



Good Morning!

It was a long week waiting for Hurricane Dorian to arrive, and thankfully the storm stayed just off our coastline. Throughout the week I was in constant communication with Governor Ron DeSantis, our emergency management officials and state departments regarding storm developments and preparations.

As the Category 5 hurricane threatened the east coast, Governor DeSantis displayed strong and decisive leadership. He held daily conference calls to ensure our communities had the supplies we needed, and that every effort was being made to prepare for the intense wind and rainfall that was expected. I am also very appreciative of our Senate leadership and the Florida Department of Emergency Management, who offered their resources and assistance as many in our community were required to evacuate.



Thousands of residents in Brevard and Indian River County had to seek shelter in our schools and community centers. Thank you to all of the amazing staff and volunteers that worked so hard to prepare and support our community through this storm.

While our community fared quite well considering, our beaches experienced significant erosion. I will be working closely with County officials as they assess the damage and begin work to restore our eroded shores.

If your business experienced any damage or losses from Hurricane Dorian, please go to FloridaDisaster.biz to fill out the survey.

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!

Hispanic Heritage Art & Essay Contest

It is Hispanic Heritage Month and to celebrate three Florida students will have the opportunity to earn a 4-year Florida Prepaid scholarship!

The theme of this year's contest is "Celebrating Public Service" to recognize and pay tribute to Hispanic leaders who play prominent roles in public service throughout Florida. Participating students in grades K-3 have a chance to win a prize by simply submitting their best artwork. Students in grades 4-12 can earn a 4- year Florida Prepaid scholarship through the essay contest.

All entries must be received no later than 5:00 PM EST on Friday, September 13, 2019. Learn more about Florida's Hispanic Heritage Month celebration and contests at www.FloridaHispanicHeritage.com.

Florida Senate Page Program

The Florida Senate is currently accepting applications for the 2020 Page program. During regular session of the Florida Legislature, which begins January 14, 2020, participating students from across the state come to Tallahassee for one week to assist their Legislators and learn about Florida's legislative process.

Each office is allowed to sponsor two students to serve as a Page for their office. A one-week limit is set so that many young people have the opportunity to serve during the 60-day session.

During their assigned week, Senate Pages will distribute materials and messages for their member, learn about the legislative process through a hands-on approach, and experience a "mock session" in which students role-play as Senators and engage in debating, discussing and voting on legislation.

To apply to serve as a Senate Page for District 17, please complete and submit the [2020 Senate Page Application](#), and a one-page essay about public service and leadership to my office by Friday, September 27th via email Mayfield.Debbie.Web@flsenate.gov.

District 17 Highlights

New Staff Highlights

I am happy to announce the addition of two new staff members to my team, Ms. Kaitlyn Currey and Mr. Frank DiMarco.

Kaitlyn Currey grew up in Orlando where she was an accomplished dancer and violinist. She graduated from the University of West Florida in 2018 with a degree in Political Science and International Relations. Previously Kaitlyn worked on Veteran support issues in the Office of Congressman Matt Gaetz. *"I am excited to have the opportunity to work with Senator Mayfield who cares so much about her community and particularly the Indian River Lagoon,"* said Kaitlyn Currey.

To contact Kaitlyn please email her at Currey.Kaitlyn@flsenate.gov or call the Vero Beach District Office at (772) 473-0172.

Frank DiMarco graduated from Stetson University in 2017 with his Bachelors of Business Administration in Marketing. Previously he worked in the Florida House of Representative's Speaker's Office for both Speaker Jose Oliva and Speaker Richard Corcoran. *"I'm looking forward to working with Senator Mayfield on her policy initiatives and supporting the constituents of District 17,"* said Frank DiMarco.

To contact Frank please email him at DiMarco.Frank@flsenate.gov or call the Melbourne District Office at (321) 409-2025.

Please note that Patrick Steele and Margaret Mitchell are no longer with my office.

FDOT Public Meeting: CR 510

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will be hosting a public meeting to discuss proposed improvements along CR 510 between 82nd Avenue and 58th Avenue.

FDOT Public Meeting: CR 510
Tuesday, September 17, 2019
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM
North Indian River County Library
1001 Sebastian Blvd, Sebastian, FL

The proposed improvements include widening CR 510 from two lanes to four lanes; Constructing a 7-foot bicycle lane and 5-foot sidewalk on both sides of the roadway; Replace the bridges over the C canal and the L canal; and constructing a roundabout at the intersection of CR 510 and 66th Avenue.

The meeting will be an informal open house format, during which attendees may view project information, speak with FDOT team members to learn more about the project and provide input. If you have additional questions, please contact Maria Formoso (954) 777-4677 Maria.Formoso@dot.state.fl.us.

Valkaria Named General Aviation Airport of the Year

The Valkaria Airport was recently named the state's General Aviation Airport of the Year by the Florida Department of Transportation.

The airport was originally constructed by the U.S. Navy during World War II as Outlying Field Valkaria (OLF Valkaria), an auxiliary airfield to Naval Air Station Melbourne, now Melbourne International Airport. OLF Valkaria was closed in late 1945 and did not reopen for flight operations until 1959.

In 1959, the United States Department of Defense and the General Services Administration conveyed that part of the Valkaria facility not dedicated to MISTRAM to the county government of Brevard County, Florida for use as a public airport.

During the 1960s and 1970s, the site was used as a Missile Trajectory Measurement station (MISTRAM) by the U.S. Air Force and NASA in support of launch operations at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station and Kennedy Space Center.

The award was based on safety, aesthetics and airport management. For more information, please visit GrantValkaria.org.

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