FLAGLER BOCC MONTHLY UPDATE

DEPARTMENTAL STATISTICS AND STATUS REPORT · NOVEMBER 2023

LIBRARY SERVICES

OCTOBER STATS

16.510 Visitors: Foot Traffic

332 New Borrowers Registered

46,962 Items Circulated

9,123 Database & Website Usage

4.302 Internet & Wifi Connections

1,915 Research Questions

59 In-person Events

2,113 Event Attendees

1,506 Passive Programs (Crafts, etc.)

70 Facebook Posts

32,417 Facebook Post Views

305 Photos

222 Passports

\$13.946 Revenue

LEGISLATIVE & SPECIAL PROJECTS

- Legislative Delegation held October 13 and FAC Conference November 17-19
- Waiting grant notifications for Library
- Strategic Plan Dashboard: Working on General Services' plan
- Multi-Purpose Community Center grant application submitted October 2
- Held Daytona North Fall Festival on October 27 at Hidden Trails park





MUCH TO BE THANKFUL FOR

Commissioners.

As we celebrate Thanksgiving, I wanted to take a moment to express my gratitude to each of you. I am thankful for your guidance and direction, and the trust and respect you afford me and all of the staff here at Flagler County.

I am grateful for each and every one of them, for their support of each other, our agency, and our community. The professionalism and compassion they show to our residents and partner agencies make a difference in our community every day.

Thank you for the clear direction you provide for our efforts, and for all that you do. I hope this Thanksgiving brings you joy and happiness. With appreciation,

- Heidi Petito, County Administrator

VETERANS' SERVICES

478 Customers served in October 128 by appointment • 79 walk-ins

202 by telephone · 69 by email

- Parade planning meeting at BPD
- Spoke at Navy Seabees meeting, Emory Bennett State Veterans Nursing Home
- Represented at Vettes For Vets / DAV
 Chapter 86 reveal of home repairs donation
 for Vet
- Met with Univ. of North Florida Doctors re: local Veteran medical research study
- FC VSO exhibit at Remembering Heroes event
- Attended Veterans Assistance Commission, American Legion, VFW, Marine Corps League, and MOAA meetings.
- · Veterans on Point radio shows
- Veteran of the Week articles: Local Observer

The Flagler County Board of County Commissioners at its regular meeting on November 20 voted for District 1 Commissioner Andy Dance to the position of chair and District 4 Commissioner Leann Pennington to serve as vice chair. Congratulations!





UF IFAS Extension UNIVERSITY of FLORIDA

At A Glance - OCTOBER

- 621 Resident Inquiries and Assistance
- 5 Soil Tests, 1 Water test
- 526 Extension-Volunteer hours

Events

- 4-H: Bunnell Homesteaders Club, CTK Club, Flagler Anglers, Flagler Cloverbuds, Flagler Equestrians, Flagler Foodies, Green Thumbs, Haw Creek and Home, Homeschooling Homesteaders, Kids in the Kitchen, Melody Makers, Sew Much Fun, Southern Livestock Growers, TopShots Archery
- Aquatic Pesticide Licensing class
- Horticulture: Berrylicious Plants for Your Landscape
- Master Gardners Booth at Family Day / Farmers' Market; 4-day Open House
- Florida 101 Course 30 participants (Sea Grant, Ag, Horticulture)

LAND MANAGEMENT

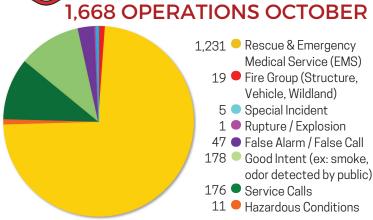
LAND ACQUISITION / ESL MANAGEMENT

- Submitted application to HMGP for acquisition of coastal properties as hazard reduction - purchase environmentally sensitive lands that also provide access within the 0.5 mile required for ACOE favorable permitting costs
- · Initiated purchase of tractor for required work on County lands, primarily wildfire mitigation, generating savings overall
- Hog managment dashboard / website project to begin with GIS
- Princess Place GT grant approved and executed by all parties

GRANTS UPDATE AND REVENUE GENERATION

- Hunter's Ridge Timber Harvest to be evaluated for continuance
- Third resiliency grant for \$200k executed for work with NEFRC
- Town of Marineland has selected to not support the grant for Cottages at River to Sea Preserve
- Researching National Resource Conservation Service grant for reimbursement for Land Management activities

FLAGLER COUNTY FIRE RESCUE



- 771 hours Company Level In-Service Training
- 297 hours EMS In-Service

Community Risk Reduction

- 4 Addiction Stabilization Meetings
- 14 CPR Students / Participants
- 1 CPR Class and Demonstration
- Elder Source Vaccination Planning Meeting

Community Paramedicine

- O Narcan Administration
- 14 Narcan "Leave Behind" Program
- 60 Patient Contacts (food programs, insurance, meds)
- 80 CORe Participants Coordinated Opioid REcovery
- Referrals: 8 from FCFR Crews, 6 from Advent Hospital

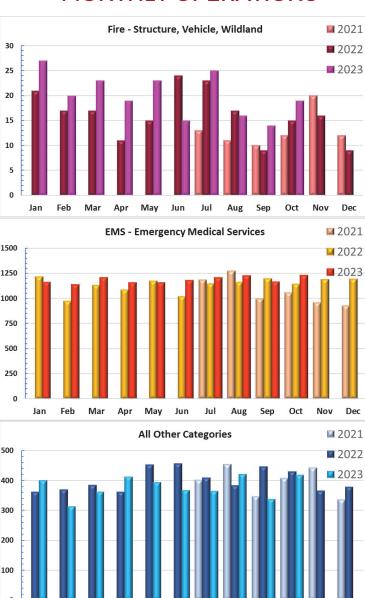
FireFlight Operations

- O Fire Suppression
- 9 Fire Reconnaisance
- 24 Smoke Investigations
- 7 Air Medical 10 Air Ambulance Standby
- E911
- 811 Text to 911 (19.84%)
- 3,113 Wireless calls (76.17%) 99.68% answered < 15 seconds
- 2 Search and Rescue
- 6 LEO Support
- 4 LEO Standby Requests
- 3 Public Outreach

• 4,087 Total

163 Wire/Hard Line (3.99%)

MONTHLY OPERATIONS



Jan

Feb

Mar

Apr

Mav

Jun

Jul

Aug

Sep

Oct Nov

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SNAPSHOT

FY TOTALS OCTOBER 2023

- Training/Exercises Conducted:4
- Training/Exercise Attendees: 62
- Outreach Events Held: 5
- Event Attendees: 758
- Radio/TV Interviews: -
- Radio/TV Audience Reach: -
- ALERTFlagler Notifications Sent: 28
- ALERTFlagler Enrollees: 105,197
- Social Media Followers: 27,889

Major Events: None

Mosquito Control

 New district-bounderies and taxing took effect October 1

Re-establish Citizens Academy

• Finalized schedule, Jan - April 2024

WebEOC Enhancements

- Advanced training scheduled Dec.
- Resolved Section Branch Board issues

Disaster Housing Plan - DHP

• Work continues on plan narrative

Continuity of Operations Planning Program (COOP)

• Several departments pending

Evacuation Zones and Disaster Guide Updates

- Final draft published online
- Procurement to print 10,000

Resource Center, Reunification & Community Service Site Plans

- Draft concept developed
- Reviewed reunification TTX afteraction

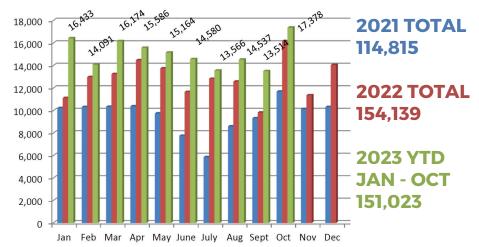
CEMP Primary Document Update

 Incorporated necessary edits from AARs and EMAP process

Emergency Support Team Development

 Conducted training for potential new members

Air Traffic Control Tower Operations - Arrivals / Departures



FLAGLER EXECUTIVE AIRPORT UPDATES

- OCCUPANCY HANGARS 100%
- T-HANGAR WAITING LIST 148
- COMMERCIAL 2ND FLOOR PROFESSIONAL CTR AVAILABLE

T-HANGAR CONSTRUCTION - The contractor has submitted the request for an additional 45 calendar days due to the FPL coordination issues, labor shortage issues, and weather-related delays. The new substantial completion date is November 30, 2023, and the final completion date is December 30, 2023. S. E. Cline (contractor) completed the construction of the T-Hangar concrete entrance ramps and is in the process of constructing the taxilanes and the connector road. Some sod has been installed between the concrete entrance ramps. M&M Development & Construction (sub-contractor) are in the final stages of completing all of the new T-hangar buildings. The bathrooms are almost complete. FPL installed power to the buildings.

AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL TOWER EQUIPMENT - All the equipment has been received. The contractor plans to pour the new AWOS antenna pad in mid-November and then come back at the beginning of December to finalize the installation.

TAXIWAY A - No update since last month. The project is on temporary hold until the paving of the taxilanes is completed for the T-Hangar project.

GENERAL AVIATION TERMINAL RAMP - The Airport Director issued the Notice to Proceed to Halifax Paving (contractor) on October 2, 2023. Halifax Paving has completed the concrete and pavement demolition operations on the airside. They are now constructing the ramp subgrade.

4C's (subcontractor) has completed the installation of drainage pipes and structures in the landside area of the project.

OCT 10 Director Sieger gave a presentation on the Flagler Executive Airport at City of Palm Coast Council Workshop

OCT 25 Director Sieger attended Legislative Session 2024 Preview event hosted by Palm Coast - Flagler Regional Chamber of Commerce; presentation by House Speaker Renner



FINANCIAL SERVICES GRANTS TRACKING

Current Active Grants

- Total = 68
- Award Amount = \$172,041,887
- Reimbursed = \$74,045,295

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 finalized in last month:

- Emergency Management Performance
- Library HMGP Nexus Center and Dept. of State Library Aid -\$Unknown at this time

GENERAL SERVICES

OCTOBER CONT...

Fleet

- Completed 244 work orders this month out of 259 requests (94.2% completion rate)
- Services 969 pieces of equipment (316 FCSO)
- 157 field services/maintenance completed

Fuel Usage

- 38,476 gallons Unleaded Gas Dispensed
- 8,602 gallons Diesel Fuel Dispensed
- 4,432 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 completed
- FPL still to complete connection to main service

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 backorder) are being installed.
- Goal to complete all planned elements by end of October

GENERAL SERVICES

OCTOBER STATS:

Transportation

- Trips: 8,121 (+7% from Sep) / 43 Denials (+2%)
- Miles: 63,817 (+4%)
- Vehicles in Max Service: 17

Garbage Collection Services

- 7,797 total customers 3rd Quarter 2023
- 118 new customers 3rd Quarter 2023

Road and Bridge

- 1,786 acres mowed
- 1,016 miles Roadway improved dragged and graded
- 11,520 ft. Ditches cleaned with wheeled excavator
- 2.227 cubic vards added to roads
- 122 Bags Roadside Litter removed
- 4 installations driveway culverts, 1 cross-pipe
- Placed additional material on roadways during October due to severe weather in our area. Staff repaired washouts and monitored roadways for potential problems.
- 2 Safety Meetings: CDL Licensing, Employee Appreciation event

Facilities

• 189 Work Order requests for August - 31.5 per maintenance worker

Parks

Princess Place Preserve

- 27 Reservations (68 nights) Cottages
- 82 Reservations (134 nights) Group Camping, Equestrian, and Primitive Camping

Bull Creek

• 12 Reservations (42 nights) RV Sites

Countywide

- 46 Pavilion Reservations
- 69 Community Center Reservations
- 56 miles of Trails maintained

October Special Events, ~5.045 attendees

- Creekside Festival Princess Place Preserve
- Al Myer Memorial Horseshoe Tournament & FL-GA Horseshoe Tournaments - Old Dixie
- Privateers Cattlemans Hall
- Jack's Trail Race Mala Compra Trails
- 22nd Epic Women's Weekend Graham Swamp Trail/ Mala Compra (
- Sean Henderson Memorial Rodeo FCRA
- M. Morris Fishing Tournament Bings Landing

COMMUNICATIONS

County News October

- 17 News Releases distributed to 120+ media contacts, Jax to Orlando. Also on FC Social media platforms.
- **25** pick-ups by local news print, radio, TV, blogsites
- 6 WNZF News Radio stories
- **1** news outlet interview set for Ansley Wren-Key with WMFE
- E-Notify subscribers govDelivery analytics
 - Open rates between 15-18%
 - Top performers: Flagler Fall Outreach; Legislative Priorities; White-Table Ceremony; Playhouse Fire
- · Nextdoor social media platform
 - **17** posts to
 - 47,354 "Neighbors"
 - 39,193 Reach
 - 2,305 avg views per post

Print Content

- "Headlines" Top Stories 1-sheeter Monthly
- "Flagler Bulletin" Employee Engagement Newsletter Monthly - for November:
 - E-blast covering 18 topics.
 - 397 recipients
 - 57% open rate
- "Coast to Country"
 - October 1 Issue published
 - 15 Articles
 - 60 pages
 - 27 "ads" highlighting five municipalities, all five constitutional offices, and five commissioners, as well as amenities, events, parks and services
 - January 1 Issue under development

Regional participation

- Volusia-Flagler PI Network meeting
- · Mandatory CPC training
- Will be teaching the FEMA L0105 Public Information class January 17-19 in Flagler.
 Working on curriculum now.

Social posts continue. Reporting will resume shortly



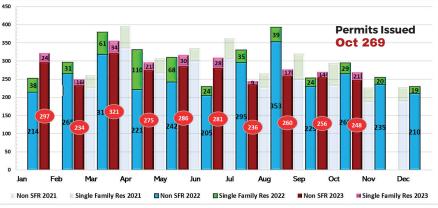
GROWTH MANAGEMENT: OCTOBER

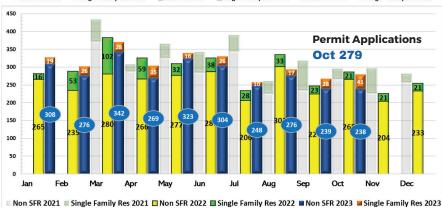
- The Comprehensive Plan Update project is ongoing. Data analysis is in review.
- Building Inspector II hired, start date is November 13th.
- The Building Association of Florida internship program for Flagler County has commenced, Building Inspectors started logging date.
- Building Inspector Mellow was approved by the State for Electrical Inspector and Plans Examiner.
- The Unsafe Structure process is underway, quotes are in for one structure and several properties have been condemned.
- The Planning Division is working with the GIS Division on project mapping.

GROWTH MANAGEMENT NUMBERS

New Planning and Zoning Applications

	Total	Comp Plan	Zoning/Site	BTR	Buildable	Short Term	Zoning/FDEP	Variance/Spec Ex
		Amd	Plan/Plat		Lot	Rental	Confirmation	Conditional Use
Oct 2023	12		4	2		2	3	1
Sep 2023	17		8	1	1	2	3	2
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





Building Inspections Lien Searches: 28 Code Cases Opened: 19 10 No Permit 11 Litter / Aban Vehicle 2 Unsafe Structure 3 Signs 1 ROW 1 Zoning

 1 RV / Motor Occupancy

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ENGINEERING UPDATES COASTAL PROJECTS - SEPT/OCT

ACOE/ FDOT PROJECTS CITY OF FLAGLER BEACH

Completion of easement procurement. Funding assistance coordination continues.

Final design, permit modifications/updates, BOEM lease updates and finalization of easements (by Legal) in process. Preparation for construction phase approaches (Spring/Summer 2024). Multiagency coordination continues. County and ACoE executed a Memorandum of Understanding to enable the ACOE to incorporate the non-fed project limits 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 1 and completed June 30. Plantings complete July 15. Reimbursement and close-out in progress.

HURRICANE IAN & NICOLE EMERGENCY SAND FDEP \$35 MILLION

Approximately \$36.25 million remains after the South Hammock Dunes project and plantings for FEMA Cat B project. Funds to be used for design and permitting of beach and dune nourishment dredge projects along the northern 11.6 miles.

WASHINGTON OAKS BEACH & DUNES

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

HURRICANE DORIAN - FEMA PROJECT PW215

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

BEACH MANAGEMENT PLAN

Beach Management Plan was adopted by the BOCC on Oct. 16. It includes the goals and implementation strategies to develop the future management activities and projects along the Flagler County coastline. Funding Study commenced March 9 and is ongoing. Public information webpage is completed.

HURRICANE NICOLE - FEMA CATEGORY B

Dune construction began July 5 for Hammock Beach Phase 1 section and completed Sept. 14. Phase 2 began Sept. 21 and continues. Planting completed for Phase 1 and half of Phase 2.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

OCTOBER DATA POINTS:

Adult Day Care

- 21 Enrolled; 1 New client this month; 2 discharged
- 247 Meals served
- 1,360 hours billed to funding sources
- 11 Inquiries for service; 2 potential client trials

Senior Services

- 387 Congregate Meals served
- 2.745 Meals on Wheels
- 32 Meals on Wheels volunteers
- \$8,861 EHEAP Assistance
- Outreach: Parkinson Support Group & SPIN meeting;
 Feed Flagler; Resource Council; Fall Festival;
 Presentations: Advanced Care Solutions and Elks Lodge

Human Services

- 117 Intakes
- 13 Utility Assists and 5 Rent Assists
- 56 Medical Services support / scheduled
- Outreach: Family Life Center breakfast; Flagler Cares Night
 Out; Flagler Fall Outreach: 34 Vendors and served 101
 attendees; 3rd Annual Rise Up Against Domestic Violence;
 Unconscious Bias Training / The Neighborhood Center;
 Baby Shower Collection Alpha Women's Center

Housing Services

- Home Rehabilitation projects:
 - 4 in Intake / Award Phase
 - 3 in Inspection / Scope Phase
 - 3 in Construction & Draw Phase –2 over \$50K
 - To date Rehabs: 136
- Purchase Assistance:
 - 1 completed
 - 5 certified & House Hunting
 - Active SHIP mortgages to monitor: 176
 - o To date Purchase Assistance: 560
- Emergency Repair (final state-year of strategy)
 - 1 (awaiting Purchase Order)
- Roof Replacement 2 completed, 1 initiated
- Senior Home Modification 1 initiated
- Flagler Resilient Homes: \$194,000 HLMP Grant; 10 Homes under Active Scope Development to issue early November
- Outreach/Training: Fall Outreach; City of Palm Coast Rehab Workshop as Partner for CDBG Housing Rehab Program; Extension Services Advisory Committee Meeting with Volusia County Extension Office (HUD Certified Counseling)
- Affordable Housing Advisory Committee Meeting
- Initiated surveys and stakeholder meetings to consider interim housing assistance plan amendment.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OCTOBER UPDATES

- Reviewed, responded, & forwarded Request for Information (RFI) for APTA, Jasper, Ionize, and Big Sun (2) Projects
- Work continues: Destination Center, Ginger, and Orchid Projects
- **5** Inter-agency / Internal Requests for Research &/or Assistance
- 1 Site Selector Market Analysis
- Information Sharing 4 from Florida Commerce, 11 from JaxUSA, and 5 RFI's
- Authored executive briefs for 9 proposed financial incentive/investment programs to be considered by County Commission. Meetings scheduled in November; workshop January 2024.

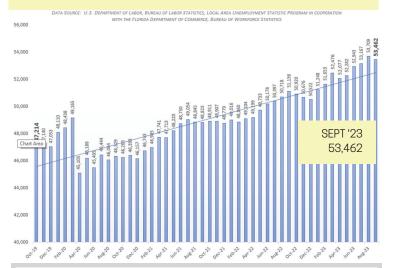


Unemployment Rate:

Sep 4.0% Aug 3.9% Jul 3.7% June 3.3% May 3.3% Apr 2.9% Mar 3.2%

Unemployment Comparison						
September	2021	2022	2023			
U.S.	4.6%	3.3%	3.6%			
Florida	4.3%	2.6%	3.0%			
Flagler County	4.4%	3.0%	4.0%			

LABOR FORCE RESIDING IN FLAGLER COUNTY



Single Family Median Sale Price

- SEP 2023 \$355,000
- Aug 2023 \$365,000
- Jul 2023 \$395,000
- Jun 2023 \$362,700
- May 2023 \$381,750
- Apr 2023 \$375,000

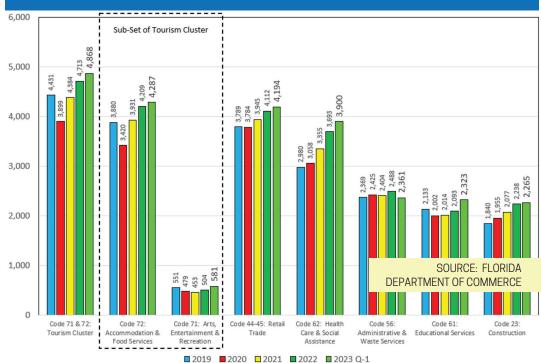
Fast Facts REAL ESTATE

 September saw a decline in the dollar volume of residential sales in Flagler County. This follows a typical pattern with more sales occurring in Spring and Summer months

LABOR FORCE

- According to the most recent data, approximately 250 individuals left the Flagler County labor force between August & September
- There were also 252 fewer Flagler County citizens that were employed.
 This accounts for increase in the unemployment rate
- The unemployment rate rose to 4% in September - the highest rate since November 2021. Unemployment of 5% or lower is often considered full employment in a real-world context.

TOP INDUSTRY SECTORS BY NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES



IT PROJECT UPDATES:

October

By the Numbers:

Total New IT Tickets: 772 County Tickets: 486

Sheriff's Office Tickets: **286**Total IT Tickets Closed: **760**Total GIS Work Orders created: **51**Total GIS Work Orders completed: **25**

Total UAS Flight Missions: 11

Projects:

- FCSO IT Transfer Project:
 - FCSO IT Separation Project 100% complete.
- Completed work with website developer in order to gather feedback prior to design phase through a Community Survey
- Completed Flagler Beach fiber runs for wastewater plant and parks
- Submitted USDOT SMART grant application for UAS R&D airfield

Honorable Mentions:

- Drone support during Bunnell Playhouse fire and follow-up for documentation for the Bureau of Fire, Arson, & Explosives Investigations
- Completed audio server replacement in Chambers
- Installed and setup new Mach Alert boards for Station 92
- Setup new inventory hardware and software for Flagler Beach and Bunnell Police Departments.
- Veranda Bay 1B and 1C final plats completed in GIS allowing addresses to be visible to the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system.
- Drone monitoring Princess Place: 4-month progress of June prescribed burn



*REMINDER:

State reports lag by at least onemonth's closing (i.e. April #s arrive in June)

Tourist Development Tax Revenues

Sept 2023 \$296,328.71
 Sept 2022 \$323,456.64
 Change -8.9%

Hotel and Resort Snapshot

Vacation Rental Snapshot - Airbnb and VRBO only

	Listings	Occupancy	Average Daily Rate
 Sept 23 	1,147	48%	\$309.00
 Sept 22 	969	47%	\$338.00
 Change 	+18.4%	+2.2%	-8.6%

Total Sales on All Accommodations

Sept 2023 \$5,759,941.79Sept 2022 \$6,662,208.65

HUMAN RESOURCES

KEY DATA THROUGH OCTOBER:

Fiscal Year To Date Turnover Rate = .80%

Year To Date Turnover Rate = 11.46%

431 Authorized Positions

377 Total Employees

New Hires OCT: 3 FYTD: 3
Resignations OCT: 3 FYTD: 3
Dismiss / Layoff OCT: 0 FYTD: 0

Vacancies: 54 | 12.5%

The departments experiencing the highest vacancies:

- General Services (22)
- Health & Human Services (11)
- Fire Rescue and Growth Mgmt (5 each)

Job Postings

- . 11 OCT
- 11 FYTD

Employment Applications Processed

- 84 OCT
- 84 FYTD

Workers Compensation Claims FYTD: 2

- 0 Loss Time Claims, FYTD
- 2 Medical Claims Only, FYTD

FINANCIAL SERVICES UPDATES

FY 2023-24 Budget Process Updates

- Develop FY24 Adopted Budget Cards for BoCC -Distributed
- Preparing Performance Measure Pages for Departments
- Preparing Project Pages
- Updated Budget Message

Purchasing

- 159 Purchase Orders
- 838 Invoices
- 763 P-Card Transactions

Contracts in process of award:

- MSBU for Fire Safety
- Branding, Creative in negotiation

Future Contracts

CMAR Fire Stations; GA Food; Commerce Parkway
 (Posted); Oil Service for Garage; Professional Aviation
 Engineering & Planning Service; Old Hawk Creek Road –
 ITB; Drone for IT (Posted); SMA A/E for Central Service
 Building (To post soon); Fire Dept – One time for a truck
 (Posted); Overhead Crane – Fire Dept (Posted)