

**Volusia County Government Activities**  
**July 25 – Aug. 1, 2020**

**Aviation and Economic Resources**

***Airport***

**Operations:** The team is taking hurricane preparation measures and held a stakeholders call on Friday afternoon.

**Marketing & Customer Experience:** *Step Up Volusia* window and mirror clings have been affixed to the glass door entrances of the facility and to mirrors in the restrooms (see attached photo). Staff is planning a PR campaign for National Aviation Day on Aug. 19. The campaign launches on Aug. 10 and has two components: a kid's paper airplane contest where parents drop off paper planes and our ERAU judges pick winners based on best flyer and most creative; and, a social media contest for best airline/airplane photo.



***Economic Development***

This week the team worked on the following: New employee orientation, kicked off new business retention and expansion collaboration with city practitioners, set up second PPE distribution, created new division marketing folder, spoke on county radio talk show to promote business programs, worked with PIO office to create marketing materials for grant programs, evaluated existing business programs and recommendations for improvements/modifications, assisted small and home based businesses as they applied for grants, reviewed many small and home based business grants, and performed outreach to businesses that did not supply the necessary documentation in the business grant applications. For more information, contact Joanne Magley at 386-248-8030 ext: 18309 or [jmagley@volusia.org](mailto:jmagley@volusia.org).

**Community Services**

***Community Assistance***

Community Assistance is accepting applications from local municipalities and non-profit organizations for use of \$500,000 in U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant funds to alleviate negative impacts of the Coronavirus. The funds may be used for public facility improvements and operating costs for non-profit organizations. Eligibility is limited to low and moderate income areas and/or for low and moderate income persons. Applications are available by calling Brittany Louis at 386-564-0549. Community Assistance is accepting applications from local non-profit organizations for use of \$611,600 in U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Emergency Solutions Grant funds to alleviate negative impacts of the Coronavirus. The funds may be used for street outreach, homelessness prevention and rapid re-housing of homeless person. Funding must be provided to those that are homeless or those at risk of homelessness. Applications are available by calling Brittany Louis at 386-564-0549. For more information, contact Carmen Hall at [chall@volusia.org](mailto:chall@volusia.org)

***Extension Services***

There continues to be several reports from Florida residents who have received unsolicited packages of seeds in the mail. The type of the seed in the packages remains unknown at this time. The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services is asking residents to report these suspicious seed packages at 1-888-397-1517 or by bringing the unopened seed/plant material with the original mail packaging (i.e., envelope) to the Volusia County Agricultural Center (3100 E. New York Ave., DeLand, FL 32724) for further investigation. For more information, contact Brad Burbaugh at [bburbaugh@volusia.org](mailto:bburbaugh@volusia.org).

**Parks, Recreation & Culture**

Staff met with the Volusia County Cultural Council for the annual cultural grant scoring meeting. Thirty two applications were received and reviewed. All applications scored above 80 and were deemed eligible. Cultural Council Award recommendations will be brought before County Council in September. For more information, contact Tim Bailie at [tbailie@volusia.org](mailto:tbailie@volusia.org).

***Votran***

Votran employees have distributed 79,815 masks as of July 29. Votran is privileged to have 17 Fixed Route operators and three Paratransit operators who recently received the 2020 National Safety Council Award of Honor. These operators have driven 15 consecutive years or 250,000 miles without a preventable accident! For more information, contact Edie Biro at 386-756-7496.

**County Manager's Office**

***Community Information***

In addition to ongoing coronavirus communications, Community Information disseminated information about Hurricane Isaias, the sinkholes in DeLeon Springs, and the imminent arrival of census takers. Plans are being made to take photos of businesses that received business grants from the county; County Council and City Council members will be invited to be in the photos. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at [kcaptain@volusia.org](mailto:kcaptain@volusia.org).



## **Growth and Resource Management**

### ***Environmental Management***

Pollution Control, has been working with the Volusia County School system for a year developing safety protocols for chemical storage, handling, and disposal. As of this week, a thorough list has been completed as a template for Volusia County Public Schools to utilize in their efforts to make the campuses safer for both the students and faculty. The Marine Science Center has had a busy year with sea turtle intakes and is positioned to break last year's record of 124 adult and sub-adult sea turtles. As of July 28, there have been 108 admitted sea turtles, compared to 74 by this time last year. Staff has not identified an obvious cause for the upswing in sea turtle intakes. The Education Department has been working with Community Information and Information Technology to improve the quality of live streaming educational programming at the Center. Staff is excited to continue the popular programs, including virtual field trips and marine environmental programs, to overcome the challenges presented from the COVID-19 pandemic. For more information, contact Clay Ervin at [cervin@volusia.org](mailto:cervin@volusia.org).

### **Ocean Center**

#### ***Events***

This past weekend we hosted the largest fitness competition in Central Florida, the Bacon Beatdown, bringing 3,179 attendees and 300+ trackable room nights to the area. It was a great feat to be able to safely host this event in the current climate of social distancing and sanitation. The client and attendees were thrilled with their experience and already looking forward to a bigger and better event in 2021. This upcoming weekend we shift gears to host our 3<sup>rd</sup> Slammeduff Florida Car Show Presented by NIA Autodesign on Aug. . This event will bring an estimated attendance of 1,000 people. We continue to work closely with Halifax Urban Ministries and Public Protection to providing sufficient space for the assembling and distribution of essential resources to the public and frontline workers.

### **Public Protection**

#### ***Animal Services***

Thanks to the generous donation of cat food from the ASPCA, Animal Services will be holding another "Drive-Thru Pet Food and Microchip Event" at the Volusia County Fairgrounds on Aug. 9; starting at 9:00 a.m. – 5:00p.m. or till the food runs out. All citizens are invited to come by and receive free pet food and those that bring their pet will received a free microchip.

### **Public Works – Week Ending July 31st**

#### ***Coastal***

The coastal maintenance and operations group replaced the handrails at the Ocean Dunes South public beach access located in Daytona Beach and installed a composite handrail cap at the Sandra Drive beach access dune walkover located in Ormond-by-the-Sea. For more information, contact Jessica Winterwerp at (386) 248-8072, ext. 20356.

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

Mosquito Control is reminding citizens to social distance when approaching field inspectors by adding large visual magnets on our vehicles with a description to stay 6 feet back to keep everyone safe. For more information, contact Suzanne Bartlett, (386) 424-2920, ext. 20272.



### **Road & Bridge**

The contract for the construction of the Thornby Park Water Quality Improvement project was awarded by Council on July 21. The pre-construction meeting is scheduled for July 30 and the work will be underway soon. Grant funding was received from the St. Johns River Water Management District (\$75,000) and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (\$316,979), reducing the County's contribution for the project. For more information, contact Benjamin Bartlett at (386) 822-6422, ext. 20470.

### **Solid Waste**

The household hazardous waste center addition project at the Tomoka Farms Road Landfill will upgrade the existing paint and household chemical exchange area. Construction of the steel building is complete. The contractor is working to finish the parking area and completion is anticipated in mid-August. For more information, contact Regina Montgomery at (386) 947-2952, ext. 21347.

### **Traffic Engineering**

Staff performed operational studies/field visits related to no parking requests, safety & speed signage, upgrades to a pedestrian crosswalk, and vehicle stacking for a state park on a county road. For more information, contact Jon Cheney at (386) 736-5968, ext. 12709.

### **Water Resources and Utilities**

Completed the installation and programming of 1,700 water meter transmitters in the County's southeast utility service area. This marks the final completion of the Utilities division's conversion of over 16,500 water meters to advanced meter infrastructure (AMI) technology during the past 30 months. For more information, contact Mike Ulrich at (386) 943-7027, ext. 12724.