

Volusia County Government Activities
February 8 – 14, 2020

Daytona Beach International Airport

Operations – Staff coordinated the logistics with the secret service, Air Force One and Marine One for the presidential visit on Sunday, Feb. 16.

Economic Development – The Division of Economic Development held its 4th quarter briefing on Friday, Feb. 7. Acting Economic Development Director Brad Harris gave an overview of local economic trends and activity and the featured guest speaker was Ms. Rachel Rutledge, Career & Technical Education Coordinator for Volusia County Schools.

Community Services

Agriculture Extension (AG Center)

Extension Services started a new volunteer training program to help residents get financially organized, create a spending and savings plan, and analyze their credit behavior and limit debt. The six Master Money Mentor volunteers received 20 hours of specialized training and are ready to give back to our community. [For more information, contact Brad Burbaugh at bburbaugh@volusia.org.](#)

Community Assistance

Housing & Grants- A Notice of Funding Availability was released to solicit applications from housing authorities and housing authority affiliates for the acquisition and rehabilitation of rental housing units. A total of \$509,932 in state and federal grant funding is being made available to increase the number of affordable rental housing units in Volusia County. The applications are due on March 20 and will be evaluated by a new Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC). [For more information, contact Carmen Hall at 386-736-5955 ext: 12044 or at chall@volusia.org.](#)

Florida Department of Health (Volusia)

Influenza activity highest of the season- Influenza and influenza-like illness activity increased and reached the highest level observed so far this season. Information on novel coronavirus. The Department of Health Central Office in Tallahassee has created a webpage to provide information on the novel coronavirus for partners and the general public. The webpage is FloridaHealth.gov. [For more information, contact Holly Smith at 386-274-0838 or Holly.Smith2@flhealth.gov.](#)

Library Services

The Daytona Beach Regional Library is hosting an art exhibit during the month of February filled with works inspired by the emotionally impactful, best-selling novel “Everything I Never Told You” for our NEA Big Read. [For more information, contact Lucinda Colee at 386-248-1745 ext: 11212.](#)

Parks, Recreational & Culture

On Feb. 5, the ECHO Gallery committee hosted a reception honoring local photographers Hector Valle and Jake Myers. The exhibition is located at the Ocean Center [ECHO Gallery] on the east A1A side of the building and features drone photography throughout Volusia County. The artist and his family were present as well as two members of the ECHO Committee and the public. Approximately 30 people enjoyed this event. [For more information, contact Tim Baylie at 386-736-5953 ext: 12636 or at tbaylie@volusia.org.](#)

Votran

Votran staff, along with a TPO staff member and a TPO board member/ bus system user traveled to Tallahassee to participate in Developmental Disabilities and Transportation Disadvantaged Days, meeting with Representative Elizabeth Fetterhoff and several legislative assistants to inform them of transit needs in Volusia County. Work is continuing on the change from the Route 11 to the Route 11 A and B accommodating the Tanger Outlet bus stop. Target date is April 5 for the start of the new routing. [For more information, contact Frank Alvarez at 386-756-7496.](#)

County Manager’s Office

Community Information

Staff is assisting Mosquito Control in promoting a tire amnesty event on Feb. 20, providing audiovisual support and talking points for the Employee Luncheon, and promoting the wash down of a new tender engine and ambulance at the Osteen Fire Station. Staff is also wrapping up efforts for the successful Daytona Beach Half Marathon Weekend, which attracted 1,800 registrants and raised funds for the Marine Science Center.

On the Census front, staff will coordinate the county’s participation in the DeLand Dog Parade; deliver promotional materials to cities and agencies; begin an email campaign targeting specific populations; and develop print ads, a



social media campaign, and radio and TV advertising. [For more information, contact Kevin Captain at kcaptain@volusia.org](#).

Finance

Information Technology

The Criminal Justice Information Systems (CJIS) team has been in communication with their peers in Seminole County regarding the possibility of sharing the Scars, Marks, and Tattoos application. They have expressed interest in replicating this system in their own environment.

The Geographic Information Services (GIS) team is part of the Infrastructure Technical Advisory Committee of the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council's Resilience Collaborative. This committee is working to identify threats posed to civil infrastructure by long-term sea level rise, and is creating plans for mitigating or eliminating these threats. [For more information, contact Kevin Benge at kbenge@volusia.org or Brian Whiting at bwhiting@volusia.org](#).

Growth and Resource Management

Administration

Staff attended the annual new member orientation and planning meeting for the MainStreet DeLand Association on Feb. 5. Staff made a presentation to the Tourist Development Council regarding code enforcement of short term rentals on Feb. 13.

Environmental Management

On Feb. 6, the LEC participated in the "Festival on the Fly" outreach program at Daytona Beach International Airport. On Feb. 7, Environmental Management staff, partnering with SJRWMD, University of Florida and the Extension Office lead a Florida Master Naturalist Program at Heart Island Conservation Area focusing on upland systems. On Feb. 8, the Lyonia Environmental Center hosted the 5th Annual Wildlife Festival. The festival was a day-long celebration of our wildlife and natural resources with hikes and ecobuggy tours in Lyonia Preserve, wildlife presentations, 37 exhibitors and food trucks. The estimated attendance at the 2020 Wildlife Festival is 1,300. On Feb. 14, Green Volusia staff co-instructed a Green Industries Best Management Practices training for lawn and landscape professionals, and provided information about Volusia County's fertilizer ordinance and fertilizer practices that protect water quality. [For more information, contact Clay Ervin at cervin@volusia.org](#).

Human Resources

Human Resources held the County's Annual Leadership Meeting on Diversity & Inclusion (D&I) on Feb. 5, at the Sanborn Center in DeLand. Approximately 220 managers and directors were in attendance. Dr. Shirley Davis, a well-known global authority on D&I, was the keynote speaker. After the presentation, Dr. Davis also conducted an extended learning discussion titled "Building a Winning, Welcoming, and Inclusive Workplace Culture" with all department and division directors. [For more information, contact Dana Paige-Pender, Human Resources Director; or Jaime Edmonson, Diversity & Inclusion Specialist at 386-736-5951](#)

Ocean Center

Events

Feb. 8-14 - Women's Day on Feb. 8, a first time event, had over 1,000 people attend. Open to the public and women enjoyed massages, eye brow waxes, makeovers, classes and many other vendors. Feb 8, was the 2020 Sweetheart Ball with 1,100 people attending. Ace Gymnastics finished up for the weekend with over 2,000 gymnast and spectators who filled an estimate of over 400 room nights. Spectra served over 500 at the State of the County Address on Feb. 11. Feb. 15-21- We will be hosting the Volusia County Employee Recognition Luncheon on Feb. 19. The weekend of the Feb. 21 will host Signature Equipovision, LLC for Amway Sales Training, anticipating 1,200 attendees and 2,400 room nights. This event in the arena will be sandwiched between the Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention in the Ballroom/Meeting rooms with 500 guests and the American Bully Kennel Club Dog Show with 600 guests in the Exhibit Hall. [For more information, contact Tim Riddle at 386-254-4500 ext: 24514 or triddle@volusia.org](#).

Public Protection

Animal Services

The petition for custody hearing for the animals seized from Journey's End has been postponed until April 30-March 1. [For more information, contact Mark Swanson at 386-740-5120](#)

Corrections

The Corrections Division began providing meals to the First Step Shelter on Dec. 16, 2019. As of Feb. 10, the Division had provided 4,990 meals and prepared 586 pounds of laundry for the shelter. [For more information, contact Mark Swanson at 386-740-5120](#)



Public Works

Coastal

Coastal contractors installed new beach gates at the Seabreeze Blvd beach ramp in Daytona Beach. For more information, contact Jessica Winterwerp at 386-248-8072, ext. 20356.

Engineering & Construction

Resurfacing work has started on the remaining two roads for the current contract, Saxon Boulevard and Plymouth Avenue, with an anticipated completion date of Feb. 21. For more information, contact Tadd Kasbeer at 386-736-5967, ext. 15846.

Mosquito Control

Recent rainfall can create prime habitats for pesky mosquitoes in various containers around your home such as potted plants, clogged gutters, yard ornaments, and kid's toys. Inspectors will visit your home to determine the source of the mosquito problem by submitting a service request online at Volusia.org/mosquito. For more information, contact Suzanne Bartlett at 386-424-2920, ext. 20272.

Road & Bridge

No planned lane or road closures will be permitted on County maintained roadways around the Daytona Intl Speedway from Feb. 13 – 16 during the Daytona 500 and associated events. For more information, contact Benjamin Bartlett at 386-822-6422, ext. 20470.

Water Resource and Utilities

Staff is coordinating with state officials and the DeLeon Springs Community Association for an information exchange meeting on water quality at 6 pm on Feb. 24 at the Christian Church of DeLeon Springs, 4481 Mills Road. For more information, contact Mike Ulrich at 386-943-7027, ext. 12724.

