

Volusia County Government Activities

September 19 - 25, 2020

AVIATION & ECONOMIC RESOURCES

Daytona Beach International Airport

Marketing & Customer Experience: Staff coordinated with Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (ERAU) on a tour for the three winners of the paper airplane contest that was held in August. The children experienced ERAU's flight simulator and toured the airfield via the airport bus. For more information, contact Joanne Magley at 386-248-8030 ext: 18309 or jmagley@volusia.org.



Economic Development: To date, 3,033 small business grants were audited and 2,451 checks distributed, totaling more than \$7.4 million. For home-based business grants, 446 were audited and 354 checks distributed, totaling \$537,000. The countywide economic development practitioner meeting was held on Sept. 26. For more information, contact Joanne Magley at 386-248-8030 ext: 18309 or jmagley@volusia.org.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Community Assistance: The Human Services Advisory Board (HSAB) provides recommendations to assist the Volusia County Council in developing Community Services Block Grant program goals and objectives, identifying community needs, and evaluating program effectiveness. As required by grant regulations, there will be five public meetings where community members will elect one person at each meeting to represent low-income people in that area on HSAB. Residents may also participate in the meeting virtually. The link will be posted the morning of each meeting at www.volusia.org/hsab. For more information, contact Carmen Hall at chall@volusia.org. For more information, contact Carmen Hall at chall@volusia.org.

Extension Services: The Extension team is currently selling \$10 bundles (10 plants per bundle) of strawberry plants. The funds raised from the strawberry sales will be used to purchase seeds and grow free vegetable transplants for school and community gardens located across the county. Citizens interested in purchasing strawberry plants should contact the Extension office at 386-822-5778.

COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE

Community Information: Staff are coordinating with Fire Rescue to promote Fire Prevention Week Oct. 4-10, and also started filming this week for the video highlighting the County's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Community Information hosted a COVID-19 news conference on Sept. 25 and is preparing messaging for Biketoberfest. Staff designed a flyer and poster promoting Volusia County Fire Rescue's community survey and will promote the survey with social media, internet advertising and a news release. With census operations winding down, staff is planning a ceremony on Oct. 20 during which the County Council will present a trophy to the City of DeBary for having the highest self-response rate in the county. For more information, contact Kevin Captain at kcaptain@volusia.org.

FINANCE

Information Technology: Staff are testing and preparing for significant upgrades to the Growth and Resource Management workflow and records system (AMANDA). These upgrades will eliminate outdated technology, improve the ability of users to update workflows without IT support, and reduce the amount of custom programming that needs to be maintained by County staff. Staff developed web-based application forms for COVID-19 Rental Assistance and Mortgage Assistance grants. These forms collect all required information for the application process, as well as provide a secure file-upload facility for supporting documents. For more information, contact Kevin Benge at kbenge@volusia.org.

GROWTH AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Environmental Management: The Lyonia Environmental Center has been open to the public on Saturdays offering public programs, and now is open on Wednesday afternoons as well. We have begun offering weekday public programs, and have scheduled two homeschool groups for in-person field studies. We are also working on virtual scout programs, and our regular monthly homeschool workshops beginning in October. Staff is also working on a menu of options for virtual field trips for Volusia County School students, since they are unable to participate in in-person trips. For more information, contact Ginger Adair at gadair@volusia.org.

OCEAN CENTER

Events: We expected approximately 600 people for the Daytona Beach Classic on Sept. 26. This 10th annual event featured a free health and fitness expo open to the public; a ticketed prejudging show in the morning; and finals in the evening. These shows are competitions for championships in bodybuilding, fitness, figure, bikini and physique. This event is part of the National Physique Committee (NPC) USA and is one of the national qualifiers. Staff are continuing preparation for Feast of Tabernacles with the United Church of God. This private event, which will bring 1,000 people to the area, the first week of October, is expected to also produce over 2,400 room nights. We continue partnering with the division of Public Protection in the distribution and storage of PPE for businesses and frontline workers. We also continue working with Halifax Urban Ministries for assembling and distribution of resources and food.

PUBLIC PROTECTION

Beach Safety: Beach Safety has been coordinating with Coastal and Environmental for the beach re-opening to vehicles as last week's high winds and tides recede. For more information contact Mark Swanson at 386-740-5120.

Corrections: Corrections delivered two large generators to Tallahassee last week in support of hurricane Sally response. These generators are on loan from FDEM to Volusia County Emergency Management. For more information contact Mark Swanson at 386-740-5120.

PUBLIC WORKS

Coastal: Coastal maintenance, operations and beach contractor staff were mobilized on Sept. 17 and 18 to remove and secure beach facilities vulnerable to the Tropical Disturbance/Nor'easter forecasted to impact Volusia County beaches with heavy surf and extremely high tides. Beach toll booths, port-a-lets and garbage receptacles were secured and removed and pre-storm beach and coastal park facility conditions were photo-documented. For more information, contact Jessica Winterwerp at (386) 248-8072, ext. 20356.

Engineering & Construction: Construction of the boat ramp and parking area at Lemon Bluff Marine Park is steadily progressing. Bulk head pile driving and storm drainage structures are 80% complete with the retention area 90% complete. The proposed seawall is expected to be finished in approximately three weeks. For more information, contact Tadd Kasbeer at (386) 736-5967, ext. 15846.

Mosquito Control: On Sept. 18, Mosquito Control Staff participated in the International Coastal Cleanup. Over 90 pounds of trash consisting of various plastic bottles and bags, cans, shoes, foam cooler pieces, and a tire were removed from the north and south marsh areas. For more information, contact Suzanne Bartlett, (386) 424-2920, ext. 20272.



Road & Bridge: Sidewalk construction is underway along W. New Hampshire Avenue in DeLand. The project extends from S. Spring Garden Ave (SR-15A) to S. Delaware Ave and entails new sidewalk construction and the replacement of existing sidewalk for ADA compliance. The project was awarded by council on June 16 of this year. For more information, contact Benjamin Bartlett at (386) 822-6422, ext. 20470.

Solid Waste: The Volusia County Solid Waste Division will host free collection events for household hazardous waste materials from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Oct. 2, at Ormond Beach Public Works, 501 N. Orchard St.; and 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Oct. 3, at New Smyrna Beach Public Works, 124 Industrial Park Av. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, traffic will be one way and residents must stay in their cars. 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 performed preventive signal maintenance in the Holly Hill /Daytona Beach and DeLand areas and installed a new reduced speed school zone along South Blue Lake Ave in front of Freedom Elementary School (DeLand). Staff also performed traffic signal construction inspections on the new FDOT signals at SR A1A & Cardinal Dr (Ormond Beach) and US-1 & Lytle Av (New Smyrna Beach). The signals will be accepted for maintenance once the identified construction issues have been resolved. For more information, contact Jon Cheney at (386) 736-5968, ext. 12709.

Water Resources and Utilities: Field operations staff is nearing completion of annual maintenance and annual flow testing of over 1,500 fire hydrants within all the county utility service areas. Performed over a period of 12 weeks, preventative maintenance ensures reliable supply and water pressure for fire protection. For more information, contact Mike Ulrich at (386) 943-7027, ext. 12724.