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STATE SENATOR ROSALIND OSGOOD



District 32
Newsletter

April 2024

Dear Residents,

Welcome to April! I hope you're gathering with friends and family to celebrate the springtime holidays and embracing the warmth and renewal this time of year brings.

I'm thankful for all of your calls, emails, and messages during the recent Legislative session. Your input is valuable, and I'm determined to represent your needs and priorities through my efforts in office.

Now that Session is over, our team is hard at work in the community, connecting with constituents, and planning for next year's Session. There is much work to be done! I'm hosting some important events this month and next, so please check out the details below and mark your calendars. Hope to see you there!

**BREAKING
NEWS**



SENATOR ROSALIND OSGOOD (D-32) APPOINTED TO FLORIDA COUNCIL ON THE SOCIAL STATUS OF BLACK MEN AND BOYS

I'm thrilled to announce that I've been appointed to the Florida Council on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys, an influential committee within the Attorney General's Office dedicated to improving the lives of Black men and boys in Florida. Our diverse group of 19 members will be brainstorming and implementing strategies to address the challenges faced by this community. Our meetings across the state will be crucial in shaping our approach and ensuring our efforts are impactful.

Local Events

Minority Maternal Health Fair

Date: Saturday, April 20, 2024

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**Location: Lauderdale Lakes Educational and Cultural Center,
3580 W Oakland Park Blvd., Lauderdale Lakes, FL 33311**

Register at bit.ly/mmhealthfair

Please join us for our Minority Maternal Health Fair, an inspiring and empowering event dedicated to celebrating and supporting minority women on their motherhood journey. This event is an opportunity for us to come together, learn, and advocate for the health and well-being of mothers and their babies in our community. **Baby items will be raffled, and various interactive workshops on pregnancy, birthing practices, breastfeeding, doula services, and comprehensive postpartum care will be available.** Spread the word or bring a friend. I look forward to seeing you there!



April 20, 2024
10:00 am - 1:00pm

Lauderdale Lakes Educational and
Cultural Center - 3580 W Oakland Park
Blvd, Lauderdale Lakes, FL 33311

**BABY ITEMS
WILL BE
RAFFLED!**

Join us for a free community health event to support minority women on their motherhood journey, from pre-pregnancy to postpartum.

FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

Register at
bit.ly/mmhealthfair
or scan the QR Code



**Featuring Free
Maternal Health
Workshops on:**

- Pregnancy and Birthing Resources
- Breastfeeding Support
- Doula Services
- Postpartum Care



2024 Legislative Town Hall

Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2024

Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**Location: Urban League of Broward County,
560 NW 27th AVE, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311**

Register at bit.ly/2024sessiontownhall

Mark your calendars for our Legislative Town Hall, on May 7th, 2024, at the Urban League of Broward County. We'll be discussing recent bills and policy updates from 2024 the legislative session and how it will affect you and your community. This is your chance to get your questions answered and offer your input. Your voice matters!





Senator Osgood in the Community

Links Day at the Capitol



West Broward Democratic Club



Ambassador SDA Church Celebration of Women's History Month



Community News

2024 Florida Toll Relief Program

April 1, 2024 - March 31, 2025

Florida commuters are in for some good news! The state is renewing its toll rebates

program for another year, providing relief to those who frequently use toll roads. For details see flyer below. Here are the key details:

- **Eligibility:** Drivers with a Sunpass or other Florida-based toll passes are eligible for the program.
- **Duration:** The program will run from April 1 to March 31 of next year.
- **Savings:** Commuters who make at least 35 toll road trips per month can benefit. The savings will vary based on the cost of each toll road, but drivers will be eligible for a 50% discount credited back to their account.
- **Last Year's Success:** Last July, about 1.1 million drivers benefited from the program, saving up to \$100 each month.
- **Funding:** Lawmakers aim to fund the program at \$450 million, which is \$100 million more than last year.

TOLL RELIEF

<div style="background-color: #4CAF50; color: white; padding: 2px; font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.8em;">Included Florida's Turnpike System and FDOT Facilities</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Turnpike Mainline (SR 91 / SR 821) • Sawgrass Expressway (SR 869) • Alligator Alley (I-75) • Polk Parkway (SR 570) • Pinellas Bayway (SR 682 / SR 679) • Sunshine Skyway Bridge (I-275) • I-4 Connector • Veterans Expressway (SR 589) • Suncoast Parkway (SR 589) • Beachline East Expressway (SR 528) MP 0-8 • Western Beltway (SR 429) MP 0-11 • Southern Connector Extension (SR 417) MP 0-3 • Seminole Expressway (SR 417) MP 38-55 A/B • Wekiva Parkway (SR 429) • Mount Plymouth Rd to I-4 MP 40-55 • First Coast Expressway (SR 23) • Garcon Point Bridge (SR 281) 	<div style="background-color: #FF9800; color: white; padding: 2px; font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.8em;">Included Other Toll Roads and Bridges</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Central Florida GreenWay (SR 417) MP 4-37 • East-West Expressway (SR 408) • Western Beltway (SR 429) MP 12-30 • Wekiva Parkway (SR 429) from Western Beltway to Mount Plymouth Rd MP 30-40 • Apopka Expressway (SR 414) • State Road 453 • Beachline Expressway (SR 528) MP 9-30 • Poinciana Parkway (SR 538) • Osceola Parkway (SR 552) • Selmon Expressway (SR 618) • Miami Airport Expressway (SR 112) • Dolphin Expressway (SR 836) • Don Shula Expressway (SR 874) • Snapper Creek Expressway (SR 878) • Gratiot Parkway (SR 924) • Bob Silas Bridge (SR 399) • Mid-Bay Bridge (SR 293) • Spence Parkway (SR 293) • Cape Coral Bridge • Midpoint Bridge • Sanibel Causeway • Orchard Pond Parkway • Card Sound Bridge • Broad Causeway • Venetian Causeway • Rickenbacker Causeway
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My Safe Florida Home Program

April 1, 2024 - March 31, 2025

The My Safe Florida Home Program, administered by the Department of Financial Services, focuses on providing free home hurricane inspections, personalized mitigation recommendations, and financial assistance to eligible homeowners for implementing recommended improvements. Constituents may qualify for up to \$10,000 in state grant money, at which they would receive \$2 for every \$1 spent on eligible home strength improvements.

When recommended by your home hurricane inspection, program grant money is available for the following strengthening improvements:

Roofs & Structures:

- Reinforce roof-to-wall connections.
- Install secondary water resistance for the roof.
- Upgrade roof covering.
- Improve the strength of roof deck attachments.

Openings:

- Exterior door upgrades.
- Garage door upgrades.
- Window updates.

At this time, the My Safe Florida Home program has temporarily stopped accepting new applications for our free home mitigation inspections until new funding becomes available on July 1st, 2024. Upon the signing by Governor, on July 1st we anticipate re-opening the portal in compliance with the program's new requirements. For now, we will continue to process existing inspection applicants and grant reimbursements requests.

New funding for the program will be tied to new prioritization requirements as enacted by the Florida Legislature. Applications will be accepted and prioritized in 15-day increments, as followed:

- Low-income homeowners 60+ | **July 1st – July 15th**
- Low-income homeowners of any age | **July 16th – July 30th**
- Moderate-income homeowners 60+ | **July 31st – August 14th**
- Moderate-income homeowners of any age | **August 15th – August 30th**
- All other eligible Florida homeowners | **August 31st**

For more information about the My Safe Florida Home Program, see flyer below or click on the following links:

[PROGRAM HOME PAGE](#)

[PROGRAM HISTORY](#)

[PROGRAM OVERVIEW](#)

[PROGRAM UPDATES](#)



The My Safe Florida Home Program has been tremendously successful since its relaunch in November 2022. As part of the Florida Legislature's leadership approach in helping to reduce the cost of home insurance premiums, changes have been made to the MSFH Program which will take effect July 1, 2024. An additional \$200,000,000 in new

program funding will be available to Florida homeowners interested in free home wind mitigation inspections and home retrofitting grants.

PROGRAM CHANGES BEGINNING JULY 1, 2024

- Changes to the application process for when you can apply for a retrofitting grant are different this time around. This key change is meant to give low- and moderate-income Florida homeowners who are sixty and older the first shot at qualifying for grants. See box below. Once all funds are awarded, the portal will close and will not accept any additional applications until further notice.
- July 1, Homeowners can now use any licensed Florida Contractor to make recommended improvements. The previous requirement for the Department of Financial Services will be gone effective July 1, leaving it up to the homeowner to manage the Contractor relationship. More details will follow.

APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AND PRIORITIZED IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:

- 1st - **Low-income homeowners age 60+**
July 1-15
- 2nd - **Low-income homeowners**
July 16-30
- 3rd - **Moderate-income homeowners age 60+**
July 31-August 14
- 4th - **Moderate-income homeowners**
August 15-30
- 5th - **All other eligible Florida homeowners**
August 31st

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW



For the latest updates or any program changes scan the code or visit the program web site [MySafeFLHome.com](https://www.MySafeFLHome.com).

Always go to your applicant portal for your account status.



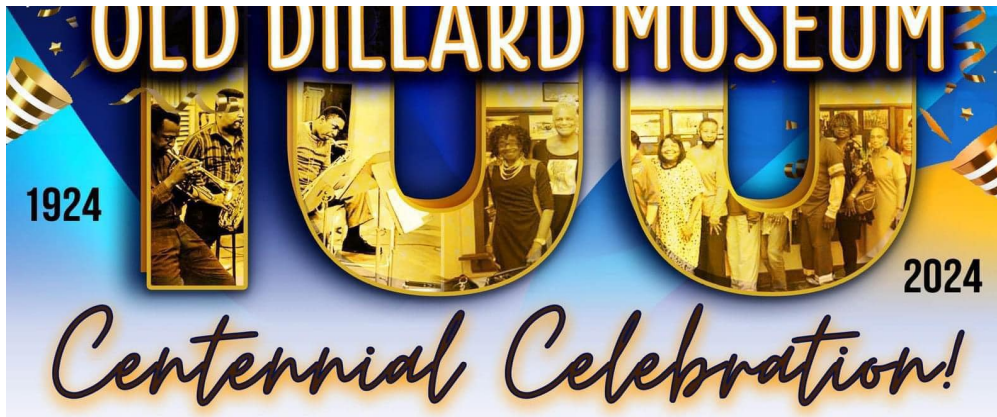
PUTTING POLICYHOLDERS FIRST

Dillard Museum - Centennial Celebration

April 25, 2024 - April 28, 2025

The Old Dillard Museum's 100th Birthday Bash is right around the corner! Enjoy a series of free events from April 25th to 28th, including a friendly Meet & Greet, a journey through historical moments, a delicious Celebration Cookout, and a Soulful Sunday Service to bring it all to a close. Everyone is invited to be a part of these memorable occasions. For more details, feel free to call (754) 715-2311 or visit the website [by clicking here](#).





ALL EVENTS ARE **FREE** & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

THURSDAY
 APRIL 25, 2024
 6PM-9PM
MEET & GREET
OLD DILLARD MUSEUM
 TOUR, ART EXHIBIT,
 MUSIC BY DJ DP
 OF HOT 105
 & REFRESHMENTS

FRIDAY
 APRIL 26, 2024
 5PM-7:30PM
HISTORICAL MOMENT
DILLARD HIGH SCHOOL
 ART EXHIBIT,
 STORY TELLING -
 TRAILBLAZERS
 & REFRESHMENTS

SATURDAY
 APRIL 27, 2024
 11AM-5PM
CELEBRATION COOKOUT
OSSWALD PARK
 FOOD, MUSIC BY
 DJ DP OF HOT 105
 GAMES, KIDS ZONE,
 SPECIAL PERFORMANCE BY
 WALKER ELEMENTARY BAND
 BRING YOUR OWN TAILGATE CHAIRS

SUNDAY
 APRIL 28, 2024
 8:00 AM
SOULFUL SUNDAY SERVICE
NEW MOUNT OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH



FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT MR. PARKER (754) 715-2311

Happy Passover and Eid al-Fitr to all who celebrate!

Warm Regards,

Rosalind Osgood

Rosalind Osgood, DPA
 Senator, District 32



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