

## Volusia County Government Activities

Aug. 1 – 7, 2020

### Community Services

#### **Community Assistance**

##### *Housing and Grants Administration*

The summer camp scholarship program has been extended due to the delayed reopening of school. The following summer camp providers have extended their program beyond the scheduled July 31st end date: Chase Academy- Aug. 14, City of New Smyrna Beach- Aug. 21, Florida United Methodist Children's Home- Aug. 28, Volusia/Flagler YMCA: Aug. 28.

##### *Human Services*

Human Services operates a Volusia County Summer Food Program in which numerous sites throughout the county provide nutritionally balanced breakfast and/or lunch to children 18 and younger at no cost. Several sites have extended the program through Aug. 21. Follow this link for a list of providers: <https://www.summerbreakspot.org/>. For more information, contact Carmen Hall at [chall@volusia.org](mailto:chall@volusia.org).

### County Manager's Office

#### **Community Information**

Community Information staff worked both physically and virtually at the Emergency Operations Center in the unified response to Hurricane Isaias. Community Information activities related to Hurricane Isaias: News releases- 15; News conferences- 3; Facebook posts- 20; News Coverage- (Local channels- 2, 6, 9, 13, 35; Daytona Beach News-Journal; National outlets- CNN, NBC).

Staff also disseminated information on the DeLeon Springs sinkholes, coordinated the opening procession for the Veterans Memorial Bridge, started scheduling business-grant photo ops in each city, distributed Emergency Directories to all department and division directors, and promoted census response with newspaper ads and social media posts. Staff is also finalizing the Volusia Forever script, working with Community Assistance to edit and design a 40-page ECHO guidebook for applicants, and working with Emergency Management to publicize COVID-19 testing at the Volusia County Fairgrounds. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at [kcaptain@volusia.org](mailto:kcaptain@volusia.org).

### Growth and Resource Management

#### **Environmental Management**

Tropical Storm/Hurricane Isaias largely spared Volusia County; however, the early season storm did impact some of the over 700 sea turtle nests still incubating on our beaches. Environmental Management staff and the sea turtle volunteer organizations spent nearly two days examining each known nest to determine its fate, and to reestablish nest barricades as necessary. Staff and volunteers identified 38 nests that were completely washed out by erosion from the storm. Our experts estimate that approximately 10-15% of remaining nests have been inundated with high tide to the point that they are no longer viable. Those nests remain on the beach, with their final fate unknown until they have completed their normal incubation period (approximately 60 days from the time they were laid) and are excavated and examined by staff and volunteers. For more information, contact Ginger Adair at [gadair@volusia.org](mailto:gadair@volusia.org).

### Ocean Center

#### **Events**

Boxing is back in Daytona Beach with the Ocean Center welcoming the pugilistic community as Christy Martin Promotions in association with Payne Boxing Management announces an evening of professional boxing Aug. 15. At Christy Martin's Fight Night - the Battle at the Beach 3 will also be shown live on paid per view by QC Broadcasting. Exciting professional boxers like Palmetta, Torres, Fortunato Saya and King will be here for this Show.

In addition to this show, we are in talks with the Bare Knuckle FC (Bare Knuckle Fighting Championships) for September. It's for those professional fighters with the ABC (Association and Boxing Commissions and Combative Sports) in boxing, MMA, kickboxing, or Muay Thai. Because of this extensive professional combat sports experience and the historical legacy of bare knuckle fighting, it's said the **Bare Knuckle FC** has become, "the hottest sport in combat sports." We are looking forward to hearing from this fully recognized professional group. On Aug. 2, we will host an estimated 1,000 people at the third Annual Slammeduff Florida Car Show presented by NIA Auto Design.

### Public Works

#### **Coastal**

The Coastal Division safeguarded all beach and coastal park infrastructure and assets in preparation for Tropical Storm Isaias. All portable beach restroom facilities, toll booths and garbage receptacles were removed and relocated from coastal beaches and parks county wide and coastal facilities water utilities were shut off. Immediately after the storm staff and contractors replaced all portable beach facilities and conducted beach access site inspections and repairs. For more information, contact Jessica Winterwerp at (386) 248-8072, ext. 20356.



### **Engineering & Construction**

On Aug. 4, the County Council awarded Halifax Paving the construction contract for the proposed Spring to Spring Trail Phase 3B, which includes approximately three miles of multi-use trail/shared use pathway from Rob Sullivan Park to the intersection of US 17/92 and Benson Junction Road in DeBary. For more information, contact Tadd Kasbeer at (386) 736-5967, ext. 15846.

### **Mosquito Control**

Salt marsh mosquitoes (*Aedes taeniorhynchus* and *Aedes sollicitans*) are known for gathering in large "balls" of larvae and emerging as adult mosquitoes in tremendous numbers. Mosquito Control Inspectors apply larvicides to reduce these aggressive mosquitoes from reaching residential areas. For more information, contact Suzanne Bartlett at (386) 424-2920, ext. 20272.



### **Road & Bridge**

Road & Bridge crews recently repaired two sinkholes that occurred within the rights-of-way near DeLeon Springs. The areas off Ponce DeLeon Boulevard and Park Avenue are being monitored for any further activity. For more information, contact Benjamin Bartlett at (386) 822-6422, ext. 20470.

### **Solid Waste**

Solid Waste Management Compliance Officers routinely patrol and investigate illegal dumpsites in Volusia County. Last week, Volusia County Road & Bridge reported an illegally dumped boat in a drainage canal on Volco Road. Compliance officers were able to track the hull ID number to the last known owner and issued a warning to remove and properly dispose of the boat. Removal and proper disposal at the Tomoka Farms Road Landfill was confirmed this week. For more information, contact Solid Waste Director Regina Montgomery at (386) 947-2952, ext. 21347.

### **Traffic Engineering**

Since January of 2014, Traffic Engineering has reviewed 132 development project Traffic Impact Analyses (TIAs). Several of these TIA reviews involved large developments with more than 100,000 square feet of Retail/Commercial and/or 500 residential units. The State of Florida previously required very large projects to undergo a regional multi-agency and multi-jurisdictional review due to the perceived project impacts on residents' health, safety or welfare. This was called the Development of Regional Impact (DRI) process, which was legislatively abolished in 2018. Of the 132 TIAs reviewed, 15 would have met the DRI size requirements. Only two of those retain DRI status, Farmton (1st Phase) and Victoria Park (Final Phases). For more information, contact Jon Cheney at (386) 736-5968, ext. 12709.

### **Water Resources and Utilities**

Utilities staff recently participated with St. Johns River Water Management District staff in pre-application meetings for renewal of its consumptive use permit, allowing for groundwater withdrawals necessary to serve residents and businesses within the county's various utility service areas. The current permit will expire in May 2021. Consumptive use permits are typically renewed for periods between 20 and 30 years. For more information, contact Mike Ulrich at (386) 943-7027, ext. 12724.