

Volusia County Government Activities May 13 – May 19, 2023

OCEAN CENTER

In the first 21 days of the month, the building had 20 facility-use days. The LED lighting project contractor will continue work in the ballroom and arena this week. The reception for the newest exhibit in the Ocean Center's ECHO Gallery will occur from 5 to 7 p.m. May 25. Attendees can meet the artists and tour the facility's Art in Public Places pieces as they enjoy beverages and appetizers during this free community event. Volusia County's Tourist Development Council will meet at 9 a.m. May 26 in meeting room 103ABC.

Volusia County and Flagler/Palm Coast schools move in May 26 to prepare for rehearsal and graduation events from May 30 through June 4. For more information, contact Tim Buckley at tbuckley@volusia.org.

COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE

Community Information: The staff has worked with multiple divisions to create videos to promote upcoming events and programs. As three divisions celebrate a national awareness week May 21-27, staff has developed social media posts, news releases and interviews to disseminate such information. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at kcaptain@volusia.org.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Emergency Management: The division continues to support beach recovery efforts. On May 15, the division started the annual training for county staff who would be assigned to the Citizen Information Center (CIC) during an activation. Division staff monitored the Rockville Daytona event from May 18-21. For more information, contact James Judge at jjudge@volusia.org.

Emergency Medical Administration: Staff attended a Joint Commission site visit at AdventHealth Daytona Beach as that facility seeks accreditation as a comprehensive stroke center. The site visit's emergency medical services (EMS) component assesses the EMS-to-hospital relationship as it relates to protocols and comments relating to care under quality assurance. A stakeholder meeting with EMS transport providers was held to collaborate on improvements and enhancements to the comprehensive system. The division continues to work with the EMS division and Ponce Inlet to begin the transition of medical reporting from the enterprise ZOLL electronic patient care reporting platform onto the web-based platform, EMS Charts. This week's focus is data validation and build-out of the site to ensure a seamless interface with RescueNet Billing, the county's software that processes claims to various payers. For more information, contact Mark Wolcott at mwolcott@volusia.org.

Emergency Medical Services: Seventeen EMTs started the Daytona State College paramedic program. May 21-27 is National EMS Week, in which social media posts will be published from both the county's primary and the division's accounts. The division will conduct its EMS Awards for each shift from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on May 24 and May 26 at the Volusia County Historic Courthouse, 125 W. New York Ave., Deland. The award ceremonies will be a combined two-year recognition because of postponement due to COVID restrictions. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at kcaptain@volusia.org.

Fire Rescue: Last week, the division held entry-level testing for open firefighter positions. Sixteen passed the written exam and will start the practical portion of the testing this week. Additionally, the division will welcome three new team members to work in the logistics section over the next few weeks. For more information, contact Chief Joe King at jwking@volusia.org.

GROWTH & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Planning & Development Services: The real estate activity's current revenue is \$27,534, resulting from adjacent owner sales and county-held mineral rights release. This does not include revenue generated from the current auction. Through joint efforts from the county and the City of DeLand, the previous Delco oil site within the Spring Hill CRA was secured by constructing a commercial-grade, six-foot fence. The fence work was completed through a county master agreement, but the Spring Hill CRA paid for it. For more information, contact Carol McFarlane at cmcfarlane@volusia.org.

PUBLIC PROTECTION

Beach Safety: Last week, the division held personal watercraft and ATV training for part-time lifeguards. In preparation for Beach Safety Week, which begins May 22, Deputy Chief Tammy Malphurs and Captain AJ Miller were featured on the May 19 episode of Volusia Today to discuss how beachgoers can remain safe while enjoying the beach. To learn more about Beach Safety Week, visit <https://bit.ly/3BMOe4y>. For more information, contact Andy Ethridge at aethridge@volusia.org.

PUBLIC WORKS

Coastal: Tradesworkers completed repairs last week on the Argosy Park walkover in Ormond Beach, which reopened to the public May 10. The county's TrapBag installation and debris removal crews continued their efforts last week in Daytona Beach, Wilbur-by-the-Sea, Daytona Beach Shores, and both the unincorporated and incorporated areas of New Smyrna Beach. As of May 19, approximately 6,500 cubic yards of debris have been removed, and 12,000 linear feet of TrapBags have been installed. For more information, contact Jessica Fentress at jfentress@volusia.org.

Mosquito Control: The division is providing mosquito biology educational presentations to agriculture and aquaculture students at New Smyrna Beach High School. The division is also assisting students with a biological control project utilizing mosquito fish in livestock troughs at the school's agricultural land lab to manage mosquito production. To learn more about mosquito fish, visit <https://bit.ly/3BKw0jZ>. For more information, contact Marcus McDonough at mmcdonough@volusia.org.



Road and Bridge: In honor of National Public Works Week from May 21-27, the division extends its appreciation for the accomplishments that fellow public works professionals contribute to the public health, high quality of life and well-being of Volusia County residents and visitors. For more information, contact Lori Koontz at lkoontz@volusia.org.

Solid Waste: There will be no change to garbage, recycling, bulk waste and yard trash collection schedules for residents of unincorporated Volusia County on Memorial Day, May 29. The Tomoka

Farms Road Landfill and West Volusia Transfer Station will also be open during regular hours on Memorial Day. For more information, contact Regina Montgomery at rmontgomery@volusia.org.

Traffic Engineering: On May 4, the CIP Project to update the signal at Clyde Morris Boulevard and Herbert Street in Port Orange to a mast arm signal was completed and accepted. For more information, contact Jay Williams at jiwilliams@volusia.org.

