

FLAGLER BOCC HEADLINES



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FDOT TO RESURFACE STATE ROAD 100 FROM BUNNELL TO OLD KINGS ROAD

Flagler County officials advise residents of an FDOT road resurfacing project for State Road 100 – East Moody Boulevard – will begin April 1. The project area runs from North Palmetto Street in Bunnell to Old Kings Road in Palm Coast.

“It is important for us to get the word out as construction will be taking place in front of the Government Services Complex,” said County Administrator Heidi Petito. “I understand the roadway will remain open during construction, but there will be delays.”

The goal of the FDOT project is to extend the life of the roadway and will also include right turn lanes from eastbound State Road 100 onto Seminole Woods Boulevard and westbound onto Town Center Boulevard, as well as an eastbound right turn lane onto Commerce Parkway.

FDOT also reports the following additional improvements: shoulder widening; upgrading the traffic signals at Belle Terre Parkway and Memorial Medical Parkway with new mast arm signal poles; and, the installation of Wrong Way Driving devices at the Interstate 95 interchange off-ramps.

Pedestrian enhancements include:

- Sidewalk construction
- Crosswalk additions at the S.R. 100 intersections of Landing Boulevard, Bulldog Drive, Town Center Boulevard, Memorial Medical Parkway, and Old Kings Road
- Curb ramp upgrades to meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards



FLAGLER COUNTY MAKES FIRST ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE LANDS PURCHASE IN A DECADE, ADDS 25 ACRES TO PELLICER CREEK CONSERVATION CORRIDOR

Flagler County, in partnership with the St. Johns River Water Management District, on March 26 acquired a 25-acre parcel along Princess Place Road, adding to the “crown jewel” of its parks system – Princess Place Preserve. It is the first purchase made through Flagler County’s Environmentally Sensitive Lands program in a decade.

“This is a great addition to our conservation lands inventory,” said General Services Assistant Director Mike Lagasse. “It’s been known as the ‘Kelly’ parcel, previously owned by a family of the same name, and was the last privately-owned, undeveloped parcel on the Princess Place Road.”

The property is adjacent on three sides to the St. Johns River Water Management District’s Pellicer Creek Conservation Area – approximately 3,000 acres of conservation land in northeastern Flagler County that is connected to the 1,500-acre Princess Place Preserve.

Flagler County’s Environmentally Sensitive Lands program has been active since its inception in the late 1980s, seeking to acquire and preserve environmentally sensitive lands that are also recreation areas, water recharge areas, threatened and endangered species habitats, and unique biological communities. The motto early on was “Conserving Today for Tomorrow.”

“The Environmentally Sensitive Lands Program has really benefitted Flagler County and the municipalities,” Lagasse said. “Whenever possible we try to leverage our funds with other sources, like the state’s Florida Forever program or the St. Johns River Water Management District, to stretch the ESL purchasing power. It brings money back to the county.”

As a part of Flagler County’s partnership with the St. Johns River Water Management District, the property will be managed by the latter due to its adjacency to the Pellicer Creek Conservation Area.

“This acquisition is a great reminder of the work that the Environmentally Sensitive Lands program has been doing in Flagler County since the late 1980s,” County Administrator Heidi Petito said. “It is important to conserve and preserve properties that our local landowners and citizens have identified as critical to remain natural for future generations.”

'TUNE IN' TO MEETINGS

APRIL 1: BOCC REGULAR MEETING AT 9 a.m.
APRIL 9: PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT AT 6 p.m.
APRIL 15: BOCC REGULAR MEETING AT 5 p.m.
APRIL 17: TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL AT 9 a.m.

LIVE STREAM

www.youtube.com/flaglercounty/live

FLAGLER COUNTY RELEASES 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

Flagler County has released to the public its 2023 Annual Report following its recent presentation to the Board of County Commissioners. The [60-page document](#) highlights the year's achievements and the day-to-day work of more than 400 staff members – dedicated professionals – committed to enriching the quality of life to make the county an even more ideal place to live, conduct business, and visit.

"As we reflect on the achievements of Flagler County Government over the past year, I am filled with a profound sense of gratitude and pride in what we have accomplished together. I have had the privilege of working alongside and supporting our executive team, as we implement the vision and policies of the Board of County Commissioners," said County Administrator Heidi Petito. "Together, we have reached remarkable milestones and made significant strides towards the collective goals we outlined in the Strategic Plan."

The 2023 Annual Report focuses on countywide collaborative efforts such as: the legislative program; long-term capital planning; parks and recreational facilities planning; the state's resiliency and vulnerability study; stormwater master planning; beach and dune management planning; emergency medical services; and, two dozen interlocal agreements with the municipalities, the School Board, the Flagler County Sheriff's Office, as well as out-of-county entities, and through public-private partnerships.

It covers the structure that supports Flagler County's core values – "Putting Flagler F.I.R.S.T." – Fiscally Accountable, Innovative Solutions, Responsible Growth, Superior Service, and Transparent Government. It also outlines Flagler County's Value Commitment: "Flagler County Government leverages partnerships, embraces efficiency and innovation, and requires performance for the benefit of our taxpayers. We actively engage our citizens, not only as taxpayers, but as contributors for the greater good of our community. We provide meaningful opportunities for our residents to offer their knowledge and expertise in making important decisions that will shape our community for future generations."

Most of the document, of course, provides an at-a-glance view of 19 departments and divisions. It also highlights awards, certifications, and degrees earned by Flagler County's engaged and empowered employees.

"We all do better together, and our strong relationships with our municipal partners and state agencies has led to more teamwork and collaboration than ever before. We have brought forward a unified voice for Flagler's Legislative Program, held purposeful summits on long range planning and capital projects, economic development, resiliency, and the future of our community. We even held the first statewide 'Emergency Management Collaboration Workshop' bringing together all 67 counties with the state Division of Emergency Management," Petito said.

'DO DATE' EVENTS

04/10/24

Using Phones for Directions | 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Flagler County Public Library -- Palm Coast

2500 Palm Coast Parkway NW

Must have basic knowledge of device

www.facebook.com/FlaglerCountyPublicLibrary

BREAKERS

SAVE THE DATE: MAY 17 - 'FROM BLUEPRINT TO ACTION: LOCAL STRATEGIES FOR HOUSING POLICY ADVANCEMENT'

Housing officials from throughout Flagler County are encouraging those interested in housing policy – especially where affordability is concerned – to block out time from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Friday, May 17, to attend the "From Blueprint to Action: Local Strategies for Housing Policy Advancement" luncheon-style forum. Participants will be able to ask questions of the panelists and provide their input on the topic.

"We know this is early notice, but we want to provide ample notice for people to get this on their calendars," said Flagler County Housing Program Manager Devrie Paradowski. "There will be a presentation by Florida Housing Coalition on local policy tools with updates on the Live Local Act: 'With Live Local Act, should local governments do anything more to facilitate affordable housing development?' among other topics."

Tickets to attend this luncheon forum are available through Eventbrite at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/housing-policy-forum-tickets-837483695277?aff=oddtcreator>

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH DEEMED FIRE RESCUE 'OUTSTANDING' IN INSPECTION LETTER

Flagler County Fire Rescue passed its annual inspection conducted by the Florida Health Department with flying colors and was twice referred to as "outstanding" in the notification letter.

The Florida Department of Health late last month wrote: Congratulations on your outstanding Compliance Monitoring site survey conducted by the Bureau of Emergency Medical Oversight. We found no deficiencies during our site survey. Your vehicles and service records were outstanding. Thank you for being a role model of excellence as an EMS provider in the state of Florida. Also, please extend my sincere gratitude to your staff for their assistance and for the overall contribution to your service and community.

"This inspection letter makes me very proud of the team," said Fire Rescue Chief Michael Tucker. "I know they are always going above and beyond to do their best, but it's nice when others recognize it too."