 9-12, Signature Equipovision returns to the Ocean Center with their Amway Training and Education Conference. We are expecting 4,000 attendees, generating 1,000+ room nights. [https://www.aboutus.equipovision.com](https://www.aboutus.equipovision.com) The Ocean Center will host the Volusia County Employee Recognition Brunch Feb. 8. On Feb. 9, we will begin moving in the Sprayfoam 2023 Convention & Expo. This convention, put on by the Spray Polyurethane Foam Alliance, will run through Feb. 16, bringing with it an expected 450 attendees, and generating approximately 1,500 room nights. The Spray Polyurethane Foam Alliance, or the “SPFA”, is the educational and technical resource to the spray polyurethane foam industry. The SPFA offers members and other construction industry stakeholders a wide variety of technically focused literature, installation best practices and safety materials. All are designed to provide guidance to professionals in the field, with the goal of optimizing the performance of spray foam in roofing and insulation applications. [https://www.sprayfoam.org/sprayfoam23](https://www.sprayfoam.org/sprayfoam23) For more information, contact Tim Riddle at triddle@volusia.org.

PUBLIC PROTECTION
Beach Safety: Personnel discussed all things related to beach safety at a PR event in New Smyrna Beach on Jan. 31. The Beach Safety training coordinator provided basic first aid training at the Sheriff’s Office Training Academy all week. For more information, contact Division Director Andy Ethridge, (386) 239-6414.
PUBLIC WORKS

Coastal: Additional New Smyrna Beach accesses have re-opened to the public as Coastal tradesworkers and maintenance staff repaired the Floral Avenue beach access and the 18th Avenue access stairs. (Note: The 18th Avenue ADA walkover is temporarily closed.) Plus, staff coordinated with contractors to re-open the 27th Avenue vehicular access ramp. Maintenance and trades staff also completed installation of a new stair set at Margaret Road in Ormond Beach and repaired the stair access at Bellemead Drive in Daytona Beach Shores. A total of 89 Coastal accesses remain closed. For more information, contact Jessica Fentress at JFentress@volusia.org.

Mosquito Control: Mosquito Control is preparing for their upcoming Tire Amnesty Day at 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Feb. 25 at 801 South St in New Smyrna Beach. Residents can dispose of up to 20 tires for free at this event to reduce mosquito populations. Mosquitoes lay eggs inside tires and small amounts of water from rainfall is enough for biting mosquitoes to develop. This event was recently discussed on the Volusia Today radio show and a press release was distributed to inform residents. The disposal of tires is funded by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, and this event is a part of the Keep Volusia Beautiful program. More information is available at: volusia.org/mosquito. For more information, contact Marcus McDonough at MMcDonough@volusia.org.

Road & Bridge: The solar panels for the navigational lights at the Veterans Memorial Bridge have been replaced after their disappearance during Hurricane Ian. The project was completed through collaboration with the Traffic Engineering division. For more information, contact Lori Koontz at LKoontz@volusia.org.

Solid Waste: The Solid Waste Division offers the removal of home fuel oil free to all Volusia County residents. The goal is to remove abandoned home fuel oil from all known tanks. Staff removed 653 gallons of home fuel oil from 11 residential properties since Oct. 2022. Residents needing home fuel oil removed may call the Solid Waste Division at 386.943.7889 to schedule removal. For more information, contact Regina Montgomery at RMontgomery@volusia.org.

Traffic Engineering: Staff is currently reviewing the first phase of the Orange Camp Road Design Traffic Study. This includes establishing the existing traffic/roadway conditions and reviewing future development patterns as well as roadway projects to create a picture of future traffic conditions. For more information, contact Jay Williams at JIWilliams@volusia.org.

Water Resources and Utilities: Construction of the 1.2-mile potable water main connecting the county’s distribution system in northeast Volusia with the City of Ormond Beach’s water system is now 85% complete. The project remains on schedule for completion by the end of March. The interconnect will provide a backup water supply source in the event of an emergency. For more information, contact Mike Ulrich at MUlrich@volusia.org.