Volusia County Government Activities May 22 – 28, 2021

AVIATION & ECONOMIC RESOURCES

Daytona Beach International Airport

Marketing, Customer Experience & Air Service Development: Marketing/Air Service/Customer Experience Director Joanne Magley participated in a news conference with the TSA, regarding travel tips for the upcoming holiday weekend. Several media outlets ran stories. Terminal Manager Pat O'Brien retired May 28 after 21 years of service.

Southwest Airlines operated a military charter on Saturday, May 29. The aircraft picked up approximately 60 military service personnel, using the Sheltair facility as a staging area. The aircraft parked on the Sheltair ramp to help with the flow of passengers. The airport is assisting this operation by providing a luggage cart as each passenger will have two bags. For more information, contact Joanne Magley at jmagley@volusia.org.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Community Assistance: The Affordable Housing Advisory Committee will be meeting at 2 p.m. June 2, at Hope Place, 1340 Wright Street, Daytona Beach, in the cafeteria. Members can review previous meeting minutes, hear an update on the community land trust recommendation, and establish a timeline for the affordable housing incentive strategies report review. Persons may also attend virtually using a link posted prior to the meeting at www.volusia.org/ahac. To provide written comments for the meeting or to request additional information, contact Carmen Hall, Community Assistance Director, at chall@volusia.org.

Library Services: Effective June 1, the 14 branches of the Volusia County Public Library will return to normal schedules. The most significant changes are that the regional libraries will be open on Sundays and the smaller branches will be open until 7 p.m. Tuesdays. For additional hours, please visit Library Services on Volusia.org https://www.volusia.org/services/community-services.stml. For more information, contact Lucinda Colee at Icolee@volusia.org.

COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE

Community Information: Staff are coordinating for an upcoming Employee Mental Wellness discussion panel on June 11. Representatives from CareerSource of Flagler/Volusia, Brown & Brown, United Way and Halifax Health will be on the panel. Staff are assisting several county divisions with recruitment efforts, as well as collaborating with Parks, Recreation and Culture for the June 12 plaque unveiling for Mayor James "Jimmie" Sowell (late) at Shell Harbor Park in Pierson. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at kcaptain@volusia.org.

OCEAN CENTER

Events: on May 29-30, the Ocean Center hosts the 10th Anniversary Volusia County Home and Garden Show. The free event includes landscapers, remodelers, contractors, building supplies, new gadgets, home tech, the latest in kitchen and bath, interior and exterior design ideas, and so much more to help you build the home you have always wanted. On May 29, the Ocean Center hosted the ABKC Ocean Center Bully Classic 3 dog show. This event has four ABKC shows, and two Jr. Handler shows. For more information, contact Tim Riddle at triddle @volusia.org

PUBLIC PROTECTION

Beach Safety: To promote National Beach Safety Week, VCBS posted daily beach safety tips on their social media page leading up to Memorial Day Monday. On May 25, VCBS participated on the Volusia Today Radio Show to discuss National Beach Safety Week as well as Memorial Day Weekend. VCBS continues to offer junior lifeguard instructor training in preparation for the junior lifeguard camps that will be held throughout the summer. For more information, contact Andy Ethridge at aethridge@volusia.org

Emergency Management: On May 24, VCEM began the preliminary stages of exercise planning with Bethune Cookman University. Virtual WebEOC training was held on May 27. WebEOC is the main software platform used during a disaster activation, which provides instant communication between activation staff, regional partners, and FDEM. The program also allows activation staff to continuously monitor the situation as well as monitor resource requests that have been submitted to FDEM. VCEM continues to assist the DOH in administering the second dose of the COVID-19 vaccination at the Volusia County Fairgrounds; the final day to receive the second dose at the state supported vaccination site was May 28. For more information, contact Helene Wetherington at hweatherington@volusia.org



Emergency Medical Services: VCEMS has begun a soft roll out, with a few EMS crews, of the new electronic narcotics logs. This roll out includes a new narcotics control process with a new RFID reader installed in the new narcotics cabinet. The tentative completion date is July 1. For more information, contact Jason Brady at jbrady@volusia.org

Fire Rescue: On May 24, VCFR conducted the Leadership Academy for officers. This academy will cover topics such as the Insurance Services Office (ISO) protection classification and the Center for Public Safety Excellence Accreditation process. The academy will also host guest speakers that will discuss the principles of leadership and how to encourage and mentor employees. For more information, contact Howard Bailey at hbailley@volusia.org

PUBLIC WORKS

Coastal: The Coastal Division has received a one-year extension to the federal artificial reef permit. The permit allows the County to deploy materials on any of the 13 reef sites located more than three miles offshore (Federal waters). The Coastal Division expects to receive a multi-year reauthorization of the permit in addition to permits for three new reefs located less three miles from shore (State waters) within the year. For more information, contact Jessica Winterwerp at (386) 248-8072, ext. 20356.

Engineering & Construction: Fire Station 22 lift station installation is almost complete with the exception of power, utility drops and connection, which are set to begin next week. Modular foundation and unit set up are scheduled for the week of June 3, with ramp and stairs installation the week of June 7. For more information, contact Tadd Kasbeer at (386) 736-5967, ext. 15846.

Mosquito Control: Mosquito Control is conducting internal orientation and training for our seasonal student workers. Local College and University students have been recruited to support Mosquito Control surveillance operations in the busy season while gaining real-world work experience. For more information, contact Suzanne Bartlett at (386) 424-2920, ext. 20272.

Road & Bridge: On May 21, Road & Bridge staff participated in the Pine Ridge High School Career Expo in Deltona. Junior and senior students asked employees questions about road and drainage maintenance activities and future job opportunities. For more information, contact Benjamin Bartlett at (386) 822-6422, ext. 20.



Solid Waste: Notices of additional construction repair of chute #2 on the tipping floor at the West Volusia Transfer Station have been distributed to solid waste haulers, account holders and municipalities. Temporary service disruptions will be in effect June 1-11 at the West Volusia Transfer Station as follows: Roll-off trucks and various small business automatic dump trailers disposing of construction and demolition debris will be diverted to the Tomoka Farms Road Landfill located at 1990 Tomoka Farms Road, Port Orange. The West Volusia Transfer Station will continue to accept residential rear/side loaders and frontend loaders disposing of garbage but customers may experience delays. Any changes to the construction schedule will be communicated timely. For more information, contact Regina Montgomery at (386) 947-2952, ext. 21347.

Traffic Engineering: Traffic Engineering has reviewed three neo-traditional or transit-oriented land use developments including Avalon Park Daytona conceptual plan, Deering Park North (Edgewater) conceptual plan, and Pulte Homes/Ford Property conceptual plan in the Southwest Activity Center. Unlike the suburban-style development generally seen in Volusia County, these types have a much denser mix of land uses that include city street networks with smaller block sizes and complete streets to promote walking, bicycling, and transit usage over automobile modes. For more information, contact Jon Cheney at (386) 736-5968, ext. 12709.

Water Resources and Utilities: Staff participated with SJRWMD staff in a recent gathering with members of the Gemini Springs Alliance and DeLeon Spring Community Association to discuss current local springs issues and project initiatives. For more information, contact Mike Ulrich at (386) 943-7027, ext. 12724.

