

Volusia County Government Activities November 12 – 18, 2022

AVIATION AND ECONOMIC RESOURCES

Airport: The airport passed its 2022 Federal Aviation Administration Annual Safety and Certification Inspection with zero discrepancies. For more information, contact Joanne Magley at jmagley@flydab.org.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Resource Stewardship: The Volusia ECHO program is requesting resident input through a survey that will assess resident quality of life as it relates to the ECHO program. The survey aims to evaluate completed ECHO projects and learn citizen preferences for future projects. A news release announcing the survey's availability was issued on Nov. 17, and a social media post was made on Nov. 18. The survey can be accessed at <http://bit.ly/3Eaotfc>, and responses will be collected until December 14.

County Manager's Office

Community Information: Staff produced social media posts, news releases, video interviews with staff, maintained the PIN website and responded to media inquiries regarding Hurricanes Ian and Nicole. In addition to storm-related responsibilities, staff has resumed normal activities such as developing video promotions for Parks, Recreation and Culture, and radio recruitment advertisements for Corrections and EMS. A Volusia Today segment has been prerecorded to ensure that a show will be aired on Friday, Nov. 25, when the County is closed for the Thanksgiving holiday.

GROWTH & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Building and Code Administration: Staff continues collaborating with municipalities and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to inform and assist citizens with emergency permitting. On Sunday, Nov. 13, staff fielded calls from citizens who had questions about the permitting process. Growth and Resource Management Director Clay Ervin spoke at a community meeting in Wilbur-by-the-Sea to impacted citizens regarding emergency permitting. Director Ervin was also interviewed by multiple media outlets and Community Information staff to explain the emergency permitting process. For more information, contact Growth and Resource Management Director Clay Ervin at cervin@volusia.org.

OCEAN CENTER

Events: The National Christian Educators moved into the arena, ballroom and meeting rooms on Nov. 16, for their 2022 conference, which was held on Nov. 17 and 18. The private event had an estimated 1,500 attendee days and 616 room nights. The News-Journal hosted a Women in Business luncheon in the ballroom on Nov. 16 with an estimated 180 attendees. The annual Margarita Ball took place in the exhibit hall Friday, Nov. 18, with an estimated 800 attendees. The American Diabetes Association hosted its State of Diabetes Conference in the ballroom on Nov. 19, with an estimated 600 attendees. The Greenlight Sunshine Slam, presented by Discount Tire, men's basketball tournament takes place in the arena on Nov. 21 and 22. The event is open to the public, and tickets may be purchased in advance at [TicketMaster.com](https://www.ticketmaster.com) or on the day of competition at the Ocean Center box office. All games will air live on either FloSports or CBS Sports Network. Six hundred attendees are expected, generating an estimated 570 room nights. The Florida Association for Media in Education will move into the ballroom, exhibit hall and meeting rooms on Nov. 28 and 29 for their 2022 conference, which will take place Nov. 30 through Dec. 2. The private event is estimated to have 600 attendees and generate 679 room nights. For more information, contact Tim Riddle at triddle@volusia.org.



PUBLIC PROTECTION

Animal Services: The division provided staff for emergency shelter operations due to Hurricane Nicole. On Nov. 16, Director Leath presented for the Citizen's Academy program on behalf of the division. For more information, contact Division Director Adam Leath at (386) 822-3506.

Beach Safety: The division has been performing storm-related damage assessments in reference to County assets, such as lifeguard towers, traffic sign repairs and conservation zone installations. For more information, contact Division Director Andy Ethridge at (386) 239-6414.

Corrections: The division assisted with sandbag preparations for Hurricane Nicole. For more information, contact Acting Warden Steven Smith at (386) 254-1570.

Emergency Management: The division continues to support the affected areas through the Disaster Recovery Center and provide resources to those areas of need for Hurricanes Ian and Nicole. Staff coordinated and participated in the ESF-8 (Mass Care) meeting on Nov. 16, which was hosted at the Emergency Operations Center (EOC). Emergency Management is also supporting beach recovery efforts in collaboration with other divisions. For more information, contact Interim Director Jim Judge at (386) 254-1500.

Emergency Medical Administration: The division participated in the monthly discussion reviewing ambulance response times. ZOLL training will take place this week for all fire-based users of the new EMS Charts platform, which is anticipated to go live on Jan. 1, 2023. EMS will receive training and transition later in 2023. For more information, contact Division Director Mark Wolcott at (386) 561-8087.

Fire Rescue: During Hurricane Nicole, VCFR assisted with EOC operations as the Division of Emergency Services, which coordinated response efforts throughout the county. VCFR was also on standby during and after the storm with a Technical Rescue Team. On Nov. 16, James Rowan, a leadership developer, visited VCFR personnel to discuss leadership practices, their role in the organization and how to promote the organization from within. This type of training is significant for the future of VCFR since it is the division's goal to develop leaders from within the organization and promote service excellence. Interim Fire Chief Joe King was also featured on Volusia Today, which aired on Nov. 18. For more information, contact Interim Fire Chief Joe King at (386) 736-5940 ext. 12909.

PUBLIC WORKS

Coastal: Staff continues to assess damage sustained by the hurricanes and initiate repairs as needed. Coastal Division Director Jessica Fentress was interviewed by Community Information staff, providing details of the storm damage and its impact on the county's beach. Some coastal parks have reopened after being deemed safe, but staff still discourage residents and visitors from going to the beach as dangers, such as debris in the ocean and along the coastline, still exist in some areas. For more information, contact Coastal Division Director Jessica Fentress at jfentress@volusia.org.