

# FLAGLER BOCC MONTHLY UPDATE



DEPARTMENTAL STATISTICS AND STATUS REPORT · SEPTEMBER 2023

## LIBRARY SERVICES

### AUGUST STATS

15,834	Visitors: Foot Traffic
395	New Borrowers Registered
50,342	Items Circulated
8,703	Database & Website Usage
4,722	Internet & Wifi Connections
1,630	Research Questions
30	In-person Events
987	Event Attendees
1,706	Passive Programs (Crafts, etc.)
38	Facebook Posts
17,846	Facebook Post Views
364	Photos
254	Passports
\$15,511	Revenue

## SOUTHERN LIBRARY

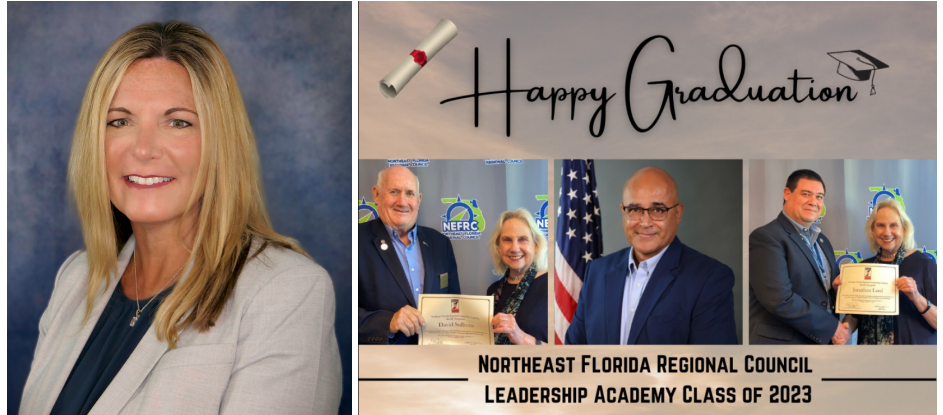
- Governor signed budget and construction grant received funding.
- Moving to 90% design
- Temporarily halted design while waiting for grant notification.

## LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

- Workshop with Commission to approve Legislative Priorities
- Process completed for NEFRC priorities for submission by September 20, 2023.
- Municipal partners submitted their priorities for the unified agenda. This booklet was completed and sent to print

## SPECIAL PROJECTS

- Strategic Priorities: Work continues on dashboard, with 8 departments outstanding
- Multi-Purpose Community Facility: second webinar on application process. Will submit at start of October
- Moving forward with position for Multimedia and Event Coordinator. Will advertise in October.
- Planning Pedestrian Bridge Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on September 19, 2023



## CELEBRATING SEPTEMBER

Commissioners,

The short time since I last wrote to you in this brief has been bracketed on one end by a reflective celebration, and on this end as the month closes, with a congratulatory celebration.

On August 29, former Commissioner Charlie Ericksen, who passed away in July, was honored here at the Government Services Building in a Celebration of Life. It was an opportunity to reflect on Charlie's devoted service to Flagler County's residents, especially its seniors, youth, and disadvantaged. While pausing to honor Charlie's legacy, we were reminded of the importance of public service, and the impact we can have when we work together for the greater good.

And now the month will end celebrating the accomplishments of Commissioner Sullivan, Deputy Administrator Salinas, and Emergency Management Director Lord, who have graduated from the Northeast Florida Regional Council's 2023 Leadership Academy. With the 7-month program completed, they are now members of the Regional Community Institute.

In between these bookends, we were also happy to celebrate the selection of the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged, who selected our own Richard Briggs as Driver of the Year.

The Flagler County 2050 Comprehensive Plan process offered its first public workshop to garner resident input into the future of our community. This is the first major update to the Comp Plan since 2011 and is being done in conjunction with your recent adoption of the updated Strategic Plan.

With Emergency Management leading and staff and community partners in prescribed roles, we activated in readiness for possible impacts from Hurricane Idalia, which thankfully were minimal.

And of course, we celebrated the grand opening of the Pedestrian Bridge over SR100, now linking the Lehigh Trail with Old Kings South walkways, with Graham Swamp, and the parcel that will eventually become the Bulow Creek Headwaters Regional Park.

Looking forward to more successes, that place Flagler F.I.R.S.T.

– Heidi Petito, County Administrator

## At A Glance - AUGUST

- **583** Resident Inquiries and Assistance
- **4** Soil Tests
- **1** Water Test
- **335** Extension-Volunteer hours

## Events

- Master Gardener Clinic - Public Library, main branch. Free, monthly
- Master Gardener Workshop - PC Community Center. Free, monthly
- 4H Club Leader Kickoff - program Volunteer Training
- Agriculture: Muscadine Grape U-Pick teaching event
- Sea Grant: Florida Master Naturalist Program Marine Habitat Restoration Course

## LAND MANAGEMENT

### LAND ACQUISITION / ESL MANAGEMENT

- Site Visit to the Townsend Tract - first target for legislative appropriation funding. Met with FWC, landowner, and landowner rep and toured the site
- Prescribed burn plans in works for Winter '23 / Spring '24
  - River to Sea Preserve
  - Bulow
  - Princess Place Preserve
  - Hunter's Ridge

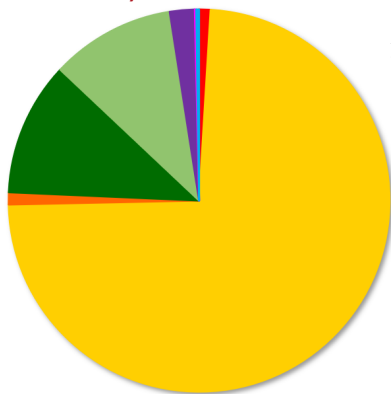
### TIMBER INVENTORY EVALUATION - WITH ECOLOGICAL TIMBER THINNING

- Blue Parcel timber is ceased. 75% complete and loggers left due to wetness. \$111k revenue received
- Hunter's Ridge Timber harvest started and ceased due to wetness.
- Gopher Tortoise Conservation easement submitted to FWC for final signature
- \$200k Resilience Grant (Regional Resilience Grant) complete. Reimbursement request submitted to FDEP
- HMGP requesting approx \$4million submitted
- Resilient Florida grants for approx \$9million submitted



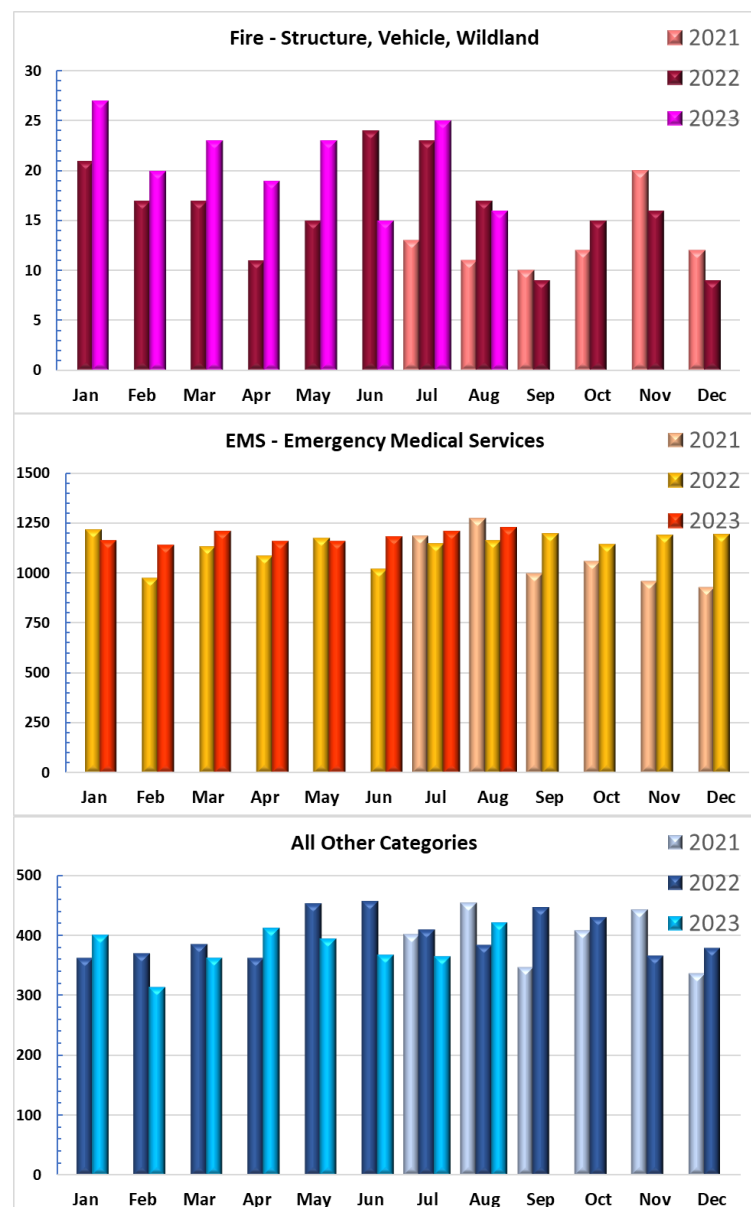
# FLAGLER COUNTY FIRE RESCUE

## 1,662 OPERATIONS AUGUST



- 1,225 ● Rescue & Emergency Medical Service (EMS)
- 16 ● Fire Group (Structure, Vehicle, Wildland)
- 4 ● Special Incident
- 2 ● Rupture / Explosion
- 35 ● False Alarm / False Call
- 175 ● Good Intent (ex: smoke, odor detected by public)
- 188 ● Service Calls
- 17 ● Hazardous Conditions

## MONTHLY OPERATIONS



### Training

- Company Level In-Service training hours: 339
- EMS In-Service hours: 167

### Community Risk Reduction

- 4 Addiction Stabilization Meetings
- CPR Students / Participants: 197
- CPR Classes and Demonstrations: 6
- Elder Source Vaccination Planning Meeting

### Community Paramedicine

- 12 Narcan Administration
- 12 Narcan "Leave Behind" Program
- 58 Patient Contacts (food programs, insurance, meds)
- 64 CORE Participants - Coordinated Opioid REcovery
- Referrals: 7 FCFR Crews, 10 Advent Hospital

### Fire Prevention

- 11 Annual Safety Inspections
- 24 Violations Cited
- 49,439 sq.ft. Inspected
- 14 Plan / Review Permits
- 2 Short Term Vacation Rental

### FireFlight Operations

- 1 Fire Suppression
- 7 Fire Reconnaissance
- 5 Air Medical

Suppression: half acre brushfire, west Matanzas

9 medical standbys

4,004 E911 (calls and text messages) 99% answered < 15 seconds

# EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SNAPSHOT

## FY TOTALS through AUG 2023

- Training/Exercises Conducted: 47
- Training/Exercise Attendees: 590
- Outreach Events Held: 32
- Event Attendees: 8,556
- Radio/TV Interviews: 4
- Radio/TV Audience Reach: 11,500+
- **ALERT** Flagler Notifications Sent: 169
- **ALERT** Flagler Enrollees: 103,375
- Social Media Followers: 27,787

### Major Event: Hurricane Idalia Deployment to Madison County



### Emergency Management Accreditation Program - EMAP

- Executed State Grant for EMAP Accreditation fee and process fee payment

### WebEOC Enhancements

- Completed Server Upgrade

### Disaster Housing Plan - DHP

- Met with AHAC for discussion and review of updates drafted

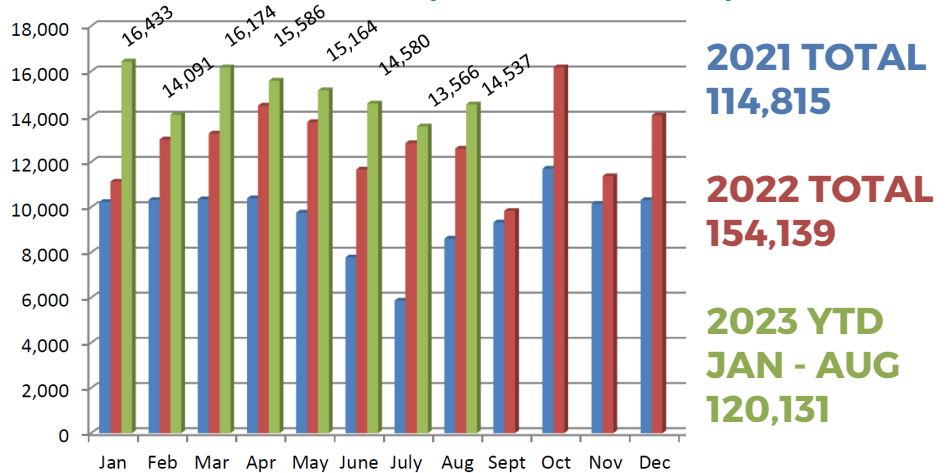
### Continuity of Operations Planning Program (COOP)

- Review and sign off on last few, pending department-COOPs

### Evacuation Zones and Disaster Guide Updates

- Layout finalized for Guide II

### Air Traffic Control Tower Operations - Arrivals / Departures



## FLAGLER EXECUTIVE AIRPORT UPDATES

- OCCUPANCY HANGARS - 100%
- T-HANGAR WAITING LIST - 145
- COMMERCIAL - 2ND FLOOR PROFESSIONAL CTR AVAILABLE

**T-HANGAR CONSTRUCTION** - S.E. Cline is constructing the T-Hangar entrance ramps for Building F. Progress is slow due to labor shortage issues. M&M Development & Construction (sub-contractor) is in final stages of completing Buildings F and G. The additional conduit for FPL power has been installed and inspected. Awaiting the final date for FP&L to install power to the site.

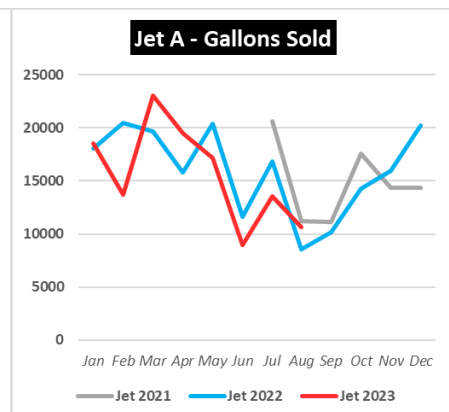
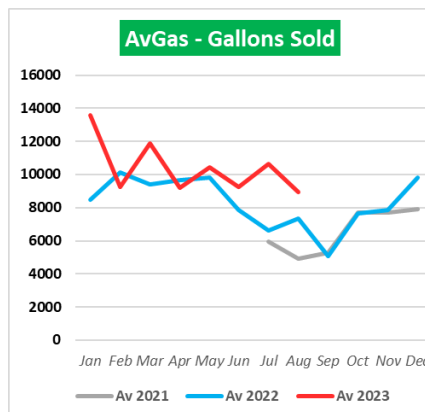
**AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL TOWER EQUIPMENT** - The AWOS tower was delivered to the contractor. It will be painted within the next month and tower installation should take place in October, with all remaining equipment.

**TAXIWAY A** - Halifax Paving completed Phase 2: first 550 ft of the west end of Taxiway A. This included demolition of the existing taxiway, construction of the new base and asphalt surface courses, all associated drainage, airfield signage, and lighting for the west side of the taxiway. Phase 3 construction begun, addressing Taxiway A from the taxilane for Hangar E to the main entrance gate by the FBO. 4C's Trucking and Excavation (subcontractor) continues demo of the old stormwater pipe and is installing new stormwater pipe in front of the current T-Hangars. A temporary taxilane was constructed to enable T-Hangar tenants to move aircraft in and out of hangars. There were minimal closures during the construction of the new stormwater pipe. Progressing per schedule.

**GENERAL AVIATION TERMINAL RAMP** - No updates since last month. Awaiting drainage structures delivery. Construction is scheduled to start in November 2023.

**AUG 22** - Director Sieger, FDOT, FAA met on the FDOT Work Program Development plan for the next 5 years. Focus on funding Aviation Terminal

**AUG 27-30** - Staff prepared for possible impacts from TS Idalia. Staging for FP&L.





# FINANCIAL SERVICES GRANTS TRACKING

## Current Active Grants

- Total = 69
- Award Amount = \$136,018,769
- Reimbursed = \$64,775,253

## Upcoming (\$1,136,000+/-):

- Land Mgmt | \$336k Hurricane Michael Wildfire Mitigation, N & S Malacompra Drives
- Land Mgmt | \$200k NEFRC Resiliency
- Emergency Mgmt | \$600k HMGP Roof Hardening

## Grants Added in last month:

- Hurricane Ian & Nicole Emergency Recovery Project 23FL4
- FDOT CTD-Trip and Equipment Grant

## GENERAL SERVICES

### AUGUST STATS:

#### Transportation

- Trips: 7,259 (+17% from July); 53 Denials (-66%)
- Miles: 52,619 (+3.4% from July)
- Vehicles in Max Service: 15

#### Garbage Collection Services

- 7,679 total customers (2nd Quarter 2023)
- 90 new customers

#### Road and Bridge

- 1,768 acres mowed
- 875 miles Roadway improved - dragged and graded
- 11,774 ft. Ditches cleaned with wheeled excavator
- 789 cubic yards added to roads
- 89 Bags Roadside Litter removed
- 1 new installation driveway culvert
- Constructed revision on the Water Oak Road Improvement project
- Fabricated scuba tank holders FCSO Dive Team
- Amphibious excavator used in Hunter's Ridge to assist Land Management with canal cleaning and fire line prep
- Grading crews reshaped 2 miles unpaved roads

#### Facilities

- 190 Work Order requests in August
- 31.6 per maintenance worker

#### Parks

##### Princess Place Preserve

- 18 Reservations (40 nights) Cottages
- 13 Reservations (24 nights) Group Camping, Equestrian, and Primitive Camping

##### Bull Creek

- 7 Reservations (15 nights) RV Sites

##### Countywide

- 25 Pavilion Reservations
- 47 Community Center Reservations
- 48 miles of Trails maintained
- Special Events: 1,355+ attendees in August
  - 6 ½ Hour Race at River to Sea (West)
  - Okult Band Concert at Betty Steflik Park was cancelled
  - Arredondo Birthday at Wadsworth Park (3 days, ~150 attendance)
  - Kids Trail Race at Mala Compra Trail
  - 12th Annual Spikes & Spurs X Country at the Flagler County Recreation Area

## GENERAL SERVICES

### AUGUST

#### Fleet

- Completed 253 work orders this month out of 259 requests (97.7% completion rate)
- Services 969 pieces of equipment (316 FCSO)

#### Fuel Usage

- 40,840 gallons Unleaded Gas Dispensed
- 9,080 gallons Diesel Fuel Dispensed
- 5,102 gal. field-delivered by Fleet using fuel truck

#### Phase 1 Carver Expansion and Improvements

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

- Main Electrical Service - Awaiting FPL
- Goal to complete all planned project elements by Sept 30

#### Wadsworth Park Restroom / Dog Park Updates

Installing new hurricane rated, ADA facility at the Roberts Rd. parking area. 529 sq foot facility providing restroom access. All Dog Park amenities to include new fencing, shade structures.

- Two Post & Beam shelters (delivered after long back-order). Installation is underway.
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# COMMUNICATIONS

## County News Releases August

- **15** News Releases - distributed to 120+ media contacts, Jax to Orlando. Also on FC Social media platforms.
  - New govDelivery analytics show **5,103** recipients, requested e-notifications for news release postings
  - Open rates between **16-21%**
- **17** pick-ups by local news print, radio, TV, blogsites
- **8** WNZF News Radio stories
- **1** news outlet interviews set
  - Fox 35 interview with County Engineer Alkhatib re: Pedestrian Bdrge

## Hurricane Idalia - Media coordination

- Press Conference
- Fox 35 interview- Faith Alkhatib
- WESH2 interviewed- Jonathan Lord

## Print Content

- "Headlines" September 1 published
- "The Flagler Bulletin" Employee Engagement Newsletter sent to 397 recipients, with 61% open rate
- Content in Development for next quarterly issue Coast to Country

## Other

- Volusia-Flagler Public Information Network
- Granicus One-View Training

## Social Media August:

### Nextdoor

**27** Posts      **1,634** Average view  
**44,129** Reach      **40,091** Neighbors  
**30,600** Households

**Social posts continue. Statistics will resume shortly ...**



**HURRICANE IDALIA**  
**TORNADO WATCH UNTIL 3 PM**

Watch

vs

Warning



**POSSIBLE SEVERE WEATHER CONDITIONS WILL DEVELOP**

**WEATHER IS ALREADY OCCURRING OR LIKELY TO OCCUR. TAKE PROACTIVE MEASURES**



386-313-4200  
 FlaglerCounty.gov/Emergency

Facebook Instagram Twitter @FlaglerEOC

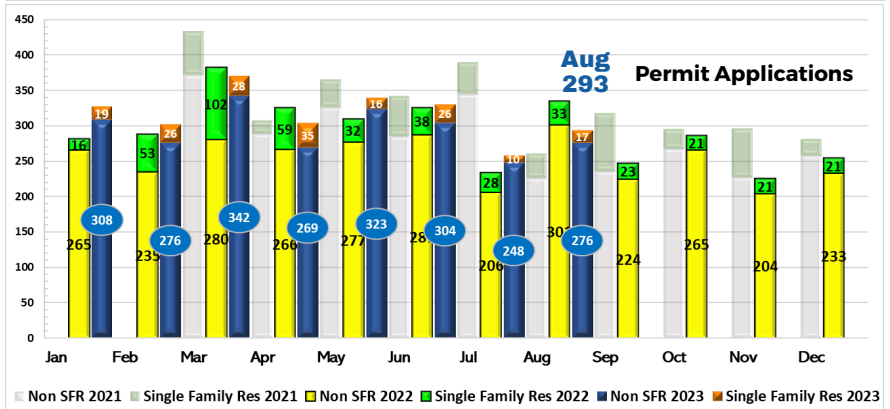
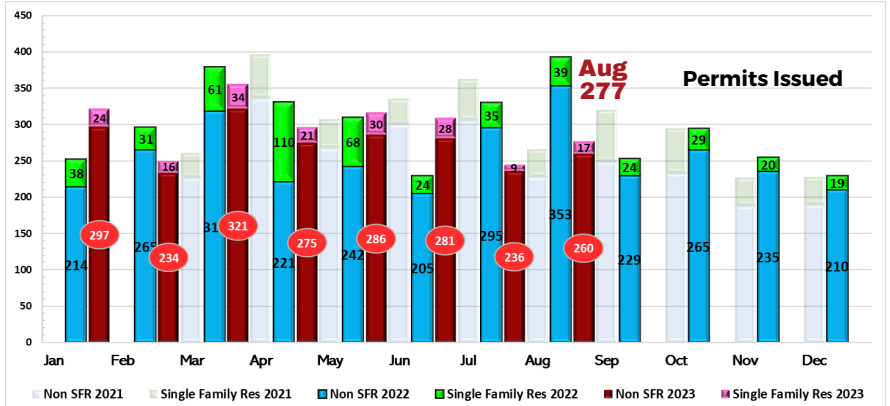
# GROWTH MANAGEMENT: AUGUST

- Comprehensive Plan Update project ongoing. Stakeholder interviews and first Public Workshop held in August. Data collection progressing.
- The Building Association of Florida internship program for Flagler County has been approved by the DBPR.
- Building Inspectors continue the curriculum for the Fire Inspector certification.
- Hunter's Ridge Storage facility commenced construction.
- Ed Rodriguez, Licensing Coordinator, attended the Construction Licensing Officials Association of Florida Conference.

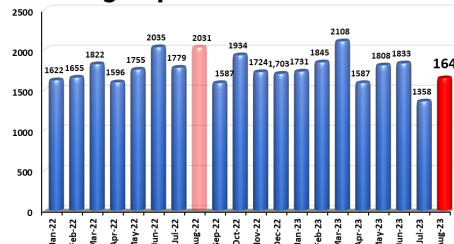
## GROWTH MANAGEMENT NUMBERS

New Planning and Zoning Applications

	Total	Comp Plan Amd	Zoning/Site Plan/Plat	BTR	Buildable Lot	Short Term Rental	Zoning/FDEP Confirmation	Variance/Spec Ex Conditional Use
Aug 2023	25		9			11	3	2
July 2023	8		4			1		3
June 2023	20		9			7	3	1
May 2023	10		1			2	1	6
April 2023	16		8		1	2	2	3
Mar 2023	7		2			4		1
Feb 2023	19		7			8	3	1
Jan 2023	9		1			7		1
Dec 2022	11					7		3
Nov 2022	4		4					

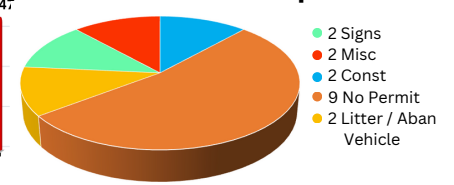


## Building Inspections



Lien Searches: 48

Code Cases Opened: 17



# ENGINEERING UPDATES

## COASTLINE PROJECTS - PAST 60

### ACOE / FDOT PROJECTS - CITY OF FLAGLER BEACH:

Procurement of easements continues. Coordination continues regarding beach access to construct the non-federal north taper. Memorandum of Understanding established between ACOE and Flagler County to incorporate the non-fed project tapers into the Federal project construction.

### HURRICANE IAN & NICOLE RECOVERY PROJECT - PAINTERS HILL:

Completed dune construction at the end of May, plantings completed in June. Reimbursement and close-out in progress.

### HURRICANE IAN & NICOLE RECOVERY PROJECT - SOUTH HAMMOCK:

Dune construction began June 1st and was completed June 30th, plantings completed July 15. Reimbursement and close-out in progress.

### HURRICANE IAN & NICOLE EMERGENCY SAND FDEP \$5 MILLION:

Approximately \$1.25 million remaining after South Hammock Dunes project, and plantings for FEMA Cat B project. The remaining grant funds may be used as a local match to the FEMA Category B project.

### WASHINGTON OAKS BEACH & DUNES:

Advance payment forms sent to FDEP to eliminate financial impact to the County. This work is 100% FDEP funded. Construction completed. Project closeout in progress.

### HURRICANE DORIAN - FEMA PROJECT PW215:

Sand placement was completed end of February. Reimbursement and closeout in process.

### BEACH MANAGEMENT PLAN:

Beach management Plan is under development. Purpose is to evaluate existing beach and dune conditions and, with county and stakeholder input, develop future management activities and evaluate funding options. Funding Study commenced on March 9th and is underway, survey scheduled to be disseminated to public in October.

# HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

## AUGUST DATA POINTS:

### Adult Day Care

- 24 Enrolled
- 172 meals served
- 924 hours billed to funding sources

### Senior Services

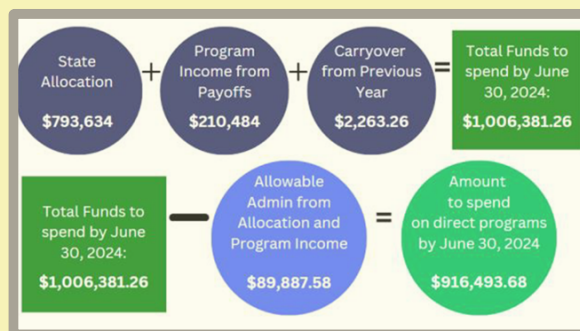
- 394 Congregate Meals served
- 2,842 Meals on Wheels
- 32 Meals on Wheels volunteers
- Staff at Parkinson Support Group, SPIN, Feed Flagler, & Health Fair
- EPIC Suicide Prevention Training
- 5 Staff activated to EOC during Idalia

### Human Services

- 58 Client Intakes
- 13 Utility assistance
- 10 Rent Assists (14 additional vetted and paid through SvDP)
- 27 Medical support services scheduled
- 6 Health Care Responsibility Act (HCRA)

### Housing Services

- **Home Rehabs:**
  - 5 Completed (\$234,205.13)
  - 3 in Phase 4 (\$153,000)
- **Purchase Assistance:**
  - 3 Completed (\$135,000)
  - 3 in Phase 2 (\$145,000)
  - 2 in Phase 4 (\$100,000)
- **Emergency Repair (final year of strategy)**
  - 2 Completed (\$29,100)
  - 1 in Phase 3 (\$12,450)
- **Disaster Assistance (Ian)**
  - 1 Completed (\$2091.28)



Flagler Resilient Homes: \$194k HLMP Grant begun, completing 10 Home Wind Mitigation inspections with summary reports. Preparing Scopes of work for State approval to proceed with loss mitigation projects.

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## AUGUST UPDATES

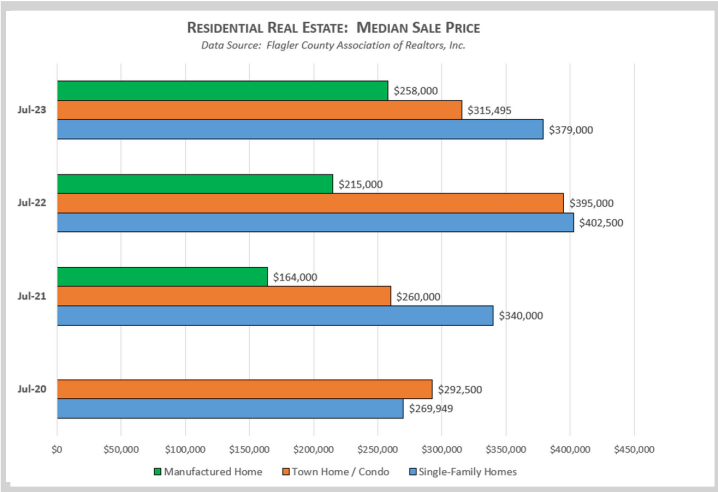
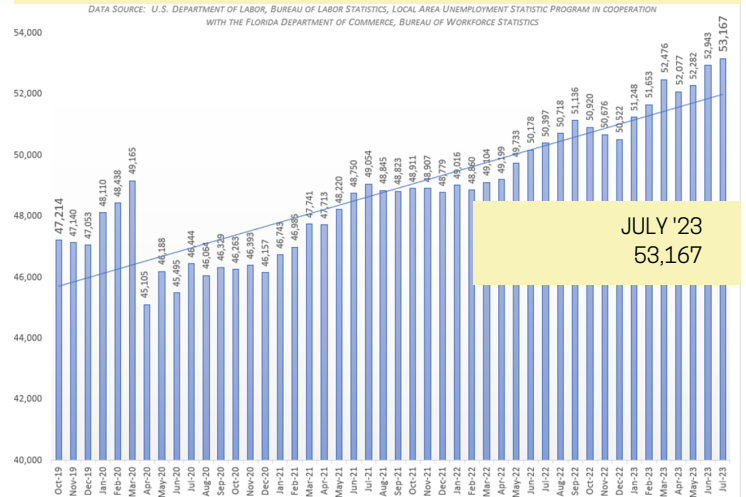
- Reviewed, responded, & forwarded Request for Information (RFI) for:
  - Project Truffle
  - Project Eleven
- Local Business / Resident Request for Assistance: 5
- Interagency / Internal Requests: 4
- Site Selector Request for Information: 1
- Information Sharing with Partners
  - From Dept of Commerce (EFI): 1
  - From JaxUSA: 10
  - RFIs: 2
- Work on Business Expansion Projects: 1
- Continued work on Project Orchid

## Unemployment Rate:

July **3.7%** June 3.6% May 3.3% Apr 2.9% Mar 3.2% Feb 3.2% Jan 3.2%

Unemployment Comparison			
July	2021	2022	2023
U.S.	5.4%	3.8%	3.5%
Florida	5.1%	2.8%	2.7%
Flagler County	5.3%	3.2%	3.7%

## LABOR FORCE RESIDING IN FLAGLER COUNTY



## Single Family Median Sale Price

- JUL 2023 \$381,750**
- Apr 2023 \$375,000
- Jun 2023 \$362,700
- Mar 2023 \$371,995
- May 2023 \$381,750
- Feb 2023 \$368,348

## Fast Facts REAL ESTATE

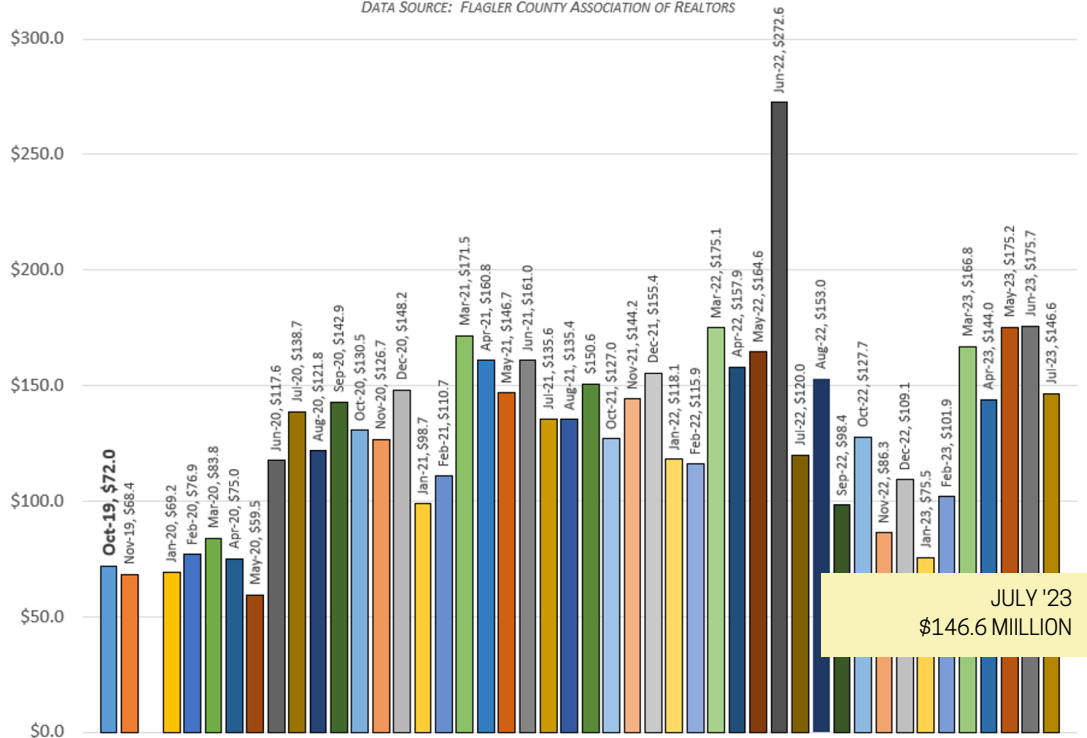
- July's residential dollar volume of sales saw a significant drop from the previous month. However, it is higher than the sales volume in July 2022
- Over the past 12 months, the median price of a single-family home has been \$372,000 in Flagler County

## LABOR FORCE

- There was a gain of 224 persons in the Flagler County labor force between June & July 2023 and almost 6,000 since October 2019
- Unemployment increased slightly between June & July. This seems to follow an established "summer" trend

## RESIDENTIAL DOLLAR VOLUME OF SALES IN MILLIONS | FLAGLER COUNTY

DATA SOURCE: FLAGLER COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS





## IT PROJECT UPDATES:

### AUGUST by the numbers:

Total New IT Tickets: 722

- County Tickets: 394
- Sheriff's Office Tickets: 230
- Flagler Beach Tickets: 98

Total IT Tickets Closed: 636

Total GIS Work Orders created: 74

Total GIS Work Orders completed: 28

Total UAS Flight Missions: 8

### Projects:

- FCSO IT Transfer Project:
  - Migrated servers to FCSO infrastructure. Several still to be migrated.
- Weekly tag-ups with county IT, FCSO vendor representatives, and SO representatives to ensure all transfer items are moving forward.
- E911 Dispatch systems migrated to new Public Safety and FCSO networks
- Flagler Beach network upgrade 90% completed
- Design phase of website overhaul initiated
- Completed physical and drone flights of coastline and identified key areas pre- and post-storm (Hurricane Idalia)
- FCSO Ops Center cellular DAS installation complete.
- Jail security project is still in design phase. Held multiple meetings with vendor, targeting final design approved in September.



**\*REMINDER:**  
State reports lag by at least one-month's closing (i.e. April #'s arrive in June)

### Tourist Development Tax Revenues

• July 2023	\$578,187.68
• July 2022	\$535,401.34
• Change	+7.99%

### Hotel and Resort Snapshot

	Occupancy	Average Daily Rate
• July 2023	66.3%	\$213.12
• July 2022	64.6%	\$208.97
• Change	+2.6%	+2.0%

### Vacation Rental Snapshot - Airbnb and VRBO only

	Listings	Occupancy	Average Daily Rate
• July 23	1,127	72%	\$346.00
• July 22	942	66%	\$357.00
• Change	+19.6%	+9.7%	-2.9%

### Total Sales on All Accommodations

• July 2023	\$11,558,230.41
• July 2022	\$10,802,417.27
• Change	+6.99%

## HUMAN RESOURCES

### KEY DATA THROUGH AUGUST:

Fiscal Year To Date Turnover Rate = 15.95%

Year To Date Turnover Rate = 9.60%

425 Authorized Positions

376 Total Employees

**New Hires August: 4 FYTD: 58**

**Resignations August: 3 FYTD: 54**

**Dismiss / Layoff August: 2 FYTD: 5**

**Vacancies: 49 | 11.5%**

The departments experiencing the highest vacancies:

- General Services (20)
- Fire Rescue (8)
- Health & Human Services (8)

### Job Postings

- **5 August**
- 94 FYTD

### Employment Applications Processed

- **76 August**
- 850 FYTD

### Workers Compensation Claims FYTD: 19

- 6 Loss Time Claims, FYTD
- 13 Medical Claims Only, FYTD

## FINANCIAL SERVICES UPDATES

### FY 2023-24 Budget Process Updates

- Held an August Budget Workshop presenting the FY 2024 CIP. Sought guidance from the board for any requested changes to the budget before the Public Hearings in September
  - 1st Public Hearing (Adoption of Special Assessment Rates, CIP, and first hearing for adoption of Millage Rates, 9/6
  - 2nd Public Hearing (Adoption Millage Rates) 9/18

### Purchasing

- 1,003 Invoices
- 743 P-Card Transactions
- 55 Purchase Orders

### Contracts in Process of Award

- Branding Creative Media – Travel 9/18 Board Meeting
- MSBU for Fire Safety – 1 Bid received

### Future Contracts

- CMAR Fire Stations
- GA Food
- Commerce Parkway
- Oil Service for Garage
- Tourism Master Plan
- Professional Aviation Engineering & Planning Service