



# On the Economic Scene



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**LASER POINTERS A HAZARD TO PILOTS** – The number of incidents involving laser lights being shined at aircraft is rising across the country, including Volusia County. In one month earlier this summer there were six reported incidents of commercial aircraft landing at Daytona Beach International Airport where lights from laser pointers caused blinding lights within the cockpit. Most of the incidents locally occurred around the Daytona Beach pier area. These laser lights are commonly sold in stores. Persons caught shining lasers at aircraft face serious criminal charges.

**SEMINAR ON HOW TO START A BUSINESS** -- The local SCORE chapter and the UCF business incubator are offering a free workshop for people considering starting a business. The seminar is August 20 from 6 - 8 p.m. at the business incubator at Daytona Beach International Airport. To register go online to: [score87.org](http://score87.org) or call 386-255-6889.

**DRAFTING, DESIGN ACADEMY PREPARES FUTURE ENGINEERS, ARCHITECTS** – The Career Academy of Drafting and Design at Seabreeze High School is a new four-year program that prepares students for employment in the drafting industries and as college prep for future engineers and architects. For information, email [rigrifin@volusia.k12.fl.us](mailto:rigrifin@volusia.k12.fl.us) or [career-connection.org](http://career-connection.org).

**FAST-TRACK MANUFACTURING PROGRAM STARTS IN SEPTEMBER** -- The Center for Business and Industry at Daytona State College and CareerSource Flagler/Volusia are offering the fast track program in manufacturing. The program includes certified production technician training, NIMS training, hands-on experience, and internships. The start date is September 14. For information call William Howe at 386-506-3379 or email at [howed@daytonastate.edu](mailto:howed@daytonastate.edu).

**PHOTOS AN IMPORTANT HURRICANE SEASON PREP** – As part of disaster preparations, homeowners should take photographs of their home and contents for insurance purposes. In addition, boat owners should know where they might store a boat in the event of flooding. Now is the time for homeowners to make sure they know how to turn off electricity, gas and water if advised to do so. For information, go online to: [volusia.org/services/public-protection/emergency-management/index.stml](http://volusia.org/services/public-protection/emergency-management/index.stml).

**SBA LOAN PROGRAM RETURNS** -- The Small Business Administration (SBA) 7(a) loan guaranty program is back on track with lending authorization exceeding \$23 billion. The SBA's most common loan program, 7(a) loans include financial help for businesses with special requirements. For further details go online to: [tinyurl.com/qxvv6zh](http://tinyurl.com/qxvv6zh).

**CENTRAL FLORIDA PARTNERSHIP TO HEAR VOLUSIA UPDATE** -- The next Central Florida Partnership (CFP) board of directors meeting is August 19 from 11:45 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. An integral part of this meeting will be an executive briefing on Volusia County. The presentation will include local business and community leaders and the Team Volusia Economic Development Corporation. The meeting is at the chamber of commerce building, 75 S. Ivanhoe Blvd., Orlando.

**COMMERCIAL USES DRIVING CONNECTED DEVICE NUMBERS** -- The number of IoT (Internet of Things) connected devices will reach 38.5 billion in 2020, up from 13.4 billion in 2015, according to new data from Juniper Research. While IoT smart phone home-based applications are grabbing media headlines, it is the industrial and public services sector – such as retail, agriculture, smart buildings and smart grid applications – that will form the majority of the device base. The new research, *The Internet of Things: Consumer, Industrial & Public Services 2015-20*, found that while the number of connected devices already exceeds the number of humans on the planet by more than double, for most enterprises, simply connecting their systems and devices remains the first priority. The whitepaper is available online at [juniperresearch.com/document-library/white-papers/iot-internet-of-transformation](http://juniperresearch.com/document-library/white-papers/iot-internet-of-transformation).

**NEW VOTING EQUIPMENT DEMONSTRATIONS** -- The Volusia County Department of Elections will be demonstrating the county's new voting equipment at various locations throughout the county. For more information, contact the Training Team at [VCEELECTIONTEAM@VOLUSIA.ORG](mailto:VCEELECTIONTEAM@VOLUSIA.ORG) or call 386-736-5930.

**NEWS ITEMS WANTED** – Please send your business news items to Dave Byron, Volusia County Community Services Department Director, at [dbyron@volusia.org](mailto:dbyron@volusia.org). If you wish to be removed from this weekly broadcast, please let us know.

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