

FLAGLER BOCC HEADLINES



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FLAGLER: FEMA DISASTER ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

Financial assistance in the form of funds may be provided to an applicant, or housing may be made available by FEMA at www.DisasterAssistance.gov.

Assistance may also include:

- Displacement Assistance – up to two weeks of lodging related needs based on a state identified daily rate
- Serious Needs Assistance – one-time payment of \$770 for applicants with urgent needs who have received a home inspection
- Expanded Clean and Sanitize Assistance – one-time payment of \$300 for habitable homes that require cleaning like mucking and gutting
- Medical/Dental Assistance – money for disaster-caused medical or dental care
- Childcare Assistance – money for expenses related to disaster-caused disruption of childcare
- Personal Property Assistance – money to repair or replace damaged or destroyed personal property during a declared disaster that is not covered by insurance and needed to meet basic household needs
- Transportation Assistance – repair or replacement of a vehicle (one per household) made inoperable by a declared disaster
- Moving and Storage Assistance – money related to the costs of moving to a new primary residence or for the storage of personal property during repairs
- Miscellaneous Assistance – money for reimbursable items rented or purchased after a declared disaster that are used for recovery or to gain access to a residence
- Group Flood Insurance Policy – covers three years of coverage but applicant must maintain flood insurance afterward



FLAGLER COUNTY SUFFERS \$18.8 MILLION IN DAMAGES COUNTYWIDE

Flagler County suffered an estimated \$18.8 million in damages countywide from Hurricane Milton, and officials encourage affected property owners to apply for disaster assistance through FEMA if they do not have adequate insurance coverage.

Step one is to register for FEMA assistance at www.DisasterAssistance.gov or by calling 800-621-3362. Early information indicates this registration period is likely to close around December 10. That date is subject to change, so it's best not to wait.

Registrants will receive notification letters through the United States Postal Service or electronic mail explaining the next steps. Inspectors will contact residents to who have stated they cannot live in their primary residences because of Hurricane Milton damage to schedule an inspection.

Hurricane Milton Damages by the numbers (as of 10:45 a.m. October 15)

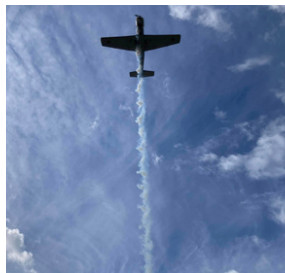
- Damage Cost Estimate (Countywide) \$18.8 M
 - Unincorporated = \$1.56 million
 - Beverly Beach = \$1.43 million
 - Bunnell = \$195,830
 - Flagler Beach = \$10.95 million
 - Marineland = no data
 - Palm Coast = \$4.69 million
- Estimated Structural Debris (countywide) 145.3 K cubic yards
- Estimated Vegetative Debris (countywide) 43.4 K cubic yards
- Property damages:
 - 308 affected (<20%)
 - 70 minor (20 to 40%)
 - 17 major (40 to 80%)
 - 0 destroyed (>80%)
 - 27 inaccessible

'TUNE IN' TO MEETINGS

NOVEMBER 4: BOCC REGULAR MEETING at 9 a.m.
NOVEMBER 11: OFFICES CLOSED | VETERANS DAY
NOVEMBER 12: PLANNING AND ZONING at 6 p.m.
NOVEMBER 18: BOCC REGULAR MEETING at 5 p.m.

LIVE STREAM

www.youtube.com/flaglercounty/live



VETERANS DAY CEREMONY TO FEATURE RETIRED U.S. NAVY CAPTAIN 'RANDY' STAPLEFORD

The Flagler County Board of County Commissioners, the City of Bunnell, and the City of Palm Coast invite residents to gather for a blended Veterans Day Ceremony at 10 a.m. Monday, November 11, at the historic Coquina City Hall in Bunnell. The day's events will kick off with the 2nd Annual Veterans Parade to honor the men and women who bravely served in the country's military.

The parade will travel east on Moody Boulevard and conclude at the Government Services Building where the traditional ceremony will begin. Retired U.S. Naval Captain James Randall "Randy" Stapleford – a career naval aviator who served from 1972 to 2003 – will be the grand marshal of the parade and will share a few words at the ceremony.

"This will be a truly wonderful day because of the partnerships with our cities, county veterans, and our residents," said Veterans Services Officer David Lydon. "On behalf of the Flagler County Veterans Advisory Council, we would like to welcome everyone to attend."

Stapleford was commissioned in Pensacola Florida and earned his wings of gold as a Naval Aviator in 1973. He served over 31 years of active duty, accumulated over 7,000 flight hours, and made over 700 aircraft carrier-arrested landings.

He was appointed by Governor Ron DeSantis in 2021 to serve as a commissioner of the Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND) representing Flagler County.

This year's Veterans' Day event is sponsored by the Flagler County Board of County Commissioners, the City of Bunnell, the City of Palm Coast, and the Flagler County Veterans Advisory Council. Bunnell Police Chief David Brannon is the force behind the local Veterans Day Parade for Flagler County.

A picnic lunch for veterans will immediately follow the ceremony at the Government Services Complex for both veterans and their families. There will be 500 meals provided by Hot Diggity Dog.

'DO DATE' EVENTS

11/09/24

POW/MIA White Table Ceremony | 10-10:30 a.m.

Flagler County Public Library -- Palm Coast

2500 Palm Coast Parkway NW

Presented through a partnership with the UF Extension Office in Flagler County

BREAKERS

HOUSING SERVICES - THROUGH SHIP - HAS INCOME-BASED HOUSING RELIEF FOR HURRICANE MILTON DAMAGE

Flagler County Housing Services, through the State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP), has available disaster assistance for Hurricane Milton damages to income-eligible homeowners. **This does not include assistance for recovering lost food costs.**

Applications must be submitted by the December 6, 2024, deadline.

"This money is available to help our residents for the disaster damage they suffered during Hurricane Milton," said Housing Program Manager Devrie Paradowski. "While we wish we had funding to cover other losses, like food, we sadly don't."

AVAILABLE ASSISTANCE

- Minor Home Repairs: Up to \$10,000 for disaster-related repairs, paid directly to approved vendors.
- Insurance Deductibles: Up to \$5,000 for disaster-related insurance deductibles, paid directly to approved vendors.

HOW TO APPLY

- Visit www.flaglercounty.gov/ship to apply online.
- For more information, detailed eligibility requirements, and application instructions, please email housingservices@flaglercounty.gov or call 386-586-2324, Ext. 3631.
- Once an application is submitted, staff will follow up to request necessary documentation.

KEY PROGRAM GUIDELINES

- All payments are made directly to vendors, in accordance with Flagler County Procurement Policies.
- No reimbursement for expenses already incurred.
- This program does not provide relocation assistance, temporary housing, or general financial aid.
- Assistance is limited to the current disaster and cannot be applied to past events.
- Documentation requirements: Income, assets, and identification verification for all household members (including roommates) will be required.
- Proof of homeownership, insurance claim approval, and disaster-related damage will be needed.