

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 Management, 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.

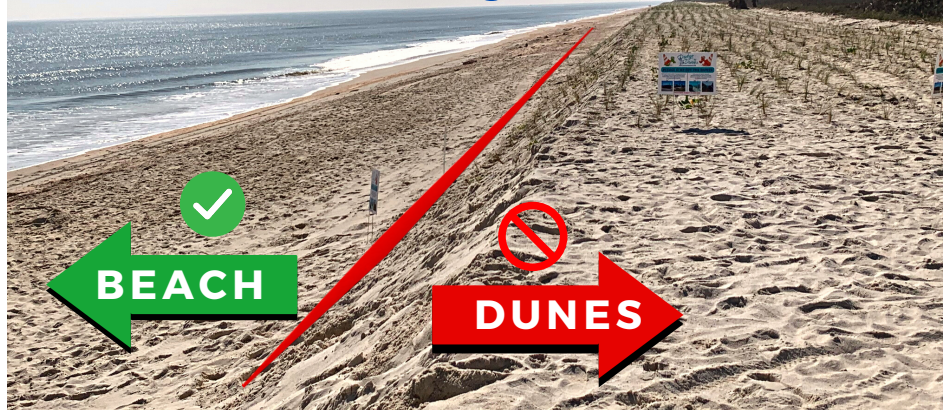
The list includes:

911 Dispatch; Community Paramedicine; 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.

Know where to go|sit



KNOW THE DUNES - WHAT TO 'DODGE' TO PROTECT EMERGENCY SAND HURRICANE RECOVERY

Flagler County in the past six months has been reinforcing its case to state and federal partners – including Governor Ron DeSantis and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, as well as the Federal Emergency Management Agency – for tens of millions of dollars for emergency sand replacement in the aftermath of Hurricane Ian and Hurricane Nicole.

As construction of the protective dunes is currently underway, officials are urging visitors and residents to stay off the newly placed sand as it is not “high beach.”

“We’ve seen pictures of families with their umbrellas and beach chairs staking out their place on our newly constructed dunes – some with children ‘sledding’ down the slope on their boogie boards,” said County Administrator Heidi Petito. “We don’t believe any of this is done maliciously, but rather out of a lack of true understanding about what is the dune and what is beach.”

Potential confusion is the result of the time lag between placing and shaping the sand, and when it can be planted.

“Most people think of the dunes as the vegetated, landward side of the beach, which isn’t wrong,” said Flagler County Coastal Engineering Administrator Ansley Wren-Key. “But especially when we are building and renourishing dunes, there are areas that may have no vegetation or only very sparse vegetation.”

Sand at an elevation – even a modest elevation – is likely dunes.

“We will be working with the contractor to provide pathways for easier access to the beach,” Wren-Key said. “Please look for the guidance we are providing to help you make your way to the beach in a way that doesn’t sacrifice the new dunes.”

Besides “Dodge the Dunes” signs – the educational campaign created by the Tourism Development Office – Flagler County will be installing signs that will highlight dunes vs. beaches.

“Please don’t trample the sprouts,” Wren-Key said. “The vegetation is there to stabilize the dune. It takes a minimum of one year before the vegetation really holds the dunes.”

'TUNE IN' TO MEETINGS

APRIL 3: BOCC REGULAR MEETING AT 9 a.m.
APRIL 11: PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AT 6 p.m.
APRIL 17: BOCC REGULAR MEETING AT 5 p.m.
MAY 1: BOCC REGULAR MEETING AT 9 a.m.

LIVE STREAM

www.youtube.com/flaglercounty/live



FLAGLER COUNTY'S COLLABORATIVE 2023 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES PRESENTATION

Flagler County took a slightly different approach in presenting its 2023 legislative priorities to the State Delegation – Senator Travis Hutson and House Speaker Paul Renner – in that it made the process more collaborative with its municipalities to ensure a unified approach that represents all its residents.

“As members of the Flagler County Legislative Delegation, Senator Hutson and I remain committed to representing the county’s interests in Tallahassee,” Renner said. “With committee weeks having already begun, we’ve been working closely with local leaders and constituents on identifying and addressing our community’s top priorities, and we look forward to a productive legislative session.”

Flagler County’s focus is on issues that will have the highest impact for citizens while fostering collaborative relationships with local municipalities as well as private partners in lobbying for legislative support.

“The ability to maintain home rule and avoid unfunded mandates are key to the county’s federal and state legislative priorities and advocacy needs,” said County Administrator Heidi Petito. “Each year Flagler County works alongside Florida Association of Counties (FAC) and the Small County Coalition (SCC) during the Legislative Session to support all legislative policy statements.”

'DO DATE' EVENTS

04/29/23: INAUGURAL BOOKFEST (10 a.m. to 2 p.m.)
Meet authors, illustrators via FREE family event
Palm Coast Main Branch LIBRARY
2500 Palm Coast Parkway Northwest
www.facebook.com/FlaglerCountyPublicLibrary

BREAKERS

FLAGLER COUNTY ANNUAL REPORT

Flagler County has released to the public its 2022 Annual Report. 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 visit, conduct business, and live.

“The year served as an opportunity for us to revise and update our Strategic Plan with clearly defined county vision, mission, and organizational values,” County Administrator Heidi Petito said. “We have developed the framework for performance excellence, with a focus on Effective Government, Economic Vitality, Public Health Safety, and Growth Infrastructure.”

The report 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 touches on the strategic planning process that resulted in a finalized plan in less than one year.

There are interesting did-you-know tidbits sprinkled throughout the 2022 Annual Report, like “Flagler County has received \$15 million in Legislative appropriations in the last two years!” There is also a “Budget in Brief” section that provides an overview of the \$221,970,665 total budget.

Most of the document, of course, provides an at-a-glance view of 19 departments and divisions. It also provides a glimpse of the 13 Citizens Committees that provide residents with an opportunity to participate in county government. (www.FlaglerCounty.gov)

PLANNING OUR PARKS

Want to provide input into the Flagler County | Palm Coast Parks & Recreation Master Plan? Now is the chance!

A random sampling of residents were invited to take a survey, and these responses will provide statistically valid results. In addition, the City of Palm Coast and Flagler County invite all residents to provide feedback and input through an open-link survey at: www.flaglerparksurvey.org/open.