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FLORIDA SMALL BUSINESS EMERGENCY BRIDGE LOAN PROGRAM – The Florida Small Business Emergency Bridge Loan Program is still available to provide short-term, interest-free loans to businesses damaged by Hurricane Irma. Administered by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity in partnership with the Florida SBDC Network, the program helps businesses bridge the gap between the time damage is incurred and when a business secures other financial resources, including payment of insurance claims or longer-term Small Business Administration loans. Eligible small businesses with two to 100 employees may apply for short-term, interest-free loans for \$1,000 to \$25,000 for 90- or 180-day terms. To be eligible, a business must have been established before Sep. 4, and demonstrate economic injury or physical damage as a result of Hurricane Irma. Applications will be accepted through Oct. 31, contingent on fund availability. Visit www.floridadisasterloan.org for full details.

DIGITAL AUDIO PRODUCTION ACADEMY – The Digital Audio Production Academy at Atlantic High School enhances students' skills as musicians, either instrumentally or vocally, through the exploration of studio recording techniques that are used throughout the world. Partnerships with Bethune-Cookman University and Daytona State College students provide hands-on experiences in the recording arts. For more details, contact Academy Director Jeremy Blackwell at jblackw@volusia.k12.fl.us.

VOLUSIA-FLAGLER FOREIGN TRADE ZONE SPECIAL EVENT – Volusia's Best program will present a free breakfast seminar on how a foreign trade zone (FTZ) program can significantly complement and enhance your business. The program encourages investment in participating U.S.-based companies by minimizing the costs associated with qualified importing, exporting, manufacturing and distributing activities. "Foreign Trade Zones: Ancient Capitalism to Modern Incentive" will be held from 7:30 to 10 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 9, in the Dennis R. McGee Room at Daytona Beach International Airport, 700 Catalina Drive, Daytona Beach. Parking will be validated. Michael C. Michalski, president of MCS Strategies, will bring a national perspective on the opportunities available in FTZ 198, which encompasses Volusia and Flagler counties. RSVP to Joanne Parker at Daytona State College's Center for Business and Industry at 386-506-4224 or Joanne.Parker@DaytonaState.edu.

THE L. GALE LEMERAND ENTREPRENEURIAL SPEAKER SERIES – In collaboration with the Small Business Development Center at Daytona State College, the L. Gale Lemerand Entrepreneurial Speaker Series presents Dr. Delicia M. Haynes, president of the Volusia County Medical Society and CEO of Family First Health Center. The Family First Health Center is an integrative membership-based family medicine clinic with a worldwide reach based in Daytona Beach. Through the direct primary care model, she empowers her patients to look and feel their best from the inside out with a lifestyle medicine approach. Her commitment has enabled several of her patients to shed excess weight, safely stop medications, become clinically non-diabetic, and live an energetic life they love. The event is free and open to the public and will take place at 9:30 a.m. Oct. 24 at Daytona State College. For more information and to reserve a seat, call Tracey Martin at 386-506-4723.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY SYMPOSIUM: HOW TO PROTECT YOUR BUSINESS IDEAS – SCORE is offering a free workshop on protecting intellectual property from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 26, at Daytona State College, UCF Building 150, Room 100, Daytona Beach. Your idea, brand and other intellectual property are some of your most valuable business assets. Join attorney Heather Bond Vargas to learn about options for protecting your intellectual property. To register, go to <https://volusiaflagler.score.org>. For more information, contact SCORE at 386-255-6889.

CELEBRATE THE ST. JOHNS RIVER-TO-SEA LOOP – Supporters of Florida's longest loop trail will meet in DeLand Oct. 26 to 28 for the St Johns River-to-Sea Loop Summit and Celebration, an event that will target completion of the 260-mile St. Johns River-to-Sea Loop by 2025. It is the five loop counties (Volusia, Putnam, St. Johns, Flagler and Brevard) first meeting since last year's commitment by the Florida Department of Transportation to build the trail to completion. For more information, visit <http://www.sjr2c.org> or contact Ardito at maggie@sjr2c.org.

VOLUSIA WATER ALLIANCE FALL SYMPOSIUM – The Volusia Water Alliance will present its Fall Symposium 2017 Friday, Oct. 27, at the Sanborn Center, 815 S. Alabama Ave., DeLand. Attend informative, public-oriented presentations about our water levels and flows, protection and recovery strategies, saving our springs, the St. Johns River, and the urgent need for neighborhood involvement. Then participate in roundtable discussions to share your ideas. Admission is free with an optional catered lunch for \$11. To register, visit <http://tinyurl.com/yaum6wsf>.

VOLUSIA COUNTY FAIR OPENS NOV. 2 – The fair offers something for everyone including live entertainment, a petting zoo, livestock auctions, antique tractor parade, midway and much more. Visit <http://www.volusiacountyfair.com/fair.html> for details.

NEWS ITEMS WANTED! – Please send your business news items to Joanne Magley, Volusia County Community Information director, at jmagley@volusia.org. If you wish to be removed from this weekly broadcast, please let us know.