



Good Morning!

This past week I had the opportunity to present \$300,000 to the University of Florida Health Center for Psychiatry and Addiction. During the 2019 Legislative Session, Representative Grall and I were able to secure funds to support the Center, which provides critical mental health services to patients at reduced or no cost.

The UF Health Center serves the Treasure Coast area. They receive approximately 10,000 visits annually and provide a diverse array of clinical services and treatment programs like outpatient care for drug addiction, emotional psychiatric support, detox programs, physical therapy for pain management, sleep therapy, child and adolescent psychiatry and more.



The Center was the vision of Ellie McCabe, who has been at the forefront of improving mental-health services and access for her fellow citizens. Mrs. McCabe was also instrumental in creating the Mental Health Collaborative of Indian River County, a partnership of agencies working together to educate, support and find solutions for mental health issues. To learn more about the Center's services, please visit the [UF Health website](#) or call (772) 794-0179.

I consider it a great honor to represent all of the citizens and visitors of District 17. Please share [this link](#) with your friends and family so that they too can sign up for the [Mayfield Minute](#).

If you or someone you know needs my assistance, please don't hesitate to contact my office. My staff and I are here to serve you!

Red Snapper Recreational Fishing Days Added

Governor Ron DeSantis and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) have announced six additional recreational red snapper fishing days. The season for private recreational anglers and state for-hire operations will be open on the following Saturdays and Sundays: October 12-13, 19-20 and 26-27.

“Florida is the fishing capital of the world thanks to our pristine natural resources and an abundance of fisheries, including red snapper,” said Governor DeSantis. “FWC has shown that this fishery is sustainable, so we are happy to provide these additional recreational fishing days to anglers.”

“These additional days would not be possible without the Gulf Reef Fish Survey,” said FWC Chairman Robert Spottswood. “Thank you to every angler who has taken the time to return surveys, talk to staff and participate in this program. Innovative data collection is opening doors and allowing unprecedented management opportunities for Florida, benefiting Gulf anglers.”

The [Gulf Reef Fish Survey](#) was developed to provide more robust data for management of red snapper and other important reef fish, and has provided FWC the opportunity to better manage Gulf red snapper in state and federal waters. All anglers fishing from private recreational vessels must sign up annually as a Gulf Reef Fish Angler to target red snapper and several other reef fish in Gulf state and federal waters (excluding Monroe County), even if they are exempt from fishing license requirements.

You can sign up as a Gulf Reef Fish Angler at no cost at GoOutdoorsFlorida.com or by visiting any location you can purchase a license. Gulf Reef Fish Anglers may receive a questionnaire in the mail regarding their reef fish trips as part of Florida’s Gulf Reef Fish Survey. If you receive a survey, you are encouraged to respond whether you fished this season or not.

For more information about the FWC’s red snapper season and regulations, please visit www.MyFWC.com.

Early Termination of Florida Crystals Lease

This past week the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) announced the early termination of the Florida Crystals Lease for the stormwater treatment area (STA) component of the Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA) Reservoir Project.

I would like to thank the Florida Crystals Corporation for voluntarily terminating their lease on these lands, which will help expedite the completion of the EAA Reservoir Project. The termination of this lease on the STA footprint is an important step, as it is critical for the necessary access for site preparation and will allow the District to meet its expected construction schedule.

“Less than 48 hours after taking office, I charged the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and South Florida Water Management District with expediting critical Everglades restoration projects because we cannot afford to wait,” said Governor DeSantis. “This news is an important step forward in expediting construction of the EAA Reservoir Project and reducing the harmful discharges hurting our coastal estuaries. The EAA Reservoir Project will continue to be a top priority of my administration.”

“Getting the EAA Reservoir Project built and operational is a top priority, and this termination means we can continue to expedite this critical project,” said SFWMD Executive Director Drew Bartlett. “Thanks to Governor DeSantis and the Florida Legislature, construction of the STA is fully funded. The important STA component of the EAA Reservoir Project will treat and send more clean water south to the Everglades. We look forward to working closely with the Corps to expedite federal permits so we can immediately begin site preparation work.”

The EAA Reservoir Project is a joint Everglades restoration project between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and SFWMD. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will construct the storage reservoir and the District will be constructing the water-cleansing STA. SFWMD is already conducting geotechnical work on the project site and will begin site preparations as soon as the permits for the project are approved by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. State officials are actively working to ensure there are no obstacles to the District's expedited construction schedule.

District 17 Highlights

American Muscle Car Museum Celebrates Our Veterans

On Sunday, November 10th from 1:00pm - 5:00pm the [American Muscle Car Museum](#) is hosting a free Open House for Veterans, Active Duty Military and their families.

They will also be giving away some incredible prizes. Active Duty Military personnel that attend could win a \$10,000 cash prize or a paid 2-year lease of a 2019 Audi A3. Many other special prizes will be awarded to Veterans that attend.

The American Muscle Car Museum hosts a private collection of more than 250 muscle cars in a 123,000-square-foot solar powered building near the Melbourne Greyhound Park. The Museum hosts many charity functions, but is not open to the general public. A special thanks to Mark Pieloch and his wife, Tetiana, for their generous support of our veterans and military families!

Indian River County Breast Cancer Awareness Walk

Whether we've faced it ourselves or someone we love has, almost every one of us has been affected by breast cancer in some way. But we can all do something about it.

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer of Indian River
Saturday, October 12, 2019
7:00 AM Check In - 9:00 AM Walk
Riverside Park 3001 Riverside Park Dr, Vero Beach

The American Cancer Society Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk is raising awareness and funds to save lives from breast cancer. This noncompetitive walk brings people from the Treasure Coast together to make a difference for everyone who has been touched by breast cancer. Funds raised will go to fuel innovative research, provide free information and support, and help people reduce their breast cancer risk or find it early when it's most treatable.

You can register your team by going to [Making Strides of Indian River](#) or calling (772) 249-1911. You can also learn how you can protect yourself and loved ones from breast cancer at <http://bit.ly/2gX8ncT>

Malabar Recognized As Florida Trail Town

October is Greenways and Trails Month and a great time to explore Florida's nationally-recognized trail systems. Florida has more than 9,200 miles of hiking, cycling, equestrian and shared-use trails and over 4,000 miles of paddling trails.

Recently, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection recognized Malabar as one of their nine Trail Towns. Malabar was awarded this designation due to its vigorous efforts to establish walking, bicycling and paddling trails through its conservation areas. The town has an active Trails and Greenways Committee that works to create great spaces to enjoy the outdoors and connect their trail system to neighboring towns.

Malabar boasts hiking on the New Yellow Trail and a shelter in the Cameron Preserve where recreationalists can rest, picnic or take refuge from a passing storm. There is also biking along the Al Tuttle Trail, or mountain biking on the Grapefruit Trail. Paddlers have easy public access at the Turkey Creek Canoe Launch where manatees are commonly seen. Visit Malabartrails.org for more information.

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