

## Volusia County Government Activities November 26 – December 3, 2021

### AVIATION & ECONOMIC RESOURCES

#### *Daytona Beach International Airport*

**Marketing, Customer Experience & Air Service Development:** Karen Feaster and Joanne Magley are attending air service development and airline marketing training Dec. 6-10. TSA PreCheck will hold an enrollment event at the airport Dec. 6-10. [Read more information online by clicking this link.](#) For more information, contact Joanne Magley at [jmagley@volusia.org](mailto:jmagley@volusia.org).

### COMMUNITY SERVICES

The Affordable Housing Summit will be held 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Dec. 7, at the Ocean Center. Sessions include A Case for Prosperity; Community Land Trusts: Planting the Roots of Affordability; Bridging the Gap to Affordability; Breaking Down Barriers, and Rethinking Zoning. We will also have speakers discussing YIMBY, the “missing middle,” and A Success Story from the field. In-person registration is closed but virtual registration is available online at [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com). For more information, contact Dona Butler [ddbutter@volusia.org](mailto:ddbutter@volusia.org).

### COUNTY MANAGER’S OFFICE

**Community Information:** Staff are completing the final changes on a 30-second commercial for the Marine Science Center that will run on BeachTV, which is a third party who runs PSAs into participating County’s hotel room televisions. The commercial features a family with bored kids who decide to take a trip down to the Marine Science Center. Staff are continuing coordination efforts for the upcoming Affordable Housing Summit on Dec. 7. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at [kcaptain@volusia.org](mailto:kcaptain@volusia.org).

### GROWTH & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

**Environmental Management:** On Nov. 19, members from the Volusia County Marine Mammal Stranding participated in a multi-agency training event. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Manatee Rescue Program conducted the training. Team members were trained in open water net set rescue techniques. A PowerPoint was given by Nadia Gorden (FWC NEFL), and then participants received hands on experience deploying the manatee rescue net, bringing the animal on board (a trashcan was used in place of a manatee) and then resetting the net. This training will ensure experienced team members conduct future manatee rescues in Volusia. For more information, contact Ginger Adair at [gadair@volusia.org](mailto:gadair@volusia.org).

**Planning & Development Services:** On Dec. 1, the County had its triennial CRS Community Cycle Visit. The visit is an evaluation, which determines our program status and identifies needs for improvement. This is a voluntary incentive program recognizing community floodplain management practices that exceed the minimum requirements of the NFIP. The County currently has an excellent CRS Class 5, rating which offers a 25% discount on flood insurance premiums for citizens within unincorporated areas of the County. For more information, contact Palmer Panton at [ppanton@volusia.org](mailto:ppanton@volusia.org).

### OCEAN CENTER

**Events:** The Ocean Center hosted the Florida Association for Media in Education on Dec. 3, for their 48<sup>th</sup> annual FAME Conference. The annual FAME Conference attracts over 600 school librarians, technology specialists, and administrators, who come to FAME to discover new ways to reinvent their libraries, classrooms, and schools. Librarians are especially looking to make their libraries accessible, enjoyable and relevant for all kids and adults. We expect this event to generate over 750 room nights. The Ocean Center hosted the 11th Annual Light Up Volusia on Dec. 4. The Ocean Center will host the Affordable Housing Summit in the ballroom on Dec. 7. For more information, please visit: <https://www.volusia.org/services/community-services/affordable-housing-summit.shtml>. Masks are recommended for entry for all events. For more information, contact Tim Riddle at [triddle@volusia.org](mailto:triddle@volusia.org).

### PUBLIC PROTECTION

**Animal Services:** With pet food being in short supply, the Osteen Feed Store came through and Animal Services was able to purchase six pallets of dog and cat food, which was given away during the Free Microchip and Pet Food Event being hosted by Animal Services on Dec. 4. Please see the attached flyer for additional information. For more information, contact Division Director Adam Leath, 386-822-3506.



**Beach Safety:** Beach Safety personnel will be participating in the Daytona Beach Shores and the New Smyrna Beach Christmas parades on Dec. 4. Beach Safety personnel will also be participating in the Port Orange Christmas parade on Dec. 5. For more information, contact Division Director Andy Ethridge, (386) 239-6414.

**Emergency Management:** The new Lake County Emergency Management Director and staff toured the EOC facility on Nov. 30. The EOC will conduct a Full Scale Backup EOC Activation Exercise on Dec. 3. For more information please, contact Division Director Helene Wetherington, (386) 254-1500.

**Emergency Medical Administration:** On Nov. 30, a state inspection was conducted with Emergency Medical Administration for review of the EMS system. The state inspected the records and/or equipment for the following: Volusia Sheriff's Aviation – Air One helicopters, Volusia County EMS vehicles, County Fire Rescue vehicles, and agency vehicles associated with the Municipal Transport Program. For more information, contact Division Director Mark Wolcott, (386) 561-8087.

**Emergency Medical Services:** The EMS Recruiter participated in the Daytona Job Link 2021 career fair on Nov. 30. Implementation of the Rapid Sequence Intubation begins on Dec. 1, where certified employees will carry specialized medication to help facilitate intubation in patients with difficult airways. The vendor for EMS' new life-like pediatric manikin will be conducting training on Dec. 2. For more information, contact Division Director Michael Colman, (386) 236-3511.

**Fire Rescue:** VCFR will be opening the application process for six new hires under the Staffing Adequate Firefighters for Emergency Response (SAFER) grant. The goal is to have the six new hires attend the new hire academy in March 2022. VCFR will be conducting live fire training with multiple municipalities to include DeLand, Port Orange and Orange City. This training will assist in increased cooperation during incidents and benefit each department in obtaining their ISO training hours. For more information, contact Fire Chief Howard Bailey, (386) 736-5940 ext. 12918.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

**Coastal:** In anticipation of favorable weather conditions over the Thanksgiving Holiday Weekend, the ramps opened back up to in-season service levels in order to accommodate the anticipated increase in beach traffic. Coastal staff is monitoring the weather for the upcoming Christmas and New Year's holiday weeks and will increase service levels once again should weather conditions be favorable. For more information, contact Jessica Winterwerp at (386) 248-8072, ext. 20356.

**Engineering & Construction:** Phase 3B of the Spring to Spring Trail, from Highbanks Road to Benson Junction Road in DeBary, is approaching completion. Over the next few weeks, construction crews will be applying final striping and signage, concrete repair, and general clean up. Completion is scheduled for Dec. 15. For more information, contact Tadd Kasbeer at (386) 736-5967, ext. 15846.

**Mosquito Control:** As part of our integrated pest management program, Mosquito Control conducts routine equipment calibration to ensure all products are applied according to label requirements. Staff are currently conducting granular characterization of our aerial larvicide system to verify swath and density of product applied. This information allows for more accurate planning of larvicide treatments to target immature mosquitoes in the water and prevent them from emerging into adults. For more information, contact Tim MacHardy at (386) 424-2920, ext. 20273.

**Road & Bridge:** On Dec. 5, travelers on roads surrounding the Daytona International Speedway will experience delays to accommodate the CLASH Daytona triathlon. Message boards and law enforcement officers will be along the route to assist with traffic flow and intersection crossings. For more information, contact Lori Koontz at (386) 822-6422, ext. 20455.

**Solid Waste:** FCC Environmental Services will conduct a scheduled community bulky item cleanup in the southwest quadrant of the unincorporated county on Dec. 11. The company will collect up to four bulk items from unincorporated residential households in this area and will begin notifying residents the week of Dec. 6. For more information, contact Regina Montgomery at (386) 947-2952, ext. 21347.

**Traffic Engineering:** Staff will soon commence work associated with the 2022 R2CTPO Priority Project applications for new and previously submitted, but not yet completed, traffic operations, safety, and local initiatives projects. All new project applications, requests to retain current projects, letters of support, and resolutions are due to the R2CTPO office by Feb. 25. For more information, contact Jon Cheney at (386) 736-5968, ext. 12709.

**Water Resources and Utilities:** Utilities staff is currently working in cooperation with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to finalize scope of work, general terms and conditions for \$20.4 million in state funding for wastewater infrastructure treatment and capacity improvements at the southwest regional water reclamation facility in DeBary and the southeast wastewater treatment facility in Oak Hill. County Council consideration of the two grant agreements is expected in January. For more information, contact Mike Ulrich at (386) 943-7027, ext. 12724.

