

Volusia County Government Activities December 14 – 20, 2019

Aviation and Economic Resources

Airport business development/marketing/customer service

Staff is coordinated a surprise welcoming in the concourse for Master Sgt. Danny Thompson who returned home on Dec. 21, after a year-long deployment in South Korea. Thompson's mother, stepfather, sister and niece surprised him on the concourse with a welcome banner. The media was invited.



For more information, contact Joanne Magley at 386-248-8030 ext: 18309 or jmagley@volusia.org.

Business Services

Information Technology

Information Technology has is creating a new online tool to help developers identify new street names for planned developments. This tool will quickly inform developers whether a proposed street name is already in use. Previously, this process required submission of proposed names to Growth Management, which would research uniqueness before allowing or denying a street name.

For more information, contact Kevin Benge at kbenge@volusia.org or Brian Whiting at bwhiting@volusia.org.

Revenue

Revenue division director Craig Baumgardner and Growth and Resource Management director Clay Ervin attended the Dec. 18 board meeting of the West Volusia Advertising Authority. Also in attendance were Business Services director Jeaniene Jennings and Revenue operations manager Mike Jones. During the meeting, Craig presented information on the Revenue division's tourist tax collection efforts, and the recently signed collection agreements between the county and Airbnb and HomeAway.

For more information, contact Craig Baumgardner at cbaumgardner@volusia.org.

Community Services

Community Assistance

Volusia County had a site visit from the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity to review a proposed 1.6 million dollar disaster recovery project. The site visit means that the county has moved forward in the competitive application process. We expect to hear by next month whether we will be awarded funds to complete a storm water drainage project at Pooser Park in Orange City which was impacted during Hurricane Irma as well as many other disasters. If awarded, the funding would help area residents have safe access to their homes after future disasters.

For more information, contact Carmen Hall at 386-736-5955 ext: 12044 or at chall@volusia.org.

County Manager's Office

Community Information

Volusia County Community Information continued work on the 2020 Census marketing plans, including placing buys and finalizing artwork for outdoor billboards and bus wraps. As the 2020 State of the County approaches, staff is working on the event program and video played during the luncheon.

For more information, contact Kevin Captain at kcaptain@volusia.org.

Growth and Resource Management

Environmental Management

Volusia County's Green Volusia Program received a Sustainability Award from the Surfcoast Chapter of the Florida Planning and Zoning Association for implementing sustainability goals outlined in the county's Sustainability

Action Plan, including addressing environmental education on water quality issues and initiatives that further community resilience.

Ocean Center

Events

This past weekend at the Ocean Center was the Daytona Beach Shootout will be taking place. It featured DII and DIII men's and women's college basketball.

The holiday week of Dec. 23-27, will see some routine maintenance on equipment, flooring, radios, etc. – all the things that are used during events so a little down time is sometimes welcome to make sure all equipment relevant to producing successful events is operating effectively. Once that is done we'll be ready for the big RVs to start rolling in after the holiday for a big show that you'll read about next week.

For more information, contact Tim Riddle at 386-254-4500 ext: 24514 or triddle@volusia.org.

Public Protection

Beach Safety

We are proud to have two of our Beach Safety Specialists attending the United States Lifesaving Association Southeast Region 40-hour surf lifesaving training officer academy. This academy is in accordance with the minimum training standards for lifeguards at open water beaches set forth by the USLA Lifeguard Agency Certification Program.

For more information, contact Mark Swanson at 386-740-5120

Public Works

Coastal

Coastal park maintenance staff completed significant cosmetic renovations at Tom Renick Beachfront Park located in Ormond-by-the-Sea. Renovations included fresh paint for the large restroom building and surrounding playground knee-wall and installation of new landscaping throughout the parking lot and playground areas. The popular park is known for its scenic beauty and charm and is heavily used by county residents in the Ormond-by-the-Sea area.

For more information, contact Jessica Winterwerp at 386-248-8072, ext. 20356.

Engineering & Construction

Construction of the Veterans Memorial Bridge is continuing to progress. Concrete has been placed for span 12 of the deck. The steel for bridge spans 8 and 11 has been formed and placed. Intersection construction and the placing of concrete for overhangs and railings continues.

For more information, contact Tadd Kasbeer at 386-736-5967, ext. 15846.

Road & Bridge

Contracts were awarded at the Dec. 10 County Council meeting to four vendors for the installation, delivery, and removal of concrete. Road & Bridge will utilize these contracts in fiscal year 2020 to improve and retrofit sidewalks at various locations throughout the county for compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

For more information, contact Benjamin Bartlett at 386-822-6422, ext. 20470.

Solid Waste

The West Volusia Transfer Station and Tomoka Farms Road Landfill will be closed on Christmas Day. Regular operating hours will resume Dec. 26 at 7 a.m.

For more information, contact Regina Montgomery at (386) 947-2952, ext. 13603.

Water Resource and Utilities

Field operations staff completed installation of meter transmitters on all division production wells, officially completing the advanced metering infrastructure (AMI) project within the Blue Spring basin. The next AMI installation project will begin in the Spruce Creek service area, beginning in January

For more information, contact Mike Ulrich at 386-943-7027, ext. 12724.