

Volusia County Government Activities May 29 – June 5, 2021

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Community Assistance: Summer camp scholarships are still available to income-eligible families. Interested families should visit www.volusia.org/community_assistance/applications to apply and view program information, including a list of the 15 summer camp providers where scholarships can be used. Applications can be submitted electronically or mailed in or dropped off to the Community Assistance Division office at 110 W. Rich Avenue, DeLand. Children entering grades 1-6 and ages 5-12 are eligible. Five-year-olds must have completed kindergarten prior to camp to be eligible. Persons up to age 17 attending approved special needs camps are eligible. Scholarship awards are based on income eligibility and will be awarded according to funding availability. For additional information, please contact Carmen Hall, Community Assistance Director, at chall@volusia.org.

Library Services: Studies show that easy access to books and educational resources (during the summer) can reduce a loss in reading skills from one school year to the next. Educators and librarians refer to this loss as a "summer slide." Children, teens and families can beat the summer slide with Volusia County Public Library's breadth of summer offerings June 7- Aug. 13. The library has acquired Beanstack, a digital reading platform. The platform allows students to track their summer reading online and in tandem with Volusia County Schools; meaning students receive reading credit for both the library and the public schools all summer long. Visit volusialibrary.org for more information on library summer events and activities for children, teens and families.

Parks, Recreation and Culture: Volusia County summer camp will be offered at 13 sites county wide. A full list of sites can be found at <https://www.volusia.org/core/fileparse.php/5953/urlt/Volusia-County-Summer-Camp-Registration-ADA.pdf>. The program begins June 14 and will operate through July 30 for children who have completed kindergarten up to 12 years of age. Field trips are scheduled weekly. The weekly fee is \$65 plus a one-time registration fee of \$15. All CDC summer camp guidelines will be in effect.

COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE

Community Information: In preparation of this year's Atlantic hurricane season, several Community Information team members actively participated in several emergency management meetings on June 3: The annual operations *Emergency Management Partners* meeting, the *Managers Advisory Group* meeting and the *Volusia-Flagler Public Information Network (PIN) meeting*. In chorus with the meetings, Community Information conducted filming at the Emergency Operations Center for an upcoming Volusia Magazine segment introducing Emergency Management Director Helene Wetherington to the community. Community Information continues to collaborate with Community Services on their audio/visual/production needs associated with a series of five webinars scheduled for the month of July, addressing affordable housing issues as well as the upcoming affordable housing summit scheduled for Aug. 27 at the Ocean Center. Staff is working with former County Council Member Josh Wagner in developing content for volusiaveterans.com, which is requesting donations for Veterans Memorial Plaza. Staff is coordinating with the Parks, Recreation, and Culture Division on the Mayor Sowell plaque unveiling ceremony taking place at 10 a.m., June 12, at Shell Harbor Park, 1800 Shell Harbor Road, Pierson. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at kcaptain@volusia.org.

PUBLIC PROTECTION

Animal Services: In partnership with the Corrections Division (VCCD), Animal Services (VCAS) will be presenting to the National Animal Welfare Leadership through Maddie's Fund on June 4. The presentation will be on the collaboration between VCAS and VCCD to build dog houses for disadvantaged citizens in Volusia County. For more information, contact Division Director Adam Leath, 386-822-3506.

Emergency Management: VCEM will conduct a series of pre-hurricane season partner meetings including county leadership, Emergency Support Function (ESF) staff, municipal partners, the public information network, the Florida Division of Emergency Management, the National Weather Service among many other team partners. The operational partners meetings cultivate collaborative discussions and updates from county and regional partners on current events, projects, and the 2021 hurricane season. For more information please, contact Division Director Helen Wetherington, 386-254-1500.



Emergency Medical Services: The National Association of Counties has awarded VCEMS the 2021 NACo Achievement Award under the Health category for the E-911 Re-Direct Nurse Triage Program. The National Association of Counties is a nationally recognized organization that strives to strengthen America's counties through health, safety, and knowledge. Four VCEMS employees received the West Volusia Chamber of Commerce First Responder Valor Award. Nominated by their peers, the First Responder Valor Award is awarded to individuals who have shown exceptional dedication to protecting and serving the citizens of West Volusia County. For more information, contact Acting Division Director Mark Wolcott, (386) 561-8087.

Fire Rescue: Ten officers will complete the VCFR Leadership Academy on June 4. Through the Leadership Academy, the officers learned proactive coaching, employee empowerment and leadership skills. The new Squad Engine 35 is in the final stages of set up and has a tentative in-service date of July 1. The application process to become a firefighter will be open beginning June 16 and will close on July 2. The written exam, skills testing, and interviews will be held in July. For more information, contact Fire Chief Howard Bailey, (386) 736-5940 ext. 12918.

PUBLIC WORKS

Coastal/Solid Waste: In preparation for the Memorial Day weekend, Coastal Division contractors added additional port-o-lets at Mary McLeod Bethune Park and staged extra dumpsters throughout the Coastal parks. During the holiday weekend, janitorial contract staff were continuously traveling to all coastal restroom facilities for cleaning, replenishing supplies and assisting with litter pick up. Additional contract staff walked the beach and Coastal parks picking up trash and additional trash carts continuously emptied trash cans, picked up large items and offered to collect trash from patrons. Trash cans were emptied four times per day over the holiday weekend and a total of 38.75 tons of trash was removed from the beach. For more information, contact Coastal Director Jessica Winterwerp at (386) 248-8072, ext. 20356.

Engineering & Construction: Orange Camp Widening: Temporary asphalt has been placed and traffic will be shifted for the first time since the beginning of the project. The traffic shift tentatively scheduled for next week. For more information, contact Tadd Kasbeer at (386) 736-5967, ext. 15846.

Mosquito Control: Mosquito Control is resuming in-person educational events in the community. The first scheduled activity will be a series of educational pop-up events with our *Fight the Bite* trailer set up at local parks for Mosquito Awareness Week that runs from June 20-26. To request a presentation for a school, club, homeowner's association, or other local group please email vcmosquito@volusia.org. For more information, contact Suzanne Bartlett at (386) 424-2920, ext. 20272.



Road & Bridge: In preparation for rainy weather and hurricane season that officially began June 1, the drainage task team crews are inspecting stormwater systems throughout the county to ensure retention areas, swales, box culverts, and other drainage assets are functioning properly. For more information, contact Benjamin Bartlett at (386) 822-6422, ext. 20470

Traffic Engineering: Traffic Engineering signal staff will be completing signal maintenances in the Deltona and Ormond Beach areas this month. For more information, contact Jon Cheney at (386) 736-5968, ext. 12709.

Water Resources and Utilities: Engineering and operations staff members provided technical assistance for utility construction permits within Phase II of the Rivington community in DeBary. The utility infrastructure will serve up to 176 new residential units. The entire community is planned for up to 700 residential units and 30,000 sq. ft of commercial space. For more information, contact Mike Ulrich at (386) 943-7027, ext. 12724.