

Volusia County Government Activities  
January 11 – January 17, 2020

**Aviation and Economic Resources**

***Daytona Beach International Airport (DBIA)***

Airport business development/marketing/customer service: The new branding campaign for Daytona Beach International Airport launched Jan. 13 and runs through Aug. 31. The campaign includes four digital billboards (three in Daytona Beach area, one DeLand).

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

**Business Services**

***Central Services***

Thomas C. Kelly Building Elevator Refurbishment – The four elevators in the main building and the freight elevator have been completed.

Thomas C. Kelly Building Oak Bench – The bench that was constructed from the wood of the original oak tree will be installed next to the new tree soon.

Daytona Beach Justice Center Elevator Refurbishment – This refurbishment project for two elevators began on Dec. 4 and have been completed.

440 S. Beach Building Roof – The roof replacement project for this historic building is underway. It is expected to take 120 days for project completion.

For more information, contact George Baker at [gbaker@volusia.org](mailto:gbaker@volusia.org).

***Purchasing and Contracts***

P25 Compliant Radio System closed on Jan. 15. This the upgrade to the County's Current Emergency Radio (800mhz) System. Two responses were received.

For more information, contact Pam Wilsky at [pwilsky@volusia.org](mailto:pwilsky@volusia.org).

**Community Services**

***Community Assistance***

Children and Families Summer Camp Program: During the Jan. 14 Children and Families Advisory Board meeting, members voted to approve all 16 non-profit organizations as summer camp providers. The approved summer camp providers will accept income eligible children between the ages of five (who have completed Kindergarten) and 12 years old to participate in enjoyable summer camp activities. This year, the Chase Academy and the City of Ormond Beach Camp T-Rec have been recommended by the CFAB as providers to serve children with special needs ages five through 17. In addition, the CFAB recommended to approve four new sites: the City of Deltona, the City of DeBary, Beyond Borders Christian School, and the Salvation Army-DeLand.

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

***Florida Department of Health (Volusia)***

As of Jan. 14, 316 cases of hepatitis A have been confirmed in Volusia County since the outbreak began in 2019. Five of those cases were confirmed in 2020. The Volusia County Health Department (CHD) continues to focus on reaching three high-risk populations by offering vaccinations and prevention education.

Across the state, influenza and influenza-like illness (ILI) activity remains above peak activity levels observed during the 2016-2017 and 2018-2019 seasons according to the Jan. 4 Florida Flu Review report. Flu vaccine is available at DOH-Volusia locations in Daytona Beach, New Smyrna Beach and Orange City and at local pharmacies.

For more information, contact Holly Smith at 386-274-0838 or [Holly.Smith2@flhealth.gov](mailto:Holly.Smith2@flhealth.gov).

**County Manager's Office**

***Community Information***

Community Information staff worked closely with Animal Services to disseminate information about the situation at Journey's End and responded to multiple media requests. Staff will conduct a six-hour program for the UHS School of Government on Jan. 21 and continues to work on our Big Three projects - the 2020 Census, Daytona Beach Half Marathon, and the State of the County booklet and video.

For more information, contact Kevin Captain at [kcaptain@volusia.org](mailto:kcaptain@volusia.org).

**Finance**

***Information Technology***



Information Technology continues to work on improving network and computer security. Recent incidents have led IT staff to find new ways to lock down network and PC security.

Information Technology has completed a series of major software upgrades, enhancing and improving the following applications: the Biztalk framework used in the Criminal Justice Information System; the WebFOCUS enterprise reporting platform; and the Telestaff scheduling system.

Volusia County's GIS staff have been recognized by the United States Census Bureau for their contributions to the Complete Count 2020 initiative. They have also been cited as an inspiration by the author of *Smart Geospatial Practices and Applications in Local Government* (i.e., the literal book on GIS in local government).

For more information, contact Kevin Benge at [kbenge@volusia.org](mailto:kbenge@volusia.org) or Brian Whiting at [bwhiting@volusia.org](mailto:bwhiting@volusia.org).

## **Growth and Resource Management**

### ***Administration***

The Administration team welcomed a new staff assistant II on Jan. 13. Staff attended the Wilbur Boathouse Board meeting on Jan. 13 to discuss the unlicensed impacts to trees and wetlands at the Wilbur-by-the-Sea historic boathouse. Staff also met with the Lake Winnemissett Community on Jan. 14 to discuss the impacts of proposed developments within the area.

### ***Environmental Management***

Through the end of December, the Environmental Permitting Activity has performed 2,850 Permits/Inspections/Reviews. This is a 15.3% increase from November. In addition, they have handled 2,358 Phone Calls/Walk-ins/Emails, a 19.6% increase from November.

Staff participated in a two-hour boat excursion Jan. 16 to explore shoreline restoration projects in southeast Volusia County. The Indian River Lagoon Council has awarded Riverside Conservancy funding to produce videos highlighting shoreline restoration activities. The intent of the excursion was to spark creative synergies between local organizations that promote living shoreline restoration, coastal resiliency and clean water.

The MSC hosted an Education Enrichment Evening on Jan. 9. Julie Albert, from the Marine Resources Council, gave a presentation about Right Whale conservation to over 70 people in attendance.

For more information, contact Clay Ervin at [cervin@volusia.org](mailto:cervin@volusia.org).

## **Human Resources**

Volusia County Human Resources Training Section (with the help of Community Information) has completed a new and improved New Employee Orientation (NEO) video. The video made its debut at the Jan. 13 NEO class.

For more information, contact Leah Marttila, Training Coordinator at (386) 736-5951, ext 13200.

Volusia County Human Resources Occupational Health Clinic (OHC) - The Federal Motor Carrier Administration (FMCSA) has established the Commercial Driver's License (CDL) Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse (Clearinghouse). Beginning January, the County's occupational Health Clinic will be conducting queries on the Clearinghouse website for pre-employment new hires and active employees who are placed in a "CDL required" position to determine whether drug or alcohol violation information exists in the Clearinghouse. Employers are required to annually query the Clearinghouse for each driver they currently employ.

For more information, contact Dave Merrill, Benefits Manager at (386) 736-5951, ext. 13492.

## **Ocean Center**

### ***Events***

The weekend of Jan. 17 the State Cheer and Dance DI and DII Championships will be at the Ocean Center with more than 5,000 participants from private clubs and school cheer squads. About 7,500 spectators are expected to see these teams compete to be the best in the State. This event will be open to the public.

Fire Rescue East is coming up at the Ocean Center January 22-25. The week includes three competitions for firefighters and also the 2020 State Symposium for Public Information Officers. The Public Information Officers Symposium is put on by the Florida Association of Public Information Officers (FAPIO) and includes the FEMA G-290 Basic PIO Course, the Advance PIO Skills Workshop and The Florida PIO Symposium. The Fire-Rescue East 2020 Competitions include the Rapid Intervention Team/Crew (RIT) Competition, The Advanced Life Support (ALS) Competition and the Firesled Extreme Challenge. These competitions are held by The Florida Fire Chiefs Association (FFCA). Also associated with this event will be a trade show that is opened to the public.

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

## **Public Protection**

### ***Animal Services***



Pursuant to the search warrant served at the Journey's End Animal Sanctuary in DeLand on Jan. 15, Volusia County Animal Services removed 16 animals (nine cats and seven dogs) from the facility. Following their removal, Animal Services transported these animals to several veterinary clinics for immediate care. The county is dedicated to ensuring the welfare of both the animals in its care as well as the remaining animals at Journey's End. Animal Services Officers who served the warrant counted a total of 127 animals at the facility, including the 16 that were removed.

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

### ***Beach Safety***

Three Beach Safety Officers will be attending a domestic violence intervention class all week at Daytona State College.

The annual Daytona Freeride Jet Ski event will take place Jan. 16-19. This event takes place in front of the Hard Rock Hotel and boasts as the largest gathering of personal watercraft enthusiasts in the USA. The fun continues on Saturday with a Glow 5K on the beach sponsored by the Rotary Club of Downtown Ormond Beach, this event raises funds for community projects.

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

### ***Emergency Medical Administration***

On Jan. 16, Information Technology and various county staff will be meeting to discuss upgrading and expanding the ZOLL platform. The upgrade is required to improve the efficiency of the software and allow for better quality assurance.

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

### ***Emergency Medical Services (EMS)***

EMS management accompanied by a work force committee known as the "Product and Design Committee" is nearing final plans for current and future strategic ambulance procurement. Collaborative efforts spanning several months have produced innovation and cost savings that will span into the future. This week all VCEMS units have been provided a new communication tool; cell phones with FirstNet Technology. This technology will help to ensure priority communications when seconds count.

For more information contact Patricia Bythwood at 386-740-5120

## **Public Works**

### ***Coastal***

Coastal staff certified in herbicide application conducted invasive plant removal work at Smyrna Dunes Park. A 1/2 acre infestation of Cogon grass (*Imperata cylindrica*) was treated with herbicide as a first step towards total 100% eradication and removal of this non-native plant from Smyrna Dunes Park. Cogon grass is an aggressive invasive perennial grass and is considered among the most problematic weeds in the Southeast U.S.

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

### ***Engineering & Construction***

Hope Place Park landscaping has been installed and the new pavilion structure completed.

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

### ***Mosquito Control***

Mosquito Control is preparing for an increase in activities in the Daytona Beach International Speedway area due to Speed Weeks. The events leading up to the Daytona 500 draw large crowds and fill local campgrounds. Mosquito Control is currently conducting pretreatments to reduce nuisance mosquitoes and monitoring mosquito populations for additional response.

For more information, contact Suzanne Bartlett at 386-424-2920, ext. 20272.

### ***Road & Bridge***

The Knox Bridge on Highbridge Road in the Ormond Beach area will be the location of a dramatic thriller to be filmed on Jan. 22 and 23. Filming is to occur on the bridge and locations leading up to the Knox Bridge. The name of the project is called Offseason and is being produced by a company from California. Intermittent traffic control involving the Sheriff's Office will be used during the project's filming.

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

### ***Solid Waste***



For unincorporated Volusia County residents, garbage, recycling, yard waste and bulk waste collection will remain as normally scheduled for the upcoming Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday on Jan. 20. The West Volusia Transfer Station and the Tomoka Farms Road Landfill will also maintain normal hours of operation on Martin Luther King Day, Jan. 20.

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

***Water Resource and Utilities***

Aquifer Recharge Phase I - Attended a SJRWMD sponsored briefing to local environmental stakeholders regarding wetland treatment systems. During the meeting, WRU staff provided a progress update regarding the phase I load testing and feasibility analysis project involving the current borrow pit near Blue Spring.

Utility Planning - Held a pre-construction meeting pertaining to water, wastewater, and reclaimed water main extensions along Ft. Florida Road in DeBary. The notice to proceed has been issued effective Feb. 3 with a final completion timeline of 300 days.

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

