



Good Morning!

This past week I had the opportunity to join the Florida State Parks Foundation and Florida Park Service for a tour of Sebastian Inlet State Park. Surfers from around the world flock to the Park to ride "First Peak" and "Monster Hole," but this park is more than just a surfer's paradise.

The tidal cove is a very popular destination for families, and fisherman can be seen lining the pier to catch snook, redfish, bluefish, flounder, snapper, grouper, and Spanish mackerel. The park houses two museums, The McLarty Treasure Museum which features exhibits and artifacts from the 1715 Spanish treasure fleet while the Sebastian Fishing Museum chronicles the history of the area's rich fishing industry.

Sebastian Inlet State Park had over 92,000 visitors last year and supports 119 jobs locally. Our state parks are an incredibly important resource for our residents. They are also essential for our marine industries, for recreation, and for the vast marine life that they support. Learn more about this park, or one of Florida's other 175 award winning parks and trails at FloridaStateParks.org.



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!

FL Dept of Education Seeks Input on State Standards

The Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) is currently reviewing the academic standards for Florida's kindergarten through twelfth grade students. Recently, the Department released a [draft of revised standards](#) for public input. This draft is based on feedback they have received over the last several months from Florida teachers, national experts and the education community.

This initiative follows the [Executive Order](#), issued in January by Governor Ron DeSantis, which outlines a path for Florida to improve its education system by eliminating Common Core and revising standards to ensure high quality academic standards.

"Our team has been working tirelessly on the revised draft, and we truly appreciate all of the input we have received from Floridians thus far," said Commissioner of Education Richard Corcoran. "Success is our standard and we are looking forward to hosting the upcoming listening tour to ensure that Florida has the best academic standards in the nation."

The Florida Standards Listening Tour is being held from 5:30 PM -6:30 PM at the following locations:

- October 14 - John I. Leonard High School, 4701 10th Ave N, Greenacres
- October 16 – Collier County School District Office, 5775 Osceola Trail, Naples
- October 17 – Jefferson High School, 4401 W Cypress St, Tampa
- October 21 – Liberty Pines Academy , 10901 Russell Sampson Rd, St. Johns
- October 22 – Hamilton County High School, 5683 US Hwy 129 S, Jasper
- October 23 – Walton High School, 449 Walton Rd, DeFuniak Springs

For more information on the standards review process, or to submit your feedback please visit FloridaStandardsReview.org or email standardsreview@fldoe.org.

Find It Florida!

This past week Governor Ron DeSantis announced the relaunch and expansion of [Find It Florida!](#), Enterprise Florida's commercial property search tool. *Find It Florida!* is a public database for viewing and uploading available commercial building and site properties across the state. This updated site includes improved functionality and a new layer featuring Opportunity Zones.

"We are always working to make Florida the best place to start and grow a business," said Governor DeSantis. "This tool will continue to assist businesses and now investors find commercial properties and sites in Florida, as well as Opportunity Zones, to encourage long-term investment and job growth in communities across our state."

Find It Florida! allows users to search using dozens of criteria combinations and site overlays for infrastructure, education, broadband technology and more. The site also includes up-to-date demographics and statistics for all 67 Florida counties and nearly 1,000 Florida communities.

The Opportunity Zone Program is a tool that provides several tax incentives when investors reinvest gains in qualified Opportunity Funds. The funds must in turn invest in low-income communities from designated census tracts, called Opportunity Zones. For a list of certified Opportunity Zones visit FloridaJobs.org.

District 17 Highlights

SR-A1A Construction in Indialantic & Satellite Beach

If you travel State Road (SR) A1A, you may have noticed that there is new construction that has begun in the Indian/Satellite Beach area. The purpose of this project is to increase bicycle and pedestrian safety along the route by constructing 12 Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacon crosswalks within the median between US 192 (5th Ave) and Atlantic Blvd (just North of SR 518/Eau Gallie Blvd.)

Construction of the new pedestrian crossings will include signs, rapid flashing beacons, crosswalks, curb ramps, lighting, and pavement markings. Sidewalk additions and sod modifications will also occur within the project limits to enhance beach access.

The project was initiated by the Space Coast Transportation Planning Organization and the local municipalities following concerns over the number of accidents in the area involving cyclists and pedestrians. The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) held a public hearing to gain public input on the project in July 2018.



FDOT expects the three inside lanes to be barricaded off for six to eight weeks, followed by the outside lanes for an additional six to eight weeks. FDOT has said that the two mile lane closures will allow the project team to work in a larger area, which will result in a faster construction schedule. The project is expected to be completed in February 2020.

Indian River State College Parent Information Night

[Indian River State College](#) (IRSC) will be hosting Parent Information Nights to provide parents and students with more information about their Associate Degree, Bachelor Degree and career-training programs.

Earlier this year IRSC was awarded the 2019 Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence. The award is the nation's signature recognition of high achievement and performance among America's community colleges.

IRSC offers 17 bachelor degrees designed to provide students with skills to fill high-demand jobs in the region. IRSC has not increased its tuition in six years, which helped the campus earn the Department of Education's distinction as the third most affordable college in the United States.

At the Parent Information Nights parents of prospective students will be provided with details on costs and how to pay for college—including financial aid and scholarship availability. Representatives from IRSC will also share details on how students can earn credit for qualifying scores on AP and IB exams; successful completion of Dual Enrollment classes and Career Pathways academies; as well as Gold Standard Industry Certifications.

IRSC Parent Information Nights are planned at the following locations:

- October 14th 5:30–6:30PM at Historic Sebastian School, 1235 Main Street, Rm 3, Sebastian
- October 14th 6:00–7:00PM at Pruitt Campus, Schreiber Conference Center, 500 NW California Blvd, Port St. Lucie
- October 15th 5:30–6:30PM at Mueller Campus, Richardson Conference Center, 6155 College Lane, Vero Beach

- October 15th 6:00–7:00PM, Dixon Hendry Campus, Williamson Conference Center, 2229 NW 9th Avenue, Okeechobee
- October 16th 5:30–6:30PM, Main Campus, Kight Center for Emerging Technologies, 3209 Virginia Avenue, Fort Pierce
- October 17, 6:00–7:00PM, Chastain Campus, Johnson Auditorium, 2400 SE Salerno Road, Stuart

To RSVP visit IRSC.edu, or for more information please email info@irsc.edu or call 1-866-792-4772.

Brevard Veterans Resource Network Forum

The Brevard Veterans Resource Network will be hosting a forum on "Veteran Business Ownership and Entrepreneurship" on Thursday, October 17th from 9:30am -11:00am at the Brevard Veterans Memorial Center in Merritt Island.

You can learn more about growing your business from forum presenters Stuart Smith, Vice Chair for Florida Association of Veteran-Owned Businesses (FAVOB); and Jason Lagasca, retired USMC Colonel, Attorney at Law at Widerman Malek.

The Brevard Veterans Resource Network is a coalition of groups providing resources and support to veterans, active-duty military and their families throughout the county.

This event is free to attend and open to the public. For more information email info@brevardveteransresourcenetwork.org.

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