

Volusia County Government Activities
January 18 – January 24, 2020

Aviation and Economic Resources

Airport business development/marketing/customer service

Staff presented the 2020 Sunwing marketing plan to the Halifax Area Advertising Authority during the board's monthly meeting Jan. 22. The board approved the \$200,000 plan, which is a partnership between the airport (\$50,000), the CVB (\$25,000), Visit Florida (\$25,000), and Sunwing (\$100,000).

Operations

The Alpha run-up area (old international ramp) was closed on Jan. 22, to flight school traffic so that Sheltair could park Rolex 24 overflow traffic on the run-up area. Staff will coordinate a Daytona 500 stakeholder pre-race planning meeting at the airport on Jan. 31. The agenda includes planning for runway closures, air carrier gate assignments and parking, USAF Thunderbird movements and temporary flight restrictions.

Projects and Maintenance

On Jan. 21, staff conducted the annual Stormwater Pollution Prevention (SWPP) plan training. This is a requirement under the Florida Department of Environmental Protection multi-sector generic permit and requires any airport tenant listed under our permit to attend.

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

Business Services

Revenue

Revenue director Craig Baumgardner and Growth and Resource Management director Clay Ervin recently presented at the Jan. 22, Halifax Area Advertising Authority board meeting. The information presented included an update on the Revenue division's collection efforts and Code Enforcement's actions around short-term rentals. With collection agreements in place for Airbnb and VRBO, Revenue is focusing collection efforts on the remaining online rental platforms and other rental evaders.

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

Community Services

Agriculture Extension (AG Center)

The UF/IFAS Volusia Extension, in partnership with the County, started a 40-hour training program for volunteers interested in learning more about our local upland habitats. The classroom instruction will take place at Lyonia Environmental Center with field trips to several county properties. These trained volunteers will help educate the public-at large through the development of educational materials and tours that can be used to inform our citizens about the county's conserved upland habitats (e.g., scrub oaks, and hickory bluff preserves).

For more information, contact Brad Burbaugh at bburbaugh@volusia.org.

Community Assistance

Housing & Grants: A closeout package for the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP1) was submitted to HUD on Jan. 22. Once approved, the NSP1 grant will be closed out and any future program income earned from previously assisted homes will be transferred to the Community Development Block Grant. The county has utilized over \$8.1 million dollars in grant funds and program income over the last 12 years to purchase and rehabilitate homes in Volusia County and sell them to income qualified households, providing additional down payment assistance to ensure families can afford the homes.

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

Florida Department of Health (Volusia)

As of Jan. 21, 317 cases of hepatitis A have been confirmed in Volusia County since Volusia's outbreak in 2019. Six 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.

Elevated flu activity expected for several more weeks- For the past two weeks, flu activity across the state has decreased. The 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.



County Manager's Office

Community Information

Staff updated the County Council on progress made in the 2020 Census Awareness Campaign, conducted a six-hour tour for University High School government students, helped to coordinate the wash-down and push-in ceremony of Engine 32 in DeLand, and continues to promote Big Read programs at the Volusia County Public Library. [For more information, contact Kevin Captain at kcaptain@volusia.org.](mailto:kcaptain@volusia.org)

Finance

Information Technology

Information Technology has been communicating with the FBI regarding techniques for responding to, and recovering from, cyber-security incidents.

Information Technology's GIS team chaired the quarterly meeting of the Addressing Coordination Committee. This meeting involved representatives from eight cities, as well as the Sheriff's Office, Elections, the Property Appraiser, Growth Management, and the School Board.

Information Technology has received vendor responses to the RFP for the modernization of the 800 MHz Radio System. Staff members are currently evaluating the responses.

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

Growth and Resource Management

Environmental Management

Volusia County Environmental Management, with project partners Barry University Center for Earth Jurisprudence, and the City of DeLand, held the Volusia County Convening on Race, Equity and Community Resilience for County and City staff and community partners.

The Florida Master Naturalist Program uplands course started on Jan. 24. Staff taught a new Explore Volusia course on incorporating technology into the environment, and on Jan. 21, partnered with State Foresters on an EcoBuggy tour, all programs were full with waiting lists.

The Marine Science Center released five pelicans on Jan. 23, in front of a large crowd of public that attended the event. Staff did a radio interview on Volusia Today regarding water conservation. Sea Turtle HCP & MSC turtle hospital staff attended the annual Marine Turtle Permit Holder Meeting on Jan. 18.

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

Ocean Center

Events

The weekend of Jan. 24-26 held Fire Rescue East (FRE). The Florida Association of Public Information Officers Symposium finished on Jan. 23. On the weekend on Jan. 24, FRE general sessions continued, along with the trade show open to the public, the Rapid Intervention Team/Crew (RIT) Competition, and the Firesled Competition. All of the competitions ended Jan. 25 with finals and award ceremonies.

During the week of Jan. 27, the Ocean Center will be home to the International Conference & Exposition on Advanced Ceramics and Composites. This conference hosted by the American Ceramic Society is estimated to bring 2,200 room nights to the area and 1,100 attendees. This conference is an international meeting on advanced structural and functional ceramics, composites and other emerging ceramic materials and technologies. The conference is in its 44th year.

Also during this week we will have the Florida Association of Christian Colleges (FACCS) Brain Bowl. The FACCS Brain Bowl is a two-day, academic team competition for students in grades six to 12 which follows the Quiz Bowl general format. Over 300 students and their families will participate in this event.

Also on Jan. 30, the Daytona Beach Halifax Area Chamber of Commerce will hold its 100th Dinner Meeting presented by Halifax Health. This meeting will be an official business meeting for the Daytona Regional Chamber where the outgoing Chair will pass the gavel to the incoming Chair. Entertainment will be provided with awards presented to business professionals.

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

Public Protection

Animal Services

Animal Services filed a petition for custody of the 16 animals seized at Journey's End Animal Sanctuary on Jan. 15.

[For more information, contact Mark Swanson at 386-740-5120](tel:386-740-5120)



Corrections

The Corrections Division began providing meals to the First Step Shelter on Dec. 16, 2019. As of Jan. 22, the Division had provided 2,435 meals and prepared 435 pounds of laundry for the shelter.

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

Fire Services

Engine 32 went into service on Jan. 22. A public wash-down and push-in ceremony of the apparatus took place at 3 p.m. at Station 32, which is located at 2850 Firehouse Rd. in DeLand.

The Training Center hosted the HazMat Competition for Fire Rescue East on Jan. 21. Fourteen agencies were scheduled to compete with 56 participants. In addition, 35 evaluators from agencies around the region were also in attendance.

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

Public Works

Coastal

The playground shade feature at Sunsplash Park is an important amenity to keep kids and parents cool and protected from the sun. The shade material is a fabric that can be removed ahead of coastal storms to prevent damage. When coastal staff-removed the shade feature prior to hurricane Dorian, staff noted deficiencies in the material and structure and exercised a warranty claim against the manufacturer. To resolve the claim, a new shade system valued at \$70,000 was installed at no cost to the county.

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

Engineering & Construction

West Park Avenue improvements continue, with all structural asphalt work completed and the final surface lift of asphalt paving beginning.

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

Mosquito Control

In accordance with our integrated mosquito management plan, pre-season preparations are in progress. Specialized equipment such as ultra low volume (ULV) adulticiding truck units, thermal foggers, and buffalo turbine sprayers are completing annual service and calibration to ensure droplets are within chemical label requirements.

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

Road & Bridge

The construction management contract for the Public Works Northeast Services Facility was awarded to Ajax Building Company at the Jan. 21 County Council meeting. The project includes the vertical construction, site work, and utility connections for the planned Public Works Northeast Services Facility, which will consist of a 12,750 square foot building, two ancillary storage buildings, covered equipment storage, materials storage yard, and wash rack. Construction is anticipated to begin in March 2020 with completion in April 2021.

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

Solid Waste

The Tomoka Farms Road Landfill will have limited operational hours on Jan. 26 in support of the Rolex 24 event at the Daytona International Speedway.

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

Traffic Engineering

Staff is reviewing plans for improvements to the intersection of Graves Avenue and Howland Boulevard in Deltona in association with development occurring along Halifax Crossing Boulevard and being proposed on North Normandy Boulevard just south of Graves Avenue in Deltona.

For more information, contact Jon Cheney at (386) 736-5968, ext. 12709.