

## Volusia County Government Activities February 13 - 19, 2021

### AVIATION & ECONOMIC RESOURCES

#### **Daytona Beach International Airport**

**Operations:** The 63rd running of the Daytona 500 had a minimal impact on airport traffic this past weekend. Early estimates indicate airplane traffic was down at least 50% and perhaps more. Runway 16/34 was NOT closed on race day for off-leasehold parking, as there was no demand this year. The USAF Thunderbirds performed a flyover before the start of the race, during the National Anthem. They were hosted by and honored guests of the airport for their stay "on the ground" at DAB. Lt Bill Whalen will become the acting Battalion Chief of ARFF, effective Feb. 22. Battalion Chief Steve Luciano was promoted to VCFS Division Chief and will move his office to Lake Helen.

**Air Service/ Marketing/ Customer Experience:** American Airlines announced it's extending service to/from Philadelphia through Sept. 7, with a pause in service between April 6 and June 2. The seasonal service was originally scheduled through April 5. The airport did a live interview Feb. 16 on WSBB (am 1220 & FM 106.9) radio promoting the extension of the flights and the renovations at the airport. Staff also provided an interview with NPR radio-Orlando in regards to its marketing partnership with NASCAR to celebrate Speedweeks. The story was also picked up by Hometown News. For more information, contact Joanne Magley at [jmagley@volusia.org](mailto:jmagley@volusia.org).

### COMMUNITY SERVICES

**Extension Services:** The Extension Services team is partnering with Farm Bureau and North Florida Land Trust to deliver an informational session that will address conservation easement opportunities on agricultural lands on Feb. 23 at 6:30 pm. Interested individuals can attend in person or virtually by registering at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/VCeasements>. 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 Dr. Randa Matusiak to promote and distribute community surveys to Spring Hill residents. Community Information also is working with Coastal to create social media posts regarding the upcoming North Jetty stabilization project. Other projects in the pipeline include creating video presentations for the upcoming ECHO and Volusia Forever listening sessions and continued coordination of the State of the County, scheduled for April 27 at the Ocean Center, and the Feed The Need Fund Drive on March 8-19. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at [kcaptain@volusia.org](mailto:kcaptain@volusia.org).

### GROWTH & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

**Enviromental Management:** The Marine Science Center's Education Department continues to provide virtual field trips with many positive responses and outcomes. As a result of a virtual field trip in November, Longstreet Elementary's first-grade class taught by Carly Stasa created a website <https://1stgradeturtlerescuers.weebly.com/> to teach citizens about human impacts on sea turtles and started a fundraising campaign to raise money for the MSC's Sea Turtle Department. The first-grader's fundraising efforts were recently highlighted in a News Journal article <https://www.news-journalonline.com/story/news/environment/2021/02/15/rj-longstreet-elementary-class-raises-1-700-save-sea-turtles/4450665001/>.

Through the Council approved Resilient Volusia Phase 2 – Adaptation Action Areas grant, we are developing strategies to help residents and local governments plan for the impacts of flooding, storm surge and sea level rise. As part of this grant initiative a survey was developed to get input and feedback from residents on how they think we should focus our strategies. The survey is open until Feb. 28. For more information, contact Ginger Adair at [gadair@volusia.org](mailto:gadair@volusia.org).

### OCEAN CENTER

**Events:** On Feb. 20 we will be hosting the Keiser University Graduation for about 1,500 attendees.

The following week we are very fortunate to welcome the Gasparilla Classic hosted by Lightning City Gymnastics. It is the 33rd year and one of the largest gymnastics competitions in the country. And for the first time, the event is coming to the Ocean Center in Daytona Beach. The event, scheduled for Feb. 26-28, traditionally takes place at Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg, but the venue cleared its calendar for the first quarter of 2021 in anticipation of the canceling of spring training. And when Lightning City Gymnastics president Tim Keckler found himself in need of a venue, he knew just who to call.



"To say the Gasparilla Classic Gymnastics Invitational is a large event is an understatement" said Keckler. "So when I suddenly found myself in need of a venue, I knew it couldn't be just anywhere. I'm familiar with the Ocean Center and know they've been able to continue hosting events safely, so they immediately came to mind." The Gasparilla Classic Gymnastics Invitational expects to attract 3,500 gymnasts from 91 women's teams and 41 men's teams throughout the United States, bringing with them thousands of spectators. For all events, masks are required and social distancing was enforced.

## **PUBLIC PROTECTION**

**Beach Safety:** Will have staff attending habitat conservation training all week. On Feb. 18, Beach Safety staff will be attending a career day at McInnis Elementary School.

**Emergency Management:** EOC citizen's information center is up and running five days a week with full staffing on., Feb. 15, in anticipation of ShareCare questions. Feb. 15, EM and other agencies attended ShareCare training in the OPS room. Feb. 16 EM assisted DOH with a soft opening of ShareCare and the 300 vaccines being administered in the Hester Building at the Volusia County Fairgrounds. Feb. 17 EM assisted DOH at Daytona Beach Mid-town Cultural Center with a walk-in vaccine clinic.

**Emergency Medical Services:** EMS continues to support the Health Department with vaccination efforts and launched the EMS MIH COVID Strike Team, which involves a Community paramedic and a FDOH nurse going to homebound seniors who have no ability to get to a vaccination site and vaccinating them in their home. EMS is not only responding to emergent needs but they are now providing preventative medicine in a truly remarkable way. EMS has started training on their new Simulation Manikin and the capabilities of this simulator are amazing. We will be able to perform some very advanced level training with custom options that really make this a state of the art piece of equipment normally reserved for Colleges, Universities and Medical Schools.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

**Coastal:** The Coastal Division will begin construction this week on the Edwin W. Peck Sr. beachfront park located in Daytona Beach Shores. Park features will include 97 regular and five handicapped parking spaces, a restroom building, outdoor showers, playground, picnic area, fitness station, and an ADA accessible beach access ramp. For more information, contact Jessica Winterwerp at (386) 248-8072, ext. 20356.

**Engineering & Construction:** Construction has commenced on a small section of sidewalk that will close the gap on Beresford Ave, from Country Club Apartments to DeLand Memorial Gardens cemetery. Activities underway and continuing into next week include tree clearing and clearing and grubbing. For more information, contact Tadd Kasbeer at (386) 736-5967, ext. 15846.

**Mosquito Control:** Staff are conducting a routine review of beehive locations in Volusia County. All honey bee colonies are required to be registered with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS). Mosquito Control works collaboratively with the local FDACS apiary inspector to communicate with beekeepers regarding operations. For more information, please go to <https://www.volusia.org/services/public-works/mosquito-control/information-beekeepers.shtml> or contact Suzanne Bartlett, (386) 424-2920, ext. 20272.

**Road & Bridge:** A sidewalk project on S. Clyde Morris Boulevard is now underway. The anticipated two month project entails the construction of new sidewalk and bus stop pads along S. Clyde Morris Blvd from Big Tree Road to Springwood Drive in Daytona Beach. A lane closure/lane shift for southbound traffic will be in place to accommodate the work. For more information, contact Benjamin Bartlett at (386) 822-6422, ext. 20470.

**Solid Waste:** The Solid Waste Division will host a free collection event for household hazardous materials from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Feb. 27, at DeBary City Hall, 16 Colomba Road. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, traffic will be one way and residents must remain in their vehicles. Residents may drop off old paint, solvents, automobile and household batteries, pool chemicals, pesticides, motor oil, gasoline, other household chemicals, and up to 10 fluorescent lamps. For more information, contact Regina Montgomery at (386) 947-2952, ext. 21347.

**Traffic Engineering:** Staff are finalizing the move from the Holly Hill signal shop to the new Northeast Public Works facility in Daytona Beach. For more information, contact Jon Cheney at (386) 736-5968, ext. 12709.

**Water Resources and Utilities:** Utilities staff will be participating with the City of DeBary in a public informational exchange meeting to discuss strategies for improving environmental water quality in the Gemini Springs watershed. The meeting is scheduled to take place at DeBary City Hall on Feb. 24. For more information, contact Mike Ulrich at (386) 943-7027, ext. 12724.