

FLAGLER BOCC HEADLINES



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WHAT WE DO:

Flagler County's administrative departments are operated under the purview of the County Administrator and include: Airport, Building, Community Services, Economic Development, Emergency Services, Engineering, Financial Services, Fire Rescue, General Services, Growth Management, Human Resources, Innovative Technology, Land Management, Library, Parks and Recreation, Planning, Public Works, Social Services, Tourism, Transportation, and Veterans Services.

More than two dozen unique services, i.e. not provided by its municipalities, support its residents and visitors.

The list includes:

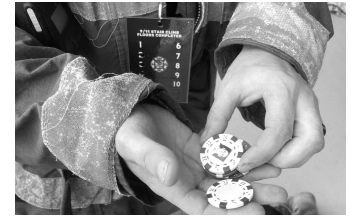
911 Dispatch; Community Para-medicine; Countywide Ambulance; FireFlight Helicopter for wildfire suppression and Emergency Services support; Senior Center and Congregate Dining; Meals on Wheels; Adult Day Care; Indigent Health Care and Burial; Public Transportation; Library; Community Centers; Agricultural Extension Service; Housing Assistance Programs; Veterans Services; Airport; Tourism; Economic Development; Emergency Management; and 800 Megahertz Radio System for Emergency Services Communications.

Funding includes:

Justice Center; Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller; County Jail; Tax Collector; Property Appraiser; Sheriff's Office; and Supervisor of Elections.



Firefighters shared some powerful moments during their 10 trips up 11 flights of stairs.



FLAGLER COUNTY, HAMMOCK BEACH RESORT HONOR 343 FALLEN HEROES ON 9/11 ANNIVERSARY

Flagler County and the Hammock Beach Golf Resort and Spa came together this year to create a "Memorial Stair Climb" in honor of the New York City Fire Department firefighters who heroically gave their lives trying save others as they rushed into the World Trade Center on 9/11.

Eighteen climbers ascended the 11-flight stairwell at the resort 10 times to represent the 110 flights of stairs at the World Trade Center that the 343 firefighters climbed in their efforts to prevent the loss of life. Saturday's climbers carried remembrance poker chips that depicted the faces of those who worked their last shift on September 11, 2001 as they climbed a collective total of 39,600 steps.

"This is truly humbling," said Firefighter-Paramedic Andy Thomas, who brought the idea for a local Memorial Stair Climb to Resort Security Director Adam Dennison. "These guys were going in without thought for themselves. They were going in to work – to save lives."

Firefighters, dressed in full turnout gear, began their first ascent promptly at 8:46 a.m. – the moment American Airlines Flight 11 was flown into the North Tower of the World Trade Center complex in Lower Manhattan.

A memorial stair climb isn't a new concept, but it was the first official tribute of this kind held in Flagler County.

Fifteen firefighters, including two from Daytona Beach, along with two wives of Flagler County Fire Rescue firefighters, and a former agency firefighter each climbed the 2,200 steps to honor the fallen firefighters.

"I'm not doing this for me, I'm doing it for them," said Flagler County Firefighter Breonna Banks. "I will finish. I won't give up."

Daytona Beach Firefighter Mike Gocke brought an American flag made with 343 poker chips with the face of each NYFD firefighter whose life was lost. The day's climbers carried the chips for all 10 trips up the stairs, and then returned them to that special flag in remembrance of their heroism.

"These firefighters put their lives on the line day in and day out," Dennison said. "It was an absolute pleasure to do this for them."

'TUNE IN' TO MEETINGS

OCTOBER 04: BOCC REGULAR MEETING AT 9 a.m.

OCTOBER 12: PLANNING/DEVELOPMENT 6 p.m.

OCTOBER 18: BOCC REGULAR MEETING AT 5 p.m.

OCTOBER 20: TECHNICAL REVIEW AT 9 a.m.

LIVE STREAM

www.youtube.com/flaglercounty/live



WE ARE FLAGLER: ASSISTANT COUNTY ENGINEER RETIRES AFTER 33 YEARS OF SERVICE TO RESIDENTS

History is both enduring and retiring. Richard Gordon isn't a household name in Flagler County – he never wanted it to be.

But the Assistant County Engineer of 33 years left his mark on a community he helped raise from one of family homesteads and a single traffic signal to what it is today – one of the fastest growing in the nation.

"When Richard Gordon and his wife Shelley moved to Flagler County over 40 years ago, the area was mostly swampy, wooded, wild Florida scrub with dirt roads, and farmland," said Project Manager Amy Stroger. "Palm Coast was little more than an idea that existed on paper. He first worked for ITT, and Richard continued to guide development and ensure that the public infrastructure needs kept pace with demand."

The full list of design and construction projects that Gordon worked on would be tough to enumerate.

"One would be hard pressed to find anything in Flagler County that was developed, planned, or constructed that Richard Gordon hasn't had a hand in," said County Engineer Faith Alkhatib. "Matanzas Woods Parkway and the Interstate 95 interchange, the Airport Control Tower, the Sheriff's Inmate Facility are a few."

Gordon has always been reticent to talk about himself, but his wife of 50 years is not. In a 2015 interview, she describe him as truthful to a fault.

"Any hint of impropriety is unacceptable to him," Shelley Gordon said.

'DO DATE' EVENTS

OCTOBER 04: PINK ARMY FLAG RAISING AT 8:15 a.m.
Government Services Building FLAGPOLE

NOVEMBER 11: VETERANS DAY CEREMONY AT 10 a.m.
Gov Services Building FLAGPOLE

BREAKERS

BUNNELL LIBRARY ON THE MOVE

The Flagler County Bunnell Branch Library moved – but not too far. Its new location is in the Marvin's Garden Plaza, 4601 E. Moody Boulevard, Suite F1.

"We relocated the Bunnell Library while our future facility is being designed and constructed," said Library Director Holly Albanese. "This is an exciting, small step for the big things that are to come for the Flagler County Public Library."

The library hours at the Bunnell Branch will remain the same: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and the phone number will stay 386-437-7390.

The regular hours at the Palm Coast Main Branch are as follows: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday; 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday; and, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday. The phone number is 386-446-6763.

"Thank you for your understanding, and continued support for the Flagler County Public Library," Albanese said.

NEW PARKS RESERVATION SYSTEM

Flagler County Parks and Recreation on Monday rolled out a new reservation system that promises to be more user-friendly and convenient for residents.

"This is the same system the Palm Coast uses, so many residents will already be familiar with how it works," said Parks and Recreation Supervisor Craig Lenniger. "The new system allows us to show the guests pictures and more details about all we have to offer."

Those wishing to make a new reservation should go to <https://secure.recl.com/FL/flagler-county/catalog>. Customers will need to make a new account that consists simply of their name, address, phone number, and e-mail address and then they will be set to reserve pavilions, community centers, and camping slots.

For cabins at Princess Place go to <https://www.flaglercounty.gov/departments/parks-recreation/camping-cottages-online-reservations>.