

Volusia County Government Activities
June 20 - 26, 2020

Community Services

Agriculture Extension (AG Center)

Our Family and Consumer Science faculty member was the leader of a team who has been selected as a national winner of the Extension Housing Outreach Award for their work titled "Partners in Impact: Creating a Multi-County Housing Education Team." The Horticulture team will present a webinar for homeowners on "Understanding Florida Soils and Smart Fertilization" on June 30. Citizens can call at 386-822-5778 or contact Dr. Brad Burbaugh at bburbaugh@volusia.org for more information or to register for the program. For more information, contact Brad Burbaugh at bburbaugh@volusia.org.

Library Services

Since opening the library doors to the public on June 1, the library has served 6,061 public access computer users. The library expanded the computer time limit to two hours to better accommodate the needs of residents applying for unemployment benefits. For more information, contact Lucinda Colee at 386-248-1745.

Votran

Marketing efforts are underway for the Route 11B to Tanger Outlets – Tomoka Town Center due to begin service June 28. Votran has begun to work with Trapeze-Trip Spark software to enable installation of a new module to add to our scheduling and dispatching program. This module will enable our subcontractors to view and re-schedule their own trips. For more information, contact Edie Biro at 386-756-7496.

County Manager's Office

Community Information

Community Information staff are collaborating with members of the Volusia/Flagler Public Information Network (PIN) on the *Step Up Volusia: Wash Up. Back Up. Mask Up.* Campaign, which will begin on June 29. The purpose of the messaging of a new public awareness campaign is designed to help reinforce the continuing need for residents to practice hand-washing, social distancing and the wearing of face coverings. The campaign will include social media platforms, digital advertising and billboards urging people to follow the public health guidance. Celebrities, recognizable figures, local dignitaries and community influencers will be featured to help bolster the message that now isn't the time for the community to let its guard down. Local residents also will be encouraged to participate in the campaign to help share the message.

Staff are also disseminating information about the enhanced dangers of fireworks during the COVID-19 pandemic, and are preparing factual materials for the Volusia Forever and Volusia ECHO ballot initiatives. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at kcaptain@volusia.org.

Growth and Resource Management

Planning & Resource Management

Twelve county surplus properties were listed for sale through a sealed bidding auction process. The auction closed on June 25. Three properties were sold and will return to the tax rolls, and \$22,312 was generated in revenue. For more information, contact Clay Ervin at cervin@volusia.org.

Ocean Center

Events

The Ocean Center continues to host the County of Volusia Emergency Management Division in the Exhibit Hall as a distribution center for medical supplies and PPE (Personal Protection Equipment). Additionally, we have reached an agreement with Halifax Urban Ministries (HUM) to utilize our facility now through September, to package food items for distribution to families throughout the County. Staff are working closely with the Volusia County School Board regarding the scheduled high school graduations in July. Updates are made daily as we work to offer the best possible option we can for an event that celebrates the accomplishments of our students.

One of the newest pieces of business the Ocean Center Sales Team has booked is the Regional Dance America to host their Southeast Regional Championships in 2022, and their National Championships in 2024. Both events together will bring 2,500 attendees and over 5,000 room nights to the area. For more information, contact Tim Riddle at 386-254-4500 ext: 24514 or triddle@volusia.org.



Public Works

Coastal

The Coastal Division installed new beach ramp gates at the Emilia Street ramp in Daytona Beach Shores and collaborated with county Corrections on landscape improvements at Toronita Park in Wilbur-by-the-Sea. Coastal trades workers also renovated the Heron Street dune walkover in Wilbur-by-the-Sea and the two park benches located at the First and Second Avenue beachfront right-of-ways in New Smyrna Beach. For more information, contact Terri Propst at (386) 248-8072, ext. 20337.

Engineering & Construction

The Howland Boulevard widening project from Providence to Elcam Boulevards is continuing to progress. Utility relocations are taking place currently, along with temporary road widening operations and pond excavation. For more information, contact Tadd Kasbeer at (386) 736-5967, ext. 15846.

Mosquito Control

Mosquito Control is distributing *Gambusia* (mosquito fish) to flooded areas holding water as a biological control of mosquito larvae. These fish are also good for ornamental ponds and fountains to reduce container breeding mosquitoes around homes. To schedule a fish delivery or determine if you are a candidate for mosquito fish, please call (386) 424-2920 or submit a request online volusia.org/mosquito. For more information, contact Suzanne Bartlett at (386) 424-2920, ext. 20272.



Road & Bridge

Road & Bridge experiences an increase in customer service requests for dirt road grading after heavy rainfall. There are 82 miles of dirt roads that are scheduled to be graded 24 times per year and additional services may be needed for road repair following significant rain events. For more information, contact Benjamin Bartlett at (386) 822-6422 ext. 20470.

Traffic Engineering

Staff continues to review a high number of traffic impact analysis despite recent impacts to the economy. In southeast DeLand (generally south of SR 44 and east of Boston Ave), county staff is currently reviewing several large residential projects including Beresford Residential, Park Lake Estates, and Reserve at Victoria. Approval of these projects, which are not part of Victoria Park, would result in 1,292 single family homes and 482 multifamily residential units. For more information, contact Jon Cheney at (386) 736-5968 ext. 12709.