



As 2020 comes to a close, I want to thank all of our first-responders and essential employees. Your strength and dedication have helped support our communities in more ways than we could ever know.

Wishing all of Senate District 8 a safe and happy holiday season!

As always, it is a great honor to serve and represent you and the members of District 8. Share this newsletter with your friends and family so that they too can stay informed with our community updates, district-wide achievements, and future legislation.



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Community Updates

GAINESVILLE ANNUAL WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

The Gainesville HOGs (Harley Owners Group) invites volunteers and sponsors to help assist with placing remembrance wreaths on gravesites for Veterans in Gainesville. Please take a moment this holiday season to honor those who have served and protected our country. You can find more details about volunteering and sponsorships [here](#).

WHEN: December 19th at 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

WHERE: Gainesville HOG, Group #0675 (FL0377P)

WHEELCHAIR-ACCESSIBLE GLASS BOTTOM BOAT



The specialty license plate, 'Fish & Wildlife Foundation of Florida', is providing Silver Springs State Park it's first wheelchair-accessible glass-bottom boat. There are nearly 10,000 license plates that share the message "Protect Florida's Spring".

This initiative has helped donate \$20,000 to Silver Spring State Park and provide them their first wheelchair-accessible glass-bottom boat.

You can find more information about Silver Springs State Park [here](#).

Statewide Updates

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORAL COLLEGE VOTE



This past week, I had the privilege being one of Florida's 29 Electoral College voters. I appreciate every Floridian who exercised their patriotic duty and voted this election cycle.

PUBLIX DONATES 1.3 MILLION POUNDS OF FOOD TO FOOD BANKS

LAKELAND, Fla., Dec. 15, 2020 — As people across Florida face food insecurity at unprecedented levels, Publix today announced a new six-week program to support six of the state's largest food banks with donations of pasta, canned vegetables, canned beans, cereal and boxed potatoes.

“When we heard from food banks that they were facing a critical food shortage, we knew that, as a food retailer, we had another opportunity to help,” said Publix CEO Todd Jones. “With 90 years of relationships and expertise, we are able to mobilize quickly — sourcing, purchasing and transporting what these food banks need most — and bring hope and nourishment this holiday season.”

You can review the full press release [here](#).

NEFRC BOARD OF DIRECTORS UPDATE



Northeast Florida Regional Council

DECEMBER 3, 2020

COUNCIL MEETING RECAP

Serving Baker, Clay, Duval, Flagler, Nassau, Putnam and St. Johns Counties

Activity of Interest:

- The Executive Committee met immediately following the Board meeting to vote on the NEFRC's 2020 Regional Awards for Excellence. Winners will be announced soon.

Comprehensive Plan Amendments that Came Before the Council:

- City of Jacksonville Transmitted Amendment 20-11ESR
- City of Jacksonville Transmitted Amendment 20-10ESR
- City of Jacksonville Adopted Amendment 20-2ESR

Draft 2021 Legislative Priorities: The 2021 Legislative Priorities were unanimously approved with a few additions. Beth Payne presented the Draft 2021 Legislative Priorities to the Board for review and approval. The finalized version will be available by the end of December.

2021 Council Work Priorities: Beth Payne presented the 2021 Council Work Priorities to the Board for approval. The Council will focus special efforts on community resilience, COVID-19 recovery, and the State of the Region in 2021.

2021 Meeting Schedule: The Board approved a revised meeting schedule, with the full Board of Directors meeting nine times per year in 2021. The schedule is attached.

Program Spotlight: LEPC HazMat Training: Tyler Nolen presented on the Local Emergency Planning Committee's (LEPC) 160-hour hazardous material training program. The program most recently trained 52 people from JFRD and St. Johns County. All participants passed the state certification exam to become Qualified Hazmat Technicians. Traditionally, firefighters wanting to become certified were required to attend the State Fire College for education and hands-on training. The LEPC's hybrid approach to the class saves each local fire department time and money in training their firefighters.

Community Resilience: Sean Lahav discussed the Council's current Resiliency initiatives, including work with City of Jacksonville Special Committee on Resiliency – led by Board Member, Councilwoman Randy DeFoor – and the most recent meeting of the Northeast Florida Economic Resilience Taskforce. Regarding environmental resilience, updates were provided on the Flagler County FDEP Resilience Planning Grant that is being managed by the NEFRC; and the Mayport Naval Air Station Transportation Resiliency Study to which the NEFRC is serving on the study's official Advisory Committee. Regarding economic resilience, updates were provided on the status of the Taskforce, where members are currently in the process of identifying priorities for COVID-19 economic recovery.

COVID-19 Economic Forecasting: Mr. Lahav provided an overview of the COVID-19 economic forecasting work that had been conducted over the past several months; and the most recently conducted study. According to the results of the Fall 2020 study, the region is currently climbing out of this current crisis and is in recovery, but pre-pandemic economic conditions are not projected to return until 2021 and 2022.

Statewide Regional Evacuation Study (SRES) Update: NEFRC Board of Directors were given an update by Beth Payne and Eric Anderson on the status of the regional evacuation program. Shelter and storm surge information has been completed and work is now focused on evacuation zones.

For a complete agenda packet from this meeting, please visit our website at nefrc.org/meetings

Next Meeting:

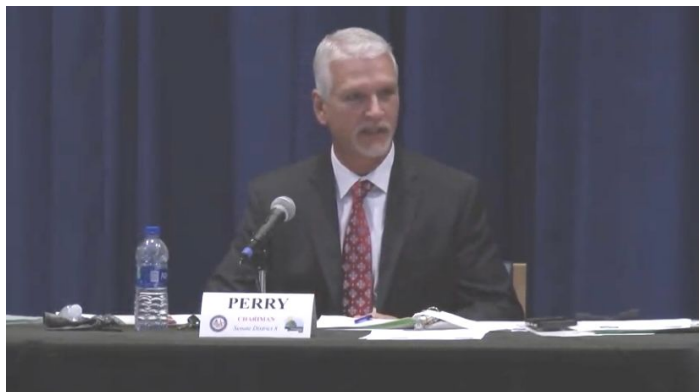
Thursday, January 7th, 2021

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Legislative Updates

2020 LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION MEETINGS



This past week I was honored to Chair the 2020 Legislative Delegation Meeting for Putnam and Alachua County, and sit on Marion County's Delegation. It was a pleasure meeting with members of our community and listening to public testimony. Thank you to everyone who voiced their opinions to the 2020 Legislative Delegates. I look forward to working with you all this session!

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

During the 2020-2022 term, I will be serving as Chair of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice, Vice Chair of the Transportation Committee, and a general member of:

- Agriculture Committee,
- Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development,
- Appropriations Committee,
- Criminal Justice Committee,
- Environment and Natural Resources Committee, and
- Select Committee on Pandemic Preparedness and Response.

Review the Senate President Simpson's full memorandum [here](#), and review the 2020-2022 Senate committee assignments for all committees and members [here](#).



Do you have events, accomplishments, or local news that you wish to share with members in District 8?

Please email your submissions to Perry.Keith.Web@flsenate.gov

It's an honor to represent you in the Florida Senate. Thank you for your continued support, input, and patience as we work together to make lasting impacts in our community. Please do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions, concerns, or thoughts at any time. We are here for you!

Sincerely,



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