



Good Morning!

The Atlantic Hurricane season officially begins tomorrow, June 1st. During the 2020 Session, the Florida Legislature passed a seven day Disaster Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday to help citizens prepare for this dangerous storm season in advance.

The Sales Tax Holiday is happening now through Thursday, June 4th. To see the full list of qualifying items, please visit FloridaRevenue.com/DisasterPrep.

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!



Historic Launch from the Space Coast

On May 30, 2020, a new era of human spaceflight began. American astronauts were launched in an American-made rocket from American soil for the first time since the end of the Space Shuttle Program in 2011.

This was a historic event, as NASA astronauts Robert Behnken and Douglas Hurley also became the first humans to be launched on a commercial spacecraft. Following the successful launch on the SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket, they flew SpaceX's Crew Dragon spacecraft to the International Space Station. The last time astronauts were launched into space from American soil was when NASA's Space Shuttle Atlantic launched from Florida to the International Space Station (ISS) with four astronauts on board. Both Astronauts are seasoned veterans who previously flew on space shuttle missions. The last time Astronaut Behnken flew to space was in 2010. Astronaut Hurley previously served as the pilot for that last shuttle mission in 2011.

NASA has been buying seats on Soyuz capsules since the end of the shuttle program. NASA's Commercial Crew Program is aimed at ending the United States reliance on Russian spacecraft for ferrying astronauts to the ISS. It is an exciting time to be on the Space Coast, and I look forward to more successful missions from NASA, our commercial space partners and the U.S. Space Force.

From the Desk of Governor Ron DeSantis

This past week Governor Ron DeSantis appointed John Couriel and Judge Renatha Francis to the Florida Supreme Court. These appointments fill the vacancies of former justices Barbara Lagoa and Robert Luck, who now serve on the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit after being appointed by President Donald Trump.

Mr. Couriel is a partner at Kobre & Kim LLP in Miami. Prior to joining Kobre & Kim, he served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the criminal division of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Florida. Judge Renatha Francis is the first Jamaican American to serve on Florida's Supreme Court. Judge Francis currently serves on the 15th Circuit Court and previously served as Judge for the Miami-Dade County Court.

District 17 Highlights

Brevard County Expands COVID-19 Testing Locations

The Florida Department of Health (FDOH) is expanding COVID-19 testing throughout Brevard County. Currently COVID-19 testing is available at no cost at their drive-thru location in Viera. The FDOH Viera Clinic site (2555 Judge Fran Jamieson Way) is open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:00 AM - Noon. Please call (321) 454-7141 to schedule your visit.

In order to provide COVID-19 testing to our underserved communities, FDOH will be offering free testing at the following locations from 9:00 AM - Noon:

- June 2 – Cocoa West Community Center, 230 S Burnett Rd, Cocoa
- June 4 – Woody Simpson Community Center, 1590 Schoolhouse St, Merritt Island
- June 6 – DOH-Brevard Melbourne Clinic, 601 E University Blvd, Melbourne
- June 9 – New Shiloh Christian Center, 3900 Sarno Rd, Melbourne

Since Brevard County is still seeing an increase in Hepatitis A cases, FDOH will also be providing free Hepatitis A vaccines at these locations. FDOH will continue to offer hepatitis A vaccines at their Melbourne, Viera, and Titusville clinics on a walk-in basis, 8:00AM – 4:00PM, Monday through Friday.

You may find the most up-to-date information and guidance on COVID-19, by visiting the Department of Health's dedicated COVID-19 webpage: [FloridaHealthCOVID19.gov](https://www.floridahealth.gov/covid-19). For any other questions related to COVID-19 in Florida, please contact the Department's dedicated COVID-19 Call Center by calling (866) 779-6121. The Call Center is available 24 hours per day. Inquiries may also be emailed to COVID-19@flhealth.gov.

Indian River County Vacation Rentals Re-Open

The Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR) has approved the Vacation Rental Re-opening Plan submitted by Indian River County, effective immediately.

Highlights of Indian River County's Vacation Rental Re-Opening Plan include:

- Requiring all reservations from areas identified by Governor DeSantis as high risk (pursuant to Executive Order 20-82 and Executive Order 20-86) to be for periods longer than the quarantine periods established by those Executive Orders.

- Requiring all short-term and vacation rentals to follow guidelines set out by DBPR and the Center for Disease Control (CDC) for sanitation in transient lodging establishments.
- Establishing guest safety provisions including, but not limited to, physical distancing guidelines, preventative measures to limit contact during check ins, and posting of CDC guidance.
- Requiring extra time between stays to allow for enhanced cleaning procedures and requiring signage to be placed at each property highlighting those cleaning protocols to be performed between stays.

The Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation have received and approved the requests of more than 35 Florida counties to operate vacation rentals pursuant to the safety plan they submitted. Brevard County's plan has also been approved. These listings will continue to be updated on the DBPR website at MyFloridaLicense.com.

FDOT Plans SR A1A Sidewalk in Indian Harbour Beach

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has announced plans to construct a sidewalk along State Road (S.R.) A1A, from north of S.R. 518 to Volunteer Way in Indian Harbour Beach.

The project is located within a high tourism area, where there are many pedestrians who use this corridor to travel to businesses and recreation areas. To improve pedestrian safety, a 5- foot to 6-foot-wide concrete sidewalk will be constructed along the west side of S.R. A1A, beginning where the existing sidewalk ends north of Golden Beach Boulevard, and continues north for approximately 1.058 miles to Volunteer Way.

In lieu of a public open house, which was originally scheduled for April 2, 2020, FDOT is providing alternative ways for the public to provide feedback on this project. Project information, including a video presentation, is available online at CFLroads.com. Written comments may be mailed to FDOT Project Manager, Anthony Miller, P.E., at 719 S. Woodland Boulevard, Mail Station 2-542, DeLand, Florida, 32720, or by email to Anthony.Miller@dot.state.fl.us.

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