

Volusia County Government Activities July 17 – 23, 2021

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Volusia County is organizing a three part affordable housing initiative. Our fifth and final webinar will take place July 30, 2021, from noon until 1:30 p.m. This week's topic is Progress and we will highlight success stories where plans were put in action. Registration for the August 27th in person summit is now open to the public! The registration link is <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/affordable-housing-summit-registration-160229830737>. For more information on the Affordable Housing Initiative, please visit www.volusia.org/affordable-housing-summit.

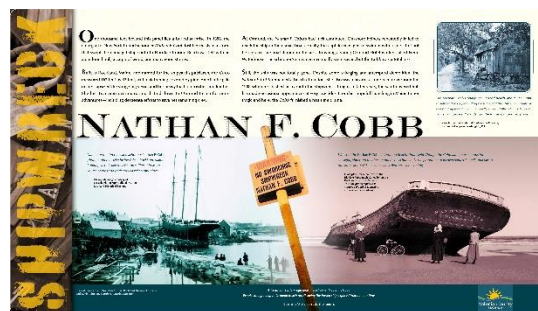
Community Assistance: The Affordable Housing Advisory Committee will be meet on July 28 at 2 p.m. in the Hope Place Cafeteria. Members will review and discuss the status of the strategies. Persons may also attend virtually, with a link at www.volusia.org/ahac. For additional information about the AHAC or the meeting, please contact Carmen Hall, Community Assistance Director, at chall@volusia.org.

Library Services: The Library Services Division has been awarded the 2021 Northeast Florida Library Information Network Innovation Award for the program series "We are CapABLE: Programming for Individuals of Intellectual and Developmental Disability." Due to the pandemic, library staff found ways to adapt their planned programs and create new programs for a virtual audience. There are 50 "We are CapABLE" programs in the library's YouTube play list, with more than 75 views per video. In addition, staff have begun offering Grab and Go Activity Packets. For more information, please contact Lucinda Colee, Library Services Director, at lclee@volusia.org.

Resource Stewardship: The ECHO Advisory Committee finalized its recommendations to establish the new program at a committee meeting on July 22. Their work product and recommendations will be presented to the County Council on August 17th. UF/IFAS Extension started a new Soccer for Success program at Babe James Community Center in an effort to help our young people build their self-confidence, master soccer fundamentals and learn healthy eating habits. For more information, please contact Brad Burbaugh, Resource Stewardship Director, at bburbaugh@volusia.org.

COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE

Community Information: Production staff continue to assist with the production efforts related to the affordable housing initiative. Staff collaborated with the Coastal Division and the Parks, Recreation & Culture Division on a news release regarding a new interpretive panel that was put in at the Cardinal Avenue beach approach to commemorate the events surrounding the grounding in 1896 of the Nathan F. Cobb schooner in Ormond Beach. A video story also is being prepared for airing on Volusia Magazine. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at kcaptain@volusia.org.



GROWTH & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Environmental Management: The Marine Science Center celebrated the release of a juvenile hawksbill sea turtle on July 15. The turtle, called Timon by the rehabilitation staff, stranded in November 2020 and was severely underweight and not responsive. He was treated with fluids, antibiotics and vitamins, and had to be tube fed for more than 6 months. He slowly recovered from his illness and nearly doubled in body weight during his stay.

Hawksbill sea turtles do not nest on Volusia County beaches, but can be found in our offshore waters. Like all of the sea turtle species, hawksbills are rare and are federally protected.



OCEAN CENTER

Events: This week we are hosting North Point Ministries for their InsideOut Daytona 2021 Youth Conference July 17-23. This conference brings with it 3,500 youth from grades 9-12 and is expected to generate nearly 4,000 hotel room nights. It is the first time this group has hosted this event in Daytona Beach. They are contracted through 2022 and we are in discussions to extend them for years beyond.

This Saturday, July 24, we will host the World Famous Harlem Globetrotters. The game starts at 2 p.m., with doors opening at 1:00pm. Tickets range from \$18-\$75, and are available on [Ticketmaster.com](https://www.ticketmaster.com)

For more information, contact Tim Riddle at triddle@volusia.org.

PUBLIC PROTECTION

Animal Services: On July 17, Animal Services confiscated 12 roosters from a cockfighting case in Seville. Officer Moriarty and Vet Assistant Schupp will be attending the Euthanasia Course at Halifax Humane Society on July 20 in order to become FACA certified. Director Leath taught at the University of Florida College Veterinary Medicine on July 20 as part of his Courtesy Assistant Professor appointment. The class provided information to 3rd-year veterinary students about animal cruelty investigations during their forensic pathology clerkship. For more information, contact Division Director Adam Leath, 386-822-3506.

Beach Safety: On July 21 and July 22, Beach Safety personnel traveled to Siesta Key Beach to compete in the southeast regional lifeguard championships. For more information, contact Division Director Andy Etheridge, (386) 239-6414.

Emergency Management: VCEM will provide disaster preparedness presentations this week to the monthly Lions Club of OBTS meeting. Director Helene Wetherington and EM's new Planner II, Kevin Liguori, met with DeBary city officials as a meet and greet and to see how EM may better serve them. Staff will meet with DOH to discuss how EM may serve the vent patients at our special needs shelters. For more information, please contact Division Director Helene Wetherington, (386) 254-1500.

Fire Rescue: New hire testing will be conducted all week. Approximately 85 candidates will take part in the skills test and interviews will be held at the end of the month. For more information, contact Fire Chief Howard Bailey, (386) 736-5940 ext. 12918.

PUBLIC WORKS

Coastal: Contractors working for the Coastal Division completed replacement of the timber American's with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant dune walkover at 18th Avenue in New Smyrna Beach. This project is part of the Coastal Division's ongoing plan to replace several exceptionally long dune walkovers that are located in unarmored sections of the beach at the south end of the County. For more information, contact Jessica Winterwerp at (386) 248-8072, ext. 20356.



Engineering & Construction

Our vertical construction group is managing the improvements to City Island Library for flood mitigation. The majority of the hurricane hardened, flood resistant doors are currently being manufactured and completion of the installation is anticipated by the middle of August. For more information, contact Tadd Kasbeer at (386) 736-5967, ext. 15846.

Mosquito Control: Mosquito Control is collaborating with neighboring Brevard County Mosquito Control regarding operations in the salt marsh areas and coordinating with National Parks Services in areas of federal lands such as Canaveral National Seashore. For more information, contact Suzanne Bartlett at (386) 424-2920, ext. 20272.

Road & Bridge: The Mosquito Lagoon Reasonable Assurance Plan (RAP) 2020 Annual Report has been finalized and provided to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. The annual report outlines progress towards meeting water quality targets implemented by the RAP, which was adopted by secretarial order in September 2019. For more information, contact Benjamin Bartlett at (386) 822-6422, ext. 20470.

Solid Waste: On July 31, Solid Waste staff will participate by providing recycling education material in the PAYIT4WARDS's 4th Annual Backpack Bash at Jackie Robinson Ballpark from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. For more information, contact Regina Montgomery at (386) 947-2952, ext. 21347.

Traffic Engineering: The Traffic Engineering Firm TEDS has submitted a scope and fee estimate for a rebuild of the traffic signal at Big Tree Road and Clyde Morris Boulevard. Staff will review the necessary documents and move forward with a notice to proceed. For more information, contact Jon Cheney at (386) 736-5968, ext. 12709.

Water Resources and Utilities: Utilities staff is currently reviewing the St. Johns River Water Management District draft Central Springs/East Coast Regional Water Supply Plan. The purpose of the plan is to provide water resource and water supply project options and guidance for water users and suppliers in an effort to meet future water demands while protecting natural resources within the region. The draft plan can be reviewed at www.sjrwmd.com/water-supply/planning/csec-rwsp. A public workshop will be held on July 26 at 5:30 p.m. at the Thomas C. Kelly Administration Center, County Council Chambers. For more information, contact Mike Ulrich at (386) 943-7027, ext. 12724.