

FLAGLER BOCC MONTHLY UPDATE



DEPARTMENTAL STATISTICS AND STATUS REPORT · SEPTEMBER 2022

LIBRARY GLIMPSE:

Flagler County Public Library saw a tremendous bump in August for in-person visitors. While foot traffic was 15,609 in July, August saw almost twice that number.

- 3,615 voters accounted for some of the 14,700+ increase. Early voting was available at the library between August 16 and 23

Library Services August

30,395	Visitors: Foot Traffic
520	New Borrowers Registered
41,082	Items Circulated (incl. e-materials)
14,830	Database & Website Usage
4,733	Internet & Wifi Connections
2,077	Research Questions
21	In-person Events
966	Event Attendees
1,910	Passive Programs (Crafts, etc.)
19	Facebook Posts
10,137	Facebook Post Views
376	Photos
322	Passports
\$16,228	Revenue

New Facility - Southern Library Update

- The Construction Management At-Risk and Architect agreements are completed. Executed documents were provided to each and a letter to commence
- Working toward finalized Design, which is targeted for completion in July 2023 (Build complete in 2024)
- Kick-off meeting held with staff, the Architect, and CM.

Legislative Priorities

- Met with municipal leaders on August 10 to discuss priorities for '23
- Presented Past Present Future Local Policy at BoCC workshop, September 7
- Staff report "NEFRC Priorities for Flagler County" ready to present to Commission



F IS FOR FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY

ALSO FLEXIBILITY, FELLOWSHIP, FOCUSED ON THE FUTURE, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY: FOR FLAGLER

Commissioners,

As we approach the transition to a new fiscal-year, I've had the opportunity to reflect, more than once, on the professionalism of staff, whose efforts underpin the success of the budget process. Your Financial Services team stewards the county's – *ultimately the citizens'* – resources year-round, and every BoCC department and constitutional office is invited into the process for eight months of the year.

You have just adopted Fiscal Year 2022-23 Budget, which supports the Board's priorities, highlights public safety, and reduces the operating millage and debt-service millage rates.

You may recall my earlier message of *Flagler FIRST*.

In that, F speaks to Fiscal accountability, which you provide in great measure. But another 'ability' you will find in abundance on the Flagler team is Flexibility. Their willingness to think outside the box, to test and measure alternatives, and provide you with a clear analysis of outcomes, supports your ability to remain agile as you balance revenues to obligations.

F could represent Fellowship. When needs outpace funding, decisions are made at the micro level that are best for the organization at the macro level. When your organization views their cohorts as fellow teammates and the ultimate goal as a win for the community, this becomes possible.

While the highlights are many, we still anticipate growing pains. Continued inflation, delayed capital improvements, and an observable increased draw on services – *fire and medical response (pg. 2), growth management (pg. 5), and library use higher than pre-COVID (this page)* – are all challenges we will face. But I have no doubt that this agency will strive on every occasion to best serve our community.

On the heels of this budget cycle, you have all echoed my appreciation for the commitment of the Flagler team. And I am buoyed by your input, setting direction for a refresh of the budget mechanisms. There is always room for improvement, and I believe this will allow staff to present you with an even more transparent procedure, built for our future.

We are excited to make it happen, For Flagler

– Heidi Petito, County Administrator

At A Glance

- 1,324 Resident Inquiries and Assistance
- 9 Soil Tests
- 2 Water Tests
- 8 Pesticide Exams administered
- 161 Extension Volunteer hours

Events

- Marine Science Series 'Importance of Estuaries - Mangroves and Marshes' held at Princess Place Aug 16
- 'Ocean Ecosystems - Marine Debris' Sept 16
- Food Preservation Training Family & Consumer Sciences Sept 29
- Healthy for Life, Lunch & Learn Series, 2nd Tuesdays thru Dec
- Master Gardener Plant Clinic, final Saturday of each month at the Palm Coast Public Library

4-H Club Sign-up began September 1

LAND MANAGEMENT PROJECTS:

Received Notice of Award of \$200,000, on August 23, for the [REGIONAL RESILIENCE GRANT](#) from FDEP. Flagler partners with NEFRC on this application, thereby coordinating regional efforts and benefiting from NEFRC'S assistance with Flagler County's Local Resilience Grant.

Joined NEFRC's [RESILIENT FIRST COAST STEERING COMMITTEE](#). Will work with them to determine the merits of a local resiliency committee.

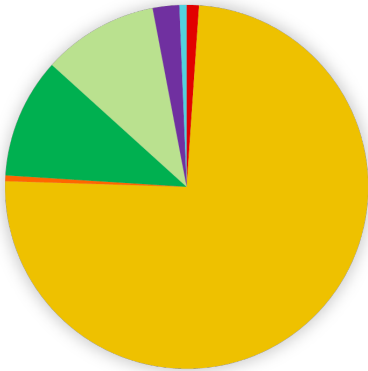
Continued efforts with North Florida Land Trust and owner's representatives, working toward an offer to buy [PROPERTY AT LAKE DISSTON](#). Sadly, the owner passed away on August 25.

Mr. Kern's heirs are not currently willing to sell the property. However, we continue the discussion with the family to determine whether they might support a partial sale, for public-use boat trailer parking and restroom facilities.



FLAGLER COUNTY FIRE RESCUE

1,563 OPERATIONS AUGUST



- 1,163 ● Rescue & Emergency Medical Service (EMS)
- 17 ● Fire Group (Structure, Vehicle, Wildland)
- 10 ● Special Incident
- 37 ● False Alarm / False Call
- 161 ● Good Intent (ex: smoke, odor detected by public)
- 167 ● Service Calls
- 8 ● Hazardous Conditions

Fire Prevention

- 4 Short-Term Vacation Rental Inspections
- 20 Annual Fire Safety Inspections
- 9 Technical Review Committee Projects
- 13,750 Square Footage Inspected

Continuing Education

- 2,315 Training Hours: "In-service" and New Hire
- 251 CPR Students: Citizens, Deputies, Nursing Students

Community Paramedicine

- 56 Patient Contacts (food programs, insurance, meds, etc.)
- 25 doses Narcan "Leave Behind"

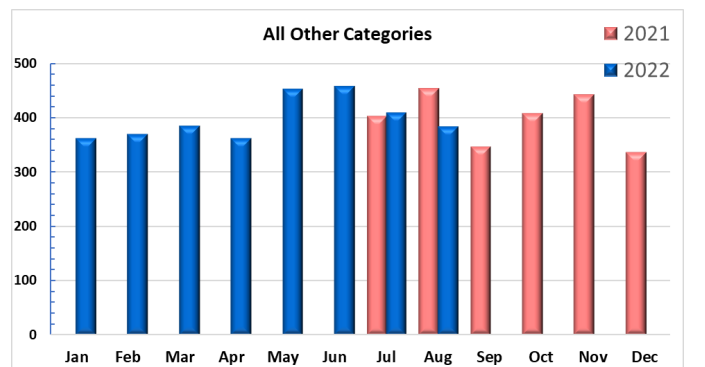
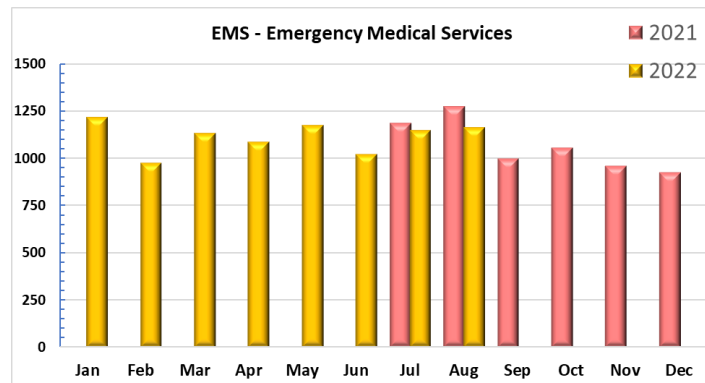
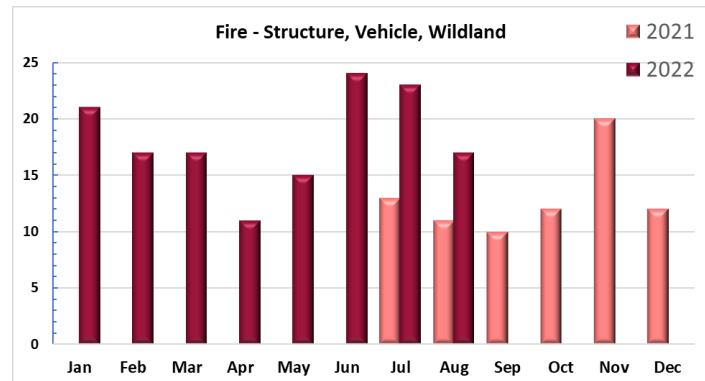
FireFlight Operations

- 3 Air Ambulance
- 20 Fire Suppression / Recon
- 2 Search and Rescue
- 7 Law Enforcement Support

Wildfire Response

- 2 Brush Fires, totaling 8 acres
- 66 Smoke Investigations

MONTHLY OPERATIONS



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SNAPSHOT

August by the Numbers (FYTD):

- Training/Exercises Conducted: **61**
- Training/Exercise Attendees: **666**
- Outreach Events Held: **27**
- Event Attendees: **24,955**
- Radio/TV Interviews: **4**
- Radio/TV Audience Reach: **13,475**
- **ALERT** Flagler Notifications Sent: **116**
- **ALERT** Flagler Enrollees: **73,031**
- Social Media Followers: **20,832**

Disaster Housing Plan

- Began discussions with (new) director of Health & Human Services.
- Building framework with input obtained
- GOAL - Develop and implement a comprehensive and realistic Disaster Housing Plan for Flagler County

Continuity of Operations Planning Program (COOP)

- Working on the final COOPs for Fire Rescue, E9-1-1 Center, IT, Airport, HR, and Finance
- Meetings ongoing with all other County government departments
- GOAL = develop a recurring Training Program taught by EM staff, and offer COOP support to Municipalities and Constitutionals

East Flagler Mosquito Control District

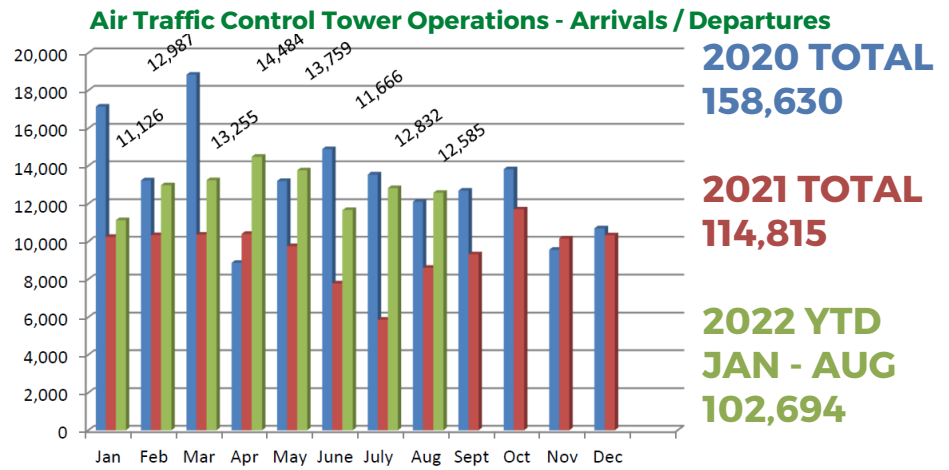
- Working with Attorney Hadeed on November agenda item. Schedule for EFMCD Phase 1 Boundaries for BoCC approval.
- GOAL = Develop cost-explanation of Phase II expansion, to then share with BoCC (increased cost of services vs the necessary millage rate to support)

COVID-19 Support

- Developing EM project list for ARPA fund balance.

WebEOC Enhancements

- Call Center FAQ dashboard optimized and operational - complete
- Test-phase underway for Local Mitigation System dashboard



FLAGLER EXECUTIVE AIRPORT UPDATES

T-HANGAR CONSTRUCTION - Aug 11 - Notice to Proceed was issued to S.E. Cline. Drainage work will be followed by new access road.

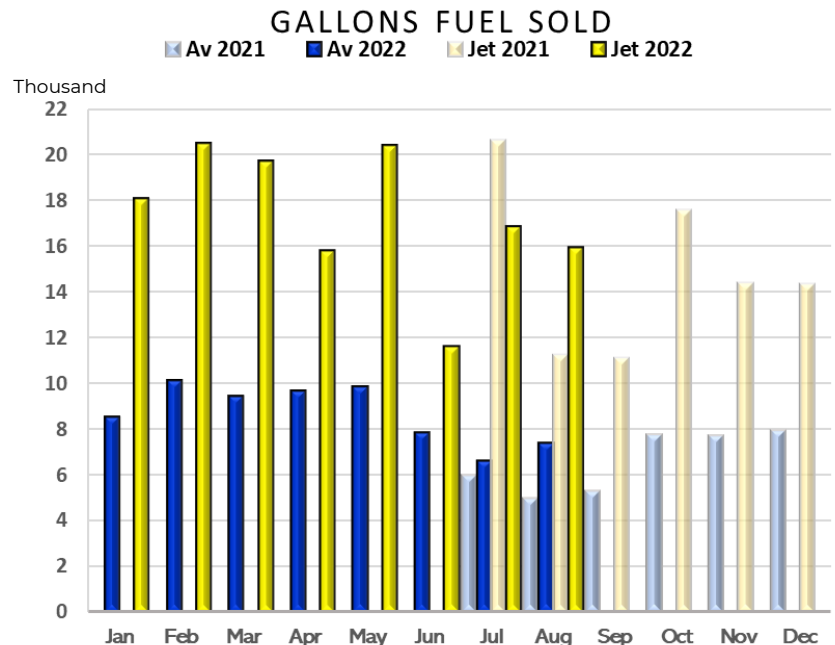
AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL TOWER EQUIPMENT - Majority of tower-equipment replacements are now installed and operational. Vehicle radio-equipment is installed.

TAXIWAY A and GENERAL AVIATION TERMINAL RAMP - Halifax Paving agreed to the project revisions requested by FAA, bringing price down. FAA funds are expected in September.

Director Roy Sieger, as Chair of FL Airports Council, led the group's 53rd Annual Conference & Exposition of 840 attendees and 90 exhibitors. Governor DeSantis spoke to the conference and was presented the 2021 Aviation Leadership Award.

The airport is working with AdventHealth Hospital, facilitating the trauma helicopters at FIN, while Advent's helo pad is closed and being worked on for 3-4 weeks. A joint simulation-drill was held August 11. All went as planned.

Director Sieger met on August 19 with FDOT and FAA representatives to discuss the Executive Airport's 5-Year CIP Plan.



- OCCUPANCY RATE COMMERCIAL SPACE - 98%
- OCCUPANCY RATE HANGARS - 100%
- T-HANGAR WAITING LIST - 152

FINANCIAL SERVICES GRANTS TRACKING

Current Active Grants

- Total = 65
- Award Amount = \$104,420,278
- Reimbursed = \$56,297,719

Upcoming (\$6,780,711+/-):

- Airport | \$3.83M FDOT
- Fire Rescue | \$5k FEMA
- Growth Mgmt | \$75k NEFRC-FDEP
- Land Mgmt | \$336k* Hurricane Michael
- Transportation | \$24k FDOT
- Health Human Svcs | \$1.2M SHIP

*Total provided in more than a single grant

GENERAL SERVICES

PROJECT UPDATES:

Phase 1 Carver Expansion and Improvements

3,259 square-foot Phase 1 building expansion, four (4) new offices, men's and women's ADA restrooms, new main entrance, lobby and two (2) new multi-purpose rooms.

- Tied new roof structure into existing gym. Installed roof sheeting; dried in with synthetic underlayment
- Installed interior non-load bearing walls
- Installed all windows and exterior doors
- Installed 2nd rough plumbing, electric and HVAC

Wadsworth Park Facilities

New 529 square-foot, hurricane-rated, ADA restroom facility at Robert's Road parking at Wadsworth Park - providing restroom access to the Dog Park and Football Fields; New fencing, shade structures, and Dog Park amenities.

- Dog Park upgrades begun
- Removed non-index trees and installed clean fill dirt
- Installed new sidewalk between ADA restroom and ADA parking at the Dog Park
- Installed 400 lineal-feet of fencing

HUMAN RESOURCES

KEY DATA THROUGH AUGUST 31:

Fiscal Year To Date Turnover Rate = 14.96%

Year To Date Turnover Rate = 20.49%

426 Authorized Positions

369 Total Employees

New Hires August: 17

Resignations August: 5 FY: 66

Dismiss / Layoff August: 0 FY: 7

Vacancies: 57 | 13.4%

The three departments experiencing the highest vacancies:

- General Services (18)
- Health & Human Services (10)
- Fire Rescue (9)

Job Postings

- 7 August
- 113 FYTD

Employment Applications

- **101** Processed August
- 1,334 Processed FYTD

Workers Compensation Claims FY: 69

- 7 Loss Time Claims, FYTD
- 62 Medical Claims Only, FYTD
 - includes 60 COVID Claims



**REMINDER:*
state reports are
not received until
mid- to late-
month for the
prior data.

Tourist Development Tax Revenues

• June 2022	\$347,731.27
• June 2021	\$325,957.40
• Change	+6.68%

Hotel and Resort Snapshot

	Occupancy	Average Daily Rate
• June 2022	64.8%	\$208.31
• June 2021	73.2%	\$186.60
• Change	-11.5%	+11.5%

Vacation Rental Snapshot - Airbnb and VRBO only

	Listings	Occupancy	Average Daily Rate
• June 22	967	66%	\$362
• June 21	743	80%	\$356
• Change	+30.1%	-16.8%	-1.8%

Total Sales on All Accommodations

• May 2022	\$7,499,057.25
• May 2021	\$6,765,636.28
• Change	+10.84%

COMMUNICATIONS:

News Releases

- 5 releases - distributed to 100 +/- media contacts from Jax to Orlando. Releases also appear in the social media impressions found below.
- 10 pick-ups by local print, radio, TV, blogsites
- 9 WNZF news stories

Flagler Voice radio Guests

- Jason Wheeler - Flagler Schools
- Teresa Rizzo - Flagler Ed Foundation
- Gil Aspinwall - FPC Fire Academy
- Dr. McCabe - Medical Director, FC
- Saturdays 8:30 a.m. on WNZF

Social Media

Government & Fire Rescue

- 151 posts on Facebook, LinkedIn, & Instagram across both profiles, with 37,516 combined post impressions
- 129 New followers

Nextdoor

- 5 Posts for August
- 40,717 Neighbors | Followers
- 11,547 Views

Strategic Plan

- Document developed to communicate Strategic Plan 2022

FINANCIAL SERVICES:

FY 2022-23 Budget Process

- Converting Budget: Naviline to Tyler
- **Budget Workshops Aug 24, Sept 12**
- **Public Hearings to Adopt the FY 22-23 Budget - Sept 7 and 19**

Purchasing

- Processed 62 purchase orders in June
- P-Card Transactions - 661
- Invoices Processed - 1,080

Active Solicitations:

- CR 90 Stabilization
- Cyber Security IDS
- Cloud Solutions
- Filter Frames
- Stretchers and Power Cots
- Inmate Facility Camera-Access System
- Residential Solid Waste Services
- Demolition of Unsafe Structure
- Fire Equipment Supplies and Services
- DataMark GIS Software
- State Lobbyist Services

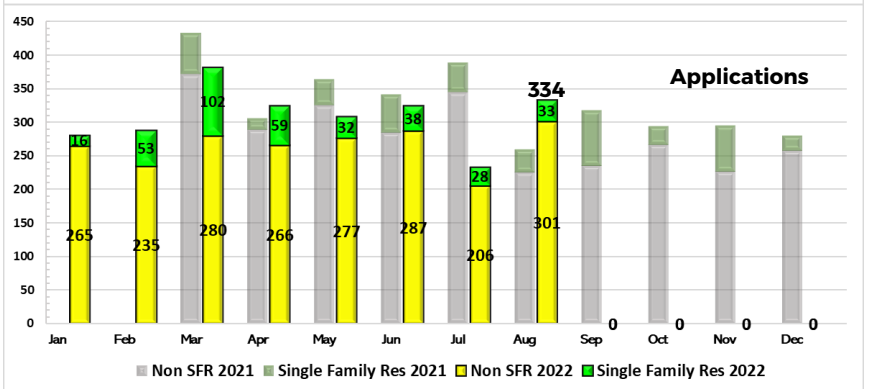
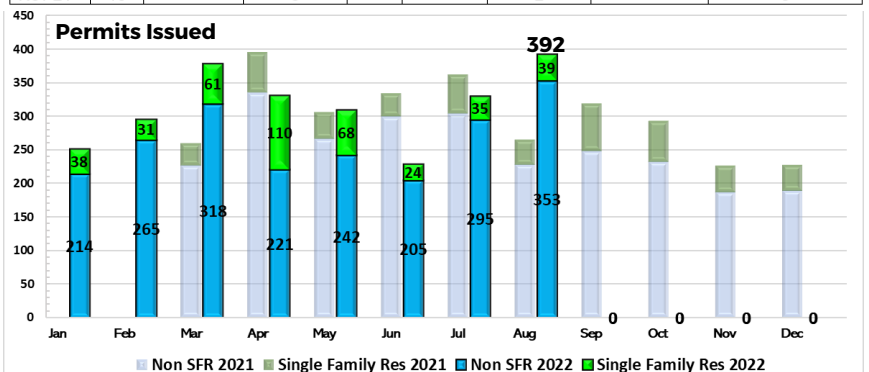
GROWTH MANAGEMENT UPDATES

1. The Comprehensive Plan Department review was determined to be complete by the Economic Opportunity (DEO) on June 21st with no objections. The BCC final adoption shall be within 180 days of receipt of the DEO report.
2. Preparation of the RFP for the Comprehensive Plan update is ongoing.
3. The Building Association of Florida cross training program is progressing, field work is ongoing.
4. Permit Techs completed Zoning and Permit certifications.
5. Building Inspectors continuing the curriculum for the Fire Inspector certification and drone program.
6. Implementation of over the counter credit card transactions with AMS has commenced.
7. Online permit applications are at approximately 75%.
8. Land Development Technician selected with a start date of Sept 6th to replace the permit review tasks of the former Planner.

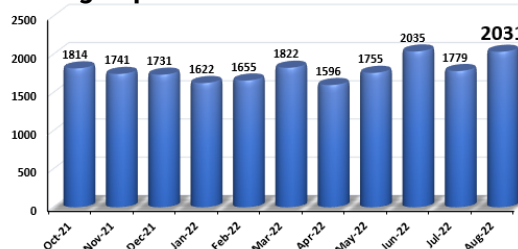
GROWTH MANAGEMENT NUMBERS

New Planning and Zoning Applications

	Total	Comp Plan Amd	Zoning/Site Plan/Plat	BTR	Buildable Lot	Short Term Rental	Zoning/FDEP Confirmation	Variance/Spe Ex Conditional Use
Aug 22			4			3		5
July 22	12	1	2			4	3	2
June 22	8	1	3		2	1		2
May 22	3	1	1			1		
April 22	14	1	4		2	3	1	3
Mar 22	10		2		1	2	2	3
Feb 22	12		4	1		5	2	
Jan 22	15		4	1		7	1	2
Dec 21	12		6			5		1
Nov 21	10		5			2		3

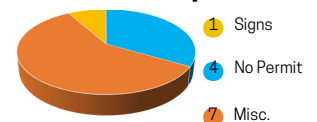


Building Inspections



Lien Searches: 44

Code Cases Opened: 12



ENGINEERING PROJECT UPDATES

DUNES PROJECT, NON-FEDERAL:

Design & Permitting of Non-Federal SR A1A Protection within the City of Flagler Beach (FDOT)

Dune and beach nourishment Design-project comparable to ACOE project. Planned for the shoreline in the City of Flagler Beach, from roughly 20th St. N to 7th Street S, and from 28th St S to the Volusia County line.

- Project design is complete - however, due to significant changes in existing conditions (erosion) plan updates are needed before bidding the project for construction
- Procurement of easements in process
- Extension request for Bureau of Ocean Energy Management lease submitted

DUNES PROJECT, FEDERAL:

Coastal Storm Risk Management Project (ACOE)

"Hurricane and Storm Damage Reduction Project" as prepared by the US Army Corps of Engineers. This Construction-project is planned for the area of shoreline from 7th St. S to 28th St. S in Flagler Beach. It bridges the two areas included in the county's Non-Federal initiative.

- Plans and specifications have been prepared and regulatory agency permits and authorizations obtained. Legal department activities for procurement of easements remain ongoing.
- Agency/ stakeholder coordination ongoing
- ACOE securing Bureau of Ocean Energy Management amendment

FEMA PROJECT PW215 - HURRICANE DORIAN

Northern Flagler County Coastline

Due to the impacts of Hurricane Dorian, Flagler County applied for and received approval of Public Assistance funding from FEMA in the amount of \$2,036,868 (75%) and FDEM in the amount of \$339,478 (12.5%) with local cost share of \$339,478 (12.5%). These funds are for activities that include project design and permitting to replace 49,544 cubic yards of sand and 69,612 dune plants along eligible portions of the northern County coastline (5 miles)

- FEMA confirmed funding to be based upon actual costs
- Expect FDEP permit in September and will begin procurement activities

BEACH MANAGEMENT PLAN

Evaluate Flagler County's beach and dune conditions and develop options for future management efforts - including approaches to scope, outcome & funding

- August 15 - Workshop Presentation of the Final Beach Management Study
- Olsen to proceed with Plan development phase per the direction provided by Commission
- Additional Geotechnical Data Collection Analysis to be performed by the Consultant

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES:

August was the first full month at Flagler County for the department's new Director, Joseph Hegedus

Adult Day Care

- 23 Enrolled
- 222 meals served
- 1,141 hours billed to funding sources

Senior Services

- 354 Congregate Meals served
- 2620 Meals on Wheels
- 19 Meals on Wheels volunteers

Human Services*

- 73 Intakes - 59 Eligible clients
- 49 Emergency Assistance (rent / utility)
- 12 HCRA state-mandated healthcare
- 7 Indigent Cremations
- 63 Medical Services

*Human Services numbers reflect both July & August. Services decreased in August due to funding nearing completion for fiscal year

Housing Services

- 9 Active Emergency Repair Cases
 - 2 projects Completed
- 4 Active Purchase Assistance Cases
 - 3 under Purchase Contract
- 7 Active Whole Home Rehabilitation Projects
 - 5 Interim Inspections completed
- 3 General Contractors Approved in Qualified Pool
- 194 Active SHIP mortgages being monitored
- Conducted Monthly AHAC meeting 8/23/22
- Updated AHAC committee bylaws for board certification

Veterans Services

- 351 Customers served, 29% by appointment
- Represented Flagler County at
 - Veterans Advisory Council
 - American Legion Meetings,
 - VFW Meeting
 - Marine Corps League
- Outreach presentation to Flagler Beach Rotary
- Weekly Radio Show: Veterans on Point
 - Sundays 9:30 - 10 a.m. WNZF

ADMINISTRATION BOCC MEETINGS IN AUGUST

- Aug 1 Regular Meeting, morning
- Aug 15 Regular Meeting, evening
- Aug 15 Workshop: Beach & Dune Management
- Aug 24 Workshop and Special Meeting: 2022-23 Budget

5 BOCC MEETINGS SCHEDULED IN SEPTEMBER

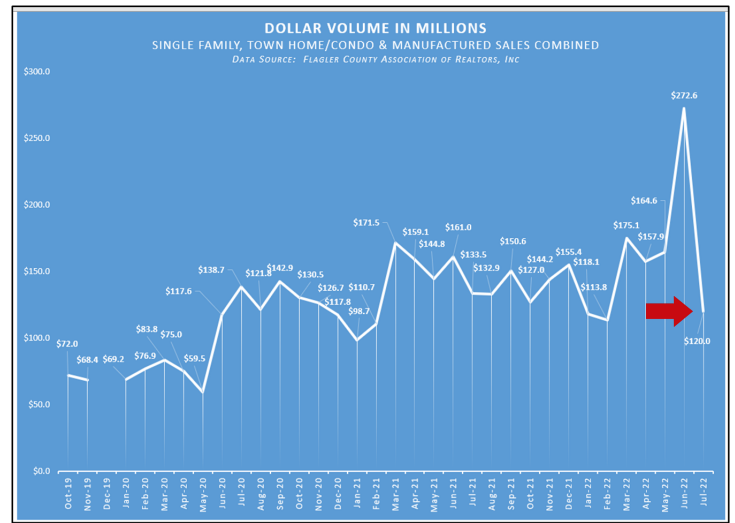
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT VIEW:

August Notables

- 5 more requests were received from previous site-selectors, for industrial park development. Three of the responses required extensive research for submissions
- *Reviewed & Responded - Working with:*
 - Project Tua
 - Project Singularity
 - Project Waves
 - Project Reduce
- 3 potential retail entities were provided demographic and marketing information

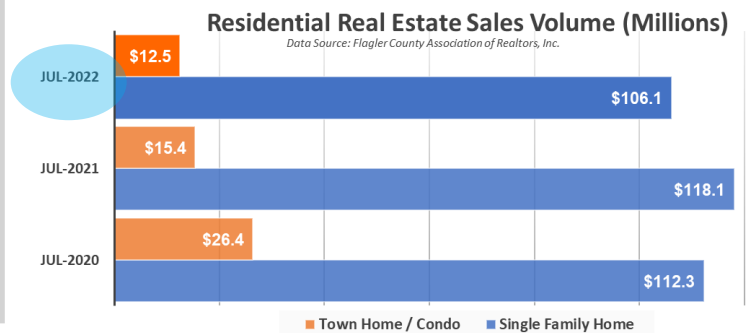
Project updates

- Working to further develop Economic Development elements of Strategic Plan
- Researched and drafted materials provided to support Legislative Ask for light industrial park funding
- Marketing Collateral (pocket folders and brochures) and micro-website under construction for Prospect audience
- Participating with NEFRC on the refreshed Regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy for publication this year
- On Steering Committee of the 5-Year Regional Strategic Planning process coordinated by JaxUSA



Quick Takes

- Dollar volume spiked (above) for residential property sales in June 2022. Total volume then fell drastically in July. This could be a result of changing economic conditions
- Total residential sales also fell across all residential categories from month-on-month prior years (below)



Quick Takes

REAL ESTATE

- Although overall sales have decreased, median sale-prices for residential units continue higher
- Between October 2019 and July 2022, the price of residential properties (right) increased dramatically
 - Single Family Home 62%
 - Town Home 65%

LABOR FORCE

- New residents have increased the available labor force - which grew by 219 in July and 1,381 YTD
- Unemployment dropped very slightly in July and remains around 3%

RESIDENTIAL SALE PRICE | FLAGLER COUNTY

DATA SOURCE: FLAGLER COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS, INC.

