

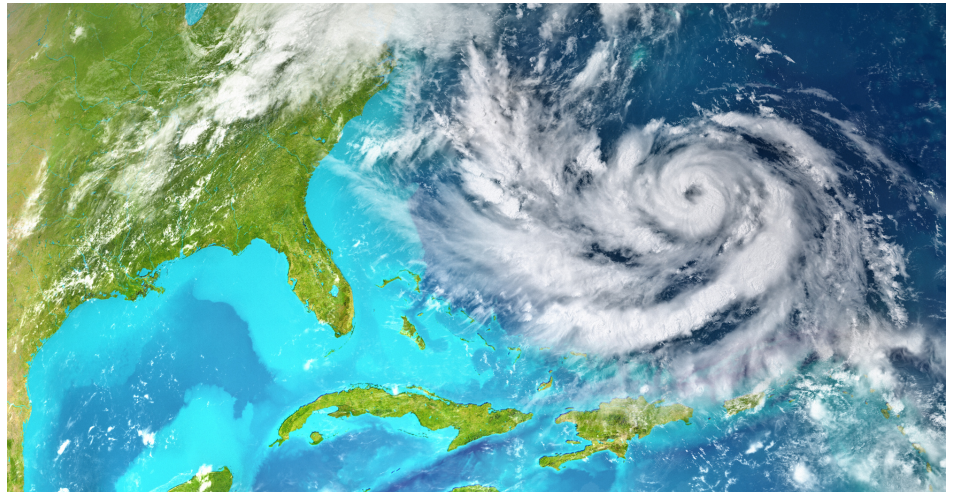
FLAGLER BOCC HEADLINES



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Disaster preparedness steps include:

- Build a disaster supply kit – that contains food, water, medications, flashlights and batteries, and clothing to live “off the grid” for a full seven (7) days.
- Make a plan – that includes home or business structural preparation, where to stay if evacuated (shelters will open but are to be considered the option of last resort), how to communicate with loved ones, consideration of any special needs that should be addressed.
- Be informed – sign up for notification www.FlaglerCounty.gov/AlertFlagler, and have a battery powered radio.
- Get involved – register for Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training and other volunteering and training opportunities by going to www.FlaglerCounty.gov/emergency and selecting “Volunteering & Training.”



HURRICANE SEASON APPROACHES - WHAT TO EXPECT IN FLAGLER COUNTY FOR 2023

Flagler County Emergency Management staff members have no crystal ball to predict when or where tropical storms and hurricanes will hit, but as keen preparedness practitioners, they offer up sage advice about what to do – and where to look for pertinent information – to ensure visitors, residents, and businesses are ready for whatever the 2023 hurricane season brings.

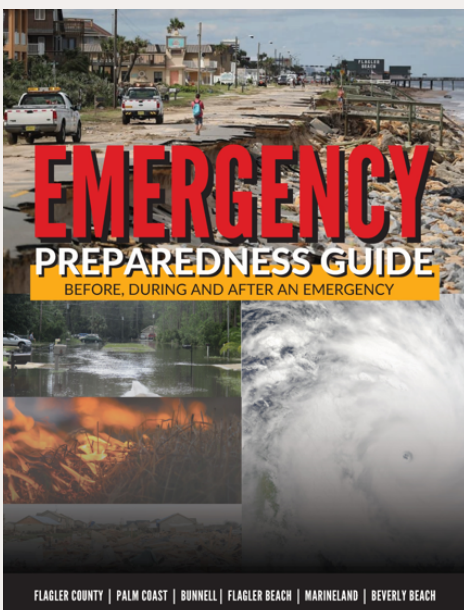
“There are some key changes in how we will do our messaging and the calls-to-action that we will issue,” said Emergency Management Director Jonathan Lord. “Last year, evacuation orders included neighborhoods and Zones A-F. To communicate with our community more clearly, this year we will only be announcing evacuations using neighborhood names or descriptions.”

Typically, it is the risk of storm surge and potential flooding that trigger evacuation orders, which are most often for the areas on our coastal island, areas adjacent to the Intracoastal Waterway, all mobile homes regardless of location, and low-lying flood prone areas.

“With better storm prediction capabilities, we have a new map to help our community understand who may need to evacuate in a hurricane,” Lord said. “This map includes an eastern Potential Hurricane Evacuation Zone and a western Potential Lake Flood Zone.”

In addition to the updated hurricane evacuation information, Emergency Management is moving away from closing the coastal island bridges, in most circumstances and instead will be providing more proactive public communications about when it is not safe to be on the road or bridge access is limited.

Individual, household, and business preparedness – for all disasters, not just tropical storms and hurricanes – is urged. For more guidance on how to prepare for and deal with disasters, download the countywide **Emergency Disaster Preparedness Guide** at www.FlaglerCounty.gov/emergency, or pick-up a copy at any local library, the Flagler Beach Historical Museum, and many other government offices. The latest version of this guide includes the new Potential Hurricane Evacuation Zones map.



'TUNE IN' TO MEETINGS

- JUNE 5: BOCC REGULAR MEETING AT 9 a.m.
- JUNE 5: BOCC BUDGET WORKSHOP AT 1 p.m.
- JUNE 13: PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AT 6 p.m.
- JUNE 19: BOCC REGULAR MEETING AT 5 p.m.

LIVE STREAM

www.youtube.com/flaglercounty/live



▪ Flagler Beach Previously Planned USACE & FDOT Projects

USACE Projects: 2.6 miles

FDOT Projects: 2.4 miles

▪ Flagler Beach Current Combined USACE & FDOT Projects

USACE & FDOT Combined Project: 3.5 miles

- Combined Project Total Cost Estimates = \$36,573,000
- Total Non-Fed Share = (35% of USACE Project Cost) + (100% of Non-Fed Project Cost) = \$16,785,050
- Remaining Grants Balance: \$14,312,700
- Shortfall: (\$16,785,050 - \$14,312,700) = \$2,472,350

FLAGLER COUNTY SEEKS COMBINED DUNES PROJECT FROM PIER TO GAMBLE ROGERS

Amid a solid handful of emergency dunes replenishment projects, Flagler County Engineering has been working with the Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), as well as Flagler Beach, to combine two projects to expedite restoration of a larger section of dunes south of the Pier in a more cost-effective manner.

"It will be a benefit to the taxpayers to combine and expand the 2.6-mile federal Army Corps of Engineers project with portions of two FDOT District 5 regional projects," said County Engineer Faith Alkhatib. "This will put 90 cubic yards of sand on a total of 3.5 miles, which is quite a lot of sand."

The total cost estimate (prices of things like fuel fluctuate) of the combined project is \$36.57 million, of which there is a local (non-federal) match of \$16.78 million. Flagler County currently has \$14.31 million from FDOT allocated to the project – leaving a shortfall of \$2.47 million.

There is still work that needs to be done before the Army Corps will change the schedule from its current 2.6-mile project to the combined 3.5-mile project. The short list includes: getting a staging easement from the Pebble Beach Homeowners Association; additional permitting through the Department of Environmental Protection; and, notifying the public that more sand will be removed from the offshore borrow pit than expected.

'DO DATE' EVENTS

- 07/04/23: **UNITED FLAGLER 4th Community Celebration**
FIREWORKS display at 9 p.m. at the Airport
Flagler Beach Parade at 10 a.m. on SR A1A
Flagler Beach Music & more 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Declaration of Independence at 7 p.m. | Airport

BREAKERS

TRANSPARENCY DASHBOARDS UNVEILED

Flagler County unveiled its new Transparency Dashboards created in response to value commitment – Putting Flagler F.I.R.S.T. – as outlined in the 2022 Strategic Plan. The presentation focused on the T, which stands for Transparent Government

Deputy County Administrator Jorge Salinas made the presentation at a regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners and explained the entire acronym: Fiscal Accountability, Innovative Solutions, Responsible Growth, Superior Service, and Transparent Government. These shape the four strategic focus areas – Effective Government, Economic Vitality, Growth & Infrastructure, and Public Health & Safety.

"Under Effective Government, which has a measure ... the county will create a dashboard to engage and inform the citizens the progress toward goals," Salinas said, noting that this project meets that measure. "There are nine 'cards' and an email address for questions."

The dashboards are easily accessible at www.flaglercounty.gov/data.

There is one card for each of the following assets: Strategic Plan dashboard; the full Strategic Plan PDF; Operating Reserves; Flagler County 2/12th Reserves; the Florida Scorecard Flagler County Metrics; Where do my taxes go; Budget in Brief; Annual Report; and, the Board of County Commissioners Monthly Update.

'PLANNING OUR PARKS' MASTER PLAN SURVEY RESULTS PRESENTED 6/19 & 6/20

Residents from throughout Flagler County will have two opportunities to attend meetings – 5 p.m. June 19 at the Board of County Commissioners meeting or at 9 a.m. June 20 at the Palm Coast City Council meeting – to learn the results of the feedback provided through the "Planning Our Parks" initiative.

The Flagler County Board of County Commissioners meeting is held at the Government Services Building, located at 1769 E. Moody Boulevard, Bunnell.

Palm Coast City Council meetings are held at the Council Chambers, located next to City Hall at 160 Lake Avenue.