

Volusia County Government Activities
February 15 – February 21, 2020

Aviation and Economic Resources

Operations

Staff activated the Airport Operations Center (AOC) at 12:42 p.m. Feb. 20, due to an alert three for a non-commercial plane that landed on its belly without landing gear. There were no injuries. Both runways were closed to all aircraft traffic which resulted in delayed and canceled commercial flights. Staff worked to remove the plane and clean the fuel spill. The secondary runway reopened at 4:48 p.m. which allowed resumption of air traffic. The main runway reopened at 7:14 p.m. at which time the AOC was deactivated.

Staff coordinated an airport communicable disease plan review meeting at the EOC Feb. 19. Attendees included Volusia County Health Department, EMS, Delta, TSA, Red Cross and Halifax Hospital. [For more information, contact Joanne Magley at 386-248-8030 ext: 18309 or \[jmagley@volusia.org\]\(mailto:jmagley@volusia.org\).](#)

Community Services

Agriculture Extension (AG Center)

Extension Services will teach a Credit Repair and Money Management workshop for our citizens on Feb. 22 and March 21 at the Agricultural Center. Register by calling 386-822-5778. For more information, contact Brad Burbaugh at bburbaugh@volusia.org.

Florida Department of Health (Volusia)

Lieutenant Governor Jeanette Nuñez continued her statewide tour of county health departments by visiting DOH-Volusia's Daytona Beach location Feb. 17. [For more information, contact Holly Smith at 386-274-0838 or \[Holly.Smith2@flhealth.gov\]\(mailto:Holly.Smith2@flhealth.gov\).](#)

Library Services

Library Services celebrated its annual snapshot day of in-branch use by library patrons on Feb. 13. On this day the library welcomed 8,446 visitors, checked out 6,897 items, answered 944 reference questions, taught 159 people computer skills, while 716 people of all ages attended programs, and 9,653 computer and wi-fi sessions were completed. [For more information, contact Lucinda Colee at 386-248-1745 ext: 11212.](#)

Parks, Recreational & Culture

DeBary Hall had it's third annual Living History Day, with 203 guests in attendance. [For more information, contact Tim Baylie at 386-736-5953 ext: 12636 or at \[tbaylie@volusia.org\]\(mailto:tbaylie@volusia.org\).](#)

Votran

Votran staff is participating in a Families and Community Together (FACT) Fair at New Smyrna Beach Middle School. These fairs educate the community and introduce them to a variety of community resources that are available. Reign Academy School of Entrepreneurship is touring the Votran Facility Feb. 21. They are interested in how everything works together and what careers are available at Votran. [For more information, contact Frank Alvarez at 386-756-7496.](#)

County Manager's Office

Community Information

Community Information staff is working with Public Works to coordinate a ribbon cutting ceremony for the widening project of West French Avenue in Edgewater on Feb. 28.

On the Census front, staff coordinated a fun-loving team to walk in the DeLand Dog Parade, will place 13 ads in local newspapers, launch an email campaign targeting specific groups, and attend several planned events. Radio, TV and social media initiatives are also in the works. [For more information, contact Kevin Captain at \[kcaptain@volusia.org\]\(mailto:kcaptain@volusia.org\).](#)

Finance

Information Technology

Currently in discussion with Seminole County regarding sharing the software for the Scars, Marks, and Tattoos database, while discussing the possibility of sharing data between the two counties. Collaborating on techniques for sharing data between the Deltona Firehouse software and the otherwise unified countywide Firehouse application.



Developing an electronic case management "whiteboard" application for the Medical Examiner. Working with Emergency Management to help with Special Needs Shelter planning, by locating all citizens who have registered for special-needs assistance. Worked with the cities to respond to a request for information from the US Census.Planning GIS training classes on the use of ArcGIS Pro and the U.S. National Grid. For more information, contact Kevin Benge at kbenge@volusia.org or Brian Whiting at bwhiting@volusia.org.

Growth and Resource Management

Administration

Staff will give a presentation on the Commercial Space Industry Opportunity Overlay and the Manufacturing Competitiveness Act.

Environmental Management

The MSC hosted 60+ staff, volunteers, and general public for a lionfish educational lecture on Feb. 19. MSC staff presented information on the Indian River Lagoon food chain at the Halifax Sportfishing Club on Feb. 20. Staff will be giving a presentation at BCU on "Beach Habitat Management for Protected Species" for their Environmental Restoration Series on Feb. 26. For more information, contact Clay Ervin at cervin@volusia.org.

Human Resources

The Employee Recognition Luncheon is a major project for the Human Resources Division, and this year's event, "Lunch in Paris," on Feb. 19 was no different. Some 300 employees who were celebrating service anniversaries of 10, 15, 20 and 25 years with the County along with their invited guests attended the 34th annual luncheon at the Ocean Center. Special recognition was given to two employees (now retired) celebrating 40 years working for Volusia County; three employees with 35 years and 22 employees who had 30 years of service. County Manager George Recktenwald also gave a special tribute to employee Jeff Crumbley, who has served as the official photographer for the luncheon for 31 years and is retiring Feb. 29. For more information, contact Tammy King, Human Resources Manager; or Cindy Finney, HR Activity Project Manager, at 386-736-5951

Ocean Center

Events

The weekend of Feb. 21, the Ocean Center hosted Signature Equipovision, LLC for Amway Sales Training with over 1,200 attendees and 2,400 room nights, as well as the Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention. Also on Feb. 22, we will host, for the second time, the ABKC (American Bully Kennel Club) Ocean Center Bully Classic Two Dog Show. Next week will be the start the QuiltWeek Show, a week long show that will bring 14,000 participants to the Ocean Center. We'll have more on that in the next report. For more information, contact Tim Riddle at 386-254-4500 ext: 24514 or triddle@volusia.org.

Public Works

Coastal

Public Works and Coastal managers met with Ponce Inlet officials to share and discuss long-range plans for Lighthouse Point Park. Projects include the USACE north jetty navigation repairs, a concrete jetty deck landward extension as part of a FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant and comprehensive park boardwalk renovations. For more information, contact Jessica Winterwerp at 386-248-8072, ext. 20356.

Engineering & Construction

The Lemon Bluff Marina Construction Plans are complete and the project is expected to advertise for construction in March. The proposed improvements include the construction of a new boat ramp and seawall with restrooms and pavilions. For more information, contact Tadd Kasbeer at 386-736-5967, ext. 15846.

Mosquito Control

Mosquito Control is hosting a free tire disposal event Feb. 22 from 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. located outside the Citgo Gas Station at 2910 State Road 11, DeLand. For more information, contact Suzanne Bartlett at 386-424-2920, ext. 20272.

Road & Bridge

A drainage improvement project is being completed on Taylor Road in Port Orange, west of I-95, from Beccarro Boulevard to Windsor Hill Drive. For more information, contact Benjamin Bartlett at 386-822-6422, ext. 20470.



Traffic Engineering

Traffic Engineering is facilitating with the Engineering and Construction, Coastal, Road & Bridge and the County Parks Divisions on potential project applications associated with the River to Sea Transportation Planning Organizations annual "Call 4 Projects". A resolution of support for County projects will be taken to County Council on Mar. 17 for consideration. For more information, contact Jon Cheney at (386) 736-5968, ext. 12709.

Water Resource and Utilities

Working in cooperation with the Community Information division, customer service staff will include a census announcement during its upcoming monthly billing. The announcements will be distributed to all 15,800 customers reaching an estimated total population of approximately 38,000 people. For more information, contact Mike Ulrich at 386-943-7027, ext. 12724.

