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**FIND HALF-CENT SALES TAX PROJECTS WITH INTERACTIVE MAP** – Volusia County's Public Works Department has developed an interactive map to provide information about city and county projects for the proposed half-cent sales tax initiative. To view the map, go to [www.volusia.org/salestax](http://www.volusia.org/salestax) and scroll down to "interactive map." The map, which allows users to enter their address in the search bar, provides details of the proposed city and county projects within a five-mile radius. The half-cent sales tax, if adopted, will provide funding for road and water quality projects. Ballots will be mailed to all registered voters in Volusia County on May 1. They must be returned in the postage-paid envelope or delivered to the Supervisor of Elections office in DeLand by 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 21. Ballots can also be dropped off in secured mail ballot collection boxes at every city and town hall in Volusia County by May 20. If the envelope is not signed, it will not count. An informational video by Supervisor of Elections Lisa Lewis can be viewed on the sales tax web page.

**DEADLINE APPROACHING FOR 2019 FLORIDA COMPANIES TO WATCH APPLICATIONS** – Applications are open for the ninth annual GrowFL Florida Companies to Watch® awards program, but the May 3 deadline is fast approaching. The program honors 50 select second-stage companies from throughout the state for developing valuable products and services, creating quality jobs, enriching communities, and creating new industries. Eligible applicants must be privately held, second-stage commercial enterprises. Qualifying companies must also be headquartered in Florida, employ between six and 150 employees, and earn between \$750,000 and \$100 million in annual revenue. Qualifying Volusia County companies are encouraged to apply. For local assistance, contact Virgil Kimball at 386-248-8048 or [vkimball@volusia.org](mailto:vkimball@volusia.org). Information is also available online at <https://tinyurl.com/y4plqxod>.

**QUICKBOOKS WORKSHOP** – The Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at Daytona State College will hold a QuickBooks workshop from 6 to 9 p.m. every Wednesday in May at Daytona State College, Building 150, Room 312. This workshop will use the Windows desktop version and will provide you with the information to set up a company, work with forms, lists, registers, inventory, invoices, payroll, job costing and much more. The workshop cost is \$99 for Volusia County business owners and residents. Students will work with a QuickBooks instructor in a computer lab using examples to gain real experience using the software. You will receive a workbook, a 160-day software trial and a certificate of completion. Seating is limited to 18. To register, call the SBDC at 386-506-4723.

**SCORE PRESENTS A LIVE WEBINAR: SBA FUNDING PROGRAMS EXPLAINED** – Looking to finance your small business? Consider starting or expanding your business with loans guaranteed by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). This insightful webinar, presented by John Miller, deputy associate administrator for SBA's Office of Capital Access, will explain SBA funding programs. Participants will learn about such loan programs as 7(a), 504 and Microloans. The webinar will also review the application process for SBA-guaranteed loans. The webinar will take place from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. May 7 and is being offered as part of the 2019 National Small Business Week Virtual Conference. To register, go to <https://tinyurl.com/y2lk6xp7>. For event details on SBA's free, two-day virtual conference, visit [www.sba.gov/NSBW](http://www.sba.gov/NSBW).

**ACADEMY OF DIGITAL MEDIA & DESIGN** – This academy at Seabreeze High School provides students with the opportunity to combine concepts of digital media and photography while creating various printed materials to display their work. The program of study integrates academic courses with a hands-on curriculum. Students take Creative Photography and Digital Media courses that use industry standard software and professional camera equipment. The coursework prepares students for careers such as graphic artist, photographer and digital publisher. For additional information, contact Academy Director Gwen Coy at [glhousto@volusia.k12](mailto:glhousto@volusia.k12).

**MEDICA 2019** – MEDICA is the premier global life sciences/medical trade show, and many of Florida's top medical companies have decided to promote their goods and services at this year's show in Düsseldorf, Germany, from Nov. 18 to 21. Enterprise Florida has secured space for a Florida Pavilion, and individual booths are being offered for Florida companies to co-exhibit in the pavilion. Space is limited and will be sold on a first-come, first served basis. Target Sector Trade Show Grants are available to help offset your exhibition cost in this show. To learn more, contact Virgil Kimball at 386-248-8048 or [Vkimball@volusia.org](mailto:Vkimball@volusia.org).

**E-COMMERCE DRIVING GROWTH AND CHANGE IN DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES** – The importance of improving delivery times and accuracy continues to increase ecommerce competitiveness. As reported, distribution companies are scaling down industrial warehouse sizes to identify infill locations in urban centers that facilitate shorter last mile delivery times. Delivery station facilities in desired cities can range from 25,000 to 50,000 square feet, and there is evidence of further decreases if there is sufficient market demand. There are increasing examples of retailers similarly scaling down store footprints to be in preferred urban markets and maximize their e-commerce driven fulfillment operations.

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