



Good Morning!

In these difficult times I hope that you and your family are all doing well, staying safe and healthy.

The Primary Election will be held this Tuesday, August 18th. This date also marks the 100th anniversary of the 19th amendment, which granted American women the right to vote. Following the passage of the 19th amendment, more than 8 million women voted in the general election in November.

If you did not have the opportunity to vote early or submit your ballot by mail, please find polling locations and hours on your County Supervisor of Elections site:

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I consider it a great honor to represent 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!

DBPR Hosts Roundtable with Bars and Breweries

This past week I joined Secretary Halsey Beshears, with the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation, for a roundtable discussion with local bar and brewery owners to explore options for safely reopening their businesses.

On June 26, 2020 DBPR suspended the sale of alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption at all bars throughout the state. Bars are considered those vendors who derive more than 50% of gross revenue from the sale of alcoholic beverages. Under the Emergency Order, vendors may continue to sell alcoholic beverages in sealed containers for consumption off the premises. Licensed restaurants also may continue to operate for on-premises consumption of food and beverages, as long as the vendor derives less than 50% of their gross revenue from the sale of alcoholic beverages.



Thank you to Walking Tree Brewery and Lou's Blues for hosting the meetings and sharing your ideas.

Exploring Safe Reopening of Long-Term Care Facilities

To protect our most vulnerable senior residents during this pandemic, Governor Ron DeSantis put forth Emergency Order 20-002 on March 11, 2020. This order prohibits visitation to nursing homes, assisted living facilities, adult family-care homes, long-term care facilities and adult group homes.

While necessary to protect residents from the spread of COVID-19, these restriction come at a cost to seniors, who are struggling with the isolation and missing their families. My heart goes out to them, and I am looking forward to protective procedures being available soon so that these families can reconnect once again.

Governor Ron DeSantis recently announced the formation of Florida's Task Force on the Safe and Limited Re-Opening of Long-Term Care Facilities. Members will be developing guidelines on how to safely allow family members to visit their loved ones in Florida's long-term care facilities where visitation has been prohibited since March due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Members of the Task Force on the Safe and Limited Re-Opening of Long-Term Care Facilities include Mary Daniel, Caregiver; Secretary Mary Mayhew, Agency for Health Care Administration; Secretary Richard Prudom, Florida Department of Elder Affairs; Dr. Scott Rivkees, State Surgeon General; Gail Matillo, President and CEO, Florida Senior Living Association; Emmett Reed, Florida Health Care Association; and Michelle Branham, Alzheimer's Association.

District 17 Highlights

Brevard Veterans Celebrate 75th Anniversary of WWII

Yesterday, the Brevard Veterans Center hosted a memorial marking the 75th Anniversary of the end of World War II. During WWII, more than 405,000 US military personnel made the ultimate sacrifice to preserve freedom and restore peace to our world.

At the ceremony, I had the opportunity to recognize the heroic efforts of nine local veterans that served during WWII, including:

- George Bowdren, United States Army Constabulary Forces
- Bob Clark, United States Air Force
- Leward Mooso, United State Marines Corps
- Peter Diaz, United States Marine Corps
- George Rosenfield, United States Army
- Ike Rigel, United States Marine Corps
- Ken Birch, United States Marine Corps
- Pat Eddy, United States Army
- Fred Robinson, United States Army Air Corps
- John Teuchert, United States Marine Corps
- George Coluro, United States Marine Corps
- Fred Doctor, United States Navy
- Robert Muckler, United States Navy
- William Nowadnck, United States Marine Corps
- Clenord Northcutt, United States Army
- Charles McMullen, United States Navy
- Peter Kosa, United States Navy



- TB Ketterson, United States Army
- Bob Hughes, United States Army Air Corps
- Bill Riedel, United States Coast Guard
- Gaston Jennet, United States Navy
- Percy Avant, United States Marine Corps
- James McDaniel, United State Marine Corps

Our veterans, military members and their families sacrifice so much in service to our country, and I am so grateful for their contributions.

City of Sebastian Grants for Small Businesses

The City of Sebastian is offering Small Business Grants to businesses in their community that have been financially impacted by COVID-19. Small businesses may be eligible for grants of up to \$5,000 to offset expenses and lost revenue related to the pandemic.

To be eligible through the Small Business and Nonprofit Economic Relief Program, the business must:

- Be a for-profit, privately-held small independently owned and operated business currently maintaining a commercial physical location within the City limits of Sebastian.
- Not have any current unpaid code enforcement liens and must not be operating in violation of any state, federal or local laws.
- Have been mandated by the government to reduce or eliminate services or have a demonstrated reduction in sales revenues of 25% or more due to the loss of business income related to COVID-19.
- Be a small business that as of March 1, 2020 had no more than 20 full time and/or part time employees or independent contractual workers in addition to the owner.
- Not have received a small business assistance grant from Indian River County.

Applications for this program are now available at CityOfSebastian.org/covid19grant

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