AVIATION AND ECONOMIC RESOURCES
Daytona Beach International Airport

Administration: Staff will participate in the Boys & Girls Club STEM camp March 15 at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. Children will learn about careers in aviation to pique their interest in STEM careers.

Operations: Air Traffic Control (ATC) will be in an "ATC Zero" condition early morning Sunday, March 18. ATC services will not be available for approximately two to four hours due to a radio antenna array project. The airport is coordinating closely with ATC and stakeholders regarding this limited-service condition. Commercial airline schedules are not expected to be impacted. For more information, contact Joanne Magley at jmagley@flydab.org.

OCEAN CENTER

Events: On March 15 and 16, the Ocean Center will host a Mazda CX-90 Training event for approximately 250 salespeople and dealers in Central Florida.

Friday, March 17, will begin the 2023 College Basketball Invitational (CBI), an NCAA postseason men's basketball event, with games held March 18-22 in the arena. The CBI will have a 16-team bracket with a single-elimination format. Tickets for the 2023 College Basketball Invitational go on sale at https://bit.ly/3l3JGBS. Tickets on CBI game days may also be purchased at the Ocean Center box office. A total of 15 games will be played throughout the event's tenure, with the championship game at 5 p.m. Wednesday, March 22.

Saturday, March 18, the Ocean Center will host The Sweetheart Ball, the largest annual fundraiser for the Junior League of Daytona Beach. It is the premier father (or father-figure) and daughter dance in Volusia County. All proceeds from this event support the league's mission of helping women, children and families in Volusia and Flagler counties.

Saturday, March 18, the Ocean Center will welcome Varsity Spirit for the Aloha Daytona Beach Showdown. This cheer and dance event is expected to bring 2,000 attendees and nearly 500 room nights. For more information, contact Tim Riddle at triddle@volusia.org.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Community Assistance: The 2023 summer camp scholarship automated phone line is active and provides information to the public about the program. The automated message provides information about program requirements, dates and times of summer camp, documents required to apply, scholarship availability and registration. Callers may obtain this information in English or Spanish by calling 386-736-5955, ext. 12320. For additional information, contact Carmen Hall at chall@volusia.org.
Resource Stewardship: The Extension Services team, in collaboration with Environmental Management and Land Management, graduated 16 volunteers who completed the Florida Master Naturalist Upland Habitat training course. The six-week course consisted of 40 hours of classroom learning, field trips, project development and practical experiences. These UF-trained volunteers can now teach others in our community about Volusia County's unique ecosystems and wildlife.

COUNTY MANAGER’S OFFICE
Community Information: Staff is working with the Marine Science Center to plan the March 20 groundbreaking ceremony for the new raptor exhibit. Additionally, the staff is assisting multiple departments in disseminating information about procuring easements to allow the county and its contractors to begin beach recovery efforts on private properties soon. The division is coordinating two public meetings enabling residents to learn more about the easements and what type of work may be conducted on their property. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at kcaptain@volusia.org.

EMERGENCY SERVICES
Emergency Management: The division continues to support the affected areas through the Disaster Recovery Center and provide resources to those areas of need for Hurricanes Ian and Nicole. The division partnered with Planning and Development by setting up a Flood Awareness Week table from March 6-10 in the rotunda of the Thomas C. Kelly Administration Building. The Emergency Operations Center (EOC) hosted Corrections Leadership training March 7. The EOC hosted CGI training, the PSCC meeting and the Zoll Super User meeting March 8. The Volusia County School District used the Operations Room at the EOC for Student Services Training March 9. On March 10, the EOC hosted the LMS Meeting. Emergency Management continues to support beach recovery efforts in collaboration with other divisions. For more information, contact James Judge at jjudge@volusia.org.

Emergency Medical Administration: The division and the Sheriff's Communications will be altering the Emergency Medical Dispatch guides for communications. For more information, contact Mark Wolcott at mwolcott@volusia.org.

Emergency Medical Services: The division made necessary schedule changes and ambulance coverages to account for Bike Week activities. The staff attended the Quarterly EMS Leadership Luncheon held March 8 at the HCA Florida Lake Monroe Hospital in Sanford. The International Association of EMTs and Paramedics negotiations took place March 8 and 9. On March 10, EMS staff attended an appreciation breakfast hosted by Woodland Towers for all first responders. For more information, contact Mark Wolcott at mwolcott@volusia.org.

Fire Rescue: On March 6, the division started its second New Hire Academy, Class 2023-2. Four individuals will learn the necessary rules and regulations to operate as a Volusia County Fire Rescue employee and the necessary knowledge and skills to operate on the grounds. VCFR Station 12 is nearing completion. The estimated completion time is three to four weeks for personnel to reoccupy the station and begin response capabilities. For more information, contact Chief Joe King at jwking@volusia.org.
GROWTH & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Administration: On March 6, staff, in coordination with the City of DeLand, requested funding for fencing to secure the site located at 927 South Clara Ave., the former site of Delco Oil. The Spring Hill CRA board unanimously approved the request. For more information, contact Clay Ervin at cervin@volusia.org.

Environmental Management: Green Volusia and the Lyonia Environmental Center completed the county’s fourth Climate Smart Floridians class in partnership with UF/IFAS. The program educated students on the impacts of climate change and everyday actions residents can take to help improve the environment and make positive impacts in Volusia County. The class took place from Feb. 25 to March 4, with two in-person sessions that included a full day at Stetson Aquatic Center (covering Climate Change, Low Impact Development, Green Infrastructure and Volusia County’s Resiliency efforts) and a morning session at the Lyonia Environmental Center (covering consumption, food and waste), followed by a tour of the Volusia County Landfill. Three one-hour lunch sessions included topics of water and yards, transportation and renewable energy. The participants' enthusiasm and the experience they brought from their different perspectives to class discussions helped make this class successful. The next class will take place this fall.

Water quality staff performed a routine, monthly sampling of five sites in the south St. Johns River, in and around Lake Harney. Samples were shipped to the Palatka St. Johns River Water Management lab for analysis. Staff observed low water conditions at the entrances of Lake Harney, along with wildlife activity, including white pelicans and alligators. For more information, contact Ginger Adair at gadair@volusia.org.

PUBLIC PROTECTION

Beach Safety: The division has been preparing for Spring Break and the seasonal lifeguard recruit class. On March 9, staff attended Truck Day at Pathways Elementary School. For more information, contact Andy Ethridge at aethridge@volusia.org.

Corrections: Sergeant Reyes retired from the division after approximately 22 years of service. The division celebrated and thanked him for his many years. For more information, contact Steven Smith at sksmith@volusia.org.

PUBLIC WORKS

Coastal: The division coordinated with contractors to reopen the Rockefeller Drive vehicular access ramp in Ormond Beach; repaired the pedestrian beach access at Major Street in Ponce Inlet; coordinated the repair of the boardwalk access to the ADA walkover at Sunsplash Park in Daytona Beach with Road and Bridge crews; and repaired the pedestrian beach access at Goodall Avenue (North Sunsplash Park). Note: Goodall Avenue walkover is temporarily not an ADA-accessible ramp. The pedestrian beach access at Watts Drive in New Smyrna Beach opened March 10. A total of 73 Coastal accesses remain closed. For more information, contact Jessica Fentress at jfentress@volusia.org.

Engineering & Construction: Gopher tortoise relocation is underway for the Blue Lake Extension South project. Once complete, the Notice to Proceed will be issued. For more information, contact Tadd Kasbeer at tkasbeer@volusia.org.
**Mosquito Control:** The division is educating residents on insects that may be mistaken for mosquitoes. Crane flies are insects with long legs that fly clumsily around porches and outside doors at night due to their attraction to lights. These are often mistaken as mosquitoes, but crane flies do not bite and are harmless. The division does not conduct treatments for crane flies. For more information, contact Marcus McDonough at mmcdonough@volusia.org.

**Road and Bridge:** The division is experiencing increased customer service requests for dirt road grading during dry weather conditions. Eighty miles of county-maintained dirt roads are scheduled to be graded 26 times per year, and additional services may be needed for road repair. For more information, contact Lori Koontz at lkoontz@volusia.org.

**Solid Waste:** The Tomoka Farms Road Landfill held limited operational hours March 5, processing over 35 tons of garbage in support of Bike Week events. For more information, contact Regina Montgomery at rmontgomery@volusia.org.

**Traffic Engineering:** The division’s maintenance staff recently improved the intersection of Clyde Morris Boulevard and Reed Canal Road in Port Orange. After a citizen raised concerns about bike and pedestrian safety, maintenance staff added intersection lighting to improve visibility and upgraded the traffic signal equipment to protect pedestrians from left-turning vehicles better. For more information, contact Jay Williams at jiwilliams@volusia.org.