In the Eyes of the Beholder

A OneJax Civil Discourse Event

Inspired by the CARAVAN Exhibit: Abraham: Out of One, Many

This Civil Discourse event will begin with a self-guided tour of the Abraham: Out of One, Many exhibit followed by a moderated panel discussion to explore how individuals hear the same story but interpret it differently as well as live in the same city yet have such varied viewpoints.
Date: Tuesday, February 4  
Time: 6-7:15 p.m.  
Exhibit Tour: 6-6:30 p.m.  
Panel Discussion: 6:30-7:15 p.m.  

Location: Hendricks Avenue Baptist Church  
4001 Hendricks Ave, Jacksonville, FL 32207  

Moderators:  
Nancy Broner, Executive Director of OneJax Institute  
Kyle Reese, Deputy Director of OneJax Institute  

Panelists:  
- Cindy Funkhouser, President and CEO, Sulzbacher  
- Marty Goetz, CEO, River Garden Senior Services  
- Dr. Moeen Rathore, UF Health Associate Chair, Department of Pediatrics; Chief, Division of Pediatric Infectious Diseases and Immunology; and Director, UF Center for HIV/AIDS Research, Education and Service (UF CARES)  

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Cultural Council launching pilot program grant for Duval County arts/cultural organizations

The Cultural Council of Greater Jacksonville is launching a new initiative under the Cultural Service Grant Program (CSGP). Applications are now being sought from eligible Duval County arts and cultural organizations for arts and cultural programs/projects. Preference will be given to those that provide outreach to underserved communities and/or utilize Duval County artists and cultural providers. (Underserved communities refer to residents who lack access to arts and culture due to geography, economic condition, ethnic background, or disability.)

“The Cultural Council especially encourages small and emerging arts and cultural nonprofits to apply for these funds,” said Jannet Walker Ford, chair of the Cultural Council of Greater Jacksonville Board of Directors. “We are excited to be able to offer a new grant opportunity that extends the reach of these important public dollars.”
“We are thankful to Mayor Curry and City Council for making possible more arts and culture in communities across Duval County,” said Joy Young, executive director of the Cultural Council. In its pilot year, the Cultural Service PROGRAM Grant will award 10, $2,500 program or project-based awards. Grantees must provide a 1:1 cash match for their awards. The program/project must take place in Duval County and benefit Duval County residents. The deadline to submit program grant applications is Thursday, Jan. 30, 2020. Program/projects must take place between May 1 and Sept. 30, 2020. Applications must be submitted online. To access the grant application, visit the Cultural Council’s website. For more information, view the grant guidelines.

The mission and purpose of the Cultural Service Grant Program (CSGP) is to provide public support to arts and cultural organizations that contribute to the quality of life of Jacksonville’s residents. Governed by Chapter 118, Part 6, of the ordinance code for the city of Jacksonville, CSGP is publicly funded by the city and administered by the Cultural Council of Greater Jacksonville. Only organizations that were not awarded 2019-2020 Cultural Service (operating) Grants may apply for the 2019-2020 Cultural Service PROGRAM Grant. Twenty-six organizations have already been awarded operating grants through the Cultural Service Grant Program for 2019-2020.

Only one application per organization is allowed.
Information Needed!
As the Legislature considers legislation pertaining to micromobility, it’s crucial for the League to show how local governments have successfully embraced this issue without the need for state intervention. **We need your help** in completing this survey to provide us with on-the-ground feedback we can share as we move forward in conversations with our legislative leaders. We appreciate your support in helping us share the story of creative, innovative and effective ways cities have implemented micromobility in their communities.

Each city was sent a unique online survey link via email on Wednesday, January 22. If you did not receive the link for your city and would like to participate in the survey, please email FLC Research Analyst Liane Giroux. Or, simply complete the PDF version and return it via email to Liane.

The survey is three to 11 questions long and should take less than 10 minutes to complete. If you would like to review the online survey prior to logging in, a PDF of the questions is available. The survey deadline is **Friday, January 31**.

Thank you to the cities listed below who have already responded!

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FLM President Ruane's Water Initiative

Message from FLM Executive Director C. Scott Dudley

Please set aside 15 minutes of your time to watch an excerpt from this week’s Senate Appropriations Committee where the Governor’s Recommended Budget was presented. There is a 15 minute discussion and exchange between Appropriations Committee members (Chair Bradley, Senator Simmons and Senator Mayfield) with DEP Secretary Valenstein about water funding. You will understand in 15 minutes why we cannot simply just keep asking for state funding without facts showing what we (local governments) are doing and that we are meeting our obligation. Click here for a link to the video (fast forward to the section between 42:00 – 58:00).

- Chair Bradley makes the point that the state is doing more than just funding local water projects – that the state provides some portion of a match to the federal funds that make up the state revolving loan programs for wastewater, drinking water and rural water grants. That the Federal SRF programs get federal money – the amount varies each year and whatever comes from the federal gov’t enhanced further by state contributions.

- The DEP Secretary states that if local utilities are imposing appropriate rates on customers and re-investing proceeds into necessary repair, maintenance and infrastructure improvements, that the infrastructure deficit would not be as bad. He goes on to say the Governor’s proposal that is outlined in Senator Mayfield’s SB 712 requires utilities to plan, report and be more accountable. This way the state can make sure the locals are doing their part which will allow the state to focus state funds on targeted areas where local effort is not enough.

- Notably, Bradley suggests that it would be more efficient to distribute state funds to regional projects because of increased efficiencies rather
than parsing out limited state funds to individual utilities for separate projects.

- Finally, Senator Mayfield notes that while the state can assist to some degree, wastewater infrastructure funding is a local issue and it is up to local governments to take the lead to address the problem.

C. Scott Dudley
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A weekly look at electric industry news

Monday, January 27, 2020
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in whatever they want to do.
-Kobe Bryant

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Local Government News

We cannot let state legislators keep taking power away from local governments | Opinion (Coral Springs City Commissioner Joshua Simmons)
Sun Sentinel
It’s been said that if a Florida legislative session takes place during a Presidential election cycle, then lawmakers will often be quiet and make major headlines. However, I must implore all Floridians and all local elected officials to be vigilant and pay attention this legislative session. Bills have already been filed, Committee appointments have been made and one thing is clear: Local government authority will continue to be under attack. Home Rule is defined as the ability to establish a form of government through its charter, and to then enact ordinances, codes, plans and resolutions without prior state approval. Simply stated, local governments were given the authority to work in the best interest of their constituents and municipalities. Source

Venice opens city mapping data hub for public use
Sarasota Herald-Tribune
The city of Venice is opening its Geographic Information System data hub for public use. The hub, accessible at data-covfl.opendata.arcgis.com, is still being built out but users can access maps now. Links can also be found on the city website, venicegov.com, under "I Want To" at the top of the homepage, as well as under Government/Information Technology. City of Venice GIS Administrator Don Hubbard said the main purpose of the site is to give the public “access to and of our featured services, our data and our maps that we produce.” On the homepage, it’s possible to click on an icon to view: "All Data," as well as icons for maps from Planning and Zoning, Public Works, Utilities, Engineering, Fire, Police and Airport. More valuable for the typical user are map apps, including ones for flood information, zoning, parks, utilities and the street network. Hubbard noted there are a variety of uses. Source

Twitter, Facebook Offer Local Gov Tips at Mayors Conference
In just more than a decade of existence, Twitter has gone from being a fun place to get occasional updates from Shaq, to a foundational tool for local government to inform and engage with its citizens. Mayor Steve Adler of Austin, Texas, for example, notes that he personally finds his own contentious relationship with the governor of his state playing out in that space, in between steady updates from the president. In other words, Mayor Adler finds Twitter to be one of the most consequential arenas of public discourse, one that he and his administration take seriously. And Mayor Adler is not alone. In fact, use of social media within local government has become such a pressing topic, that it was the subject of a panel discussion earlier this week at the U.S. Conference of Mayors in Washington, D.C. The discussion marked the first time since 2012 the event had hosted programming about social media, and, as such, a packed room turned out to listen at the Capital Hilton.

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**State News**

**Editorial: Which government is more accountable to you? State or local?**

*Pensacola News Journal*

Every year as the Florida legislators huddle in the state capitol, Floridians in local communities from Perdido Key to Key West face a common threat from the politicians who convene in Tallahassee — preemption. Preemption is the annual ritual of state politicians making laws that interfere with the autonomy and home rule of local citizens and governments. It’s been known to have targets great and small — from rules regulating plastic straws to local rules regulating Uber drivers. For those who believe in the values of “small government,” Florida legislators’ annual barrage of centralized dictates seize control from local communities and amount to “big government” in the purest sense of the term. And almost always, legislators’ preemption laws seek to lower local standards that local citizens have chosen for themselves as rules that fit the best interests of their distinct region of the Sunshine State.

**Constitution revision panels looks likely to die this year | Cotterell**

*Tallahassee Democrat*

It looks like this will be the year when Florida legislators abolish the Constitution Revision Commission. The House and Senate have separately voted to junk the cumbersome commission, which springs to life every 20 years, like cicadas, to take a fresh look at the basic foundation of state government. The trouble is, the Senate did it last year and the House voted for repeal last week, which doesn’t count. If the Senate agrees to kill it off this year, the CRC will not be missed – except, perhaps, by some odd folks who like watching rich, important people listen to citizens discussing obscure matters for months at a time, culminating in a lengthy statewide ballot jammed with stuff Gilbert & Sullivan would have found farcical. Like a ban on indoor “vaping” combined with prohibition of offshore oil drilling, just one of the puzzling propositions put on the 2018 ballot by the last commission.

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**Finance, Taxation & Personnel News**
AT&T spends big on 5G, FirstNet ahead of Super Bowl

Smart Cities Dive

AT&T says it has invested more than $85 million to improve wireless and cell coverage in Miami as the city prepares to host Super Bowl LIV on Feb. 2. The investment includes additional support for the FirstNet network used by first responders and public safety officials. In anticipation of a surge in demand as fans and staff flood to the city, AT&T says it has upgraded or installed new Distributed Antenna Systems (DAS) at 29 locations throughout Miami and inside Miami Gardens' Hard Rock Stadium. The company is also offering 5G connection in parts of the surrounding region, and will deploy six Cell on Wheel (COW) units to boost connectivity during the game. Through FirstNet, AT&T will deploy Band 14 spectrum for first responders, which can be cleared and locked to public use. First responders will also be given FirstNet-ready devices to use during Super Bowl week. Source

Land Use & Economic Development News

Editorial: Beach access is a line in the sand that needs revisiting by Florida lawmakers

Sarasota Herald-Tribune

The beach belongs, by law, to the people of Florida — the part that gets wet, that is; the part where you should not leave your towel and expect it to be there when you come back from a swim, unless you're a highly competent student of the tide tables. This is because the idea of the seashore as belonging to “the public trust” is grounded in an era before anyone ever considered sunbathing or swimming in the Atlantic Ocean or Gulf of Mexico. In fact, the thought of paddling alongside sharks and other sea creatures was pretty terrifying. So the “mean high tide line” as a designation of where the public could freely roam was intended for boaters and fishermen. Source

Municipal Administration News

Bills would switch enforcement of Airbnb restrictions from Miami Beach to Tallahassee

Miami Herald

From almost 500 miles away, a group of state employees based in Tallahassee would be responsible for enforcing Miami Beach’s ban on Airbnb-type vacation rentals in most of the city’s residential neighborhoods under a pair of bills lawmakers are considering. If the legislation passes in its current form, the state’s Department of Business and Professional Regulation would regulate most short-term rentals and take over local licensing and inspection powers that currently belong to local governments. The legislation includes a grandfather clause narrowly protecting local prohibitions of short-term rentals, but “expressly preempts the regulation of vacation rentals, including their inspection and licensing, to the state,” according to a summary analysis of Senate Bill 1128, sponsored by Hialeah Republican Sen. Manny Diaz Jr. Source

Florida weighs pet store rules that could toss out local ‘puppy mill’ bans
Fueled by lobbying and at least $160,000 in campaign contributions from a major pet retailer, Florida lawmakers could wipe from the books dozens of local laws that ban the sale of dogs and cats from high-volume “puppy mills.” Animal welfare groups say the bills — which bring forth regulations for animal care, documentation and socialization — are largely unenforceable since most animals come to stores from out of state. But a supporter of the rules, a South Florida franchisee of Petland, argued the proposal brings much-needed standards to the industry and would raise the bar statewide for the sale of pets. If approved by the Florida legislature in the coming months, the changes would toss out about 60 local ordinances, including those passed by Lake and Seminole Counties, and others by Oviedo and Sanford. Source

Transportation & Intergovernmental Relations News

Conservative group calls on citizen engagement to slash regulation
Florida Politics
Americans for Prosperity wants Florida lawmakers to snip red tape and reform occupational license regulations. A new campaign encourages citizens to lobby the Florida Legislature. Americans for Prosperity-Florida released an animated video using streams of red tape to symbolize occupational licensing laws. The imagery ties in with direct mail targeting specific lawmakers’ constituencies. “AFP-FL believes that all Floridians deserve the opportunity to support their families without needless government burdens. To unleash these opportunities, we want to help Gov. [Ron] DeSantis and lawmakers that are willing to come together to take licensing reform and ‘punch it in the end zone this year,’” said Skylar Zander, AFP-FL state director, referencing a specific line from DeSantis’ 2020 State of the State address. Source

Utilities, Natural Resources & Public Works News

Nature of Things: Legislature considering several bills that affect environment
The Ledger
The Florida Legislature has convened, and quite a bit of legislation affecting Florida’s environment is on the table. We’ll know how it all turned out in a few months after legislators adjourn and the results land on Gov. Ron DeSantis’ desk. As with every session, we’re always dealing with the conflict between hope and experience. One of the most-discussed and wide-ranging bills involves proposals to do more to reduce water pollution. This legislation reflects a hard fact: Preventing water pollution is more responsible and cost-effective than trying to clean up the mess afterward. Source

Sunscreen ban prohibition heard in the Senate
WJHG
The first bill heard by the Florida Senate when it convened Wednesday morning would prohibit local governments from banning sunscreens. The legislation comes in response to a ban passed by the city of Key West, which feared certain chemicals in the products might harm coral reefs. Senate Sponsor Rob Bradley
said the state has looked at the research and concluded the ingredients believed to harm coral reefs do not appear in high enough concentrations in nature to have a negative impact. "And it would be a shame if people stopped using sunscreen because it was too expensive or they didn't like a certain kind because a local government said you can't use that kind of sunscreen. I think that's the wrong message to send," said Bradley. Senator Bradley also said if the chemicals are deemed to be harmful to humans, the FDA could order them to be removed from sunscreens. The bill is now ready for a floor vote in the Senate. Source

Remembering...

Community remembers, celebrates life of Niceville mayor
Northwest Florida Daily News
Members of the Niceville community gathered to celebrate the life of Mayor Randall Wise on Saturday morning. The gathering took place at the First Baptist Church on Bayshore and included many friends and family. Wise, a Niceville native, impacted the city in a multitude of ways, starting with his time as a volunteer fireman. Wise had served as mayor of Niceville since 1971 and was the longest serving mayor in Florida. "He loved this city so much," said his son, Randy. "He was a man of love." Randy was invited to the podium to speak and he said that during the city council meetings his father could calm the entire room. Source

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Thanks to all who were able to participate in this morning’s Florida League of Cities Monday Morning Call-In. Below is a list of the bills discussed. Click HERE to listen to a recording of this morning’s call. To participate in the call-ins, dial: (888) 585-9008. The conference room number is 301-563-714#. To view the League’s legislative bill summaries, click HERE.

January 27, 2020 FLC Call-In Summary

Your feedback is needed on several key bills that were discussed on today’s call-in. Please look for yellow highlights to see where the lobbyists need assistance. Thank you!

David Cruz Update:

- **SB 890** (Perry) – Local Licensing/Reciprocity – **Oppose** – SB 890 will be will be heard today at 1:30 p.m. in the Senate Innovation, Industry, and Technology Committee. This is the first of there committee stops. If this bill impacts your city, please contact David Cruz. To hear today’s discussion on SB 890, click on recording link above and go to 1:34 mark on the call.

- **SB 1336** (Perry) – Preemption of Local Occupational Licensing – **Oppose** – SB 1336 will be heard today at 4:00 p.m. in the Senate Community Affairs Committee. This is the first of three committee stops.

- **SB 410** (Perry) – Growth Management – **Oppose** – SB 410 will be heard today at 4:00 p.m. in the Senate Community Affairs Committee. This is the first of three committee stops.

- **SB 772** (Perry) and **HB 647** (Drake) – RV Parks – **Oppose** – SB 772 will be heard today at 4:00 p.m. in the Senate Community Affairs Committee. This is the first of three committee stops. HB 647 will be heard on Tuesday, January 28 at 9:00 a.m. in the House Health Quality Subcommittee. This is the first of three committee stops in the House. If your city has concerns with these bills, please share those concerns with David. To hear the discussion on these bills, go to the 4:38 mark on today’s recording.

Amber Hughes Update:

- **HB 1149** (DiCeglie) – Local Government Fiscal Transparency – **Oppose** – HB 1149 will be heard today at 3:30 p.m. in the House Ways and Means Committee. This is the second of three committee stops.

- **HB 305** (Rommel) – Preemption of Conditions of Employment – **Oppose** – HB 305 will be heard on Tuesday, January 28 at 9:00 a.m. in the House Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee. This is the second of three committee stops. If you have issues on with this bill, please contact Amber. To hear discussion on HB 305, go to the 6:38 mark on today’s recording.

- **SB 1166** (Albritton) – Broadband Internet Service – **Support** – SB 1166 will be heard on Tuesday, January 28 at 1:30 p.m. in the Senate Commerce and Tourism Committee. This is the first of three committee stops.

Jeff Branch Update:

- **SB 1000** (Perry) and **HB 1371** (Fine) – Traffic and Pedestrian Safety – **Oppose, Unfunded Mandate** – SB 1000 will be heard today at 4:00 p.m. in the Senate Infrastructure and Security Committee. This is the first of three committee stops. HB 1371 will be heard on Tuesday, January 28 at 12:00 p.m. in the House Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee. This is the first of three committee stops.

- **CS/HB 459** (Overdorff) – Building Design – **Oppose** – CS/HB 459 will be heard on Tuesday, January 28 at 12:00 p.m. in the House Government Operations & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee. This is the second of three committee stops. Please reach out to members on the Governmental Operations & Technology
Appropriations Subcommittee and ask them to OPPOSE CS/HB 459. Attached is a list of committee members and their contact information. To listen to discussion on this bill, go to the 10:18 mark on the recording.

- **HB 971** (Grant, M.) – Electric Bikes – Oppose – HB 971 will be heard on Tuesday, January 28 at 12:00 p.m. in the House Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee. This is the first of three committee stops.

- **HB 1039** (Rommel) – Transportation Network Companies/Digital Advertising – Watch - HB 1039 will be heard on Tuesday, January 28 at 12:00 p.m. in the House Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee. This is the first of three committee stops. If your city receives digital advertising revenue from luxury ground transportation network company vehicles, please contact Jeff Branch. To listen to discussion on this bill, go to the 12:30 mark on today’s recording.

**Casey Cook Update:**

- **Update on Vacation Rentals**
  - Both the senate bill and the house bill have passed their first committees of reference. Thanks to your efforts, opinions have changed and bill sponsors are asking stakeholders for amendment language to potentially improve the bill. At this time, we need to focus on four senators who serve on the Commerce and Tourism Committee (next stop for SB 1128) and ask them to **OPPOSE SB 1128** (Diaz). The four senators are:
    1. Senator Joe Gruters, R-Sarasota (Chair on the Commerce and Tourism Committee) Email: gruters.joe@flsenate.gov Capitol Phone: (850) 487-5023
    2. Senator Victor Torres, D-Kissimmee (Vice Chair on the Senate Commerce and Tourism Committee) Email: torres.victor@flsenate.gov Capitol Phone: (850) 487-5015
    3. Senator Linda Stewart, D-Orlando Email: stewart.linda@flsenate.gov Capitol Phone: (850) 487-5013
    4. Senator Tom Wright, R-Port Orange Email: wright.tom@flsenate.gov Capitol Phone: (850) 487-5014
  - Casey needs your feedback on **SB 1472** (Book) – Public Safety Communications Systems – Oppose. Specifically, he needs to hear 1) how will this bill impact your city and 2) if this is an issue in your city, send Casey amendment language that would solve your city’s concerns. To hear discussion on this bill, go to the 15:57 mark on today’s recording.

**Rebecca O’Hara Update:**

- **SB 996** (Albritton) – Displacement of Private Solid Waste Companies – Oppose – SB 996 will be heard today at 4:00 p.m. in the Senate Community Affairs Committee. This is the first of three committee stops. If this bill impacts your city, Rebecca would appreciate your feedback on the bill. To hear discussion on the bill, go to the 17:57 mark on today’s recording.

- **SB 1390** (Simmons) and **HB 775** (Avila) – Everglades Protection Area – Watch – SB 1390 will be heard today at 4:00 p.m. in the Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee. This is the first of three committee stops in the senate. HB 775 will be heard on Tuesday, January 28 at 9:00 a.m. in the House Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee. This is the second of three committee stops.

- **SB 1450** (Grunters) – Environmental Enforcement – Watch – SB 1450 will be heard today at 4:00 p.m. in the Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee. This is the first of three committee stops.

- **SB 1382** (Albritton) – Environmental Resource Management – Watch – SB 1382 will be heard today at 4:00 p.m. in the Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee. This is the first of three committee stops.

- **SB 1464** (Flores) and **CS/HB 1095** (Fitzenhagen) – Underground Facility Damage Prevention and Safety – Watch – SB 1464 will be heard today at 4:00 p.m. in the Senate Infrastructure and Security Committee. The is the first of three committee stops in the senate. CS/HB 1095 will be heard on Tuesday, January 28 at 12:00 p.m. in the House Government Operations & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee. This is the second of three committee stops in the house.

- **HB 1343** (Payne) – Water Quality – Watch – HB 1343 will be heard on Tuesday, January 28 at 12:00 p.m. in the House Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee. This is the first of three committee stops.

FLC’s Legislative Action Days is February 11-12. To register, click [HERE](#).
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2020 Legislative Session Is Officially Underway

Speaker of the House Jose Oliva gavelled in Opening Session on Tues., Jan. 14 and addressed the members and guests. His remarks included a focus on reforms for healthcare complexes, higher ed, and child welfare programs. He also praised the efforts of Chair Cummings and his Appropriations Subcommittee Chairs with effectively reprioritize budget silos. The Speaker’s emphasis on “spending is not caring; solving is
“caring” is a position that Representative Williamson echoes.

Gov. DeSantis’ State of the State address during the 2020 Joint Session that followed was equally as powerful, noting that "we must tax lightly, spend wisely and regulate reasonably.”

Florida House of Representatives

Page & Messenger Program

District-Record 12 Students Selected for the 2020 Page & Messenger Program

A long-standing tradition in the Florida House of Representatives, Page & Messenger Program participants, are mentioned in the historical journals of the institution dating as far back as 1865. District 3 applicants are required to submit an essay with their application, which is reviewed to determine the top applicants for the two guaranteed spots.

Kate Jones (7th grade) of Sims Middle School was selected as the priority page applicant, and Jackson Gambrell (9th grade) of Milton High School was chosen as the top messenger applicant for the 2020 Legislative Session.

In addition to the students selected for the priority spots, Williamson also sponsored the following ten students who were approved to participate in the
programs: Ryleigh Diamond (8th grade) and Ramsey Reeves (7th grade) from Jay High School; Alondra Salazar (7th grade), Colton Fortune (7th grade), Kinsley Hines (7th grade), Caden McGinnis (7th grade) and Nataleigh Parham (8th grade) from Sims Middle School; Fisher Kariher (7th grade) from Gulf Breeze Middle School; Anderson Parker (7th grade) from Holley Navarre Middle School and Isabella Seoane (9th grade) from Pace High School.

Applicants were selected last month and assigned a specific week to report to the Capitol to serve. To learn more about the Florida House of Representatives Page & Messenger Program, CLICK HERE.

Rep. Williamson's Member Bill Updates

HB1437: Safety of Religious Institutions

Authorizes church, synagogue or other religious institution to allow concealed weapons or concealed firearms licensee to carry a firearm on its property for certain purposes.

This bill is currently in the House Criminal Justice Subcommittee. To learn more about this bill and its real-time status, CLICK HERE.
HB1435: Public Officers & Employees

Authorizes specified reporting individuals & procurement employees to accept gifts or compensation to be used toward costs incurred due to serious bodily injury or diagnosis of serious disease or illness of individual, employee, or child thereof; specifies limitations & requirements.

*This bill is currently in the House Public Integrity & Ethics Committee. To learn more about this bill and its real-time status, CLICK HERE.*

HB747: Coverage for Air Ambulance Services

Requires health insurers & health maintenance organizations to provide reasonable reimbursement to air ambulance services for certain covered services and sets guidelines specific to those reimbursements.

*This bill is currently on 1st Reading. To learn more about this bill and its real-time status, CLICK HERE.*

HB821: Public Records & Meeting/IT Security Info

Provides exemptions from public records requirements for portions of records held by state agencies that contain sensitive IT-related infrastructure details and a corresponding public necessity statement.

*This bill is currently in the House State Affairs Committee. To learn more about this bill and its real-time status, CLICK HERE.*
HB593: Disability Retirement Benefits

Allows members receiving care at a VA facility to use the certification given by the facilities' physicians as proof of total and permanent disability, which reduces the time it takes to receive their benefits.

This bill is currently in the House Appropriations Committee. To learn more about this bill and its real-time status, CLICK HERE.

HB751: Reentry Into State by Certain Persons

Creates statutory sentencing requirements in the State of Florida of persons who are under the order of "exclusion, deportation, or removal" from the United States.

This bill is currently on 1st Reading. To learn more about this bill and its real-time status, CLICK HERE.

Appropriations Project Requests Updates

In preparation for the 2020 Legislative Session, Representative Williamson has filed a wide variety of Appropriations Projects that will positively impact District 3 and the surrounding areas. For a complete listing of the projects sponsored by Representative Williamson, CLICK HERE and search by his name as the "Sponsor" and "Appropriations Project" as the bill type.
Earlier this month, Rep. Williamson along with fellow Northwest Florida Legislative Delegation Members participated in WSRE's Legislative Review program. Click on the play button to watch it now and learn more about the members' priorities for the 2020 Legislative Session.

Legislative Tracking Accounts

Setting up a Legislative Tracking account is an easy way to identify and monitor the issues you care about. Your account settings can be updated at any time, allowing you to modify your list, view current statuses and edit the frequency of updates on the items you are tracking.

Volunteer Florida's 5th Annual Suits for Session engages legislators and staff, state agency employees and other local professionals to collect new or gently-worn business attire to help prepare the job-seekers in need in our state.
We are accepting donations in our District Office in Pace (4519 Woodbine Rd – Cornerstone Office Complex) through Thurs., Feb. 20 from 8:30am until 2:30pm each business day. However, you may also drop your items off in Tallahassee (Capitol Rotunda) on the official collection day, Tues., Feb. 25 from 9am to 5pm (ET).

Specifically, the following men’s and women’s items will be accepted: Full suits, Blazers/jackets, Blouses/shirts, Pants/trousers, Dresses/skirts, Ties, Belts, Shoes and Handbags. Items should be laundered and bagged up. However, we will not be able to provide donation receipts if you elect to drop off at our office.

For additional questions or information regarding collection at our District Office through Feb. 20 please contact Sabrina McLaughlin at sabrina.mclaughlin@myfloridahouse.gov.

If you are in Tallahassee on Feb. 25 and want to donate on Collection Day at the Capitol or would like more information on the program, CLICK HERE.

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**February Constituent Service Days**

**South Santa Rosa**  
Constituent Service Day  
Tuesday - February 4  
10 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
Tiger Point Community Center  
1370 Tiger Park Ln, Gulf Breeze, FL 32563

**North Okaloosa**  
Constituent Service Day  
Thursday - February 20  
10 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
UF IFAS Extension Okaloosa Co.  
3098 Airport Rd, Crestview, FL 32539

Appointments are not required for our Constituent Service Days and meetings are held on a first-come-first-served basis.
Thursday - February 13
10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
SRC Economic Development Office
6491 Caroline St., #4, Milton, FL 32570

For additional information about any of our Constituent Service Days, please email HDIST003@myfloridahouse.gov.
[POSSIBLE SPAM] [MKTG] Reminder: GovTalk - January Recruiting and HR Insights
How to Motivate Your Millennial Employees for Retention

by Valerie Martinelli

When I hear from my millennial clients that they are leaving their jobs it is usually one of three reasons. The first is that they are feeling bored, stagnant, and underutilized. After all, 64% of millennials would rather make less at a ...
The Transition Decade
by David Ivers

The start of a new year is always a wonderful opportunity to stop, do a stock-take of your personal and professional life and begin to plan what that transformation for the new year might look like for you. You may even draw ...

Ten Tips for Receiving Critical Feedback
by John Stoker
Recently, a friend who works as a keynote speaker sent me some feedback that he received after speaking at a conference. It went something like this: *This speaker was very rude and offensive to one of his support staff. This ...*

**Learn Your Boss So You Can Make Work-Life Easier for Both of You**  
*by Shelley Row*

Each of these bosses will have a unique approach to leading his or her team. None of their natural styles are inherently wrong, but what would work with one team dynamic may be a disaster for another. Chances are you don't have ...
Houston Airport System

The Houston Airport System provides a safe and dynamic air services network that fosters economic vitality for the transportation industry and facilitates a strong level of global connectivity for a diverse and growing population living throughout the greater Houston region.

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City of Spokane

The City of Spokane has about 2,000 employees and operates a Mayor-Council, or “strong mayor,” form of government. The Mayor is the head of the executive branch, similar to the governor's role at the state level and the President's role at the federal level. The City Administrator, meanwhile, serves in the capacity of ...

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City of Menlo Park

Menlo Park is a city of beautiful, tree-lined neighborhoods and active commercial districts. Located conveniently between the major metropolitan areas of San Francisco and San Jose, Menlo Park is home to a little over 32,000 residents in its 19 square miles. The stunning natural surroundings of the ...

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February Speaker Series Program
Edward Waters College: 154 Years

Monday, Feb. 3, 6 p.m.

RSVP today for our next event!

To commemorate Black History Month in February, the Jacksonville Historical Society will present “Florida’s First Historically Black College: 154 Years of Jacksonville’s Edward Waters College” at its February Speaker Series event.

David Jamison, Ph.D., assistant professor of history at Edward Waters College, will share the important history of Florida’s oldest independent institution and first African American institution of higher learning. The talk will explore how changes over time at Edward Waters also reflected broader social changes occurring over the same time in Jacksonville.

Jamison’s doctorate focused on African Diaspora history and his dissertation was on slave resistance during the Colonial Era. His mission is to inspire others to learn about, reanalyze, and deconstruct people’s ideas about race.

The program begins with a social hour at 6 p.m. in the Health Disparities Building, just steps from the Milne Auditorium, where the presentation will occur at 7 p.m., at Edward Waters College, 1658 Kings Road. Heading west on Kings Road, turn left on Grunthal Street, then right on 5th Street for parking.

Parking is available in several lots on Grunthal Street, which can be entered from Kings Road. On map below, Lots are indicated as A, B, C and M. The social hour will be in the building indicated as No. 25 and the program in the building indicated as No. 24. Campus security will be present.

Free to JHS members and students of Dr. David Jamison's class; $10 suggested donation for non-members.
The Speaker Series is underwritten by Retina Associates and Fred H. Lambrou, Jr., M.D. For more information about the event, call (904) 665-0064, or email info@jaxhistory.org.
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Commander Gary Snyder
Police Operations/Special Events
Neptune Beach Police Department
Office: 904-270-2413
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Sent: Monday, January 27, 2020 3:05 PM
To: Hancock, Christian <Christian.Hancock@jaxsheriff.org>; White, Jeffrey S. <Jeffrey.White@jaxsheriff.org>; Gidcumb, Bradley S. <Bradley.Gidcumb@jaxsheriff.org>; Ragasa, Rainiel J. <Rainiel.Ragasa@jaxsheriff.org>; King, Christopher M. <Christopher.King@jaxsheriff.org>; Shell, Michael B. <Michael.Shell@jaxsheriff.org>; Walters, Jim W. <Jim.Walters@jaxsheriff.org>; Mason, Christopher D. <Christopher.Mason@jaxsheriff.org>; Robb, Simon R. <Simon.Robb@jaxsheriff.org>; Kramer, Murray R <Murray.Kramer2@jaxsheriff.org>; Michael Key <michaelkey@nbfl.us>; Dustin Kamppi <dustinkamppi@nbfl.us>; Liam Toal <liamtoal@nbfl.us>; Brown, William K <wbrown@jaxbchfl.net>; Blanton, Jake <JBlanton@coj.net>; Hogencamp, Kevin <kHogencamp@coab.us>; Peck, Ed <epeck@coab.us>; Sarah Ausherman <saraha@priproductions.com>; Sarah Ausherman <hornsr@gmail.com>; Amanda@thedonnafoundation.org; Terry Shirley <tshirley@sjso.org>; jmorgan@sjcfl.us; cwensil@sjso.org; Charles M. Evans <cevans@jaxbchfl.net>; Richard Pike <cop@nbfl.us>; Ayoub, Andre E. <Andre.Ayoub@jaxsheriff.org>; Cook, Michelle <mcook@coab.us>; Gualillo, Victor L <vgualillo@coab.us> <vgualillo@coab.us>; Mitchell, Eric <EricM@coj.net>; Scott Beaver <sbeaver@sjso.org>; Glasser, Ellen <eglasser@coab.us>; Stefen Wynn <cm@nbfl.us>; Corbin, Shane <scorbin@coab.us>; Mayor Latham, Charlie <CLatham@jaxbchfl.net>; Ervanian, Maxwell <MErvanian@coj.net>

Subject: Donna Marathon 2020 - Agency Leadership, City Managers & Mayor's Brief

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Commander Gary Snyder
Police Operations/Special Events
Neptune Beach Police Department
Office: 904-270-2413
Per our discussion.

Mike

From: Chuck Hernden <Hernden@jaxbchfl.net>
Sent: Monday, January 27, 2020 3:02 PM
To: Mike Staffopoulos <mstaffopoulos@jaxbchfl.net>; Dennis Barron <dbarron@jaxbchfl.net>; Phil Brown <pbrown@jaxbchfl.net>
Subject: RE: COJ Resiliency Committee

Mike

Here are the most current map we have of the still existing septic tanks. There are 7 tanks that have sewer available and 7 that there is no sewer available at this time. I hope this information is useful and apologies for the delay in getting it to you.

Chuck S. Hernden
D & C Superintendent
City of Jacksonville Beach
Public Works Department
904-247-6273

From: Mike Staffopoulos
Sent: Monday, January 27, 2020 2:44 PM
To: Dennis Barron <dbarron@jaxbchfl.net>; Chuck Hernden <Hernden@jaxbchfl.net>; Phil Brown <pbrown@jaxbchfl.net>
Subject: FW: COJ Resiliency Committee

Can you provide me with some information on this? Maybe in the next day or two? Estimates are fine!

Thanks!

From: Charlie Latham <charlie@charlielatham.com>
Sent: Monday, January 27, 2020 2:43 PM
To: Mike Staffopoulos <mstaffopoulos@jaxbchfl.net>
Subject: COJ Resiliency Committee
Mike, I’m at COJ Resiliency Committee. I think we have gotten rid of almost all septic tanks in JB. Can you confirm how many are left please?

Sent from my iPhone
Dear Elected Municipal Officials:

This is a call for timely action by your local government in regard to the above subject. The 2020 Legislative Session is in high gear. Time is of the essence. We have been working diligently to impress upon the members of the Florida Legislature the broad support for SB-182 and H-6043. Now is the time for us to prove it.

If you recently adopted a resolution supporting SB-182 and/or H-6043, the companion House Bill, or you expressed by resolution similar support for local authority to regulate single-use plastics and polystyrene within the last few years, please have your staff send a copy of the resolution you adopted to the following people/groups ASAP:

1. Members of your County Legislative Delegation; and
2. Members of the various House and Senate Committees currently considering said bills; and
3. Governor Ron Desantis

The email addresses for two of the three recipients are listed below. We do not have the names or email addresses for your local Legislative Delegation, but we are sure your staff has them. If you are in the process of adopting such a resolution, please send a copy to the same three parties listed above. Many have adopted such resolutions, but failed to send it to the above parties for the legislative decision makers to know fully the extent of the support for such.

Also, if you have not yet adopted a resolution supporting home rule for regulation of the aforementioned plastics there is still time if you move quickly. A copy of Resolution No. 122-2019 adopted by the Palm Beach Town Council in October 2019 is attached in the MS Word format for you to use to alter as may be needed to meet your resolution format.

Your support to protect the health of all Florida citizens from the unknown effects of microplastics in our food chain, protect our Florida marine wildlife, reduce non-biodegradable litter and extend the useful life of our numerous landfills across this state is greatly appreciated and will be remembered for generations to come.

The email addresses are:

Governor Ron Desantis
SENATE SB 182 COMMITTEES

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From: Gene Paul N Smith <gsmith@jaxbchfl.net>
Sent: Tuesday, January 28, 2020 6:24 AM
To: Mike Staffopoulos
Subject: Fwd: Noteworthy (THI call-out on a sig 4/7)

This was a mess last night, no doubt this will be on the news, call me if you have any questions

Gene Paul N Smith
Chief of Police
Jacksonville Beach Police Department
904-247-6343

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Paul F. Watkins" <pwatkins@jaxbchfl.net>
Date: January 28, 2020 at 6:21:12 AM EST
To: "Gene Paul N. Smith" <gsmith@jaxbchfl.net>
Cc: Commanders <Commanders@jaxbchfl.net>, All Police-Sergeants <Sergeants@jaxbchfl.net>, All Police-Corporals <Corporals@jaxbchfl.net>
Subject: Noteworthy (THI call-out on a sig 4/7)

At approximately 2329 hours, officers responded to 11th Avenue North and 3rd Street in reference to a traffic crash call. Upon officers arriving on the scene, we observed two vehicles involved in the traffic crash. V-2 (21 years old) was wrapped around a street light pole and the driver was DOA. The driver of V-1 (26 years old) was in a white pick-up truck that also hit another street light pole in the same block and the driver had to be cut out of the vehicle by Jacksonville Fire Department. Further investigation from witnesses revealed that V-1 was traveling northbound on 3rd Street South at a high rate of speed. As V-1 crossed 3rd Street North and around 11th Avenue North and 3rd Street he rear-end V-2, who was also traveling northbound causing V-2 to spin out and hit a street light pole.

V-1 driver was transported to Memorial Hospital in Jacksonville in stable condition..............Sgt. Bingham, Officer T. Maxwell, and Officer D. Turpin responded out for a THI investigation. Officer Maxwell made death notification.

Beaches Energy and Public Works is out helping with massive clean-up of debris in the northbound lanes.
Top Five Reasons You Should Exhibit at the Florida Lineman Competition

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1. Meet utilities personnel from across the state of Florida.
2. Excellent opportunity to increase brand awareness.
3. Make sales of your products and services.
4. Build relationships with utility managers, safety personnel and lineworkers.
5. Family-friendly, fun event!

Thank you to all of our sponsors for their continued support of the Florida Lineman Competition!

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Every competitor and judge participating in the 2020 Florida Lineman Competition in Tallahassee will receive one of our 20th anniversary gift hats! This is your opportunity to place your mark on these special gifts that will be worn by hundreds of Florida public power lineworkers every day!

Manufactured by Dri-Duck Industries, these hats are durable enough for every day job wear, and are breathable and water resistant to keep you cool and dry on the weekends. They feature a unique “Lineman at Work” scene on the side panels, as well as our 20th anniversary commemorative patch on the front.

We only have space for one logo, so please contact Garnie Holmes, Director of Communications & Marketing, at gholmes@publicpower.com or 850-251-4832 today to reserve your space!
This exclusive opportunity is only available to our competition sponsors!

The $5,500 additional fee covers the set-up and embroidery of 250 hats to be distributed with team materials during check-in.

(Only $22 each!)

Additional hats can be arranged!

**Two-color 20th Anniversary patch**
(Artist rendering)

- Monochrome embroidered “Lineman at Work” scene on full side panel

- Your logo in ANY COLOR

**Competition Agenda**

All competition events will be held at the Tallahassee Auto Museum

**Friday, March 13**

9:00 am – Noon
- Field exhibitors/trailer-truck check-in and set-up

**Hotel Information**
1:00 – 3:00 pm
- Apprentices and Journeyman Teams sign-in

2:00 – 3:45 pm
- Judges registration and **MANDATORY** meeting: Master and Event Judges meet with all competition Judges

3:00 – 5:00 pm
- Welcome Reception exhibitors check-in and set-up

3:45 – 4:00 pm
- Apprentices and Judges report to Written Test room

4:00 – 5:00 pm
- Apprentice Written Test: **MANDATORY** for all Apprentices

5:00 – 7:00 pm
Welcome Reception and Vendor Expo

**Saturday, March 14**

8:00 – 8:15 am
- Opening Ceremony

8:15 am
- Competition Begins

6:00 – 8:00 pm
- Florida Lineman Competition Awards Banquet

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Tallahassee, FL 32317
Phone: (850) 219-7000

**Ask for the FLC rate**
Studio Queen: $149
King Bed: $159
Double Occupancy: $179

Group rate booking [LINK](#)

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Tallahassee, FL 32308
Phone: (850) 574-4900

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Phone: (850) 385-3553

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Double Queen beds: $134

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Questions?
Elizabeth Bendele, FMEA Manager of Member Services & Programs, at (850) 224-3314 ext.1002 or ebendele@publicpower.com.
Submitted on Tuesday, January 28, 2020 - 8:17am Submitted by anonymous user: [67.190.227.127] Submitted values are:

--Subject and Message--
Subject: Fletcher High School family/parent night-mental health
Message:
Good Morning Mayor Latham,
I wanted to introduce myself, my name is Amy Scott and I am the current FHS PTSA President. Mr. Ledford wanted me to reach out to you regarding an upcoming program that is being planned at the school. We are working on a family/parent mental health night and wanted to see if we can partner with you in planning this after hearing you are also working on a program as well. This is much needed topic for families, especially for middle and high school ages. We have one speaker that is confirmed, who spoke at the Principals and President luncheon last year, she spoke about her personal story of losing her son to suicide. It was a very impactful story to me as a parent. We have also reached out to the Beaches Resource Center for their help and expertise. We would enjoy working together on this night. Please feel free to call or email me on how we can help.
Thank you,
Amy Scott
FHS PTSA President
904-993-2827

Department: Mayor's Office
Recipient: clatham@jaxbchfl.net
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Name: Amy Scott
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The results of this submission may be viewed at:
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Please ‘reply all’ with dates you can attend so we can narrow down the date for this important seminar.

Thank you!

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Hello Mayor Latham,

Once again I’m hosting (4) travel writers at the Casa Marina Hotel March 3 and 4. I’m wondering if you have any time for me to introduce them to you so they can best understand Jacksonville Beach through your eyes. This would add a great dimension to their visit.

Cordially,

Leigh Cort

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Mr. Latham,

Our PTSA would like to partner with you regarding the event. They have contacted a few speakers that would be very much interested in participating. Please let me know if this would be possible. Thanks.

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Type of Notice: Initial Report
Date of Notice: 01/28/2020

Incident Information
Name of Incident: NAS JACKSONVILLE FLORIDA JP-5 RELEASE
State Watch Office Case Number: 2020496
Start of Incident: 01/17/2020 18:15
End of Incident: 01/18/2020 01:30

Incident Description
During aircraft refuel approximately 1800 North east Hangar 116 tarmac. F/A-18 aircraft developed an overpressure situation on outboard port (left) vertical stabilizer fuel vent releasing approximately 60 gallons JP-5 jet fuel concrete pavement spreading east behind aircraft. No storm drains affected no threat to soil or St. Johns River. JBOS contractor personnel initiated clean up and MER Environmental personnel completed cleanup and properly disposed of spill material.

Incident Location
Facility/Installation Name: Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Florida
Address Line 1: Commanding Officer 6500 N Roosevelt Blvd
Address Line 2: BLDG 1 box 50
Directions: Roosevelt BLVD. South to Yorktown gate, east to Ranger St. to Hangar 116 flight line.
City: Jacksonville
State: FL
Zip Code: 32212
Coordinates (in decimal degrees):
Lat: 30.23, Long: -81.673
Click to view Incident Location
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Incident Reported By
Name: James Taylor
Title: NAS Jacksonville Spill Prevention Manager
Phone: (904) 542-3016
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Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Thanks much. How about 3/24, 3/25, or 3/26?
Ellen G

Sent using OWA for iPhone

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Local Government News

Time to come together and find common solutions for Americans (Pensacola Mayor Grover Robinson and Tallahassee Mayor John Dailey)
Pensacola News Journal
As we approach the 2020 Presidential Election, it often seems like our political parties could not be more polarized. Democrats vs. Republicans, right vs. left, with little room for common ground. But when you stop and look at the core of many of the major issues facing our communities today, they are not partisan issues. As mayors, we hear from citizens every day who want to see sustainable infrastructure as our cities build and grow. They want opportunities to join the workforce and truly thrive in their careers. They want to see solutions to homelessness and housing affordability. Perhaps most of all, American citizens want to feel safe in their communities and end the gun violence happening every day throughout our country. Source

Local Mayors Welcome World To South Florida For Super Bowl 54
CBS Miami
The official welcome to South Florida for Super Bowl 54 ceremony was held Monday. Mayors from Miami, Miami Beach, Miami-Dade, and Miami Gardens took the stage to express their excitement about the big game. The mayors talked about the diversity of South Florida, explaining to the world that 60 percent of the people who live in Miami-Dade County were born somewhere else. The elected officials were quite proud of the fact that this is the 11th record-setting Super Bowl in South Florida. Source

Florida bills would strip local governments from creating certain laws
First Coast News
Several bills in the Florida legislature would block local governments from creating their own laws for certain issues. The bills would give that power to the state. A group of city leaders from across the state are urging state leaders to vote against these bills. St. Augustine Beach City Commissioner Dylan Rumrell told First
Coast News that while some issues need state-level control, other topics are inherently local and should be governed at the local level. Source

**State News**

**Citizen-initiated ballot initiative roll back continues its momentum along party lines**

Florida Politics

Legislation that could make it harder to get citizen petitions on the ballots divided the Senate Committee on Ethics and Elections along party lines. Republican Sen. Travis Hutson’s bill (SB 1794), which would make it harder for citizens to put ballot amendments on the ballot, passed the committee 4-3 vote. While critics argue it guts the citizen petition process, Hutson counters it provides more transparency. Debate on the bill was so heated and took so long, the committee was forced to postpone consideration of another bill (SJR 1216) that would put a constitutional amendment on this November’s ballot limiting the terms of local school board members. Source

**Rescue animals could become Florida’s official state pet**

The Associated Press

Animals in rescue shelters and those adopted from them could become Florida’s official state pet under a bill unanimously approved by a Senate committee on Monday. Democratic Sen. Kevin Rader said he filed the legislation after reading rescue animals have become the official state pet or animal of elsewhere, including California, Colorado, Tennessee, Georgia, Illinois and Ohio. “The intent of this designation is to raise public awareness of the many animals waiting for forever homes,” Rader said. “Hopefully this will encourage more Floridians to adopt pets out of our shelters.” The bill has one more committee stop before reaching the full Senate. An identical House bill is waiting for approval in two committees before going to the full chamber. Source

**Federal News**

**House and Senate Introduce Bill to Protect PEG Stations**

Cities Speak

Members of the House and Senate, led by Senator Ed Markey (D-Mass.) and Representative Anna Eshoo (D-Calif.) have introduced the “Protecting Community Television Act (S. 3218/H.R. 5659),” which is intended to preserve local cable franchises by clarifying the statutory definition of a franchise fee. This bill was introduced with the endorsement of the National League of Cities and many other local government advocates. The bill clarifies that the definition of a franchise fee only includes monetary payments. If signed into law, this would block the “in-kind” portion of the Federal Communications Commission’s (FCC) 2019 cable franchise order, by preventing the FCC from defining all franchise provisions, whether monetary or not, as fees and allowing providers to deduct the market value of those franchise obligations from their payments. Source
Finance, Taxation & Personnel News

Communications tax cut would help more low-income Floridians get connected
Florida Politics
A tax cut being proposed by lawmakers this year could put a lot of cash back in the average Floridian’s pocket. Currently, cities and counties can set their own communications services tax rate. This has led to more than 400 different jurisdictions, each with their own tax rate. While those rates can vary wildly, they are rarely inexpensive. In most cases, the communications services tax costs customers two-and-a-half times as much as sales tax. The high rates disproportionately impact low-income Floridians, many of whom are hit multiple times a month, as the charge shows up on bills for cellphones, broadband internet and cable television. On a family’s wireless bill, the cost can quickly balloon due to taxes and fees levied against each device included on a plan.

Source

Municipal Administration News

The fight over Airbnbs: Will a bill open up floodgates for rentals in Palm Beach County?
The Palm Beach Post
A vacation rental bill being shuttled through the legislature has drawn opponents, many of whom want the state to keep its paws off of local control. The bill intends to preempt local government from regulating vacation rentals, like those advertised on websites such as Airbnb or HomeAway, and instead would put a state department in charge of licensing and inspections. Vacation rental platforms and the Florida Vacation Rental Management Association support the bill. The main benefit would be for a consistent rule book for the vacation rental providers to abide by, said the association’s executive director Denis Hanks. In some tourist hotspots, he said, vacation rental owners face a “patchwork of regulations.”

Source

St. Augustine Commission approves vacation rental rules
St. Augustine Record
St. Augustine commissioners unanimously approved citywide regulations for vacation rentals on Monday night. The ordinance requires registration and inspection of rentals and outlines rules controlling the operation of vacation rentals, including requirements for parking and safety equipment. Among other things, occupancy will be capped at up to 12 people per rental, depending on the number of bedrooms. The city plans to use registration fees to pay for another staff member to enforce the new rules, Planning and Building Department Director David Birchim said. Source

Boca Council to begin process of lifting ban on medical marijuana
The Boca Raton Tribune
The Boca Raton City Council is expected this week to begin the process of lifting the municipality’s ban on the dispensing of medical marijuana. The first of two public hearings on an ordinance to remove “medical marijuana treatment center dispensing facilities” from the list of prohibited uses will be held during Tuesday’s
council meeting at 6 p.m. in City Hall. No vote will be taken that night, says the agenda. Another hearing will be held during the first regular council meeting in February, when the vote is likely to be taken after the completion of the hearing.

Source

Transportation & Intergovernmental Relations News

Koch group targets Florida senators in licensing deregulation push
Orlando Sentinel
Gov. Ron DeSantis is getting some help in his efforts to push occupational licensing deregulation “into the end zone,” as he said in his State of the State speech earlier this month, when he named the issue as a top priority for the legislative session. Americans for Prosperity, the group backed by industrialist Charles Koch, is sending mail pieces to residents in 27 Senate districts, urging them to call their senator to pass a series of bills aimed at reducing fees and other requirements to get licenses for occupations such as barbers, interior designers, electricians and others. Similar measures failed to pass the Senate last year.

Source

Digital advertising could be coming to an Uber near you
Florida Politics
A bill seeking to provide a statewide regulatory framework for digital advertising cleared its first committee in the Senate Monday. Sen. Jeff Brandes, a St. Petersburg Republican, is sponsoring a bill (SB 1352) that would provide a pathway for transportation network companies such as Uber and Lyft to incorporate digital advertising into their business model. The framework would allow both drivers and their companies to earn additional revenue. The signs would be illuminated and digitally operated. The bill limits the signs to no taller than 20 inches and no wider than 54 inches. Regardless of the size, the sign could not extend beyond the rear or front windshield or otherwise impair the driver’s vision.

Source

Utilities, Natural Resources & Public Works News

Florida Senate Moves To Boost Environmental Fines
CBS Miami
Gov. Ron DeSantis’ request to boost fines on environmental lawbreakers drew support Monday in its first legislative appearance. With little comment, the Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee unanimously supported the proposal (SB 1450), which would make numerous changes in the amounts and duration of penalties for violating Florida environmental laws. Bill Sponsor Joe Gruters, R-Sarasota, said “Floridians deserve the strongest reasonable protections” and that many penalties the Department of Environmental Protection can impose haven’t been increased since 2001. “Every three hours of every day of the week, seven days a week, of 365 days a year, there is a spill somewhere in Florida,” Gruters said. “We’re way past the time of not addressing this issue.” Most of the changes would increase penalties by 50 percent.

Source
Ron DeSantis-backed bill to increase sewage spill fines passes first committee
Florida Politics
A bill backing a Gov. Ron DeSantis proposal to raise fines for violating environmental protections passed its first committee stop Monday. Sen. Joe Gruters’ bill (SB 1450) unanimously passed the Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources. The measure would let the Department of Environmental Protection levy higher fines against those causing damaging sewage spills. “It’s time we get serious about protecting our natural resources,” the Sarasota Republican told the committee. “Every three hours of every day of the week — seven days a week — of 365 days a year, there’s a spill somewhere in Florida, and we’re way past the time of not addressing this issue.”

White House Proposes Changes to Environmental Review Law
Cities Speak
Earlier this month, the White House Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) unveiled proposed changes to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) to modernize and clarify the regulations to facilitate more efficient, effective and timely NEPA reviews by federal agencies. With the proposed changes, CEQ aims to reduce paperwork and project delays. NEPA was signed into law on January 1, 1970. It requires federal agencies to consider the environmental impacts of proposed projects—from construction of roads, bridges, highways, transmission lines, conventional and renewable energy projects, broadband deployment and water infrastructure to management of activities on federal lands, such as grazing, forest management, wildfire protection and environmental restoration. NLC believes that the implementation of NEPA supports our nation’s goals of protecting environmental quality.
March 24, 25 or 26 work for me as well  
Thanks  
Elaine  

Elaine Brown  
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Thanks much. How about 3/24, 3/25, or 3/26?  
Ellen G

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Colleagues,  
See the available dates below for the FHS auditorium. I am available:  

February 21st or February 28th  
March 17th through 26

Other dates I will be at the American Public Power Association Legislative Conference in D.C. or I have council meetings.  

Please 'reply all' with dates you can attend so we can narrow down the date for this important seminar.  

Thank you!  

Charlie
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Mr. Latham,

Here are possible dates for our auditorium.

FEB 20, 21, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28  
MAR 16 - 26

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I wanted to let you know that I brought up your concerns that the prior residents of Jacksonville Beach public housing would have the right of first refusal for the new Waves Section 8 housing. I was concerned that because it was a change in status, that they you had been given incorrect information. I was wrong. There is a federal guideline that requires existing residence be allowed to move back during a conversion like this. My question/ suggestion that it they could refuse was met with overwhelming response from the CEO and the other members of the board that they could not and will not refuse those residents the right to come back.

Thanks

Jon
STRIKING POWER: ICONOCLASM IN ANCIENT EGYPT

January 31 through April 26, 2020

Striking Power explores the history of iconoclasm in relation to ancient Egyptian art through forty masterpieces on loan from the Brooklyn Museum of Art. Striking Power is organized by the Brooklyn Museum of Art in collaboration with the Pulitzer Arts Foundation.

STRIKING POWER RELATED EVENTS
LECTURE SERIES WITH DR. ADAM LEVINE, MUSEUM DIRECTOR & CEO
Four lectures will explore Egyptian, Byzantine, Reformation, and Secular Iconoclasm, followed by a culminating charrette that will encourage participants to apply the lessons of history to Jacksonville's own memorials. Only those who attend at least two lectures can participate in the charrette.

February 4, 2020 - Egyptian Iconoclasm
February 18, 2020 - Byzantine Iconoclasm
March 17, 2020 - Reformation Iconoclasm
March 24, 2020 - Secular Iconoclasm
April 7, 2020 - Lessons for Jacksonville
7 to 8 p.m.
Free | Registration required

TOMORROW NIGHT!  PONCE DE LEON SOCIETY OPENING FOR STRIKING POWER: ICONOCLASM IN ANCIENT EGYPT
January 29, 2020
6 to 8 p.m.
Free for Ponce de León members | Registration required

MEMBER EVENTS FOR STRIKING POWER: ICONOCLASM IN ANCIENT EGYPT
January 30, 2020
Preview, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. | Free for Members | No registration required
Opening, 6 to 8 p.m. | Free for Members, Non-Members $40 | Registration required

FAMILY TOUR
February 7, 2020
6 p.m.
Take a family-friendly interactive tour of Striking Power through fun activities.
Free with admission | No registration required

GALLERY TALK: STRIKING POWER
February 19, 2020
1:30 to 2:30 p.m.
Members $5, Non-Members $10 | Registration required

THE MURDER OF TUTANKHAMEN: AN EVENING WITH DR. BOB BRIER, ONE OF THE WORLD'S FOREMOST EGYPTOLOGISTS
February 26, 2020
6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Members $30, Non-Members $40 | Registration required

FAMILY OPEN STUDIO
March 15, 2020
1 to 3 p.m.
Free drop-in art-making activity for all ages.
Free with admission | No registration required

**STRIKING UP: CONVERSATION, PERFORMANCE, AND ART WITH PHASE EIGHT THEATER COMPANY**
March 20, 6 to 7 p.m. | March 22, 1 to 2 p.m. | April 26, 1 to 2 p.m.
In partnership with Phase Eight Theater Company, a one-act meditation on the nature of iconoclasm.
$20 Members, $30 Non-Members | Registration required

**THE ART OF POWER: AN EGYPTIAN DINNER PARTY**
February 21, 2020
6 to 9 p.m.
Be transported back to a time when pharaohs ruled during this dynamic feast in honor of Striking Power. This is the second dinner in our Dinner Party Series.
Ticket pricing varies | Registration required

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**MORE REASONS TO VISIT THE MUSEUM!**
POP UP ART SHOP OPENING WITH ARTIST, OVERSTREET DUCASSE
January 31, 2020
6 to 8 p.m.
The Pop Up Art Shop spotlights local artists while connecting artists and collectors.
Free | No registration required

RITZ CHAMBER CONCERT
February 5, 2020
1:30 to 2:30 p.m.
Make your afternoon more enjoyable with a concert from the Ritz Chamber Players.
Free for Members, Non-Members $10 | Registration required

LITERATURE WITH ART LECTURER CINDY EDELMAN AND AUTHOR STACEY GOLDRING: Love Lettres de L'Art
February 12, 2020
Noon to 1 p.m.
Art lecturer Cindy Edelman and writer Stacey Goldring explore inspiring artwork that speaks to the heart.
Members $25, Non-Members $30 | Registration required

YOGA IN THE GARDENS WITH CASITA YOGA STUDIO
March 7, 2020
11 a.m. to Noon
Free | No registration required

GARDEN CONCERT WITH THE CHRIS THOMAS BAND
March 14, 2020
6 to 9 p.m.
$25 Members, $40 Non-Member, $500 Reserved Tables | Registration required

THINGS YOU CAN LEARN
Explore your creativity with us! We offer year-round classes for different ages and levels of experience working with a variety of media. Learn new skills, techniques, and styles, and spend time in the Museum galleries and gardens to inspire your own artwork. Looking for a creative outlet for the kids, wanting to refine your skills, or seeking opportunities to explore together? You’ll find it here at the Cummer Museum.

EXHIBITIONS ON VIEW IN 2020

**ECLECTIC ECOLOGY: LANDSCAPE PERSPECTIVES FROM PONCE DE LEÓN TO FLORIDA MAN**
December 20, 2019 to December 31, 2020
Florida conjures visions of a lush tropical paradise, with vast natural resources and endless opportunities for those most daring to try.

**EUGÈNE LOUIS CHARVOT**
February 11, 2020 to September 28, 2020
The accompanying exhibition will be designed to highlight and celebrate the Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens’ extensive holdings of Eugène Louis Charvot, the largest collection of Charvot works in the world.

**BUDDHA AND SHIVA, LOTUS AND DRAGON: MASTERWORKS FROM THE MR. AND MRS. JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER 3RD COLLECTION AT ASIA SOCIETY**

June 30, 2020 to October 18, 2020

This exhibition will present 67 masterpieces collected by John D. Rockefeller III (1906–1978) and his wife Blanchette Hooker Rockefeller (1909–1992), illuminating the cultures and history of Asia.

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**IN THE NEWS**

*Young cancer patient’s dream lives on in art exhibit displayed at Cummer Museum* | Action News Jax, January 22, 2020

*Cummer Museum set to debut new Egyptian art exhibition* | Jacksonville Business Journal, January 21, 2020

*Cummer Museum hires community outreach specialist* | Jacksonville Business Journal, January 16, 2020

*24 places that keep the spirit of old Florida alive* | Garden & Gun, December 2019/January 2020

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**SPECIAL HOURS**

*VyStar Credit Union Free Tuesdays*, Free admission from 4 to 9 p.m.

*PNC Bank Free Fridays*, Free admission from 4 to 9 p.m.

*Weaver First Saturday Free for All*, Free admission the first Saturday of the month.

*Florida Blue Free Third Saturday*, Free admission the third Saturday of the month.

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*Akhenaten and His Daughter Offering to the Aten*, circa 1352–1336 B.C.E. Limestone, pigment, 8 3/4 x 1 1/2 x 20 3/8 in. (22.2 x 3.8 x 21.8 cm). Brooklyn Museum; Charles Edwin Wilbour Fund, 60.197.6. (Photo: Brooklyn Museum)

*Amer Kobašlija, Bosnian American, Lowe’s Tubes 2018*, Oil on Mylar mounted on panel, Courtesy of the Artist, L.2019.11.1.
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Fatality traffic crash...

Tonya Tator  
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Mr. Staffopoulos,

Thank you for taking the time and considering my problem that only the City of Jacksonville Beach can correct.

The problem we have is the onsite parking for the commercial shopping strips in the areas of 9th and 10th Avenues on Third Street North is not adequate for the high density businesses and commercial parking has established permanent parking in the residential neighborhoods. The City property roadside easements have been used (and abused) to the extent where substantial damage has occurred. The roads effected are 4th Street N. between 9th and 11th Avenues and 10th Avenue between 4th and 5th Streets N. Due to the easement damage, vehicles park in the roadway of 10th Avenue make a two way road one way or obstructing 4th Street by hanging into the road itself. The shopping centers are built with zero lot line on 4th Street N.

What I am asking is that the City study the problem and make the best repairs to make the roadways safe and restore the residential property values. I have some ideas but know your staff has the experience in designing and building the necessary commercial style parallel and angle parking.

I have lived in and own 428 N. 10 Avenue since 1976 and can inform you of the areas' history and how the areas developed.

Thank you in advance for your help and consideration of our problems.

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Check out this tweet from last week, we think that it pretty much speaks for itself.
"I've saved all my money. [My daughter] doesn't have any student loans. Am I going to get my money back?"

@eWarren: "Of course not."

"So you're going to pay for people who didn't save any money and those of us who did the right thing get screwed."

Sadly this is what the liberal agenda looks like, this is the future that radicals like Elizabeth Warren want. *Which is exactly why we need Republicans to win in 2020, on all fronts.*

The road to Republican victories and a Donald Trump re-election runs through Florida. It starts right here with us. Will you help be a part of the movement to elect more Republicans by donating to Team Scott today? Will you help send a message that Florida says NO to these dangerous and destructive ideas?
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Jim, thanks for bringing this to my attention. No promises as to what we can do, but we will look at it.

Mike

Michael Staffopoulos, PE, ICMA-CM
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As the country prepares for the first digital Census, constituents are naturally concerned about how their data is protected.

**Join NLC for a webinar on data privacy and security**, focused on the 2020 Census and Title 13 protections. Get the information you need to ensure your residents feel comfortable participating. The webinar will feature leading data privacy expert Danah Boyd.

**Register Now**

**Time:** 1:00 pm  
**Date:** Thursday, January 30

Prepare for the webinar by reading our section on data privacy and security from our soon to be released Census Playbook.
New + Notable

Introducing... 'The City That Talks'!
As part of President Isaac Salver’s initiative, Readers2Leaders, all elected city officials, city managers and city clerks in Florida will soon receive a picture book about cities. “The City That Talks” introduces ages 4-8 to city services in a fun and entertaining way. Digital versions of the book will also be available on the FLC website in three languages (English, Spanish and Creole). The books are being mailed this week, and the digital versions will be available soon. Be on the lookout for your copy of “The City That Talks”!

Now Accepting Entries for the 2020 Youth Council Community Service Contest
Does your youth council want a chance to showcase the great work taking place in your community, receive well-deserved recognition and win a cash prize to continue their service? Our 2020 Youth Council Community Service Contest will recognize youth council projects that address a local need. Entries must be submitted online and received by March 25. Contact Eryn Russell with any questions. Learn More

Join Us for the Final Cybersecurity Workshop -- February 13 in Tallahassee
Is your city or government agency cyber-secure? Ready for the next computer virus, spear-phishing attempt or ransomware attack? We’ve partnered with statewide experts in cybersecurity for a free one-day workshop on how elected officials and managers can learn, lead and/or respond to evolving cyber threats. This is the final of four workshops held across the state. Don’t miss your last chance to attend this non-technical workshop designed specifically for government leaders and public officials!  

Register Online

Education + Events

February 11-12
Legislative Action Days in Tallahassee

February 13
Tallahassee
Cybersecurity for Local Government

Research + Resources

The Winter 2020 issue of the National Civic Review is dedicated to journalist and author Neal R. Peirce, a longtime advocate for democratic governance, regionalism, civic engagement and positive community change. A frequent contributor to the journal for three decades, Peirce served on the Board of Directors of the National Civic League from 1986 to 1995. He passed away on December 27, 2019. To access this edition, go to the table of contents and enter your unique access code, FLC19, when prompted.

New Keep It Local Video: More Local Self-Government = Stronger Democracy
Keep It Local Florida has released a new video touting the benefits of local self-government. "Republicans and Democrats are starting to agree: More local self-
government and less Washington politics will strengthen our democracy." Click the image to the right to watch or download the new video or visit the Keep It Local Florida website to learn more.

**Partner Events**

**Grant Administration Training**  
January 30-31 in Daytona Beach (FLC Discount Code: ASSN)

**National Conference on Beach Preservation Technology**  
February 5-7 in Sarasota

**FCCMA 2020 Winter Institute**  
February 6-7 in Daytona Beach

**FPLERA Annual Training Conference**  
February 10-12 in Orlando

**FGFOA Webinar: Strategies for Managing Health Care Costs**  
February 20 at 2:00 p.m.

**FRA Redevelopment Academy: Operations and Capacity Building**  
February 21 in Orlando

**FACC Webinar: ADA Compliance**  
February 27 at 2:00 p.m.

**Funding Opportunities**

**USDA Reconnect Pilot Program (Rural Broadband Infrastructure)**  
January 31 - March 16 Application Window

**DEP Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Program**  
January 31 Application Deadline

**EPA Clean Diesel National Grants Program**  
February 26 Application Deadline

**Rural Infrastructure Fund Grants**  
2019-20 Application Cycle Now Open
Regional Rural Development Grants
Continuous Application Cycle

Rural Community Development Revolving Loan Fund
Continuous Application Cycle

EDA Disaster Supplemental Grant Program
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Today, Senator Rick Scott released TV and digital ads that will run in Iowa ahead of the Iowa Democratic Primary.

After listening to the House Democrats' weak case for impeachment, it's become clear that this process has simply been an effort to cover up Joe Biden's corruption. Senator Scott is exposing the truth about what Vice President Biden is attempting to get away with and calling out the fact that it is simply not right.

You can watch the 30 second TV ad [here](#) and the 2 minute digital ad [here](#).

-Team Rick Scott
Urge House Committee to OPPOSE CS/HB 519 - Bert Harris Property Rights Act

On Thursday, January 30 at 11:30 a.m., the House Commerce Committee will consider CS/HB 519 (J. Grant), which amends the Bert J. Harris Private Property Rights Act.

This bill significantly amends the Bert J. Harris Private Property Rights Act and substantially handicaps local government’s ability to resolve these claims.

- The bill requires any settlement reached on a Harris claim that involves the issuance of a variance or exception to a regulation on a residential property be automatically applied by the government entity to all similarly situated residential properties that are subject to the same rules or regulations. Similarly situated is not defined in the bill. In essence, the bill will make an exception to a rule, the new rule. Variances are not handed out carte blanche by government entities.
- The bill fails to take into account notice provisions, hearings, or even impacts on neighboring property owners when giving an across the board variance.
Therefore, the legislation will have a severe chilling effect on the settlement of Harris claims.

- The bill is a thinly veiled attack to cities and counties who have been dealing with Harris claims due to the enactment of vacation rental ordinances. However, the bill has a far reaching impacts on land use regulations, environmental regulations and code enforcement regulations.
- The bill limits the time frame for government entities to respond to Harris claims from 150 days to 90 days, and increases the likelihood of paying the property owners attorney fees.
- Under current law, a jury can award damages from a Harris claim based on the loss of property value and cannot consider any business damages relative to an activity, or use the government has restricted or prohibited. The bill would now allow for the compensation of business damages in addition to the loss of property.

Click [here](#) to view the Issue Background.

**CS/HB 519 Talking Points:**

- **Protect property owners.** Some lawmakers want blanket entitlements that don’t consider every person’s property rights. If private property rights are changed for one property owner, they would change for everyone. The law wouldn’t consider the size or density of property, historical listings or other strict zoning standards. There could be unintended consequences. Those special interests seeking private gain? This gives them a back door.
- **Avoid excessive lawsuits.** This would lead to a lawyer’s dream because it would be easier to sue than reach a resolution with cities and counties. The Bert Harris Act was never intended to be a class-action lawsuit offering massive rewards for those who aren’t willing to settle.
- **Taxpayers would pay the price.** Cities could expect to get stuck dealing with lawsuits, and residents could expect higher taxes to cover litigation costs. Legislators should prioritize community needs.
- **More changes to the Bert Harris Act are unnecessary.** Legal procedures already protect the rights of property owners who might be unintentionally harmed by a variance.

The Bert J. Harris Jr. Act of 1995 gives landowners a way to seek compensation when a local government takes action that impacts the use/potential use of their property. The act is detailed and fair. It allows local governments to negotiate with property owners who are filing a claim and calls on courts to consider the unique conditions of each claim. Many Bert Harris claims are negotiated locally without going to trial. This approach saves taxpayer dollars and proves that the current system is working.

**For more information, contact David Cruz at 850.701.3676 or dcruz@flcities.com.**
Please contact members of the House Commerce Committee and urge them to OPPOSE CS/HB 519!

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**Watch Live on The Florida Channel**

To watch this committee hearing, please go to [https://thefloridachannel.org/](https://thefloridachannel.org/), click on Live Streams and look for the House Commerce Committee Thursday at 11:30 a.m.

**Keep FLC informed** – Let us know what communications you have with your legislators on this issue. [Email Allison Payne](mailto:Allison.Payne@myfloridahouse.gov)

**Thank you for your advocacy efforts!**

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Pinellas Census Committee Launches Outreach Campaign Jan. 29
Patch
With billions of dollars in federal funding statewide and political representation tied to the upcoming 2020 U.S. Census count, a coalition of local partners is launching a campaign to ensure every person in Pinellas County is counted this spring. The Pinellas Complete Count Committee will hold a kick-off meeting for the #MakePinellasCount campaign at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 29, at the St. Petersburg College EpiCenter, 13805 58th St. N., Clearwater. Pinellas County Commissioner Kenneth T. Welch, who chairs the countywide committee, will lead the meeting, which will include leaders from local government, nonprofit agencies, business, faith communities and other civic organizations. Source

State News

U.S. Rep. Michael Waltz: FBI needs to release the names of hacked Florida counties
Orlando Sentinel
U.S. Rep. Michael Waltz praised the FBI’s decision to reverse itself and finally inform states about election systems hacking, but he remained frustrated it still hasn’t publicly released the names of the two Florida counties breached by Russian hackers in 2016. And with the 2020 election season upon us, he warned that the threat of more disruption was “very real.” “This is a step in the right direction to inform state election officials,” Waltz, R-St. Augustine, told the Orlando Sentinel in an interview Monday. “But again, it’s the public that needs to be informed when either their data is breached, or when our when our election infrastructure is compromised.” Source

House eyes environmental money, chops Visit Florida
Gov. Ron DeSantis would get more than the $625 million he requested for environmental projects, Florida Forever would see a funding cut and Visit Florida would be shuttered, under parts of a House budget proposal released Tuesday. The House and the Senate began releasing budget proposals Tuesday as they prepare to negotiate a final spending plan in March for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. The House is proposing $4.1 billion in the agriculture and natural resources part of the budget, up 3.7 percent from the current fiscal year, which ends June 30. The proposal includes $646.8 million for DeSantis' requested environmental projects.

Constitution measure tops 723,000 signatures

Backers of a proposed ballot measure that would make it harder to amend the Florida Constitution have tallied more than 723,000 petition signatures as they face a Saturday deadline for reaching a 766,200-signature threshold. The political committee Keep Our Constitution Clean had totaled 723,235 signatures as of Tuesday morning, according to the state Division of Elections website. It needs to hit the 766,200-signature threshold to be able to get on the November ballot. The committee is backing a proposal that would require future constitutional amendments to be approved by voters twice --- instead of once --- to take effect.

Finance, Taxation & Personnel News

Senate advances Ben Albritton's bill to revitalize broadband expansion

Legislation to revitalize broadband expansion unanimously passed its first Senate committee Tuesday, a week after making the same milestone in the House. The bill (SB 1166), sponsored by Sen. Ben Albritton, would create the Florida Office of Broadband within the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) and make it the lead agency on high speed internet installation. Broadband coverage blankets many urban areas, providing homeowners and businesses with high-speed internet. “In other parts of the state, especially in rural areas, the ability for somebody to access high quality, or quite frankly sometimes low quality broadband, is not available,” the Wauchula Republican said.

House bill adds new membership requirements for public unions; critics call it ‘union-busting’

Teachers, police officers, and other public workers will face a new bureaucratic hurdle if they want to remain members of a public-employee union under a bill advancing in the Florida House. The legislation (HB 1) requires public union workers to submit a signed “membership authorization form” each year if they want to remain in the union and have a portion of their salaries deducted as membership dues. Under existing law, public workers have to authorize the deduction of the union dues only once, with the ability to leave the union with a 30-day notice to their employer and the union. Opponents say the bill is another attempt by the
Republican-led House to undermine union representation in the state by creating cumbersome regulations for union members. Source

Land Use & Economic Development News

Occupational license deregulation bill continues to move in House

Florida Politics

An occupational license deregulation bill cleared its second House committee by a 10-2 margin Tuesday, despite concerns about it from members of affected professions. HB 1193, from Spring Hill Republican Rep. Blaise Ingoglia, is billed as the Occupational Freedom and Opportunity Act. The legislation attempts to push through reforms long sought by free marketeers, including Gov. Ron DeSantis. “This is almost the exact same bill you heard last session,” Ingoglia said of the deregulation package. Mold remediation is out of the bill, and barbers now are required 400 hours of training, which is a condition the sponsor said would not compromise student aid. Source

John Johnson, Skip Braziel: Professional licensing is rigorous for a reason

Florida Politics

In his State of the State address, Gov. Ron DeSantis said that changing the Sunshine State's occupational licensing laws will be at the top of his legislative agenda in Tallahassee this year. These are laws that set the requirements to become and remain a member of various professions in our society. While we understand Gov. DeSantis' desire to lower barriers for Floridians entering occupations by eliminating unnecessary requirements, we ask Florida leaders to be mindful of potential unintended consequences for professions — and the professionals in them — that oversee systems vital to Floridians' safety, health, and financial interests. Source

Municipal Administration News

Church, local official gun bills backed

News Service of Florida

With supporters pointing to attacks on churches and synagogues, a House panel Tuesday approved a measure that would allow people to carry concealed weapons at religious institutions that share properties with schools. The House Criminal Justice Subcommittee also approved a separate bill that would allow county commissioners, school board members and elected city officials to be armed at their public meetings. State law generally allows people to carry concealed weapons at religious institutions, but it bars being armed on school properties. That has effectively meant that people cannot carry guns to churches or synagogues that meet at places with schools. Source

Transportation & Intergovernmental Relations News
FL House budget plan shifts $240 million in affordable housing funds to other spending needs
Florida Phoenix
The Florida House plans another raid on state affordable housing funds in its budget proposal for 2020-21. In a plan released by the House Transportation and Tourism Appropriations subcommittee on Tuesday, the House wants to shift some $240 million out of the housing programs to use in other areas of the budget. It would leave $147 million to be spent on affordable housing programs, including $73.2 million for the State Housing Initiatives Partnership. SHIP distributes money to cities and counties to help low- and moderate-income Floridians obtain housing through new construction, down-payment assistance, home repairs, and other programs. The House would spend another $48.8 million on a program to help build more affordable apartment units in the state. And the proposal includes $25 million for affordable housing programs in hurricane-damaged counties. Source

Legislative raiding of affordable housing fund
Citrus County Chronicle
Florida — and Citrus County — have an affordable housing problem. This is important: When we talk about affordable housing, we’re really talking about community well-being. Multiple studies observe that communities with sufficient clean, safe, affordable housing are far more likely to see better health outcomes, less hunger, children doing better in school, and — underlying all this — greater job growth and better economic conditions. What is affordable housing? It’s more than just government-subsidized shelter, which is outside the experience of most readers of this newspaper. Housing is affordable if costs are no more than 30% of income. That means a full-time hourly worker making the minimum wage of $8.56 per hour could afford a rent of around $445. According to updated U.S. Census data, Citrus County’s most recent per capita income was $25,983, or $12.49 per hour. At that level, affordable housing would be about $650. The census update also notes that the county’s median gross rent is $815. Source

Fire chiefs seeking help in drones bills
Florida Politics
As legislation continues to move swiftly through the Florida Legislature to allow increased governmental use of drones, Florida’s fire chiefs are seeking to get on board. On Tuesday the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee took up, and swiftly approved, HB 659, which would allow use of drones by Florida wildlife and forestry officials for two purposes: to monitor invasive species encroachment on public lands, and to help manage and fight wildfires. The latter purpose came by way of an amendment introduced and tacked on Tuesday. The provision is identical to one added to the Senate counterpart of the bill in a Senate committee hearing on Monday. Source

Sarasota launches bike sharing pilot program at St. Armands Garage
Sarasota Herald-Tribune
Sarasota has launched a new bike sharing pilot program to help residents and visitors in the St. Armands area. About 10 cruiser bicycles are available for hourly and daily rental by visitors at the St. Armands Garage. The bikes can be rented via mobile phone from a self-service station located near the first-level entrance of the garage. “This is a great opportunity to provide another mobility option for people to get around and reduce traffic congestion on St. Armands Circle and
“the Keys,” said Mark Lyons, the city's parking division manager. The city will monitor the pilot program results and may expand it to other city-owned parking garages in downtown Sarasota, Lyons said. Source

Utilities, Natural Resources & Public Works News

Bill to prevent Florida cities from banning sunscreen is moving fast through legislature
The Capitolist
Legislation is moving fast in both the house and the senate to prevent towns like Key West from banning the sale of sunscreens that contain potentially coral reef harming chemicals. The bill would block local regulations of all over-the-counter drugs and cosmetics, including both sunscreens and makeup. An identical house bill has been filed and it is not clear if Governor Ron DeSantis will sign the measure. Last year he vetoed a bill that would have barred local governments from banning plastic straws. Representative Spencer Roach filed HB113 and is remaining hopeful that the governor will sign the legislation. Source

Several City Council Members Say They Want A Chief Resilience Officer In Jacksonville
WJCT
Jacksonville’s new Special Committee on Resiliency held its first meeting on Monday and several committee members openly supported the idea of appointing the city’s first Chief Resilience Officer. City Hall’s Lynwood Roberts room was packed for the committee’s inaugural meeting. The committee, made up of seven Jacksonville City Council members, saw two presentations. The first speaker was Glen Landers from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Jacksonville District. His presentation focused on the impacts of climate change and sea level rise, which he said have “the potential to impact all U.S. Army Corps of Engineers mission areas.” Source

Here’s how to fix Florida’s water crisis — and how to pay for it | Opinion
TCPalm
Florida has a well-documented water crisis. The aquifer, our primary source of potable water, is being depleted as indicated by reduced water flow in our springs. And our surface waters are polluted with nutrients which feed frequent harmful algal blooms. Gov. Ron DeSantis and lawmakers are taking incremental stabs at addressing the problems. But there is still no comprehensive nutrient-reduction plan, accompanied by long-term funding necessary to solve our water crisis. The price tag to restore Florida’s waters has been estimated to cost $50 billion over 20 years. Source

Harmful algal blooms pose serious long-term health risks for Floridians | Opinion
Sun Sentinel
Floridians are well-aware of the acute environmental and health problems of harmful algal blooms and they are looking to their political representatives to take action. The causes of HABs are no mystery: expanding residential and commercial development and agri-business — particularly cattle, poultry and the dairy industry — contribute to the increasing flow of nitrogen and phosphorus that
spawn HABs in Lake Okeechobee and on the east and west coasts. And as our state’s population continues to swell there are increased burdens on water treatment plants and septic systems. Media reports of fouled beaches, fish kills, and the stench of HABs are not good for tourism — about 10% of Florida’s economy. But even more concerning, our health is at risk. Source

Remembering...

Celebration of life for former Mayor Jake Godbold set for Feb. 20
Florida Times-Union
A celebration of life of former Jacksonville Mayor Jake Godbold will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 20. The memorial service for the city’s mayor from 1978 to 1987 will be open to anyone at the Prime Osborn Convention Center at 1000 Water St., with room to handle the large number of family and friends organizers expect to attend. Godbold died Jan. 23 at age 86. “The entire Jacksonville community was covered in a blanket of sadness when it learned Jake Godbold, Jacksonville’s best friend, passed away” family spokesman and longtime friend Mike Tolbert said. “Jake would want us to restore the city’s spirit and keep moving forward. To help make that happen, his family and friends are planning a joyful celebration of his life and his legacy that will include all of Jacksonville.” Source
Abrahamic Pilgrim Walk

Join Hendricks Avenue Baptist Church and the Daughters of Abraham for a Pilgrim Walk based on the *Abraham: Out of One, Many* exhibit.

**Date:** Sunday, February 9, 2020  
**Start Time:** 3 p.m.  
**Location:** Hendricks Avenue Baptist Church

This event will begin at 3 p.m. with a discussion of the concept of pilgrimage and scripture readings from the three Abrahamic faiths regarding the concept of pilgrimage/journey. A 2.2 mile walk will follow. For those who don’t want to walk 2.2 miles, we will have a shorter route around the HAB campus.)
Registration not required.

Full Exhibit Dates: January 16 - February 21, 2020

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Frank
Chris

I just wanted to take this opportunity and thank you for your diligence in getting the hole fixed at the bottom of the kids slide in Sunshine Park.

Correcting this problem avoided a potential safety issue, and potentially a liability issue.

On a broader note, although I am no expert, it appears to me that Sunshine Park is getting near the point that a major refresh is needed.
So I hope that you and the team are giving this well used kids play area a good thorough review for possible updates, especially as we go thru budget review time.

Thanks again. Keep up the good work.

Ken Marsh
2011 Gail Ave.

cc: Mayor Latham-Great work by the staff
Changes have been made and the revised calendar is attached for your reference.

Thank you.

Cathy Butler
Special Events Coordinator
City of Jacksonville Beach
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**More information**

**WHEN**  
June 5-10, 2020

**WHERE**  
Long Beach Convention Center  
Long Beach, California

**REGISTER**  

**QUESTIONS**  
EducationInfo@PublicPower.org
Florida League of Mayors Day

February 12, 2020

FLM Press Conference
8:15 a.m.-9:00 a.m.
Tallahassee
Florida Capitol

FLM Board of Directors Meeting
12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.
Tallahassee
Sittig Hall at Kleman Plaza/FLC Office
301 S. Bronough Street
Luncheon will follow for the FLM Board of Directors only.

These events will be held in conjunction with the FLC Legislative Action Days February 11-12, 2020 in Tallahassee.

If you are making your own legislative appointments, once appointments are made, please contact Mary Edenfield at medenfield@flcities.com to let her know who you are meeting with and when.

REGISTER NOW
As we discussed, I plan to come to the 2/13 TPO meeting, in advance of AB’s Complete Street proposal which I am told may be considered for the LOPP in March. You mentioned perhaps putting me on the agenda or that I might speak during public comment. I will be prepared either way. Just letting you know,

Thanks so much,

Ellen

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Ellen Glasser, Mayor
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(904) 472-6262 (cell)

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Dear Mayors Glasser and Latham,

The Mayport Road project was submitted by COJ as one of their priority projects. It will be included in the list of 20 priority projects. A draft will be presented at the February Board and Committee meetings. Approval will be in March. I am working on the draft now and will forward a copy when I have completed it.

Denise Bunnewith
Planning Director
North Florida Transportation Planning Organization
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-- Original Message --
From: Glasser, Ellen [mailto:eglasser@coab.us]
Sent: Wednesday, January 29, 2020 12:42 PM
To: Charlie Latham <CLatham@jaxbchfl.net>
Cc: Denise Bunnewith <dbunnewith@northfloridatpo.com>
Subject: 2/13 TPO Meeting

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Pre-order hats, t-shirts and banquet tickets now!

Pre-ordered merchandise will be available at the FMEA Registration table on Friday, March 13.
No merchandise can be mailed.
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20TH ANNIVERSARY COMMENORATIVE HATS
Competition Agenda

All competition events will be held at the Tallahassee Auto Museum

Friday, March 13

9:00 am - Noon
- Field exhibitors/trailer-truck check-in and set-up

1:00 - 3:00 pm
- Apprentices and Journeyman Teams sign-in

2:00 - 3:45 pm
- Judges registration and MANDATORY meeting: Master and Event Judges meet with all competition Judges

3:00 - 5:00 pm
- Welcome Reception exhibitors check-in and set-up

3:45 - 4:00 pm
- Apprentices and Judges report to Written Test room

4:00 - 5:00 pm
- Apprentice Written Test: MANDATORY for all Apprentices

5:00 - 7:00 pm
Welcome Reception and Vendor Expo

Saturday, March 14

8:00 - 8:15 am
- Opening Ceremony

8:15 am
- Competition Begins

Hotel Information

Staybridge Suites Tallahassee
1600 Summit Lake Dr.
Tallahassee, FL 32317
Phone: (850) 219-7000

Ask for the FLC rate
Studio Queen: $149
King Bed: $159
Double Occupancy: $179

Group rate booking [LINK]

Hampton Inn Suites Tallahassee I-10
3388 Lonnbladh Rd.
Tallahassee, FL 32308
Phone: (850) 574-4900

Ask for the FLC rate
Double Queen: $134
6:00 – 8:00 pm
- Florida Lineman Competition Awards Banquet

King with Sofa bed: $134
Studio Suite: $154

Group rate booking [LINK]

Hilton Garden Inn Tallahassee I-10
3333 Thomasville Rd.
Tallahassee, FL 32308
Phone: (850) 385-3553

[Ask for the FLC20 rate]
Double Queen beds: $134

Group rate booking [LINK]

Questions?
Elizabeth Bendele, FMEA Manager of Member Services & Programs, at (850) 224-3314 ext.1002 or ebendele@publicpower.com.

Florida Municipal Electric Association | 850.224.3314 | www.publicpower.com
Mayor Latham and Council Members,

Attached please find the Preliminary Agenda for Monday, February 3, 2020.

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January 28, 2020

Beaches Watch News & Updates

Upcoming Events & Important Dates

Wednesday, February 5, 7-8pm
Topic: 2020 State of the Beaches
Speakers: Atlantic Beach Mayor Ellen Glasser, Jacksonville Beach Mayor Charlie Latham, Neptune Beach Mayor Elaine Brown
Beaches Branch Library
600 3rd St, Neptune Beach

Wednesday, February 5 at 6:45pm - Special Member Meeting
Approve New Board members
CLICK HERE for more info
Beaches Branch Library
600 3rd St, Neptune Beach

**SAVE THE DATE: Wednesday, March 4, 2020 at 6pm**
Beaches Watch Member Social
**RSVP** to attend by February 28

**Jax Beach Seeks Community Input for Future Vision**
**CLICK HERE** for dates and more info

**Thursday, February 20, 6-8:30pm**
Deliberative Dialogue on Health Care
Beaches Branch Library
600 3rd St, Neptune Beach

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### 2020 State of the Beaches Meeting - Wed. Feb. 5

Atlantic Beach Mayor Ellen Glasser, Jacksonville Beach Mayor Charlie Latham, and Neptune Beach Mayor Elaine Brown will be the guest speakers at the Beaches Watch meeting on Wednesday, February 5 at 7 p.m. in the Community Room of the Beaches Branch Library, 600 3rd St., Neptune Beach. The meeting is open to the public. Attendees can enter through the main entrance even though the library is operating outside its normal hours for this meeting.

The State of the Beaches meeting will give beaches citizens the opportunity to hear each of the beach mayors talk about the state of their cities: 2019 accomplishments, plans for 2020, and state legislative session priorities for their city. Citizens will also have an opportunity to ask the mayors questions.

There will be a lot of things going on in our communities in 2020, so we hope you will join us for this very important and informative meeting!

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### 2020 New Board Members Confirmation - Feb. 5
At the December 4 Beaches Watch meeting, Beaches Watch members voted to amend the By-Laws to allow the Board of Directors to be expanded beyond seven members. For 2020, the Board of Directors is planning to add new positions to the Board of Directors to expand the number of Board members to nine.

Prior to the February 5, 2020 meeting, the Board of Directors will be holding a short member meeting at 6:45pm to confirm appointment of two new Director positions to the Board of Directors:

Board of Directors: Dane Gilbert (term expires 12/31/2020)
Board of Directors: Steve Piscitelli (term expires 12/31/2021)

**If you are a Beaches Watch member, please plan to arrive to the January 8th meeting early so you can vote on the new members of the Board of Directors.**

If the new Board of Directors positions are approved, the 2020 Board of Directors will be as follows:

- President: Maria Mark (term expires 12/31/2020)
- Vice President: Kevin Brown (term expires 12/31/2021)
- Treasurer: Eileen Krimsky (term expires 12/31/2020)
- Secretary: Lana Rinaman (term expires 12/31/2021)
- Board member: Sandy Golding (term expires 12/31/2021)
- Board member: Steve Piscitelli (term expires 12/31/2021)
- Board member: Cathy Varian (term expires 12/31/2020)
- Board member: Dane Gilbert (term expires 12/31/2020)
- One-Year Board member: to be appointed by the Board

If you are interested in serving on the Board of Directors, please email us at info@beacheswatch.com.

We are extremely grateful to these people for volunteering their time and talent to serve on the Beaches Watch Board of Directors to guide our organization in 2020!

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**Jacksonville Beach Seeks Community Input for Future Vision**

Over the next few months, the City of Jacksonville Beach will be hosting Community Conversations to develop a future vision for the city. Participants will share aspirations for the city and ideas for how the city can achieve them. Each meeting will be hosted by the City Manager and a member of the City Council.

Citizens are encouraged to be a part of these Community Conversations to share your vision for the future of Jax Beach. As taxpayers, this is YOUR community and it is important to hear from YOU about the direction you want to see your community go.

The meetings are scheduled at various days, times and locations around the city. If you are interested in participating, contact Chris Wright in the City Manager's office at 904-247-6268 to reserve a seat at one of the conversations. Attendance
will be limited to one session per person in order to maximize the number of individual participants.

"We look forward to hearing what you have to say today to create the Jacksonville Beach of tomorrow", said City Manager Mike Staffopoulos.

Space is available at the following meetings:

**Thurs. 1/30, 6 - 7:30pm** at the Carver Center  
**Sat. 2/8, 10:30am - Noon** at the Community Center  
**Thurs. 2/13, 6 - 7:30pm** at City Hall Council Chambers  
**Sat. 2/22, 6 - 7:30pm** at the Community Center

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**YOU ARE INVITED!**

**RSVP Today!**  
RSVP Deadline: February 28

**Beaches Watch Member Social & 16th Anniversary Celebration**  
**Wednesday, March 4, 6-8pm**  
Beaches Museum  
381 Beach Blvd.  
Jacksonville Beach

**MEMBERS**

Members are invited to bring a non-member and join us for food, prizes, fun and celebration of our 16th Anniversary! A cash bar will be available with beer & wine. We will also be presenting our annual 2020 Friend of the Beaches Award!

**NOT A MEMBER? OR YOU HAVEN’T RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2020?**

You can still join the fun by paying your membership now or at the door. Yearly membership is only $15 for an individual and $20 for a family. You can renew/pay your membership online: **RENEW TODAY**.

Or you can pay your membership by clicking on the Paypal buttons at the bottom of this email.

**SUPPORT THE FLAND SHARP MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

Funds raised by the 2020 Beaches Watch member social will go toward the Fland Sharp Memorial Scholarship Fund for a scholarship that will be awarded in May to a deserving Fletcher High School senior. Can't join us? You can still **DONATE** to the Fland Sharp Memorial Scholarship Fund.

**WIN FANTASTIC DOOR PRIZES!**

Everyone who attends the social will have a chance to win great door prizes donated by local businesses! We will also have raffle tickets for sale to increase your chances to win!

**SPACE IS LIMITED - RSVP TODAY!**
Deliberative Dialogue on Health Care - Thurs. Feb. 20

You are invited to participate in a community wide deliberative dialogue titled:

Health Care: How Can We Bring Costs Down While Getting the Care We Need?

What is a deliberative dialogue?

A Deliberative Dialogue is not a lecture, not a debate or even a discussion. A deliberative dialogue asks participants to consider advantages and trade-offs for each option. In moderated small groups, a deliberative dialogue, asks people to recognize that every action will have a downside, and forces people to consider which of these trade-offs they are willing to accept. Common grounds are identified and this information is shared with participants, leadership, decision makers, and elected representatives.

Project Common Grounds has joined a nationwide collaborative effort with USA Today publications, Public Agenda's research, and Kettering Institute to deliberate in 2020 on four urgent national issues. This will be in context of significant media and leadership attention.

During our February 20th Health Care deliberative dialogue process, the first 30 minutes will be spent together, as a large group, where Dr. Pam Chally will present a review of our most pressing local health care issues. Following Dr. Chally's presentation we will break out into smaller moderated dialogue groups. We will utilize the attached National Issues Forums Issue guide along with our localized addendum to deliberate:

Health Care: How Can We Bring Costs Down While Getting the Care We Need?

During deliberation statements are recorded and "Common Grounds" are
identified. Results are shared with participants, our elected representatives and with Kettering. Kettering Institute will, in turn, combine our data with forum information from around the country. This information is presented to Congress and the Senate and is included in Public Agenda research.

Health Care: How Can We Bring Costs Down While Getting the Care We Need?

February 20, 2020 from 6pm-8:30pm

Palms Presbyterian Church
3410 Third Street South
Jacksonville Beach, FL  32250

Light Dinner will be provided

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER

Beaches Go Green Scholarship Opportunity

Beaches Go Green is awarding (two) $2,500 scholarships to current high school seniors and higher education students (trade school, college, or university students) in the First Coast area for continuing education. Scholarships are awarded to qualified students who have demonstrated significant commitment to preserving, improving, or providing education on environmental issues.

The basic qualifications are:

- Currently enrolled as a high school senior or a higher education institution
- Future Enrollment in higher education in the 2020 - 2021 school year (Trade School, College, or University)
- Live in one of following counties: Baker, Flagler, St. Johns, Duval, Nassau, Clay and Putnam
- Volunteered at least (50) hours for an organization(s) focused on improving, preserving, or educating on environmental, wildlife, or sustainability issues. (Volunteering with domestic animals does not apply.)

Schedule
Applications are accepted January 1, 2020 to March 31, 2020 11:59 PM EST. Scholarship winners will be announced on or before April 15, 2020. Winners must be available to accept scholarship award in person on Thursday, April 30, 2020 6 PM at the Beaches Go Green monthly meeting. Location TBD.

APPLY HERE

Fletcher Marine Coastal Club Sand Dunes Update
Meeting Video
On Wednesday, January 8, Beaches Watch hosted the Fletcher Marine Coastal Club to present a citizen science program on the beaches dune ecosystem. Fletcher Marine Coastal Club students, under the direction of teacher Kevin Brown, will provide a presentation about how our dune system has progressed, before and after projects, current planting projects planned for 2020 and how the community can become part of the process.

If you were unable to attend the meeting, you can watch the meeting video here:

Beaches Watch January 2020 Meeting

Beaches Watch has a lot of opportunities where volunteer help is needed. And the great news is that no large time commitment is needed. Whatever help you can offer would be greatly appreciated!

If you are interested in getting involved in any of the following areas, please contact us at info@beacheswatch.com and let us know where you would like to help:

- **Board of Directors** - help us with organization governance and direction
- **Programs Committee** - help us organize speakers for our monthly meetings and organize candidate forums
- **Membership Committee** - help us grow our membership
- **Public Relations/Communications Assistance** - help us with newsletter and/or website content
- **City Issues Liaisons** - attend your city council/commission meetings and help us keep our membership informed

We are an all-volunteer organization and can only continue our work through the great help of volunteers! We thank you for any offer of help you can provide!

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### 2020 Beaches Watch Membership

#### Membership Renewal:
It's time to renew your Beaches Watch membership for 2020! Memberships are valid from January thru December and available to residents of Atlantic Beach, Jacksonville Beach and Neptune Beach.

Your membership fees and donations will be used to support the following Beaches Watch programs for 2020:

- Friend of the Beaches Award
- Fland Sharp Memorial Scholarship awarded to a deserving Fletcher High senior
- Give Back Donation for a worthy beaches nonprofit
- Candidate forums so beaches citizens can learn about the candidates who will represent them in elected office
- Monthly meeting programs

#### Membership fees:

- $15 for individual
- $20 for family
- $5 for student
- $15 for non-resident supporter (for supporters who don't live in Atlantic Beach, Jax Beach or Neptune Beach)

#### Payment Options:
To make it easier, you can pay your membership securely online through Paypal. It only takes a few minutes and will help save money and be kind to the environment.

#### Donations:
In addition to your membership fee, donations are also appreciated to support the programs Beaches Watch provides to enrich our quality of life at the beaches.
DONATE TO THE FLAND SHARP MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND:
Your donation will go directly to the Fland Sharp Memorial Scholarship Fund and will be used in its entirety to provide a monetary scholarship to a deserving Fletcher High School senior.

DONATE TO SUPPORT BEACHES WATCH PROGRAMS:
Your donation will support our work throughout the year: beaches candidate forums, Give-Back donation, Friend of the Beaches annual recognition, and monthly educational programs.

If you would prefer to mail us your support, CLICK HERE to download the membership form.

With your support, you will help us continue our mission to promote and facilitate educated and productive citizen involvement in local and state decisions that affect the quality of life of our beaches communities in Duval County.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

What is Beaches Watch?

Beaches Watch is a non-profit, non-partisan civic organization whose mission is to promote and facilitate educated and productive citizen involvement in local and state government decisions that affect the future of our northeast Florida beaches communities. We achieve this by raising, monitoring and researching issues; providing factual issue information to the general public and government officials; encouraging citizen participation in the solutions to beaches growth and quality of life issues and organizing citizens for action.

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Councilors,

At a recent briefing, you asked for an update of the downtown drainage project. Attached are the two January submissions showing sequence of work by area, and estimated timing for each. This is probably the easiest format for the information to be presented. Should you have any questions on the project or documents, please call either me, Karen or PW Director Barron.

Michael Staffopoulos, PE, ICMA-CM
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Mayor and Council,

Councilor Golding asked about fire department statistics since JFRD has taken over service for our community. Attached to this email are two documents: JFRD Responses, and Dec Stats 2019. The first document is produced by JFRD, and is their raw data. Fire Marshall Sciotto reviews the data, and puts it into a usable format, as shown on page two of the City of Jacksonville Beach Fire Marshal’s Office monthly report (Dec Stats 2019 document). He will continue to do this, and retain the data, on a monthly basis.

For the first month of service, JFRD is providing commensurate service from a response time perspective. The Fire Marshall and I will continue to evaluate data on a monthly basis to ensure consistency in service deliver. In the event there are deviations, we will coordinate with the Battallion Chiefs for JFRD, in accordance with our contract.

Should you have any questions, feel free to contact me, Karen Nelson, or Fire Marshall Sciotto.

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Dear Mayor Latham,

On behalf of the Jacksonville Beaches Group and FLorida Chapter of Moms Demand Action, thank you for the support and recognition of National Gun Violence Survivor Week. This means so much to our volunteers, particularly those who are gun violence survivors. More importantly, we know and appreciate that your support goes far beyond this week.

We also want to thank Mr. Ambrosio and Ms. Wright and other members of your staff for their assistance. It was a pleasure to work with each member of your staff.

On Monday, February 3rd at 6 pm in the courtyard next to Southern Grounds in the Atlantic Beach Town Center, we are having a brief ceremony to dedicate a temporary memorial to gun violence victims and survivors and to bring forward the proclamations we received from each of the Beaches' Mayors. We apologize for the short notice but would be honored if you or your designee could attend as a representative of Jacksonville Beach City Government. I know you have a City Council meeting that evening which may preclude you, Mr. Ambrosio or Ms. Wright's attendance.

Again, thank you.

Sincerely
Jean Francis
Jacksonville Beaches Moms Demand Action
Mayor and City Council,

Following an internal rate review, the City is proposing an adjustment to its natural gas rates for Beaches Energy Services, specifically to reduce the cost of gas component. This reduction can be done administratively; as such, I have authorized the reduction of the cost of gas component by the recommended $0.04 per therm, from $0.56 to $0.52, effective February 1, 2020. The decrease is due to a reduction in the price of natural gas billed to us from TECO Energy Source. This change will decrease the total cost of natural gas for our customers.

Should you have any questions regarding the revision to natural gas rates, please do not hesitate to contact Ashlie Gossett, Karen Nelson or me.

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Colleagues,

See the available dates below for the FHS auditorium. I am available:

**February 21st or February 28th**  
**March 17th through 26**

Other dates I will be at the American Public Power Association Legislative Conference in D.C. or I have council meetings.

Please ‘reply all’ with dates you can attend so we can narrow down the date for this important seminar.

Thank you!

Charlie

Charlie Latham  
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FMEA TOP TEN RECAP

A recap of the top electric industry news stories of the week

| Thursday, January 30, 2020 | |
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Linemen, don't miss your chance to compete among Florida's best in the Florida Lineman Competition! Register as a journeyman team or apprentice today.

The 20th Annual Florida Lineman Competition is March 13-14, 2020 in Tallahassee, hosted by City of Tallahassee, FL - Government. Established in 2001, the Florida Lineman Competition is where public power lineworkers come together from all over the region to demonstrate their skills and knowledge in the craft of line work in a fun, safe and family-friendly environment. For more information, please visit https://tinyurl.com/FLC20.
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OUC - The Reliable One (posted 01/24)

Apprentice Lineworker – Electric Utility, Power Delivery
City of Tallahassee (posted 01/24)

Meter Service Supervisor
City of Jacksonville Beach (posted 01/21)

Energy Advisor
Keys Energy Services (posted 01/09)

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Dear Senator Bean and Representative Byrd,

Attached is the budget request inputs from the City of Jacksonville Beach for 2020. As we've discussed, these license plate readers are very important to the safety and welfare of our residents and visitors.

Thank you both for your continued service to our beaches community.

All the best,

Charlie

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Dean,

Any of the three dates will work for everyone (3/24, 3/25, or 3/26). Jerry Sweat says the 26th is best for him, but he can do the 24th or 25th if that works better for you.

So the choice is yours, just let us know what works best for you and FHS and we’ll start planning the event.

Thank you!

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State News

Ron DeSantis, Marcus Foundation Help Launch Florida Civics and Debate Initiative
Florida Daily
On Monday, Gov. Ron DeSantis announced the “Florida Civics and Debate Initiative” with the Marcus Foundation for elevating civic knowledge, civic skills and civic disposition for middle and high school students. The Marcus Foundation has committed $5 million over a three-year period to the Florida Education Foundation to increase students’ access to speech and debate programs. To show support for this initiative the governor has requested $375,000 in his budget proposal to advance this civics and debate initiative. Source

Citizen initiative ballot reform measure passes House budget panel
Florida Politics
The House Appropriations Committee on Wednesday advanced Rep. Jamie Grant’s legislation making it harder to get citizen petitions on ballots. The Tampa Republican’s bill (HB 7037) includes several provisions raising the threshold of voter petitions to trigger language review, transparency measures requiring disclosure of out-of-state participation and shortening the time groups have to gather petitions. It would also require groups pushing for a ballot initiative to pay the full cost of the signature verification process with local Supervisors of Elections offices. Source

Federal News

House Democrats Unveil New $760 Billion Infrastructure Plan
Route Fifty
House Democrats on Wednesday unveiled a five-year, $760 billion proposal to make new investments in the nation’s infrastructure—including roads, transit, broadband internet networks, harbors, airports and water systems. But as with the
other sweeping public works proposals that lawmakers and the Trump administration have put forward in the past few years, finding a viable pathway to pay for this new spending on infrastructure upgrades promises to be a challenge. This latest plan is outlined in a 19-page “framework” that recommends funneling money through many existing federal programs. Investing in projects that are environmentally friendly and “resilient” to the effects of climate change is emphasized throughout the proposal. Source

Finance, Taxation & Personnel News

After launching Disney Plus, Disney is lobbying Florida lawmakers to cut taxes on streaming video
Orlando Sentinel
Two months after launching Disney Plus, the Walt Disney Co. is lobbying Florida lawmakers to slash taxes on video streaming services and other technologies -- a move that could cost local governments nearly $200 million a year. Emails obtained by the Orlando Sentinel show that a lobbyist representing Disney and Charter Communications Inc. -- the parent company of cable provider Spectrum -- has been working directly with the staff of House Speaker Jose Oliva, R-Miami Lakes, on a plan to rewrite the state’s communications services tax, which is charged on a variety of services, from landline telephones and cell phones to cable, satellite television and streaming video. Two lobbyists involved with the legislation said Disney is leading the effort. The proposal (HB 701, SB 1174) would make three significant changes. Source

Time has come for taxing internet commerce | Bill Cotterell
Tallahassee Democrat
I buy a lot of books. For my own reading, I’ll go to Barnes & Noble or Books-a-Million, so I can have it right away. When buying children’s books for my grandkids, though, I’ll browse online -- not for the price so much as the direct shipping. Another difference, which is so commonplace I don’t really think about it anymore, is the sales tax. That shouldn’t be different, since Florida law requires the same levy either way, but nobody downloads a tax form and sends the required payment to the Department of Revenue. Well, almost nobody. The state is losing about $600 million a year by not making online merchants collect sales taxes. But that could change in this legislative session. Source

Local film production bill clears Senate panel
Florida Politics
A Senate panel advanced a bill this week that would bolster local government efforts to promote film production. SB 334, sponsored by Orlando Democratic Sen. Linda Stewart, would allow counties to use tourist development tax collections to fund programs designed to lure studios to the area to shoot movies and television shows. Currently, state law allows counties to use tourism tax money — collected via fees tacked onto hotel stays — to purchase land or event venues, operate convention centers, fund beach improvements and other activities associated with tourism promotion. Source
Land Use & Economic Development News

Florida Senate panel delays vote on occupational licensing bill
The Center Square
A Senate-House bill to pre-empt local governments from imposing occupational licenses not required by Florida won’t prohibit municipalities from, among other things, offering incentives for hiring local residents and contractors. The Senate version of the bill won’t advance through the first of three committee hearings necessary to get onto the chamber’s floor until, at least, next week. The Senate Community Affairs Committee on Monday postponed voting on Senate Bill 1336 as the final minutes ticked away before the mandated adjournment of the two-hour meeting that featured 10 bills. Source

Municipal Administration News

Letter: Vacation rental bills a growing concern
Tampa Bay Newspapers
I’m alarmed by two new vacation rental bills that are currently before committees in the Florida House and Senate. Senate Bill 1128 by Sen. Manny Diaz, a Republican from Hialeah, and identical House Bill 1011 by Rep. Jason Fischer, a Republican from Jacksonville, seek to give control of vacation rental licensing and inspections to the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation. The bills don’t provide for any additional funding for this overburdened agency. Nor do they require any mandatory inspections of properties for fire safety or sanitary conditions. So far, they are just unfunded mandates that provide basic online registration so state and county governments can collect their taxes. Furthermore, they fail to provide any protections to stop vacation rentals from housing sexual predators in areas where kids live. Poorly run vacation rental businesses have often become disruptive to surrounding neighbors and the bills remove most of the remaining tools that cities have to regulate them. Source

Florida plans to try to identify potential mass shooters
WFLA
Florida law enforcement officers will be trained to spot potential mass shooters before they act under a program rolling out this summer. Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis and the state’s top law enforcement officer spoke Wednesday at a news conference outside Orlando. Under the program, Florida will be the first state in the nation to have a statewide plan for identifying threats and taking action to intervene. The program starts in July with the introduction of a curriculum for recruits at police academies around the state. Training will then be offered to patrol officers and deputies, investigators and law enforcement executives. Source

Transportation & Intergovernmental Relations News
Amid affordable housing shortage, Florida lawmakers could divert housing funds again
Orlando Sentinel
Lawmakers are poised to divert more funds intended for affordable housing programs this year, despite pleas from housing and homeless advocates, developers, unions and environmental groups to keep the funds intact amid a growing need for cheaper housing in Orlando and other areas of the state. A state House panel on Tuesday released its initial budget recommendation, which includes $147 million for affordable housing programs but sweeps $240 million into other areas of the budget. Orlando has the greatest shortage of affordable housing among the top 50 metro areas in the country, according to a report released last year by the National Low Income Housing Coalition.

“We Can’t Afford Florida” shouted renters at a news conference in the state Capitol
Florida Phoenix
Frustrated renters spoke out Wednesday at a Florida Housing Justice Alliance press conference in the state Capitol. Trenise Bryant, housing organizer of Miami Workers Center and leader of the press conference, brought attention to statewide housing dilemmas and urged more lawmakers to prioritize accessible housing options for Floridians. A varied group of supporters rallied behind Bryant in a unifying chant. “We can’t...,” Bryant started. “...Afford Florida!” they finished, echoing the posters and banners dispersed throughout the crowd. Several Florida lawmakers spoke at the press conference to introduce a thorough and comprehensive legislative agenda to promote affordable housing and renter protections across the state.

What Cities Should Know About the Micromobility Landscape
Cities Speak
Four years ago, scooters were the mobility mode of choice for the under-10 crowd. With brightly colored wheels and a back-pedal brake, it was easy to see why. Today, all across the country, professionals in suits can be seen whizzing down bike lanes on electric scooters and bikes. The rise of micromobility was swift and daunting for cities: Seemingly overnight, dockless bikes and scooters appeared on city streets, and curb management became a whole new game. And now, shared mopeds have been added to the mix in Washington, D.C.; New York City; Miami; Oakland; Austin, and San Francisco. We asked city officials who work on micromobility about what cities should know. Below is what we learned from San Francisco and Washington, D.C.

Utilities, Natural Resources & Public Works News
Large water improvements bill gets Florida House nod
The Center Square
The House Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee unanimously endorsed a massive water improvements bill that would create a wastewater grant program that utility districts can tap into to upgrade infrastructure and finance sewer installation. House Bill 1343 also would transfer coordination of the state’s septic-to-sewer conversion program from the Department of Health to the
Department of Environmental Protection by 2022 and revise stormwater, sewage treatment, biosolids and agricultural runoff regulations. The 120-page bill, which now advances to the House Appropriations and State Affairs committees, is the “long overdue” culmination of years of constituent meetings, said sponsor Rep. Bobby Payne, R-Palatka, who authored a similar proposal that idled last year.

**Florida Senate Takes Aim At Sunscreen Bans**

WUSF

Without any debate, the Florida Senate on Wednesday passed legislation that would prohibit local governments from regulating drugs and cosmetics sold over the counter. The Senate fast-tracked the bill during this year’s legislative session after a similar proposal did not pass in 2019. The 25-14 vote Wednesday came as Key West prepares to enforce a ban on the sale of certain sunscreens next January. City officials said last year they decided to ban sunscreens that contain the chemicals oxybenzone and octinoxate. Studies have shown the chemicals can be harmful to coral reefs, which are essential to Key West’s tourism-driven economy. Sen. Rob Bradley, a Fleming Island Republican who sponsored the bill (SB 172), has argued that local regulations on sunscreens would send “mixed signals” to people about the importance of using the substances to prevent skin cancer.

**Florida Senate passes bill to block local bans on sunscreen**

The Associated Press

Florida cities and counties wouldn’t be able to ban sunscreens containing ingredients that some researchers say harm coral reefs, under a bill passed by the state Senate on Wednesday. The Senate voted 25-14 in favor of the bill after no discussion or debate. If it becomes law, a Key West ordinance to ban the sale of sunscreens containing oxybenzone or octinoxate would be nullified. The Key West ban is set to go into effect next year. Research has shown the chemicals can cause coral bleaching, and the reefs around Key West attract divers, snorkelers and fishing enthusiasts. But Republican Sen. Rob Bradley has said previously that he sponsored the bill because protecting people is more important, and the research hasn’t proven the chemicals actually harm reefs. An identical House bill has been approved in two committees and faces its last committee stop Thursday before being considered by the full chamber.

**FL Senate votes to block cities from banning some sunscreens, while FDA casts doubt on ingredient safety**

Florida Phoenix

The Florida Senate has voted to block cities from banning certain sunscreens, claiming use of the products should be encouraged to help protect people from skin cancer, despite concerns about the products’ impact on coral reefs. But in Hawaii, state lawmakers are moving to outlaw many sunscreens due to human health concerns raised by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, according to Hawaii’s state legislative website. At issue is safety — whether certain ingredients in sunscreens are safe for humans — as well as environmental problems: Ingredients in certain sunscreens are believed to harm coral reefs.

**FPL tries a new place to soak in solar power: Floating panels on a Miami lake**

Miami Herald
Flying into Miami can be a feast for the eyes. From a window seat visitors can catch a glimpse of turquoise waters framed by white sandy beaches, swaying palm trees and vibrant green ferns in the Everglades. Now, some may also see 400 solar panels floating on Blue Lagoon right next to the airport — half an acre of panels gleaming in South Florida’s world-famous sunshine. Florida Power & Light on Tuesday launched a solar array that will be visible to Super Bowl fans flying in and out of the city. Drivers along a stretch of the Dolphin Expressway will also be able to see the installation, which measures about 22,000 square feet and will generate 160 kilowatts of electricity, enough to power more than 20 homes per year. “What better way to showcase this city, this county and how innovative we are than with this facility behind us,” said Florida Power & Light CEO Eric Silagy after helping about 10 technicians push the installation into the lagoon, accompanied by Miami-Dade County Mayor Carlos Gimenez. The facility is the first floating solar array in the Southeast, he said. Source

Kathy Castor urges Ron DeSantis to ‘be bold’ on climate policy
Florida Politics
U.S. Rep. Kathy Castor is calling on Gov. Ron DeSantis to up his game on climate action. Castor, chair of the U.S. House Select Committee on the Climate Crisis, penned a letter to DeSantis Wednesday urging him to commit the state to modern energy efficiency initiatives that not only protect the environment and combat climate change but also save consumers money. “Florida should be a leader in building a clean energy economy and creating economic opportunities with high quality professions and trades,” Castor wrote. “The most economically competitive states in America will be grounded in clean energy and the “Sunshine State” should be a world leader.” Source
Mayor and Council,

At the last briefing, you asked for an update on short term rentals. Attached are numbers to date, and below is what we are experiencing through the process. Please let us know if you have any questions.

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Thanks,

Heather
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Sovereign Immunity Bill Up Monday - Oppose CS/SB 1302

On Monday, February 3, at 4:00 p.m., the Senate Community Affairs Committee will consider CS/SB 1302 (Flores) relating to the Sovereign Immunity.

CS/SB 1302 would do the following:

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- allows government entities to settle claims in any amount without the approval of a claim bill by the Legislature to the extent of insurance coverage.
• outlines in what instance the state and local governments are liable to pay for compensatory damages.
• ties sovereign immunity caps to a Consumer Price Index to be adjusted each year on July 1 of each year, beginning in 2021.

CS/SB 1302 Talking Points

• Significant Increase to Liability. By increasing the sovereign immunity cap and allowing the settlement and payment of claims exceeding the cap without the necessity of a claim bill, the state and its agencies and subdivisions will likely spend more of their resources to satisfy tort claims.
• Incentivizes Litigation. The ability to collect larger settlements or judgments against government entities may also serve as an incentive for private attorneys to represent claimants in these matters.
• Circumvents Purpose of Sovereign Immunity. By prohibiting the conditioning of the payment of insurance proceeds on the approval of a claim bill, the bill will likely result in an increase in insurance premiums for government entities that purchase liability insurance. The increased costs may act as a disincentive to purchase insurance.
• Uncertain Financial Impacts. Increasing liability exposure may cause a financial hardship for smaller or fiscally constrained government entities.
• Governments Need Sovereign Immunity. One of the reasons governmental entities need sovereign immunity is so they can carry out their police powers and provide for health, safety, and welfare of the general public without the constant threat of lawsuits putting tax dollars at risk. The bill creates uncertainty as to when sovereign immunity will apply and has the potential to create many unintended consequences leaving taxpayers to pay the bill.

Contact David Cruz via email or at 850.701.3676 with any questions.

Please contact members of this committee and urge them to Oppose CS/SB 1302!

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Thanks,
Jason

Dear Andrew,
Thank you for your inquiry into soccer goals for the field at Sunshine Park. Although we had not planned to place goals on the field, we think it is a great idea. The cost for a set of goals is approximately $8,000 and we will include the purchase in the upcoming budget cycle, beginning on October 1st 2020. We may be able to purchase them sooner, should we realize savings from projects we are able to complete under our current budget. I’ll keep you posted. Thanks again.
Sincerely,

Jason Phitides
Director Parks and Recreation
City of Jacksonville Beach
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p.s. as a soccer fan myself, I’m hoping we can purchase them before October.

Hi Jason – Mayor Latham received a very sweet and kind thank you note from 12 year old Andrew Kozlowski and in the note Andrew ask if the city would add soccer goals to the turf field at Sunshine Park.

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Instructor: Clint Smith, Training Specialist, Utility Training Services Inc.

Clint's experience in the electric utility sector currently spans a period of 28 years with work in cooperative, municipal, and IOU organizations. His most significant assignments in the industry include Business Owner and Partner at Reliance Energy Consulting, Instructor in Line Design and Staking with Utility Training Services, System Engineer and Manager of Engineering at Cherokee Electric Cooperative in Alabama, and Consultant and Instructor with Power Delivery Associates in Georgia.

Course Materials: Students are required to bring the current 2017 NESC Code Book (not included in course materials). We will provide the course handbook, calculator, engineering scale, protractor, notepads, highlighters, pencils, post-it flags, and a student handbag.

Completion Certificate: Certificate awarded upon successful completion of course, which includes 21 PDHs and 2.1 CEUs.

Meeting Location:

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From Worcester to Anaheim, Cities Embrace the Role of Poet Laureate

KATE ELIZABETH QUERAM | Cities of all sizes are appointing poets laureate, a typically volunteer position tasked with promoting culture, art and the written word within a community.

FCC Approves $20 Billion Rural Broadband Funding Plan

ANDREA NOBLE | While proponents heralded the fund as a major step to close the "rural digital divide," Democrats on the commission warned that many areas that need internet won't get help.
In Two States, Debates Over the Ethics of Paid Surrogacy

EMMA COLEMAN  |  Lawmakers in New York, one of only three states where paid surrogacy is illegal, are trying to repeal their ban. Meanwhile, in South Dakota, legislators say surrogacy has led to the commercialization of children and want to prohibit it.

Technology Fuels Efforts to Quell Wildfires at OCR 2019

As wildfires ravage different parts of the country, a demonstration at Operation Convergent Response 2019 shows how coordinated efforts fueled by technology can help first responders on the ground tackle a blazing inferno.

States With Most Jobs Losses Due to Trade Gap With China Identified in New Report

BILL LUCIA  |  All 50 states have seen jobs eroded as a result of the country’s growing trade deficit with China over the past 20 years, the research shows.

Washington State May Give Seattle More Taxing Power

EMMA COLEMAN  |  STATE AND LOCAL ROUNDUP | Virginia appeals abortion restrictions ... Trump administration unveils Medicaid "block grant" plan ... California bill would require truthful advertisement of rehab centers.

More States See Zoning as Lever to Lower Housing Costs

SOPHIE QUINTON  |  STATELINE  |  Some affordable housing advocates say not all new development is created equal.

We Don’t Have Enough Face Masks

JAMES HAMBLIN  |  THE ATLANTIC  |  Pandemics will require recognizing who needs respirators and surgical masks and who doesn’t.

Is Workplace Rudeness On the Rise?

SHANNON G. TAYLOR  |  THE CONVERSATION  |  COMMENTARY | Growing alarms over a ‘rudeness epidemic’ make it seem like incivility in the workplace is on the rise. The data suggest otherwise.
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Learn More
Mayor and Council,

Councilors have asked some questions that you would all benefit from knowing the answers. They are as follows:

1) What is the expected completion date for Whole Foods (1700/1800 block 3rd St. S)? - The building shell (the box, with no interior improvements, no floor) should be completed in March. The building permit was just issued for the interior build-out (interior improvements and flooring), and it should take eight months or so to do the interior build-out, per the Building Official.

2) What is the status of lights for the softball field? - #2: Softball Lights – we received pricing from Musco Lighting in the amount of $58,000. Requisition is in process to generate a Purchase Order and Notice to Proceed to Musco. Installation should be complete within 60 days of the Notice to Proceed. We did not have to go out to bid on this project because we are using the National Sourcewell piggyback contract.

3) When will Council be checking out the ADA walkovers? I would like to see some action on the rest of the beach walkovers before the start of the next turtle nesting season. - Public Works is expecting completion of the three ADA walkovers in the next 45 days (hopefully sooner). The contractor is working their punch list items to finish as we are requesting. Public Works would then like to organize a council tour and viewing to get their input and direction on changes and future walkover construction parameters. With this timeframe realistically being early to mid-March, I do not know if we will have time to be able to complete any additional walkover reconstruction before the May 1st turtle season deadline.

4) Speaking of turtles, what is the status of the lighting situation? - #4: Turtle Lights – Beaches Energy Services has identified a light fitting that should fit our current poles. The proposed fixture will have an oceanside shield and long wave length LED bulb. We are awaiting a test fixture from the manufacturer and if it meets our Police Department safety requirements for parking lot lighting, we should have all our endzones retrofitted before the start of turtle season. **Beaches Energy received the test fixture today from the manufacturer and will install for testing at the endzone on 1st Avenue South by tomorrow or Friday.**

5) What is the status of the hole at the base of the slide in Sunshine Park? - #5: Sunshine Park – the hole at the base of the slide was successfully repaired Monday January 27th.

6) Are we going to be replacing the street signs at the beach ends that were victims of a hurricane almost four years ago? - Public Works is moving ahead with establishing a “standard” for beach-end reconstruction. While signage is an important part, Public Works would like to create an entire remodel of the beach-end design and help spread uniformity to all of our end-zone areas. We may still be able to look at sign replacement on a quicker timeframe, but would like some direction on the overall appearance of the completed project before we create something without proper uniformity.
7) Is it lawful for a car to stop at a stop bar, and then proceed beyond the stop bar and into the pedestrian crosswalk in front of them? The Police Department has confirmed that as long as a vehicle first comes to a complete stop at the stop bar, they are then permitted to move forward for improved visibility for entering the intersection. Stopping at the stop bar is to ensure not hitting or obstructing someone who is already in the crosswalk.

Please call if you have any questions.

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Dear Andrew,

Thank you for your inquiry into soccer goals for the field at Sunshine Park. Although we had not planned to place goals on the field, we think it is a great idea. The cost for a set of goals is approximately $8,000 and we will include the purchase in the upcoming budget cycle, beginning on October 1st 2020. We may be able to purchase them sooner, should we realize savings from projects we are able to complete under our current budget.

I’ll keep you posted.

Thanks again.

Sincerely,

Jason Phitides
Director Parks and Recreation
City of Jacksonville Beach
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p.s. as a soccer fan myself, I’m hoping we can purchase them before October.
Today, Friday, January 31, the White House is hosting a Summit on Human Trafficking: Honoring the 20th Anniversary of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA). The event will include briefings and discussion with Senior Administration Officials and outside stakeholders around paths forward to combat trafficking in persons as well as innovative solutions to end human trafficking on the state, local, and tribal levels. President Donald Trump will give remarks and sign an Executive Order providing additional resources to combat human trafficking. Among other actions, the Executive Order will create a new position on the White House Domestic Policy Council focused exclusively on combating human trafficking and task the State Department with creating a website to serve as a clearinghouse where law enforcement officials, victims, advocates, and others can get information on government-wide efforts to combat human trafficking. The President’s remarks will be preceded by discussion panels – including one with State and local elected officials. Below, please find additional information including a Livestream of the event.

White House Summit on Human Trafficking

“MY ADMINISTRATION IS COMMITTED TO LEVERAGING EVERY RESOURCE WE HAVE TO CONFRONT THIS THREAT, to support the victims and survivors, and to hold traffickers accountable for their heinous crimes.”

PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP

When: 10:30AM ET
Where: The White House
Livestream: HERE

@IvankaTrump: Marking the 20th Anniversary of TVPA this month, we will host a @WhiteHouse Summit on Human Trafficking tomorrow. By convening lawmakers, survivors & action-oriented groups, we will identify further solutions to #EndTrafficking at home and abroad.
Ivanka Trump: 24.9 M people are trapped in forced slavery, domestic servitude or sex trafficking, many in America. @POTUS will sign an EO to combat #HumanTrafficking today, strengthening our resolve to hold perpetrators accountable & restore human dignity for victims.

Additional Background: President Trump has prioritized leveraging every resource of the Federal government to end the scourge of human trafficking. On December 31, 2019, President Trump issued a Proclamation on National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month (here). The President’s Interagency Task Force to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons works tirelessly to prosecute traffickers, protect survivors, and prevent future crime. You can read more here.

Thank you.

The White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs

William F. Crozer
Special Assistant to the President/Deputy Director
White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs
Good Morning Mayor and Council Members,

• Agenda item #20-019 includes the Sampson Substation Contract, which is 300+ pages and was not copied and included in your agenda packet book.

• The Contract has been loaded onto our FTP server as a separate file. The FTP server login credentials were sent to you in a separate email yesterday.

• The entire agenda packet was loaded on our FTP server, as well as the city’s website.

Thank you.

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Communications Services Tax Cut Up Monday - Oppose SB 1174!

On Monday, February 3, at 1:30 p.m., the Senate Innovation, Industry and Technology Committee will consider SB 1174 (Hutson) relating to the Communications Services Tax (CST).

SB 1174 would do the following:

- Reduces the local CST rate to 5% or less by January 1, 2021 and 4% or less by January 1, 2022.
- Reduces the state CST rate from 4.92% to 4.9% and the non-charter county CST rate to 2% by January 1, 2022.
- Clarifies that certain streaming services are subject to the tax and creates uniform rates.
- Repeals the local option sales surtax conversion that is levied on communications services.
Click here for a spreadsheet of current local CST rates.

SB 1174 Talking Points

- This is a wolf in sheep’s clothing, and a local tax cut pretending to be reform.
- CST is a vital source of general revenue for cities including funding police, fire and other important municipal services.
- This bill would reduce local revenues by $190 million.
- This bill will have little impact on the individual taxpayer. Instead, it gives the communications providers cover to raise the rates for their services.

Contact Amber Hughes via email or at 850.701.3621 with any questions.

Please contact members of this committee and urge them to Oppose SB 1174!

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Click [here](#) to download a spreadsheet with committee contact information. You can also use the League’s [Contact Your Legislators](#) advocacy tool to email your legislators.

**Watch Live on The Florida Channel**

To watch this committee hearing, please go to [https://thefloridachannel.org/](https://thefloridachannel.org/), click on Live Streams and look for the Senate Innovation, Industry and Technology Committee on Monday at 1:30 p.m.

**Keep FLC informed** – Let us know what communications you have with your legislators on this issue. [Email Allison Payne](mailto:apayne@flcities.com)

**Thank you for your advocacy efforts!**

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Local Government News

Communities impacted by Hurricane Irma to receive $84 million to improve infrastructure
The Capitolist
On Monday, Governor Ron DeSantis announced that more than $84 million has been awarded to 21 communities impacted by Hurricane Irma. The additional funds come courtesy of the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity’s (DEO) Rebuild Florida Infrastructure Repair Program. The program, administered by DEO, helps communities fund infrastructure restoration and improvement projects in communities impacted by disasters. The Rebuild Florida Infrastructure Repair Program was launched last July, giving local governments the opportunity to apply for grant funding to restore and improve infrastructure in areas damaged by Hurricane Irma or as match funding for other federal programs to carry out eligible, federal Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) infrastructure activity. Source

Melbourne City Council Encourages All Residents to Participate in the 2020 Census
Space Coast Daily
Mayor Kathy Meehan read a proclamation during last night’s City Council meeting recognizing April 1, 2020, as Census Day and encouraging all residents of the City of Melbourne to participate in the 2020 Census. “Every resident of our community counts and deserves to be counted,” said Meehan. “An accurate census count is vital to our community and residents’ wellbeing by helping planners determine where to locate schools, daycare centers, roads, public transportation, hospitals and other facilities.” The City of Melbourne has received millions of dollars in federal and state funding for aids and grants, police and fire, economic development, housing and community development, transportation improvements, and hurricane assistance, based in part on census data. Source
State News

Two more Florida preemption bills advance to House floor
The Center Square
It was Preemption Thursday in Tallahassee, as two measures cuffing local government regulatory authority were adopted by Florida House committees along partisan lines. The House Commerce Committee, in a 15-8 vote, endorsed House Bill 3, sponsored by Rep. Michael Grant, R-Port Charlotte, sending the measure prohibiting local governments from imposing occupational licensing and business regulations to the House floor for adoption. Meanwhile, the House Health & Human Services Committee, in a 10-6 vote, approved HB 113, which would repeal municipal ordinances regulating over-the-counter drugs and cosmetics—essentially a ban on banning sunscreens. Sponsored by Rep. Spencer Roach, R-North Fort Myers, HB 113 is the House version of the Florida Drug & Cosmetic Act adopted as Senate Bill 172 in a 25-14 vote Wednesday night by the Senate.
Source

Senate rolls out $92.8 B budget; stresses education, environment
Florida Politics
On Thursday, the Senate rolled out a $92.8B budget, complete with affirmational quotes from the Senate President and the Appropriations Chair. The proposal is a full $1.4 billion more than Gov. Ron DeSantis's recommended budget. “The Senate’s $92.8 billion budget accounts for significant changes in estimates of future state obligations that occurred between the August and January consensus estimates developed by subject matters experts appointed by the Governor, Senate President, and Speaker of the House. The Senate budget is based on January estimates not available when the Governor and Executive Branch Agencies submitted funding requests and recommendations in the fall of 2019,” asserts the media release. As the 2020 Legislative Session hurtles forward, the budget debates will frame increasingly the time until Sine Die, which is Friday Mar. 13 this year. Source

House budget leaner than Senate proposal
Florida Politics
The respective rollouts of the Senate and House budgets were literally day and night. The $92.8 billion Senate budget came early Thursday afternoon, accompanied with helpful quotes highlighting the Senate’s willingness to spend on everything from education and the environment to pay raises for state workers. The House budget dropped as the evening sun fell from the Tallahassee sky, devoid of quotes from House Speaker Jose Oliva and Budget Chief Travis Cummings. However, it did have a website launch attached, “as part of its commitment to transparency and access to public information.” It also came in lighter than the Senate document: a mere $91.3 billion, in range with the budget proposed by Gov. Ron DeSantis in October. Source

House and Senate budgets offer similar DOC plans with key disparities
Florida Politics
The House and Senate proposed budgets, filed Thursday, largely incorporate the Governor’s suggestions for the Department of Corrections (DOC). But key aspects of the budget remain unsettled with employee pay and reform initiatives sitting at the center of that debate. Though the overall $91.3 billion House proposal fell shy
of the Senate’s $92.8 billion budget, both DOC budgets are in the same ballpark. Both measures, and Gov. Ron DeSantis’, call for approximately $2.8 billion for the department. Source

Constitution measure meets signature requirement
News Service of Florida
Beating a Saturday deadline, supporters of a ballot initiative that would make it harder to amend the Florida Constitution have met a legal requirement for submitting petition signatures. The Keep Our Constitution Clean political committee had tallied 769,769 valid petition signatures as of Thursday morning, topping the 766,200-signature requirement, according to the state Division of Elections website. If the Florida Supreme Court signs off on the proposal’s wording, the initiative will go on the November ballot. The state has a Saturday deadline for backers of initiatives to meet the signature requirement. The Keep Our Constitution Clean proposal would require future constitutional amendments to be approved by voters twice --- instead of once --- to take effect. Source

Federal News

FCC Approves $20 Billion Rural Broadband Funding Plan
Route Fifty
The Federal Communications Commission voted Thursday to approve a $20.4 billion plan to subsidize the construction of high-speed broadband networks in rural America. FCC Chairman Ajit Pai called the vote the “biggest step the FCC has ever taken to close the rural digital divide.” The Rural Digital Opportunity Fund will help internet service providers deploy broadband over 10 years to areas currently lacking service of at least 25 megabits per second download and 3 Mbps upload speeds. The federal agency estimates about six million rural homes and businesses are located in areas that could benefit from the initiative. Internet service providers, including telecoms and government utilities, would bid to provide broadband and voice services to the locations. Source

House Releases Infrastructure Framework to Rebuild with Communities
Cities Speak
Yesterday, the House leadership in Congress announced a new “Moving Forward” framework for a $760 billion infrastructure bill. The plan, over the next five years, would rebuild the nation’s roads, bridges, transit systems, railways, airports, ports, inland waterways, wastewater and drinking water systems, brownfields, and broadband. The National League of Cities has been calling on Congress to “Rebuild With Us” and step up on infrastructure, and this framework reflects our shared priorities for rebuilding and creating a skilled workforce that will get projects moving in America’s cities, towns and villages. Source

Finance, Taxation & Personnel News

FEMA flood maps changing for South Florida
WFLX
If you don’t have flood insurance, you may soon be required to enroll. The Federal Emergency Management Agency, also known as FEMA, is changing its flood maps and risk zones throughout South Florida. Current maps were adopted in 2017, which determine if your flood insurance policy is optional or mandatory. “We see remapping typically every three years,” said Fielding Mcelory with Bullen Insurance Group. The most recent preliminary report from FEMA showed thousands of homeowners in Palm Beach County may soon go from low risk to high risk, making it mandatory to get coverage. Source

Gulf Breeze finance department earns Certificate of Excellence
Gulf Breeze News
In announcing a significant award for the City of Gulf Breeze’s finance department, City Manager Samantha Abell reminded Gulf Breeze City Council members at the Jan. 21 session that Director of Finance Jeanne Griffin and Senior Accountant Chelle Vail deserve credit for the official and highly regarded recognition of the department’s solid financial accounting best practices. She said that commitment is taken very seriously and is certainly worthy of praise. “The Government Finance Officers Association has a very stringent compliance program,” she said of the organization bestowing the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. Source

Land Use & Economic Development News

The death of growth management in Florida — a sequel | Editorial
Orlando Sentinel
Having killed state oversight in 2011, Florida is now pondering whether to dig up the corpse of growth management and shoot it a few times for good measure. That’s the effect of a bill aimed at making life more miserable for local officials who still have an interest in managing the state’s whirlwind growth. It’s a neat little coda to a measure passed last year aimed at intimidating citizens who might be tempted to challenge development approvals. This year’s proposal, backed by state House Rep. James Grant of Tampa, is ostensibly related to guarding private property rights, which are protected by the U.S. Constitution’s Fifth Amendment. It says the government can take someone’s property for a public purpose, but the property owner has to receive “just compensation.” Florida law goes further. Under the Bert Harris Act of 1995, even if the government doesn’t actually take possession of someone’s property, the owner might be entitled to some type of compensation if a government regulation or ordinance unfairly restricts the property’s use. Oftentimes, if a property owner files such a claim, local governments try to settle so they don’t have to pay truckloads of money in attorney fees and court costs. Under Grant’s bill, if there’s a settlement, or if the property owner wins, “similarly situated” property owners would be able to get in on the action. No one is quite sure what “similarly situated” means. Grant himself doesn’t, and at a recent committee hearing on the bill, he was irritated that opponents hadn’t come up with a more detailed definition of the words in his bill. Source

Local occupational licensing preemption cleared for House floor
Florida Politics
Changes may be coming soon for a broad swath of occupational licensing schemes. A bill that would preempt local regulation of many of these is headed to the House floor after passing the Commerce Committee Thursday. HB 3, by Rep. Michael Grant, would preempt local governments from requiring occupational licenses that are not mandated by the state. The legislation would affect a broad swath of trade classes including “painting, flooring, cabinetry, interior remodeling, driveway or tennis court installation, decorative stone, tile, marble, granite, or terrazzo installation, plastering, stuccoing, caulking, canvas awning, and ornamental iron installation.” “The bill prohibits local licensing,” Grant said, except for certain exceptions. Source

Municipal Administration News

Cape Council to discuss proposed vacation rental legislation
Captiva Sanibel
Cape Coral City Council will discuss on Monday a bill that is being considered in the State House that could change the way short-term rentals are regulated. City staff plans to present an update on proposed House Bill 1011, which relates to vacation rentals. If approved, the new law would give the regulation of short-term rentals, including licensure and inspections, to the state. According to an analysis conducted in 2017, there are more than 3,000 rentals properties in the city. Currently the city’s land use regulations do not allow rentals for periods of less than seven days. An ordinance in 2017 to address many of these issues was shot down by city council. Source

Indian River Shores enacts vacation rental rules
Hometown News
By Feb. 1, all short term vacation rentals in Indian River Shores must come into compliance with the town’s new ordinance. Ordinance 546 sets policies, procedures, and guidelines regarding property rentals. Ordinance 546 technically took effect on Nov. 14, but the town gave a grace period of until Jan. 31 to comply with all of the new requirements to operate a short term vacation rental. The ordinance defines “short-term vacation rental” as any residential dwelling which is rented or leased more than three times in a calendar year for a period of less than 30 days, or which is advertised as available for a term less than 30 days. Source

Effort to retract legal notice requirements clears House hurdle
Florida Politics
Could this be the year governments are no longer required to post public notices in newspapers? The Florida House Judiciary Committee advanced legislation (HB 7) that would allow notices to go on city websites instead of the local paper. “We sometimes argue like we are living in a fictional world where everyone is getting the newspaper everyday, and they can’t wait to read these notices that are in 6-point font,” said Rep. Randy Fine, the bill sponsor. The Palm Bay Republican said governments still will need to publish notices, but moving that information online means they do so at no charge. Source
Transportation & Intergovernmental Relations News

Gainesville Set To Become First U.S. City With Self-Driving Buses On Public Roads
WUFT
While most of Gainesville’s residents are sound asleep, an electric shuttle with no one at the wheel roams the downtown area in the early morning hours, inching around roundabouts and creeping along city streets. That self-driving vehicle and two others, now undergoing test runs, are expected to become available as a new form of public transportation in Gainesville by the end of the year, according to Thomas Idoyaga, a spokesman for the city’s Office of Mobility. The 14-foot-high, 10-foot-wide, 19-foot-long EasyMile shuttles, developed in Europe, have enough room for six passengers to stand and six to sit. Source

Tallahassee City Commission votes to make e-scooter program permanent
WCTV
E-scooters in Tallahassee are here to stay; the City Commission voted unanimously to make the pilot program permanent. City staff recommended the permanent program with a few changes, including limiting the number of vendors to two, with 1,500 total e-scooters in the City. City Commissioner Jeremy Matlow said he thinks a permanent program is a good idea, now that most of the growing pains have been corrected. "A lot of people are using them regularly and we’re kind of seeing it grow. So now the focus is, how can this be sustainable, how can we make sure the City is taken care of, we’re not losing money by bringing them in, we’re regulating them, and how do we continue to keep people at the table regulating them," said Commissioner Matlow. Source

Utilities, Natural Resources & Public Works News

Florida legislature advances third attempt at curbside recycling contamination bill
Waste Dive
Last week, the Florida House of Representatives unanimously passed a bill (HB 73) listing contamination-related details that must be included in recycling contracts between municipalities and haulers or MRFs. Haulers would not be required to transport contaminated materials that violate the definition of acceptable recyclables, and MRFs would not be required to process them. The contracts would have to state a definition of "contamination" appropriate for that community; the obligations of the municipality and the hauler or MRF in reducing contaminated material collection or processing; procedures for identifying, documenting and rejecting contaminated material; and which educational programs would be implemented to reduce contamination. This is the third time such legislation has been introduced in Florida in the past two years. Previous versions were vetoed by two separate governors due to objections over amendments. This version has no such amendments and is expected to pass the Florida Senate and be signed into law by Gov. Ron DeSantis. Source

Florida Senate blocks local sunscreen bans
Tampa Bay Times
Without any debate, the Florida Senate on Wednesday passed legislation that would prohibit local governments from regulating drugs and cosmetics sold over
the counter. The Senate fast-tracked the bill during this year’s legislative session after a similar proposal did not pass in 2019. The 25-14 vote Wednesday came as Key West prepares to enforce a ban on the sale of certain sunscreens next January. City officials said last year they decided to ban sunscreens that contain the chemicals oxybenzone and octinoxate. Studies have shown the chemicals can be harmful to coral reefs, which are essential to Key West’s tourism-driven economy. Source

Florida lawmakers advance ban on lobbying and self-dealing
Tampa Bay Times
A bill that will put teeth into the voter-approved law banning elected officials from using their public office for private gain was unanimously approved by the Florida House Wednesday and is headed to the state Senate. There was no discussion. The measure puts penalties behind the ethics rules imposed by Amendment 12, the constitutional change overwhelmingly approved by voters in 2018 to end the revolving door between public office and private lobbying. The constitutional amendment updates Florida law, which currently has no safeguards in place to stop state legislators from writing legislation that benefits their personal interests, and it extends the current two-year ban on legislators’ lobbying to six years. Source

Gov. DeSantis announces coral reef protection tied to Super Bowl
Sun Sentinel
Former special forces divers will help restore a coral reef near Miami, in a conservation project involving the 2020 Super Bowl. The initiative, announced Thursday by Gov. Ron DeSantis, is among a series of environmental projects planned in the run-up to the game, involving both the NFL and the Miami Super Bowl Host Committee’s conservation initiative called “Oceans to Everglades.” Veterans of the nation’s special forces will work on a project — 100 Yards of Hope — to plant 100 yards of new coral in Biscayne Bay. The work will be done through the SEAL Association, the SEAL Veteran Foundation, and FORCE BLUE, which trains former Special Operations veterans for marine conservation work. “100 yards of hope will be a year-long coral reef restoration project honoring the NFL’s 100th season and America’s military veterans,” DeSantis said at a news conference at Miami’s Frost Museum of Science. “Now the end zones have been planted and now Force Blue is ready to plant the field.” The other initiative involves a new web page set up by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Floridascoralreef.org. Source

Brian Mast wants bump in federal funding for Everglades restoration
Florida Politics
Republican Rep. Brian Mast has authored a letter to President Donald Trump pushing for an increase in Everglades restoration funding in Trump’s upcoming budget request. The most recent federal appropriations measure contained $200 million for the South Florida Ecosystem Restoration (SFER) program. That program includes a collection of water projects in Central and South Florida — including reservoirs and stormwater treatment areas — aimed at keeping the Everglades clean. Among those projects are the EAA Reservoir, the C-44 Reservoir and Stormwater Treatment Area and others. That $200 million figure was an increase of $130 million over the previous year. Mast’s letter is asking the President to request
an additional $50 million in federal funds, bringing the total request for Fiscal Year 2021 to $250 million. Source

Remembering...

Pasco civil servant put community and its kids first
Tampa Bay Times
P. Hutchinson Brock, II -- “Hutch” to everyone who met him -- was devoted to children. It was kind of hard not to be, considering that Mr. Brock and his wife, Natalie, raised four of their own. He was the Little League coach, the soccer dad, the school volunteer and the gracious host when the family opened up their home for the high school prom pictures. The Brocks’ own children are now in their 20s. They are the triplets -- Ashton, Coleman and Connor Mack -- and their older brother, Carson. Being involved with kids because of your own brood could be construed as just a staple of parenting. Not with the Brocks. The fidelity extended beyond the family lineage. There was public work with the schools and fund-raising within the business community, as well as behind-the-scenes benevolence and mentoring to assist kids who might not have the same advantages as their counterparts in Dade City. “He generally cared about the future of our community and the kids involved with it,” said his lifelong acquaintance, Allen Altman of the Pasco County School Board. But that service to the community ended this week. Mr. Brock, an attorney, a former Dade City city commissioner and mayor and a civic stalwart died Jan. 26 after a short illness. He was 54.
Source

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2020 Census Outreach Materials Available

More than 120 materials and resources across languages are now available on the 2020 Census website, with more additions coming on line. Visit the Outreach Materials page at 2020census.gov/partners to find downloadable handouts, posters, social media posts, toolkits and other resources to support your 2020 Census outreach. Materials can be filtered by language, type and audience and can be used both digitally and in print.

Visitors to the 2020 Census website can use an interactive version of the 2020 Census questionnaire to explore the questions asked on the census and access translated web pages and guides in 59 languages other than English, as well as resources in large print. Resources for American Sign Language and Braille are coming soon.

Some of the many materials and resources now available include:

- 2020 Census Recruitment Toolkit
- Brochure About Residence Criteria
- Fact Sheet: The 2020 Census and Confidentiality
- 2020 Census FAQ
- Partnership Fact Sheet
- Counting Young Children in the 2020 Census
- Sample Copy of the 2020 Census Questionnaire
- Benefits of Being Counted Poster
- Social Hub

Please share these materials with your networks and partners to help raise awareness of the 2020 Census and promote response.
We encourage you to follow the Census Bureau's social media channels. Please like, share and retweet 2020 Census content with your family and friends.

Together, we can shape the future.

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U.S. Census Bureau Director Steven Dillingham arrives in Toksook Bay, Alaska

Massive Mobilization Starts in a Tiny Village

The 2020 Census began Tuesday, January 21 amid 15 degree weather in a tiny Alaska Native village on the edge of the Bering Sea.

Toksook Bay was home to 661 people at the time of the last census in 2010. Like approximately 220 other Alaska Native villages in remote Alaska, it is not reachable by road. The only way to get here is by bush plane, or snowmobile.

People who live in these extremely remote areas, known as “Bush Alaska,” are counted in person by census takers because they don’t have regular post office addresses and mail is not delivered to their homes.
The U.S. Census Bureau continues its national recruiting efforts to hire up to 500,000 temporary, part-time census takers for the 2020 Census in communities across the country to reach its goal of more than 2 million applicants.

The positions offer competitive pay, flexible hours, paid training, and weekly paychecks. To determine the pay rate in a specific area, learn more about these positions, or apply for one of the temporary jobs, visit 2020census.gov/jobs.

“Whether you’re looking to earn some extra cash, pay down your student debt, or offset holiday season spending, our part-time positions are a great way to do that,” said Census Bureau Director Steven Dillingham. “What better way to earn some extra money and help shape the future of your community for the next 10 years than with the 2020 Census?”
2020 Census Response Rate Challenge Toolkit Released

The Census Bureau has released a downloadable toolkit geared toward helping leaders plan a Response Rate Challenge for the 2020 Census. The new toolkit encourages leaders in every town, city and state to challenge their communities to improve upon their 2010 Census response rates in the upcoming national census.

Boundary and Annexation Survey (BAS)

The U.S. Census Bureau is now conducting the Boundary and Annexation Survey (BAS). Governments are asked to participate in the BAS to ensure that the Census Bureau has current and accurate boundary, legal name, and status information.

We strongly encourage your support in the BAS for the following reasons:

- Boundary updates complete the Census Bureau's geographic framework for data collection, tabulation, and dissemination, and are vital to the success of the 2020 Census, the American Community Survey, Population Estimates Program, and many other censuses and surveys.
- The federal government allocates more than $675 billion in federal funds annually for health, welfare, infrastructure, education, and other federal programs and services.
- Responding to the BAS ensures that local governments in your state receive the funds for which they are entitled and have the best data available for their decision-making processes.

Please follow the action steps below:

- Encourage governments throughout your state to critically review their boundaries and participate in the BAS.
- Inform the Census Bureau if you are able to assist with non-response follow up during the BAS cycle.

About the Intergovernmental Affairs Office

The Intergovernmental Affairs Office (IAO) works with Tribal, state, county, and local governments both directly and through the national and regional organizations that advocate on their behalf to share information about U.S. Census programs and products. IAO encourages supportive policy development by intergovernmental and tribal associations, serving as a conduit by which these associations and governments communicate their concerns to the Census Bureau. For more information on Census Bureau programs, please contact us at (301) 763-6100 or by email at ocia.iao@census.gov.

Sincerely,
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It's That Time of Year: FLEAP is Back!

We are currently in the process of updating our Visit Jacksonville Front-Line Employees’ Attraction Program. The program is designed to provide all front-line staff in Jacksonville the opportunity to experience our local attractions, be educated on things-to-do in the area and be better able to speak with visitors on all the fun activities they can experience while vacationing in Jacksonville.

Here's how it works:

- Your company’s Human Resources departments will receive an updated Guest Letter. This letter will be accessible to each individual front-line employee via their HR department to use and experience our area attractions.
- The Front-Line Employee letter would be the employee’s ticket and/or pass into the attractions listed within the letter.
- Who will be using this letter? Front-line staff are those employees who work directly with the customer/visitor, i.e.- front desk team members, concierge, bell attendants, cab drivers, bartenders, wait staff, etc.
- We would encourage each property or company who will have front-line employees' participating in this program to offer some sort of incentive/friendly competition within your team.

If your business would like to be a part of the FLEAP program please complete the participation form and return it to Visit Jacksonville no later than Friday, February 14, 2020.
BIG SPLASH IN SPORTS  Visit Jacksonville was recently granted an increased budget of $350,000 from the Tourist Development Council to be used to recruit sporting events to Jacksonville. Our Sales team is dedicated to helping venues connect with sports tournaments, events and conferences. Sports tourism is a fast-growing tourism trend and has the potential to increase economic impact and make Jax an even stronger sports destination. Related articles: WJCT, WJXT Channel 4, ActionNews Jax.

HUDDLE IS HERE! VISIT FLORIDA is in Jacksonville this week for Florida Huddle, a three-day, one-on-one appointment trade show connecting international buyers, wholesalers and media from all over the world with top Florida destinations, hotels, resorts, attractions, and event suppliers. We welcome the 500+ Florida Huddle attendees to Jax this week!

GIDDY UP  Hats off to Jacksonville Equestrian Center, who opened their new outdoor covered arena last week. The center doubled the amount of covered arena space available. We are excited to see the venue possibilities bloom in this sports center on the Westside.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?  Our event calendar is one of the most heavily trafficked pages on our site, featuring events that appeal to all visitors. We have developed a quick snapshot of the best events to share with visitors looking for something new and exciting to experience.

JANUARY’S BEST SNAPSHOT  Congratulations to Instagram fan @mari.mrqz for winning January's photo contest! This photo captures the gothic revival church which was once the St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church which is now an event venue owned by the Jacksonville Historical Society in Downtown.

February’s theme is centered around Valentine’s Day. Show us what you love about Jacksonville! Highlight your favorite spots and things to do by uploading your photos using the hashtag #onlyinjax! The photo contest winner scores a sweet prize at the end of the month.
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Alan Bliss
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Our Mission:
To educate and inspire the greater Jacksonville community to value its history, by fostering understanding of how the region's past shapes our present.
WEEK THREE
January 27-31, 2020

Most associations and interest groups have a designated week or day at the Capitol during session, when their members meet with legislators and make their presence known. This week, children, sheriffs, counties and pediatricians jockeyed for elevator space and thronged the Capitol hallways.

Similarly, week three of session came with crowded committee agendas as legislators sought air time for the hundreds of bills still waiting for that all-important first hearing. Several bills of importance to cities made the cut and were heard for the first time this week, including SB 1336 (Preemption of Local Occupational Licensing) by Perry, SB 772 (Recreational Vehicle Parks) by Hutson, HB 865 (Emergency Reporting) by Rodriguez (Anthony), and SB 1390 (Everglades Protection Area) by Simmons. These bills still have a long way to go -- and as we finish the third week of session -- a short time to get there.

As always, make sure you stay on top of things by tuning into our Monday morning Legislative call-ins, and stand ready to respond to our legislative alerts for action on key issues.

Keep reading for more highlights on week three and what’s ahead for week four.

View Legislative Bill Summaries
WHAT HAPPENED THIS WEEK

Bert Harris Act/Private Property Rights


CS/HB 519 significantly amends the Bert J. Harris Act and substantially handicaps local government ability to resolve these claims. The bill requires any settlement reached on a Harris claim that involves the issuance of a variance or exception to a regulation on a residential property be automatically applied by the government entity to all similarly situated residential properties that are subject to the same rules or regulations. Similarly situated is not defined in the bill. Therefore, the legislation will have a severe chilling effect on the settlement of Harris claims. Additionally, the bill limits the timeframe for government entities to respond to Harris claims from 150 days to 90 days, removes prevailing party standard from the attorney fees provision only allowing a property owner to recover fees if they prevail. The bill opens the door to allow a property owner to recover business damages which is strictly prohibited under current law. We believe this bill is nothing more than a back-door handout to the multi-million-dollar commercial short-term rental industry, that will exponentially increase attorney fees and leave the taxpayers with the bill.

The senate companion, SB 1766 (Lee), is scheduled to be heard on Tuesday, February 4 at 12:30 p.m. by the Senate Judiciary Committee. PLEASE CONTACT THE MEMBERS OF THIS COMMITTEE AND ASK THEM TO VOTE AGAINST THIS BAD BILL. Click here for talking points. (Cruz)

House Water Quality Bill Clears First Committee

CS/CS/SB 712 (Mayfield) and HB 1343 (Payne) make numerous changes to current law relating to water quality improvements, septic systems, basin management action plans, stormwater management, sanitary sewer overflows, and wastewater project grants. CS/CS/SB 712 saw no action this week, but it's teed up for a final committee hearing next week in Senate Appropriations with a pending amendment to further address issues raised by stakeholders. HB 1343 passed the House Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee this week unanimously. It has two additional committee stops before reaching the full House for a vote. (O'Hara)

Unanimous Committee Vote to Double Environmental Fines

SB 1450 (Grueters) and HB 1091 (Fine) increase civil and administrative fines by 50% for violations of various state environmental laws. The Senate Committee on
Environment and Natural Resources passed the bill on January 27. The bill now moves to the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment and General Government. HB 1091 is awaiting its first committee hearing. (O’Hara)

Reclaimed Water Bill Carries Massive Price Tag for Water Utilities

HB 715 (Maggard) and SB 1656 (Albritton) prohibit domestic wastewater utilities from disposing of effluent, reclaimed water or reuse water by surface water discharge beginning January 2026. While the bills exempt some types of discharges and fiscally constrained governments from the prohibition, the overall mandate on local governments to comply will be staggering. The bills direct the Department of Environmental Protection to develop rules relating to the beneficial reuse of water for public water supply purposes that are protective of the environment and public health, building on the guiding principles and goals set forth in the Potable Reuse Commission’s 2019 report on advancing potable reuse in Florida. The bills specify the rules should require the treatment of reclaimed water to drinking water standards. SB 1656 gets its first hearing next week in the Senate Innovation, Industry and Technology Committee on February 3. The League OPPOSES the surface water discharge mandate in the bills but SUPPORTS the provisions relating to potable water reuse. (O’Hara)

Preemption of Local Occupational Licensing Headed to House Floor

On Thursday, The House Commerce Committee passed CS/HB 3 (Grant, M.). The bill expressly preempts the licensing of occupations to the state. The bill defines occupation to include a paid job, work, trade, employment or profession and defines licensing to include any training, education, test, certification, registration, procedure or license that are required for a person to perform an occupation. The bill provides limited exceptions for specified local licenses and any local government licensing of occupations that was expressly authorized by general law. The bill will prohibit a local government from requiring a person to obtain a license for a job scope that does not substantially correspond to the job scope of certain contractor categories set forth in Chapter 489. The League OPPOSES the bill. (Cruz)

Fiduciary Duty Bills Get First Committee Hearings Next Week

HB 1113 (Beltran) and SB 1270 (Lee) establish new standards for the fiduciary duty of care owed by appointed public officers (city managers, appointed local boards and councils, finance officers, etc.). The bills appear to create legal duties of care for these officials and impose training requirements on them relating to the various duties of care and responsibility set forth in the bills. The bills also prohibit government attorneys from representing any individual or employee of the governmental entity – even for matters involving actions taken in the course of the individual’s or employee’s public employment or role. SB 1270 will be considered by the Senate Governmental Oversight and Accountability
Committee on February 3 and HB 1113 will likely be on agenda for the House Public Integrity & Ethics Committee on February 6. The League OPPOSES the bills. (O’Hara)

Building Design Elements Preempted

CS/HB 459 (Overdorf) passed out of the Government Operations & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee on Tuesday. The bill prohibits municipalities adopting zoning and development regulations that require specific building design elements for single- and two-family dwellings, unless certain conditions are met. This legislation would significantly affect municipalities ability to preserve the character of traditional neighborhoods. The League OPPOSES this bill. (Branch)

Everglades Protection Bill Lengthens Review Process for Comprehensive Plan Amendments

CS/HB 775 (Avila) and SB 1390 (Simmons) would require comprehensive plan amendments within or near the Everglades Protection Area to undergo the lengthy “state coordinated review process” rather than the faster “expedited” review process under current law. The bills also direct the Department of Environmental Protection to comment on and suggest changes to plan amendments that would adversely impact Everglades Restoration. The bills have many technical problems, and if your municipality is located in Palm Beach, Broward, Miami-Dade, Monroe or Collier counties, you’re going to want to take a closer look at these bills and talk to your planning department about them. (O’Hara)

Electric Bicycles Glide Through Committee

CS/HB 971 (Grant, M.), a bill related to electric bicycles, passed the House Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee on Tuesday. The bill creates regulations governing the operation of e-bikes by permitting them to operate where bicycles are allowed. However, local governments would be allowed to prohibit the operations of an e-bike if the entity finds the restriction is necessary in the interest of public safety. The FLC OPPOSES this bill. (Branch)

Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Mandate Moves

SB 1000 (Perry) and HB 1371 (Fine) mandate local government regulation of midblock crosswalks. The bills would require municipalities to either install traffic control devices (unfunded mandate) or remove the midblock crosswalks by October 1, 2024. The FLC OPPOSES these bills. (Branch)

CST Rate Cut Bill Up Next Week
Next Monday, February 3, **SB 1174** (Hutson) is on the agenda for the Senate Innovation, Industry and Technology Committee. Please reach out to the members of the committee and let them know we OPPOSE this bill. Click here to view the League's Legislative Action Alert. The bill cuts local CST rate to 5% the first year and 4% the next year. The bill repeals the local option sales surtax conversion that is levied on communications services. The bill also clarifies that certain streaming services are subject to the tax. This bill is estimated to cost local government $190 million per year. (Hughes)

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**Public Employees in Need Get a Break from Gift Ban**

**SB 1490** (Bradley) and **HB 1435** (Williamson) create an exemption from the gift ban in the state Ethics Code for state and local employees or their children when dealing with serious bodily injury or disease. These individuals would no longer be barred from receiving gifts or compensation used towards the costs associated with such conditions. SB 1490 passed the Senate Ethics and Elections Committee January 21. HB 1435 is awaiting its first committee hearing. The League SUPPORTS the bills. (O'Hara)

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**Let’s Compare Apples to Giraffes**

The House State Affairs Committee introduced a proposed committee bill, **SAC 20-03**, which requires DFS to create a website and mail a report to every household that compares and ranks cities and counties on a mutilated of budget and economic factors. To facilitate this report, local governments will have to submit certain information to DFS. DFS will adopt, by rule, the method and format of the requirement reporting. Some of the information that may need to be submitted includes government spending per capita, government debt per capita, crime rates, school grades, median income and unemployment. Give the difference in municipalities, ranking and comparing municipalities will put data out there that has no value and could cause confusion among residents. The League OPPOSES this bill. (Hughes)

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**Local Government Fiscal Transparency Sees Its Way Through Committee**

**HB 1149** (DiCeglie) passed (11-4) the House Ways and Means Committee. The bill amends multiple provisions related to local government financial transparency including requiring additional public notice, public meeting, analysis and reporting for new or increased taxes, long-term tax-supported debt and economic development. The League OPPOSES this bill. (Hughes)

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**Preemption of Conditions of Employment**
HB 305 (Rommel) passed (10-5) the House Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee. The bill prohibits a political subdivision, including a municipality, from establishing, mandating or otherwise requiring an employer to offer conditions of employment not otherwise required by state or federal law. Examples of conditions of employment include preemployment screenings, hours of work and schedule changes. The bill does not impact the ability of municipalities regulate conditions of employment for their employee or contractors who provide goods or services to the municipality. The League OPPOSES the bill. (Hughes)

Finally, a Quiet Week for Vacation Rentals

It was a quiet week for the vacation rental bills after an exciting first two weeks. Neither bill was heard, but we’re hearing rumors that both bills will be up on Tuesday, February 11. For those coming to Tallahassee for Legislative Action Days, make sure that you are here by 9:00 a.m. that Tuesday when the House Government Operations and Technology Appropriations Subcommittee meets to hear HB 1011 (Fischer). (Cook)

Public Notices on the Web

A League-supported bill injecting local control into the state’s public notice laws passed through its second committee in the House. HB 7 (Fine) would give cities the option to publish legally required advertisements and notices on their website in lieu of purchasing ads in a newspaper if certain requirements are met. HB 7 now heads to its final committee reference, the House State Affairs Committee. The League SUPPORTS this bill. (Cook)

Private Property Comprehensive Plan Element

This week, CS/SB 410 (Perry) passed the Senate Community Affairs Committee. The bill requires local governments to adopt by July 1, 2023, a new mandatory element in their comprehensive plans that addresses the protection of private property rights. The League OPPOSES the legislation due to the costs associated in making the comprehensive plan amendments by the deadline outlined in the bill. (Cruz)

Don't Sweep the Sadowski Trust Fund

SB 306 (Mayfield), if passed, would prohibit the Legislature from sweeping the Affordable Housing (Sadowski) Trust Fund. This bill is scheduled to be heard on Monday, February 3 at 4:00 p.m. in the Senate Infrastructure and Security Committee. Please contact the members of this committee. The FLC SUPPORTS this bill. (Branch)
(Another) Record Budget Starts to Take Shape

This third week of the session saw the release of nascent budget plans from the House and Senate. The Florida Senate’s $92.83 billion budget proposal would be about a 2 percent increase over the current year’s budget and includes $643.6 million for water quality and protection—which is an $18.6 million increase over what the governor proposed for water quality spending. The Senate’s initial bid also allocates $500 million to increase teacher pay—short of the $602 million proposed by Governor DeSantis. The Senate proposal fully funds affordable-housing programs at $387 million. Also, the Senate said the budget includes such things as a $368.5 million increase in the Department of Transportation’s work program and would not increase tuition in state colleges and universities.

The House budget proposal allocates $646.8 million for environmental/water projects—including $318 million for Everglades restoration ($4 million than requested by the governor), $122 million for stormwater and wastewater grants (including money to fund septic to sewer projects), $20 million for Florida Forever funding (this is significantly lower than the $100 million the governor proposed), $50 million for spring protection and another $50 million for beach restoration projects. The House spending plan sweeps part of the Affordable Housing Trust fund to use in other parts of the budget and designates only $147 million to address affordable housing issues.

Several areas of the budget reflect significant policy differences between the House and Senate as well as between the governor and legislature. These problem areas include teacher pay, affordable housing, and funding for the state’s public-private tourism marketing agency, Visit Florida (the House plan includes no money for this public-private agency responsible for while the senate and governor both allocated $50 million for Visit Florida).

The House and Senate Appropriations Committees are slated to begin taking up their respective spending plans next week and over the next five weeks the two chambers will hammer out a final spending plan.

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The Finer Details

- The program is for youth ages 14-18
- There is no cost to participate in the sessions.
- Individuals or Teams (2-4 people) may participate
- Registration opens February 2020 at www.TheGatorPit.com
- Virtual sessions takes place on Wednesdays, 4-5 p.m. EST, March-April 2020 (topics listed below)
- Final pitch contest is **May 30, 2020**, at the UF/IFAS Orange County Extension Office for qualified participants.
- Monetary awards for each category:
  - 1st Place $1,000
  - 2nd Place $350
  - 3rd Place $250
- Categories:
  - Service
  - Physical Product
  - Software/app (digital)

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Understanding all of the key components involved with starting a business today

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Realizing that every great business solves a fundamental problem and fills a need

**STEP 3: CANVAS**

**Understand the Business Climate**
Taking stock of all the factors that will contribute to ultimate success or failure

**STEP 4: STRATEGY**

**Creating the Business Plan**
Put on paper what it takes to get your business off the ground and profitable

**STEP 5: BETA TEST**

**Make it a Reality**
Begin to vet your idea through actual data to understand potential viable market fit

**STEP 6: PITCH**

**Structure and Creation**
Preparing for presenting in front of a panel with a developed and executed business

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Thanks to our 47th Annual Season’s
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exhibitions at each of the indicated concerts;
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visual art enhances our concert and reception
experiences.

OCTOBER 4
BEACHES
PHOTOGRAPHY
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photography

DECEMBER 13
MICHELE D. LEE
abstracts

JANUARY 12
JAMES WHITE
abstracts

FEBRUARY 23
HOLLY BLANTON
textured abstracts

APRIL 3
KEITH DOLES
 plein air landscapes/abstract expressionism

APRIL 24
PAUL RILEY
watercolors

Beaches Fine Arts Series is a 501c-3 nonprofit
organization that provides an annual series of
free concerts, art exhibits, and free educational
outreach programs for all of North Florida.

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Notice of Submission

Pursuant to Section 403.077, F.S., the Department of Environmental Protection has received the following Public Notice of Pollution for a reportable release. All information displayed was submitted by the reporting party.

Type of Notice: Initial Report
Date of Notice: 02/02/2020

Incident Information
Name of Incident: 7805 Delaroche Drive
State Watch Office Case Number: 2020641
Start of Incident: 02/01/2020 00:00
End of Incident: 02/01/2020 13:15

Incident Description
Broken 10 inch force main caused sewer to be released on to ground and in to storm drain that connects to Wills Branch Creek

Incident Location
Facility/Installation Name: 7805 Delaroche Dr
Address Line 1: 7805 Delaroche Dr
Address Line 2: 
Directions: 
City: Jacksonville
State: FL
Zip Code: 32210
Coordinates (in decimal degrees):
Lat: 30.28277873609151, Long: -81.776770591735

Impacted Counties: Duval
Incident Reported By
Name: Glenn E Davis II
Title: Incident Response
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Public Notice of Pollution

Florida Department of Environmental Protection
WASHINGTON — In response to the evolving threat of the novel coronavirus, and to minimize the risk of spreading within the United States, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) today will begin enforcing restrictions for all passenger flights to the United States carrying individuals who have recently traveled from the People’s Republic of China. In accordance with the President’s Proclamation and at the direction of Acting Secretary Chad F. Wolf, the restrictions will begin for flights commencing after 5:00 p.m. EST on Sunday, February 2nd, and will direct the arrival of U.S. citizens who have traveled in China within 14 days of their arrival to one of seven designated airports, where the United States Government has enhanced public health resources in order to implement enhanced screening procedures. The administration is taking these actions to protect the American people.

Additionally, U.S. citizens who have been in Hubei province within 14 days of their return will be subject to up to 14 days of mandatory quarantine to ensure they are provided proper medical care and health screening. U.S. citizens who have been in other areas of mainland China within 14 days of their return will undergo proactive entry health screening and up to 14 days of self-quarantine with health monitoring to ensure they have not contracted the virus and do not pose a public health risk. Generally, foreign nationals (other than immediate family of U.S. citizens, permanent residents, and flight crew) who have traveled in China within 14 days of their arrival, will be denied entry into the United States.

“While the overall risk to the American public remains low, funneling all flights with passengers who have recently been in China is the most important and prudent step we can take at this time to decrease the strain on public health officials screening incoming travelers. These steps will also expedite the processing of U.S. citizens returning from China, and ensure resources are focused on the health and safety of the American people,” said DHS Acting Secretary Chad F. Wolf. “We realize this could provide added stress and prolong travel times for some individuals, however public health and security experts agree these measures are necessary to contain the virus and protect the American people. To minimize disruptions, CBP and air carriers are working to identify qualifying passengers before their scheduled flights. Once back in the U.S., it’s imperative that individuals honor self-quarantine directives to help protect the American public.”

“The American public can be assured that DHS and its component agencies are taking decisive action to analyze the threat, minimize risk, and slow the spread of the virus by working closely with CDC health professionals and interagency partners involved in this whole-of-government effort,” he added.
DHS and the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) have coordinated extensively with air carriers and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to designate the seven U.S. airports at which CDC will seek to identify potentially ill persons.

Americans flying to the United States from China will be re-routed to the following airports at no cost to the traveler:

- John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK), New York;
- Chicago O’Hare International Airport (ORD), Illinois;
- San Francisco International Airport (SFO), California;
- Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (SEA), Washington;
- Daniel K. Inouye International Airport (HNL), Hawaii;
- Los Angeles International Airport, (LAX), California; and
- Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL), Georgia.

Although the CDC expects more cases of the coronavirus in the U.S., the risk of infection for Americans remains low, and all agencies are working aggressively to monitor this continuously evolving situation and to keep the public educated and informed:

- American air travelers should be aware that if they have been to China in the last 14 days, they will be routed through one of seven airports to undergo enhanced health screenings.
- Any individual traveling from China who has either been in Hubei Province or other areas of the mainland and is showing symptoms associated with the virus will be screened and subject to mandatory quarantine by medical professionals at a nearby facility.
- If a traveler who spent time in China, but outside the Hubei province, is re-routed through one of the seven airports and shows no symptoms following a health screening, they will be re-booked to their destination and asked to “self-quarantine” at their homes.
- CBP and air carriers are working together to identify and rebook any passengers that meet these criteria, however other travelers without a nexus to China may also be routed through one of these seven airports if it is discovered mid-flight that someone else on their flight has been in China in the last 14 days.
- Travelers showing symptoms should be prepared for the possibility of prolonged delay to avoid spreading the infection.

For the latest information on the outbreak, visit CDC’s Novel Coronavirus 2019 website.

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