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May Newsletter

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As the proud daughter of a United States Air-force fighter pilot, this Memorial Day we honor those who've served and died in defense of freedom and our country.



News

HURRICANE SEASON - The [NOAA](#) is predicting an above average Atlantic hurricane season. Please visit the Miami-Dade County's [Hurricane Preparedness guide](#). This year in the



Florida Legislature we were able to extend the **Disaster Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday** from 7 to 10-days, beginning tomorrow **May 28th until Sunday, June 6th**, [click here for more details](#).

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS TAX-FREE HOLIDAY
Senator Annette Taddeo MAY 28 - JUNE 6

- \$20 OR LESS**
 - REUSABLE ICE
- \$40 OR LESS**
 - PORTABLE, SELF-POWERED LIGHT SOURCE
 - CANDLES, FLASHLIGHT, LANTERNS
- \$50 OR LESS**
 - A GAS OR DIESEL FUEL TANK
 - PACKAGES OF CERTAIN BATTERY TYPES
 - RADIOS (POWERED BY BATTERY, SOLAR, OR HAND-CRANKED)
 - TWO-WAY, WEATHER BAND
- \$60 OR LESS**
 - COOLERS AND ICE CHESTS
 - PORTABLE POWER BANK
- \$100 OR LESS**
 - BUNGEE CORDS
 - GROUND ANCHOR SYSTEMS
 - RATCHET STRAPS
 - TARPS
 - TIE-DOWN KITS
- \$1,000 OR LESS**
 - PORTABLE GENERATORS FOR USE IN A POWER OUTAGE

Cruise ships are ready to set sail with vaccinated passengers but that may become a problem in Florida

Senator Taddeo voted in opposition of banning the use of vaccine passports because of the basis in principle. *"DeSantis is going against the CDC and the federal government, and he is going against the rights of private businesses in America," she said.* They have the right to manage their business and make their own decisions and the government should not be getting in the way of that.





Senator Taddeo aims to ban corporal punishment in Florida schools.

Recently a principal in Hendry County was caught on video paddling a 6-year-old girl. To Senator Taddeo, a Democrat who has worked for several years to ban corporal punishment in Florida schools, the Hendry County video is proof that physical punishment continues under the radar in her state. **Senator Taddeo will continue to fight to pass her bill banning this barbaric practice.** It is about time Florida joined the large number of states that have passed this law.



Florida's property insurance revamped by lawmakers
The bill could lead to larger rate increases for customers of the state-backed Citizens Property Insurance Corp. and steps to curb roof-...
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Florida property insurance rates

Senate Bill 76 drew criticism from some lawmakers who said it went too far — Senator Taddeo, complained about the prospect of increased rate hikes for Citizens customers. *“There is no sugar-coating this,” Taddeo said. “It literally is going to raise the rates.”* From the beginning Senator Taddeo was completely against the property insurance bill. Although we managed to remove the part about not covering the cost of the replacement of roofs over 10 years old, it still says in black and white that **they will increase citizens' insurance EVERY YEAR.** That is why I voted against it.

2021 Special Session

The joys of the Florida Capitol finally being open to the public, democracy at work! While in Tallahassee for the Special Session, Senator Taddeo welcomed constituents from the district to her office, including, Organización Hondureña de Miami, LPN Nicaragua, and Renancer Church members, to discuss their position regarding the Seminole Gaming Compact that was to be voted on.



Florida Senate passes gambling agreement with Seminole Tribe

As a small business owner that has met a payroll for the last 20 years, Senator Taddeo thought a better deal could've been negotiated in the Seminole Gaming Compact. *“Good deal or bad deal, it’s still the deal we have on the table and I can’t in good conscience turn down the money,” said Taddeo.*

Events



Earlier this month the bipartisan **Miami-Dade County Legislative Delegation** joined together at **The Underline** downtown to discuss the millions of dollars in Budget items they were able to secure for our county in the Florida Legislature ranging from infrastructure plans to conservation efforts. The future of Miami looks bright!

Congratulations to the team at **Reliance Wholesale!** Senator Taddeo was honored to join the opening of their new facility in Senate District 40 and welcome their employees back to work. It's wonderful to see businesses and workers begin the slow return to normalcy.



Senator Taddeo stands with union workers!

Rain or shine, we made their voices heard. Earlier this month Senator Taddeo joined in solidarity with Downtown Doral office janitors, who went on STRIKE to protest unfair labor practices. These workers suffered working through a pandemic without paid sick days and unlivable wages. When they spoke up for better working conditions, Greene Kleen responded with threats, interrogations, surveillance & terminations. [Read more.](#)



Business of the Month

Congratulations to our Senate District 40 JUNE Business of the Month, Shoe Rescue. Join us for this recognition by requesting a shoe repair quote today! Follow them on social media. **Nominate** your favorite SD 40 Small Business!



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BUSINESS OF THE MONTH

Senator
Annette Taddeo



Senate District 40



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Unemployment Update

Beginning on **May 30**, all claimants will be required to complete **Work Search requirements** in order to continue receiving Reemployment Assistance benefits. Also, beginning **June 26**, the DEO will **no longer participate in providing the \$300 Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation** benefits in addition to Reemployment Assistance weekly benefits. [Read more](#). If you require assistance with your unemployment claim please do not hesitate to reach out to our office via email at Taddeo.Annette.Web@FLsenate.gov.

COVID-19 Resources



Every week **food distributions** are organized in Miami-Dade hosted by [Feeding South Florida](#) and [Farm Share](#). Please [click here](#) for weekly events as well as an up to date calendar. **During this Coronavirus crisis many organizations are coming together to support our community.**

CORONAVIRUS TESTING

Miami-Dade provides a list of testing sites [online here](#), including **mobile testing, walk-up and drive-thru**. Getting tested is key to receiving early treatment and preventing the spread of COVID-19.

COVID-19 PLASMA DONATION

If you have recovered from coronavirus, antibodies in your plasma can provide lifesaving support to those still fighting the illness. [Learn more about how to become a blood donor](#).

COVID-19 Vaccine

ALL individuals 12+ are eligible, [click here for details](#). Please visit miamidade.gov/vaccine for all vaccine updates.

Uber and Lyft launch vaccine rides program in White House partnership until July 4th. In addition, Uber is now part of the Miami-Dade [pre-registration process](#), so residents with limited transportation options can [sign up](#) for both doses and a ride to the vaccination site at the same time.

Financial Assistance



Rent Assistance

Having trouble paying your rent? The CDC has extended the Eviction Moratorium until June 30th. [Click here for more details.](#)

Small Business Assistance

The American Rescue Plan helps small businesses by increasing funding to pandemic relief programs like the Paycheck Protection Program. Learn more and apply: <https://sba.gov/relief>



Miami-Dade County's Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is providing COVID-19 crisis assistance to qualified residents who are experiencing a

hardship in paying their home energy bill due to the pandemic. Eligible households can receive up to \$2,000 within a 12-month period. [Click here.](#)

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