

Volusia County Government Activities
February 22 – 28, 2020

Daytona Beach International Airport

Administration

The American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE) has recognized Daytona Beach International Airport (DAB) with an ANTN Digicast Excellence in Airport Training award for training completed in 2019. This award signifies that airport employees and others working at each facility have completed a specified amount of federally mandated airport-specific and continuing education training using ANTN Digicast's web-based training system.

Operations

Staff responded to an alert two for a United Airlines Airbus 320 from Newark, NJ, heading to the Bahamas. The plane made an emergency after a battery charger caught fire during a flight. The fire was contained to the passenger's bag and put in fire retardant case until the plane landed safely. There were no injuries or damages and after an inspection, the plane took off about an hour later for its original destination. [For more information, contact Joanne Magley at 386-248-8030.](#)

Community Services

Agriculture Extension (AG Center)

Extension Services is in the process of developing a partnership with Halifax/UF Health Deltona where the hospital will identify food insecure patients and help connect these citizens with food resources, nutrition education, or other related services provided by our team. A best practices training for pesticide applicators was held on Feb. 27 at the AG Center. [For more information, contact Brad Burbaugh at bburbaugh@volusia.org.](#)

Community Assistance

The County of Volusia was awarded 25 vouchers to assist youth who transited out of foster care within the last 90 days and are facing or who have experienced homelessness. Effective Feb. 15, our first youths began receiving assistance under the Family Unification Program. [For more information, contact Carmen Hall at chall@volusia.org.](#)

Florida Department of Health (Volusia)

For the first time in a decade, DOH-Volusia scored 100% on its evaluation for its public drinking water program. The recent evaluation is the result of additional improvements made by program staff to ensure safe drinking water for all residents. Environmental Health staff oversee the required annual consumer confidence reports from 48 community water systems. [For more information, contact Holly Smith at Holly.Smith2@flhealth.gov.](#)

Library Services

Library Services, in celebrating the NEA Big Read this month, has offered 130 programs, 16 book discussions and 1,000 free books to the community. [For more information, contact Lucinda Colee at 386-248-1745.](#)

Parks, Recreational & Culture

Parks, Recreation and Culture coordinated the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) softball tournament with six teams at Chuck Lennon Park. [For more information, contact Tim Baylie at tbaylie@volusia.org.](#)

Votran

East Side bus schedule proofs are ready to go to print with the upcoming changes due to take effect April 5, 2020. The Route 11 A will go to the Flea Market and Route 11 B will go to Tanger Outlets. The Route 1 will resume its original routing going inbound and outbound on the new Memorial Bridge.

[For more information, contact Edie Biro at 386-756-7496.](#)

County Manager's Office

Community Information

Efforts have begun to promote Turtle Day, the St. Johns River Cleanup, the Ocean Center's Bike Week events, and Beach Safety's summer lifeguard hiring campaign. March will be a busy Census month as seven months of preparation are coming a head and numerous community presentations have been planned. The social media campaign and radio campaigns will begin next week. [For more information, contact Kevin Captain at kcaptain@volusia.org.](#)

Finance



Information Technology

Approximately 35 members of the Building Officials and Inspectors Association of Volusia/Flagler attended a presentation given by Information Technology regarding a new statute mandating the use of bi-directional amplifiers in tall buildings with poor radio coverage. IT recommends deferring the process of forcing building owners to purchase expensive equipment until after the rollout of the new P25 radio system, in case the new system makes the amplifiers unnecessary. Information Technology is working with Fire Services to create data collection and reporting tools to improve fire hydrant maintenance. The GIS team received 32 new data layers from the East Central Florida Regional Resilience Collaborative Infrastructure Technical Advisory Committee, so that our GIS library now contains information regarding the effect of sea level rise and the associated enhanced storm surge on county infrastructure. Information Technology is working with Public Works to enhance the integration between the Lucity asset management software and GIS to assist with asset mapping and field data collection. [For more information, contact Kevin Benge at kbenge@volusia.org or Brian Whiting at bwhiting@volusia.org.](#)

Growth and Resource Management

Environmental Management

On Feb. 27, the MSC participated in a WSBB radio interview about the proper disposal of fishing line to help protect wildlife from injuries. As part of our ongoing initiatives for the Southeast Sustainable Communities Fund grant, the first Spring Hill Resilience Academy began on Feb. 15 and will run through March 7 (on Saturdays). The Academy is designed to demonstrate how to start and grow a business in efforts to unite and rebuild the Spring Hill community. The Marine Science Center had its busiest day in February on record, with 568 guests. Sea turtle HCP staff worked with Beach Safety to re-establish the Conservation Zone posts prior to reopening some areas to Beach Driving. [For more information, contact Clay Ervin at cervin@volusia.org.](#)

Ocean Center

Events

This week the Ocean Center welcomed National Mobility Equipment Dealers Association, a private event of almost 2,000 people. The following weekend, for Bike Week (March 9), join the Ocean Center and Harley-Davidson and enjoy the music and the bikes at, "Harleys on A1A" at the Ocean Center, 6-9 PM! At the end of Bike Week, March 14, the 4th Annual Kory Souza Originals No-Class Bike Show will take place for the first time as it has outgrown its previous location. [For more information, contact Tim Riddle at 386-254-4500.](#)

Public Works

Coastal

Coastal staff will be meeting with event organizers for planning and coordination of the 2020 Jeep Beach special event and with City of New Smyrna Beach officials to coordinate Summer 2020 beach operations and traffic management. [For more information, contact Jessica Winterwerp at 386-248-8072](#)

Engineering & Construction

Improvements to West Park Avenue are complete and the ribbon cutting is scheduled for Feb. 28, at 9 a.m. [For more information, contact Tadd Kasbeer at 386-736-5967](#)

Road & Bridge

The dirt road reduction program will be paving Arlington St and Samuel St in the Deland area. [For more information, contact Benjamin Bartlett at 386-822-6422](#)

Solid Waste

On Feb. 22, Republic Services conducted a scheduled community bulk item cleanup in the northeast quadrant of the county, collecting more than 13 tons of residential bulk items. [For more information, contact Regina Montgomery at \(386\) 947-2952](#)

Traffic Engineering

Staff assisted with traffic flow for the Daytona 500 race on Feb. 16 (rain delay) and Feb. 17. [For more information, contact Jon Cheney at \(386\) 736-5968](#)

Water Resource and Utilities

Coordinated with Spruce Creek property owners association and security staff in scheduling the installation of water conservation and advanced metering infrastructure in the Spruce Creek utility service area. The six-week project is scheduled to commence the week of March 9. [For more information, contact Mike Ulrich at 386-943-7027](#)

