

**Volusia County Government Activities**  
**Sept 5 - 11, 2020**

**COMMUNITY SERVICES**

***Community Assistance***

The Human Services Advisory Board (HSAB) provides recommendations to assist the Volusia County Council in developing Community Services Block Grant program goals and objectives, identifying community needs, and evaluating program effectiveness. As required by grant regulations, there will be five public meetings where community members will elect one person at each meeting to represent low-income people in that area on HSAB. Each meeting will consist of an overview of human services, roles and responsibilities of an advisory board member, and an election.

Residents may also participate in the meeting virtually. The link will be posted the morning of each meeting at [www.volusia.org/hsab](http://www.volusia.org/hsab). For more information, contact Carmen Hall at [chall@volusia.org](mailto:chall@volusia.org).

***Housing and Grants Administration***

A series of virtual public meetings will be held during the development of the Five-Year Consolidated Plan and One-Year Action Plan. The plans serve as the grant application for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME), and the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG). The meetings are scheduled for Sept. 16, and Sept. 24 from 1- 2:30 and are designed to solicit input regarding community needs. The meetings will be held on Go-To via <https://tinyurl.com/y5wf9lq4>.

***Extension Services***

Extension Services hosted a *virtual* fall vegetable gardening workshop on Sept. 5 and one participant shared the following comment on their workshop evaluation: "Thank you so much. My husband lost his job and starting a fall garden will help us save money and feed our family."

Extension will also host a *virtual* First Time Homebuyer Course on Sept. 18. For more information, contact Brad Burbaugh at [BBurbaugh@volusia.org](mailto:BBurbaugh@volusia.org).

**COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE**

***Community Information***

Community Information is working with Environmental Management to produce a sea turtle lighting sticker and MSC bird fundraising brochure. Staff also coordinated a COVID-19 news conference featuring speakers from Volusia County, AdventHealth, the Florida Department of Health and Volusia County Schools. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at [kcaptain@volusia.org](mailto:kcaptain@volusia.org).

**GROWTH AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT**

***Environmental Management***

The Marine Science Center Education Team has procured and implemented their new remote learning studio equipment and has already produced five educational Facebook posts reaching over 21,000 viewers. The posts detail the animal rehabilitation programs, sea turtle and seabird releases, and educational programs about the exhibit animals and environments of Volusia County. New to the programming is, "Transformational Tuesdays" that tells the stories of animal patient progress and the hard work of our rehabilitation teams. Look for these posts on the Community Information Facebook page. So far this year, Volusia County Environmental Management has conducted six underwater cleanups at the Ponce Inlet Jetty and collected 1,094 pounds of marine debris. For one of the dives, we were joined by the Seminole County and Volusia County Sheriff Marine Units. For more information, contact Ginger Adair at [gadair@volusia.org](mailto:gadair@volusia.org).

**OCEAN CENTER**

***Events***

On September 11, the Ocean Center hosted the Bare Knuckle Fighting Championship for BKFC 12. The stacked ten-bout BKFC 12 event is headlined by UFC Middleweight Title Challenger, Thiago "Pitbull" Alves battling former UFC Superstar Julian "Nitrane" Lane. In partnership with the Travis Manion Foundation, BKFC-12 also served as a tribute to our fallen heroes and the 19<sup>th</sup> anniversary of September 11. It was broadcast live exclusively on the Bare Knuckle TV App.

Halifax Urban Ministries and Public Protection are continuing to utilize space for assembling and distribution of resources and food for the public and PPE for businesses and frontline workers.

**PUBLIC PROTECTION**

***Animal Services***

Director Adam Leath and Field Supervisor Alicia Dease will be attending a virtual seminar through the Davis-Thompson Foundation on Animal Forensic Pathology. This seminar will be instructed by five of the nation's leading board certified veterinary forensic pathologists who will cover a wide range of topics and case studies in the field of forensic pathology in animal abuse investigations. For more information contact Mark Swanson at 386-740-5120.

***Corrections***

Corrections is working on the final stages of beginning a Capital Project in which the kitchen floor at the Branch Jail will be demolished and a new floor will be installed. The process is going to take approximately four to six weeks to complete, so alternative food preparations will be taking place during that time frame with no impact to service. For more information contact Mark Swanson at 386-740-5120.



### ***Emergency Medical Services***

In partnership with Community Information, EMS has launched a new Facebook page called Volusia County EMS. There are approximately 500 people following. A Sept. 11 memorial service was one of the firsts posts as Facebook Live. For more information contact Pat Bythwood at 386-740-5120.

### ***Fire Services***

A second set of Globe bunker gear (coat and pants with suspenders) is being issued to personnel allowing for immediate change to clean bunker gear after exposure at an incident. For more information contact Pat Bythwood at 386-740-5120.

### **PUBLIC WORKS**

#### ***Coastal***

As part of the preparations for Labor Day weekend and the 2020 Truck Meet, Coastal Division contractors added additional port-o-lets at Mary McLeod Bethune Park and staged extra dumpsters in the core area of Daytona. During the holiday weekend, janitorial contract staff were continuously moving from park to park cleaning/ sanitizing restrooms, replenishing supplies and assisting with litter pick up. In addition, twenty-five (25) contract staff walked the beach and coastal parks picking up trash and fifteen (15) trash carts continuously emptied trash cans, picked up large items and offered to collect trash from patrons. Extra ramping grading services were provided due to the large number of trucks accessing the beach. For more information, contact Jessica Winterwerp at (386) 248-8072, ext. 20356.

#### ***Engineering & Construction***

Vertical Construction is assisting Environmental Management in the design and construction of a modular building to replace the existing bird office at the Marine Science Center to improve social distancing. 100% plans were submitted by the engineer on Sept. 8 and the bid request will be submitted to Purchasing on Sept. 14. For more information, contact Tadd Kasbeer at (386) 736-5967, ext. 15846.

#### ***Road & Bridge***

Road & Bridge crews continued storm debris collection efforts in response to the EF-2 tornado that impacted the DeLand area on Tuesday, Aug. 18. The collection, that ended for residents on Friday, Sept. 4, removed approximately 20,000 cubic yards of vegetative debris from public rights-of-way on county roads within the unincorporated areas on the north side of DeLand. The vegetative debris will be mulched and then used for cover at the Tomoka landfill. For more information, contact Benjamin Bartlett at (386) 822-6422, ext. 20470.

#### ***Mosquito Control***

Mosquito Control finished construction of the first prototype of a new sentinel chicken coop design and the coop is currently being tested in the field. Mosquito Control has twelve (12) sentinel chicken coop locations throughout Volusia County for monitoring of endemic mosquito transmitted viruses: West Nile Virus (WNV), Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE), and St Louis Encephalitis (SLE). For more information, contact Suzanne Bartlett, (386) 424-2920, ext. 20272.



#### ***Traffic Engineering***

Staff reviewed school traffic at George Marks Elementary (DeLand), Deltona Lake Elementary (Deltona), and Louise S. McInnis Elementary (DeLeon Springs). In addition, staff reviewed a request for a sidewalk along Indian Lake Rd at Keyton Dr (Daytona Beach) for better connectivity to Votran bus service. Finally, radar feedback signs were deployed on South Clara Ave, north of Chipola Dr (Spring Hill community). For more information, contact Jon Cheney at (386) 736-5968, ext. 12709.

#### ***Water Resources and Utilities***

Utilities staff completed the review and negotiation of engineering/design and general contractor/pre-construction services agreements for water and wastewater main extensions serving DeLeon Springs. Both contracts will be scheduled for County Council consideration on Sep 29. For more information, contact Mike Ulrich at (386) 943-7027, ext. 12724.