

FLAGLER BOCC HEADLINES



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ANDY DANCE

Andy Dance represents District 1, which is within Palm Coast and includes the “E” section, “R” section, parts of the “W” section and Town Center. He is a first-term commissioner, elected in November 2020. Previously, he served for 12 years as an elected member of the Flagler County School Board.

BIOGRAPHICAL:

Commissioner Dance is a landscape architect by profession. Dance is the County Commission representative on the Family Life Center Board of Directors, George Washington Carver Center Governance Board, and the School Planning Oversight Committee. He is also a Governor appointee to the Early Learning Coalition of Flagler & Volusia Board of Directors.

OF IMPORTANCE:

"I want to see a comprehensive update to the Flagler County Comprehensive Plan and the Land Development Code to properly define how Flagler will grow over the next decade. I have made this a priority since day one. The County Commission is currently in the process of updating our Strategic Plan and identifying our priorities for the next five years. The Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Code updates will immediately follow. Flagler is growing and will continue to grow. How has the County changed over the past decade? How do we grow moving forward, and what does future growth look like? How do we preserve our quality of life in the face of rapid population growth? Those are the questions that must be addressed in the Comprehensive Plan update. As with the Comp Plan, the LDC update must be a transparent process and include stakeholder input."



JOIN 'FLAGLER READS' – CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY, WOMEN'S HISTORY, NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK WITH ONE BOOK: 'THE PERSONAL LIBRARIAN'

Join the 21st annual Flagler Reads Together between now and April 9 to celebrate Black History Month, Women's History Month, and National Library Week with one book – “The Personal Librarian.”

“This is a brilliant piece of historical fiction that weaves through one woman's life telling the story of how she denied her true identity in order to protect herself and her family from racial persecution,” said Library Director Holly Albanese, who made this year's selection. “It focuses on the extraordinary life of Belle da Costa Greene, who was the personal librarian of J.P. Morgan, as co-written by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray.”

As in past years, the Friends of the Library sponsor associated programs throughout the reading timeframe, which in this case is nearly two months.

These programs include the following:

- Movie matinee – 1 to 4 p.m. March 19 at the Public Library Main Palm Coast Branch – about the incredible story of Katherine Johnson, Dorothy Vaughn, and Mary Jackson. These brilliant African American women worked for NASA and were the brains behind the launch into orbit of astronaut John Glenn. This visionary trio crossed racial and gender lines to turn around the Space Race.
- Book Club discussion – 2:45 to 4:30 p.m. March 23 at the Public Library Main Palm Coast Branch – of “The Personal Librarian.”
- Movie matinee – 1 to 4 p.m. April 1 at the Public Library Main Palm Coast Branch – that showcases America's librarians, who have more cardholders than VISA, more customers than Amazon, and more restaurants than McDonald's. It is a vivid blend of documentary, feature film, and storytelling that reveals the history and realities of librarianship in the appealing context of American movies.
- Movie matinee – 1 to 4 p.m. April 6 at the Public Library Main Palm Coast Branch – is a David versus Goliath story that tackles some of the nation's most challenging issues: homelessness and mental illness.

“We are very excited about having a book for Flagler Reads Together that gives us the opportunity to simultaneously celebrate Black History, Women's History, and National Library Week,” Albanese said. “Please join us in the pages of ‘The Personal Librarian’ and in person for our programs.”

'TUNE IN' TO MEETINGS

- MARCH 7: BOCC REGULAR MEETING AT 9 a.m.
MARCH 7: BOCC STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING AT 1 p.m.
MARCH 8: PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AT 6 p.m.
MARCH 21: BOCC REGULAR MEETING AT 5 p.m.

LIVE STREAM

www.youtube.com/flaglercounty/live



COLBERT LANE SIDEWALK REPAIRS RESUME BETWEEN SR 100, ROBERTS ROAD

Flagler County on February 28 will resume sidewalk reconstruction of Colbert Lane between State Road 100 and Roberts Road. The repairs will begin at State Road 100 and head north to the Roberts Road intersection.

"Crews will remove areas of damaged sidewalk, re-frame the section, and finish the concrete work," said Road and Bridge Manager Ryan Prevatt. "It will be nice to complete this work."

Flagler County has finished about 77% of the total 3,300 feet of sidewalk. Road and Bridge began sidewalk reconstruction work north of the Grand Haven community, and to date about \$54,000 has been spent on materials for the project.

Additionally, sidewalk crews have replaced about 100 feet of damaged sidewalk on Roberts Road.

"Walkers and Bicyclists in the area should expect intermittent sidewalk closures," Prevatt said. "We are sorry about the inconvenience to residents and appreciate everyone's patience."

'DO DATE' EVENTS

- 03/18/22: MOAS LECTURE SERIES (3 p.m.)
Barrier Island Ecosystems
Palm Coast Main Branch LIBRARY
2500 Palm Coast Parkway Northwest
www.facebook.com/FlaglerCountyPublicLibrary

BREAKERS

INFORMATIONAL EVENT AT OLD DIXIE

Flagler County's departments of Fire Rescue, Emergency Management, and Growth Management, as well as the Flagler County Sheriff's Office, have scheduled an informational community event at the Old Dixie Community Park on March 7.

"This is the second one of these informational events we've held this year, it's nice getting out and meeting with our community," said Emergency Management Director Jonathan Lord. "We have a lot of valuable information to share."

The open-house style event scheduled from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. March 7 at the Old Dixie Community Park – 1250 S. Old Dixie Highway – will provide information about the various programs and services available to residents.

"I will provide information about home fire safety inspections, and smoke detector battery exchange," said Fire Marshal Jerry Smith. "We will also answer questions about Community Paramedicine."

Lord and his Emergency Management team will provide storm and disaster preparedness information, and register attendees for ALERTFlagler notifications. Growth Management staff will provide information about flood zone construction, and permitting requirements.

"COAST TO COUNTRY" LAUNCHED

Flagler County on March 2 launched a new digital magazine "Coast to Country" to keep residents and visitors informed about the programs, projects, and services that elected officials provide countywide.

"We are very pleased about presenting our new magazine to the public. It's been a long time coming," said County Administrator Heidi Petito, who has been imagining and implementing ways to better communicate with the public since being named to her post. "We wanted something that would be dynamic – a departure from the way we typically present information to the community. It's important for all our elected officials to have a voice in one forum to reach our residents."

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