

## Volusia County Government Activities November 7 - 13, 2020

### AVIATION & ECONOMIC RESOURCES

#### *Daytona Beach International Airport*

**Marketing, Customer Experience & Air Service Development:** The airport was recently featured in TravelPulse, an online trade/industry news site reaching more than 277,465 unique visitors monthly. For more information, contact Joanne Magley at [jmagley@volusia.org](mailto:jmagley@volusia.org).

**Economic Development:** Staff continues to process small and home-based business grants. To date, 3,290 small business grant applications have been received, and 2,667 checks distributed, totaling more than \$8.7 million. The home-based grant program has processed 600 applications resulting in the distribution of 466 checks totaling \$699,000. For more information, contact Joanne Magley at [jmagley@volusia.org](mailto:jmagley@volusia.org).

### COMMUNITY SERVICES

**Community Assistance:** Starting Nov. 16, residents seeking utility assistance through the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) may submit an application online at [www.volusia.org/hsapply](http://www.volusia.org/hsapply). The online submission portal will activate every Monday at 9:00 a.m. until the maximum number of applications for the week have been received. For more information, contact Carmen Hall at [chall@volusia.org](mailto:chall@volusia.org).

### COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE

**Community Information:** Staff are interviewing original 1971 County Council members for the creation of a short video for the upcoming County Council meeting on Nov. 17. Production coordinators are creatively rendering two videos for this agenda item, which includes incorporating original photographs from 1970-1971. Preparations are in process for an upcoming new County Council orientation day for Chair Elect Jeff Brower and District 3 Elect Daniel Robins. Staff also created graphic arts for various holiday advertisements as well as updates to the webpages for the Ocean Center and Water Resources & Utilities. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at [kcaptain@volusia.org](mailto:kcaptain@volusia.org).

### FINANCE

#### *Information Technology:*

Staff provided introductory training in the use of GIS software, and are assisting with data collection and analysis for the National Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System audit. This research combines surveyed elevation certificates with GIS terrain data and regulatory conservation easements for determining Open Space in the CRS submission. For more information, contact Kevin Benge at [kbenge@volusia.org](mailto:kbenge@volusia.org).

### GROWTH & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

**Environmental Management:** Thanks to a \$47,160 grant from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, five derelict vessels were removed from the St. Johns River and its tributaries Nov. 2 -5. Volusia County Environmental Management contracted with TSI Disaster Recovery, LLC from Melbourne, Florida to conduct the removals. These vessels, totaling 17.43 tons, were destroyed and taken to the Tomoka Landfill for proper disposal, improving the environment of the St. Johns River. For more information, contact Ginger Adair at [gadair@volusia.org](mailto:gadair@volusia.org).

### OCEAN CENTER

**Events:** As a first time hosting, the Ocean Center brought the International League of Christian Schools for their National Christian Educators Conference Nov. 11-13, generating 650+ hotel room nights. This event is contracted to return again in 2021 with considerations in making Daytona Beach their annual conference home. On Nov. 14-15, the Ocean Center welcomes the DanceMakers' Season Tour, another first time event for the venue. This event is ordinarily held at the Hilton; however, due to social distancing requirements, additional space is needed, and the Ocean Center provides the ideal physical accommodations. Another hosted event is the Garden Brothers Circus, with four shows on Nov. 17-18 (two shows per day). Tickets are available at [gardenbrotherscircus.com](http://gardenbrotherscircus.com).

While the County's Public Protection Department no longer requires the use of the Ocean Center for PPE distribution, Halifax Urban Ministries continues to partner with the Ocean Center for the assembling and distribution of resources and food. For more information, contact Tim Buckley at [tbuckley@volusia.org](mailto:tbuckley@volusia.org).



## PUBLIC PROTECTION

**Animal Services:** Officer Shawn Riggins set up his animal control officer vehicle for the Nov. 10 Career Day event at University High School in Orange City. He spoke to the students about the role Animal Services plays in the community. For more information, please contact Adam Leath, 386-248-1790 ext. 11398.

**Emergency Management:** Division Director Jim Judge is working with the NSB City Manager on extending the testing site through December 2020, who will take it to the city commission for consideration next week. For more information, please contact Jim Judge, 386-316-1554.

**Emergency Medical Services:** Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Director Dr. Peter Springer and Deputy EMS Director Dr. Jessica Gershen are serving an active teaching role in the EMS Critical Care Training Program. The next EMS Paramedic Academy will start Nov. 16, along with a new hire orientation class. Logistics has completed the ordering process of all the CARES ACT funding for protective equipment with staff beginning to receive many of those orders. For more information, please contact Jason Brady, 386-236-3511.

## PUBLIC WORKS

**Coastal:** The maintenance operations group will soon paint all interior and exterior surfaces of the main pavilion at Lighthouse Point Park. For more information, contact Jessica Winterwerp at (386) 248-8072, ext. 20356.

**Engineering & Construction:** The County Resurfacing Program continues its progress with completing needed resurfacing projects. Upcoming roads to be resurfaced include: Old Daytona Road, S. Beresford Road and McGregor Road (DeLand); Volusia Ave. (Pierson); Caldwell Dr. and Call Ave. (Orange City); and Avocado St. (Port Orange). For more information, contact Tadd Kasbeer at (386) 736-5967, ext. 15846.

**Mosquito Control:** Staff will virtually present at the annual Great American Teach-In on Nov. 18. Elementary students will see presentations discussing mosquito biology, history of mosquito control, and career options in the industry. For more information, contact Suzanne Bartlett, (386) 424-2920, ext. 20272.

**Road & Bridge:** The sidewalk construction project along W. New Hampshire Ave. in DeLand has been completed. The project extends from S. Spring Garden Ave. (SR-15A) to S. Delaware Ave., and entails new sidewalk construction with the replacement of the existing sidewalk for ADA compliance. The CDBG and gas tax funded project was awarded by the County Council on June 16, 2020. For more information, contact Benjamin Bartlett at (386) 822-6422, ext. 20470.



**Solid Waste:** There will be no garbage, recycling, bulk waste and yard trash collection for residents of unincorporated Volusia County on Thanksgiving Day. The makeup day for Thursday, Nov. 26, will be Saturday, Nov. 28. The Tomoka Landfill and West Volusia Transfer Station will be closed Thanksgiving Day. For more information, contact Regina Montgomery at (386) 947-2952, ext. 21347.

**Traffic Engineering:** Staff submitted the LAP package for the Volusia County Emergency Signal Repair Contract to FDOT District 5 for review. For more information, contact Jon Cheney at (386) 736-5968, ext. 12709.

**Water Resources and Utilities:** Staff recently finalized terms and conditions of a master utility agreement for The Junction subdivision in DeBary providing water, wastewater, and reclaimed services. The planned development will consist of up to 150 single family homes. Consideration of the agreement by the County Council is scheduled for Nov. 17. For more information, contact Mike Ulrich at (386) 943-7027, ext. 12724.