

Volusia County Government Activities
January 25 – January 31, 2020

Aviation and Economic Resources

Airport business development/marketing/customer service

St. Augustine Social magazine recently responded to our marketing firm Aqua, regarding a story pitch for "National Plan Your Vacation Day." Here is a link to that article. <https://www.staugustinesocial.com/7-travel-tips-from-the-experts-at-daytona-beach-international-airport/>

Operations

The Airport will host its annual Daytona 500 planning meeting at 10 a.m. Jan. 20 in the McGee Room. During the meeting, airport staff will discuss USAF Thunderbird movements, air carrier operations, the closing of runways and taxiway to accommodate the influx in aircraft parking and overall safety and security of the event. The Airport met with ESF8 members, the Volusia County Department of Health and the County Epidemiologist on Wednesday, Jan. 29, to discuss the Airport's communicable disease plan.

Projects and Maintenance

The Airport has opened its new cell phone and observation parking lot, which includes more than 70 paved parking spaces, new landscaping and park-style benches. Residents and visitors can comfortably enjoy views of airfield take-offs and landings while waiting for incoming flights.

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

Community Services

Agriculture Extension (AG Center)

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

Community Assistance

Housing & Grants: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds were used to provide a septic-to-sewer conversion activity in South Daytona. The conversion activity was completed on Jan. 14 and served eight low-income households. An Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) rapid re-housing program is currently underway for homeless individuals and households who are seeking emergency rental assistance. The ESG program is being implemented by Halifax Urban Ministries and The Neighborhood Center of West Volusia.

Human Services: Human Services opened an appointment line where citizens may call to schedule an appointment at any of the four office locations countywide. The number for the appointment line is 386-239-7757. Three workshops have been scheduled in February where organizations, churches, and other interested parties may learn about becoming a summer food feeding site for this year's program. Deltona Public Library- Feb. 13 at 9:30 AM, Edgewater Public Library- Feb. 13 at 2:30 PM, and Hope Place Library- Feb. 14 at 2:30 PM.

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

Florida Department of Health (Volusia)

Infectious disease update- As the hepatitis A outbreak continues in Volusia County, DOH-Volusia also is keeping its eye on two other viruses making national news. As of Jan. 27, 323 cases of hepatitis A have been confirmed in Volusia County since the county's outbreak began in 2019. Twelve of those cases were confirmed in 2020. Influenza and influenza-like activity remains elevated across the state according to the Jan. 18 [Florida Flu Review](#). Elevated influenza and influenza-like activity is expected for several more weeks. As of Jan. 28, no cases of novel coronavirus have been confirmed in Volusia County. The State continues to work closely with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Information on the Novel Coronavirus and a map showing the distribution of cases across the U.S. is online at the [CDC's website](#).

For more information, contact Holly Smith at 386-274-0838 or Holly.Smith2@flhealth.gov.

Votran

Votran HR staff attended the Daytona Beach News-Journal job fair held on Thursday Jan. 23. A new hire class of operators and service island employees started on Jan. 13 and a new class of operators is scheduled to begin on Feb. 10.



On Jan. 25 Votran Customer Service staff presented information about Votran services and the new stop at Tanger Outlets at a meeting of the National Federation of the Blind Greater Daytona Beach Chapter.

Votran staff will participate in the Community EXPO 2020 Feb. 1, 2020, at The Sanborn Center in DeLand, Florida. The Black Homeschoolers of Central Florida, Inc. and Brilliant Minds 4-H Club are celebrating National School Choice week and supporting homeschooling families by connecting homeschooling families, community members, and youth entrepreneurs to businesses, organizations, colleges, and community resources.

For more information, contact Frank Alvarez at 386-756-7496.

County Manager's Office

Community Information

Preparations for the Census and Half Marathon are reaching their peak as staff continues to handle details and marketing efforts. Staff is finalizing the video and booklet for the State of the County and is working with Human Services to promote the summer food program.

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

Finance

Information Technology

Information Technology's GIS team conducted a meeting of the CFGIS User's Group, hosting nearly 150 attendees from across central Florida. Also in attendance was the state's Geographic Information Officer, and the US Geological Survey's regional liaison for Alabama, Florida, and Puerto Rico. Attendees learned about ongoing GIS initiatives, including data-sharing, from the state and the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council. Other discussions centered around the use of GIS systems in education and Emergency Management, and the use of drones for collecting data.

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

Growth and Resource Management

Administration

Staff from Growth & resource Management, Coastal and the County Attorney's office met with the Florida East Coast Railroad Corporation and Spruce Creek Rising to review options for improving water flow in Spruce Creek and the railroad trestle.

Building & Code Administration

Interviews are currently being held for a Staff Assistant II within the Code Compliance activity. This position became vacant due to internal promotion. Interviews are also being scheduled for the Deputy Building Official position, which also became vacant due to internal promotion.

Environmental Management

Pollution Control staff presented a program to Volusia District teachers on how to properly store chemicals. This is part of the District's regional Early Release Professional Learning program.

Manatee Program, Green Volusia and Lyonia Environmental Center staff attended the two-day Manatee Festival with displays at Blue Springs State Park to advocate for the Be Floridian Now, Explore Volusia, and Volunteer Volusia programs.

On Jan. 28, national outdoor store giant, REI, visited the Marine Science Center to take photos and interview Allie Bernstein (Sea Turtle Hospital Manager) for a story in "Uncommon Path" a quarterly newsletter published by REI.

Planning & Development Services

Planning & Development Services welcomed a new Land Development Manager on Jan. 27. The Real Estate activity sold two county-owned properties, for a total of \$16,100 back to the general fund, and placing them back on the tax roll.

For more information, contact Clay Ervin at cervin@volusia.org.



Ocean Center

Events

Open to the public, the Daytona Beach 100 is of Feb. 1-2. The event is a junior girls' club volleyball tournament with 269 teams aged eight to 18 competing over two days in 19 divisions with ~16,000 people expected, traveling mostly from Florida and Georgia. The games were played at both the Ocean Center and Embry Riddle University. This event is the largest of Ocean Center's four volleyball tournaments hosted by AJ Joseph Volleyball and estimated to generate 3,000 room nights for the area over the weekend.

The Ocean Center is hosting two pre-bid meetings next week on two capital projects: the sound system replacement for the facility and the arena roof replacement.

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

Public Protection

Animal Services

In the late hours of Jan. 26, Volusia County Animal Services received a call to assist a deputy at a residence regarding an emaciated dog in Deland. Upon arrival, working in conjunction with the Sheriff's Office, the defendant was arrested and charged with animal cruelty on one dog and two cats.

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 January 28, the Division had provided 3,140 meals and prepared 653 pounds of laundry for the shelter.

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

Emergency Management

Division Director James Judge attended Emergency Management Day at the Capitol. This event allows legislators to meet with Emergency Management staff throughout Florida and discuss any issues of concern.

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

Emergency Medical Services (EMS)

A new BLS ambulance unit started in our system on Jan. 27 to assist Nurse Triage and low acuity call types. This new BLS unit will help to keep the ALS units in the system and available for high acuity calls.

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

Public Works

Coastal

Coastal maintenance and operations staff responded to a Gulf Low Pressure System that significantly impacted Volusia County beaches last week. Portable beach restroom facilities, toll booths and garbage receptacles were removed and relocated from coastal beaches and parks countywide. The impacts of the storm included multiple dune walkovers damaged and temporarily closed as emergency repairs are underway.

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

Engineering & Construction

Asphalt paving is completed on the West Park Avenue project. The entire deck of the Veterans Memorial Bridge has been poured and vehicles can move from one side of the river to the other.

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

Mosquito Control

Staff will be attending annual chemical spill response training conducted by Sigma Consulting at Beach Safety Headquarters in Daytona Beach on Jan. 30. This training event provides a Hazardous Materials Operations/OSHA Level II Certification along with CEUs for pesticide applicators.

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



Road & Bridge

Road & Bridge maintenance crews are working in Ormond Beach at multiple locations within the Halifax Plantation community to repair damaged cul-de-sacs. Crews will also be working in Daytona Beach to repair the beach ramp approach on Zelda Boulevard for the Coastal Division.

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

Solid Waste

Solid Waste is working with the City of New Smyrna Beach on the ISBA transition of solid waste services. A letter and informational flyer will be sent out to the appropriate unincorporated residents in New Smyrna Beach to notify them of the new garbage hauler, Waste Pro, who will begin providing solid waste collection services to unincorporated areas within the ISBA, effective April 1.

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

Traffic Engineering

Traffic Engineering completed the January Traffic Signal Maintenance & Discrepancies in the Daytona and Deltona areas.

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

Water Resource and Utilities

Water Resources and Utilities collaborated with City of DeLand staff in presenting an update on regional water supply, and water quality projects and challenges during the West Volusia city summit on Jan. 25.

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

