



### Oops, Wrong Way!

On this day in [1938](#), Douglas Corrigan arrives in Ireland after a 28 hours flight, supposedly left NY flying for California

## ***The Briefing — Monday, July 18, 2022***

*The last Briefing was Thursday, July 14, 2022*

***Mid-July - It's slow going; high heat; and, daily thundershowers!***

*How's your weather - <https://weather.com/>*

### **The Quick**

#### **Gas Prices Drop but Still Volatile to Impacts!**

The AAA auto club said the statewide average price Monday was \$4.26 a gallon, 63 cents lower than a record high set in June. The average price of a gallon of regular unleaded gasoline in Florida dropped 15 cents during the past week and is down 57 cents over the past month. AAA said prices could quickly go back up if demand increases or if a hurricane affects oil-producing parts of the Gulf of Mexico. Despite the recent decreases, the average price of a gallon of regular unleaded is \$1.27 higher than a year ago.

#### **Local proposals seek funding from new legislative Local Support Grants Program**

##### **[Link to List of Projects Submitted](#)**

House members filed 807 projects requesting funding from a \$80 million pot of money, called Local Support Grants, included in the state budget that took effect July 1. Gov. Ron DeSantis last month vetoed dozens of projects and programs from the budget. The funding set up a new process for lawmakers to seek tax dollars. The proposals filed before last Friday's deadline seek \$634.5.

The proposals will be reviewed by the Joint Legislative Budget Commission, which is made up of House and Senate members. The LBC has two months to decide which proposals to approve.

The process was run through the House of Representatives and Senators wanting to pursue money had to work with House members.

- 540 of the proposals totaling \$498.7 million were submitted by Republican Legislators. Among those proposals were 64 measures, worth \$70.2 million, that matched items vetoed by DeSantis.
- 207 proposals totaling \$135.85 million were filed by Democrats with 29 requests corresponding corresponded to \$8.2 million in projects on the DeSantis veto list.

#### **\$30 million Available for Rural Infrastructure Projects**

A total of \$30 million is now available to Florida's rural communities through the Rural Infrastructure Fund (RIF). Infrastructure projects facilitated through the RIF program are intended to support economic development

initiatives in rural communities and strengthen their local economies. The Rural Infrastructure Funding facilitates the planning, preparing, and financing of infrastructure projects in rural communities, which encourage job creation, capital investment, and the strengthening and diversification of rural economies. This program is also intended to facilitate access to other state and federal infrastructure funding programs. Eligible communities can apply for the following funding:

- \$25 million is available to rural communities statewide throughout for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-2023 through the Federal State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF). Eligible uses of funds include the planning and construction of improvements to public water, wastewater, stormwater, and broadband infrastructure.
- \$5 million is available through the Florida Panhandle Specific Appropriation for Calhoun, Gadsden, Holmes, Jackson, Liberty, and Washington counties, and all municipalities within their boundaries. Eligible uses of funds include improvements to public infrastructure for industrial or commercial sites, upgrades to or development of public tourism infrastructure, improvements to access and availability of broadband internet service, and enhancements to inadequate infrastructure that has resulted in regulatory action.

DEO will hold two webinars to provide an overview of the application process and technical assistance for potential applicants for the RIF Statewide and the RIF Panhandle Specific Appropriation funding. The **RIF Statewide Funding** webinar will be held on **July 28, 2022, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Eastern Time**, and the **RIF Panhandle Specific Appropriation** webinar will be held on **July 28, 2022, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Eastern Time**. The application cycle will remain open through **August 31, 2022, at 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time**. Eligible communities may submit a grant application electronically or by mail to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, Bureau of Small Cities and Rural Communities, RIF Program, 107 East Madison Street, MSC 400, Tallahassee, FL 32399-6508. Awards will be made on a rolling basis as applications to the program are received. For more information about the RIF program, how to register to attend the application webinars and submit an application, please visit [www.FloridaJobs.org/RIF](http://www.FloridaJobs.org/RIF).

## CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES PROJECTED FOR FY 22-23

### 2022

August 23 -	Primary Election
Sept. 14-16 -	FAC Legislative Policy Conference – Miami-Dade
November 8 -	General Election
Possible TBA	<b><i>Small County Coalition</i></b> – Orientation and Legislative Meeting
November 22 -	Legislative Organizational Session
Nov. 29 – Dec. 2 -	FSBA/FADSS Annual Winter Conference – Tampa
Dec. 1 -	Small District Breakfast – Joint meeting of FSBA Small Dist. Council and the <b><i>Small School District Council Consortium</i></b>
Nov. 30- Dec. 2 -	FAC Legislative Conference – Pinellas
December –	Legislative Committee Meetings
December 7-9 -	Rural Development Summit – World Golf Resort

### 2023

January –	Legislative Committee Meetings
February –	Legislative Committee Meetings
March 7 -	Regular Session convenes
March 15 -	Small District Briefing – prior to FSBA Legislative Conference
March 15–17 -	36th Annual FSBA Day in the Legislature
March - TBD –	Small County Coalition Legislative Briefing and Reception
April 25-	Rural Counties Day Legislative Reception

April 27 - Rural Days in the Legislature  
May 5 - 60th day – last day of Regular Session  
June 7-9- FSBA/FADSS Annual Summer Conference, Tampa, FL  
June 27-30 - FAC Annual Summer Conference  
November 30 – Small District Breakfast – Joint meeting of the FSBA Small District Council and the Small School District Council Consortium

### ***Headlines from around the State***

*Post: While Gov. Gavin Newsom and Gov. Ron DeSantis go at it, Californians flock to Florida*

*WUSF: Hundreds protest Moms for Liberty convention in Tampa and rally for abortion rights*

*WUSF: Moms For Liberty aims to expand political influence, bolstered by trainings, endorsements*

*FlaPol: Charlie Crist spearheads letter calling for extended TPS for Nicaraguans*

*FlaPol: 'The choice is between common sense and utter lunacy': Marco Rubio predicts flood of new support for Republicans*

*FlaPol: GOP 'naked and afraid,' J.B. Pritzker says at Florida Democrats' Leadership Blue Gala*

*FlaPol: Alcee Hastings campaign account shutting down — after giving his widow its last \$23K*

*WUSF: Extremists groups, Florida and the Jan. 6 attack on The Capitol*

*FlaPol: Ben Sorensen faces FEC fine, Jared Moskowitz crosses \$1M in CD 23 race*

*Sun: Florida's Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday begins July 25*

*FlaPol: Florida ranks 11th on CNBC's top states for business*

*WUSF: Study ranks Florida as the second most dangerous state for pedestrians*

*Axios: Tampa's real estate market is cooling, slightly*

*Sentinel: Orlando Museum of Art not alone in alleged Basquiat art fraud. South Florida gallerist indicted*

*Politico: 'Nobody is coming to save us': Florida Dems struggle ahead of August primary*

*WUSF: A federal judge has shielded Florida's former education commissioner in a case against 'intellectual freedom'*

*FlaPol: Anna Eskamani, Joshua Simmons bring the jokes to Florida Democrats' gala*

*Herald: Sharief attacks Book on TV ad after PAC's mailer slams her 'shameful record on guns'*

*WUSF: A lawsuit against Florida State University over the pandemic shutdown is moving forward*

*Sun-Sentinel: The price of punishment: Seeking justice for the Parkland victims, and condemning a killer, carries ballooning cost*

*NBC Miami: Opening Statements to Begin in Parkland School Shooter Death Penalty Trial*

*WUSF: Life or death for Parkland shooter? Trial will take months*

*NBC Miami: How to Watch the Parkland Gunman's Death Penalty Trial*

*City & State FL: Here comes the SunRail: The future of commuter trains in Central Florida*

*WUSF: Manatee deaths are down from last year, but still above the five-year average*

*Sun: Alachua County voter fraud prosecutions of inmates questioned*

*Times: Tampa tenants say landlord wants to evict them over money they don't owe*

*Sun: Nearly 1,000 voters get ballots without Gainesville candidates listed*

*Herald: One Florida, two visions as Republicans and Democrats attend dueling Tampa conferences*

*Herald: Florida child welfare agency said the kids were doing fine. Actually, they were dead*

*WUSF: Palm Beach school district pulls LGBTQ support guide from its website*

*FlaPol: Jacksonville Mayor Lenny Curry's Policy Director exits*

*NBC 6: Inside Look at the 12 Jurors Deciding Parkland School Shooter's Fate*

*Sentinel: Shooting game at ICON Park paused after online criticism, officials say*

*Axios: Florida tackles derelict boat problem with new turn-in program*

*Herald: Crist and Fried make case to face DeSantis in Florida Democratic Party summit in Tampa*

*FlaPol: Casey DeSantis talks school board endorsements with Moms for Liberty*

*FlaPol: Rick Scott: Top candidates depending on down-ballot success*

*Herald: Gavin Newsom reveals the motivation behind his Florida ad targeting Ron DeSantis*

*FlaPol: Debate roster causes disputes ahead of GOP Sunshine Summit*

*Sun-Sentinel: Miami-Dade's Jason Pizzo will represent a Broward district, since no one opposed him for state Senate*

***Five Day Tropical Outlook***

***<https://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>***



## Five-Day Graphical Tropical Weather Outlook

National Hurricane Center Miami, Florida



Current Disturbances and Five-Day Cyclone Formation Chance: < 40% 40-60% > 60%

Tropical or Sub-Tropical Cyclone: Depression Storm Hurricane

Post-Tropical Cyclone or Remnants

### On the Docket

#### MONDAY, JULY 18, 2022

- **DEMOGRAPHIC NUMBERS:** The Demographic Estimating Conference will discuss a Florida demographic forecast. (Monday, 10 a.m., 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.)
- **SOUTH FLORIDA COUNCIL:** The South Florida Regional Planning Council will meet. (Monday, 10 a.m., Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization, 150 West Flagler St., Suite 1900, Miami. <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89350833049?pwd=cG92azFneXoyWjn1TTBmdVBVQ1BHUT09>. Meeting ID: 89350833049. Code: 876629)

#### TUESDAY, JULY 19, 2022

- **MIAMI DADE COLLEGE TRUSTEES:** The Miami Dade College Board of Trustees will meet. (Tuesday, 8 a.m., Miami Dade College, Wolfson Campus, 300 N.E. 2nd Ave., Miami. <https://www.mdc.edu/livestream>)
- **DRUG POLICY:** The Statewide Drug Policy Advisory Council, which makes recommendations about a drug-control strategy, will meet. (Tuesday, 8:30 a.m., Florida Department of Health, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Tallahassee. <http://floridahealth.gov/DPACMeeting>. Call-in number: 850-792-1375. Code: 702462028)
- **PAROLE CASES:** The Florida Commission on Offender Review will hold a hearing in Broward County. (Tuesday, 9 a.m., Fort Lauderdale City Hall, 100 North Andrews Ave., Fort Lauderdale.)

- **PSC CANDIDATES:** The Florida Public Service Commission Nominating Council will pick candidates who will be interviewed for two seats on the state Public Service Commission. The seats are open because the terms of commission members Gary Clark and Gabriella Passidomo will expire in January. Clark and Passidomo are seeking reappointment. The council will send lists of candidates to Gov. Ron DeSantis, who will make the appointments. (Tuesday, 10 a.m. [https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/1016572188930/WN\\_MQL2NkMfTzyGcrpOzJLF4Q](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/1016572188930/WN_MQL2NkMfTzyGcrpOzJLF4Q))
- **UNCLAIMED PROPERTY:** The Revenue Estimating Conference will discuss issues related to unclaimed property. (Tuesday, 1:30 p.m., 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.)
- **SANTA FE COLLEGE TRUSTEES:** The Santa Fe College Board of Trustees will meet. (Tuesday, 4 p.m., Santa Fe College, Watson Center, 4150 State Road 21, Keystone Heights.)
- **PASCO-HERNANDO COLLEGE TRUSTEES:** The Pasco-Hernando State College Board of Trustees will meet. (Tuesday, 6 p.m. Information at <https://policies.phsc.edu/district-board-trustees/agenda>)
- **WATER RATES:** The Florida Public Service Commission will hold an online customer meeting about a proposal by Sunny Hills Utility Co. to raise water rates in Washington County. (Tuesday, 6 p.m. Central time. <http://www.floridapsc.com/Conferences/AudioVideoEventCoverage>)
- **CHIPOLA COLLEGE TRUSTEES:** The Chipola College Board of Trustees is scheduled to meet. (Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Chipola College, Public Service Building, Marianna.)

#### **WEDNESDAY, JULY 20, 2022**

- **ENVIRONMENTAL PERMITTING:** The Florida Chamber Foundation will start a three-day “environmental permitting school.” Speakers during the event are expected to include Department of Environmental Protection Secretary Shawn Hamilton. (Wednesday, 8 a.m., JW Marriott Marco Island Beach Resort, 400 South Collier Blvd., Marco Island.)
- **CITRUS ISSUES:** The Florida Citrus Commission will meet. (Wednesday, 9 a.m. Call-in number: 1-888-585-9008. Code: 258577262)
- **UNEMPLOYMENT CASES:** The state Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission will meet. (Wednesday, 9:30 a.m., Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission, 1211 Governors Square Blvd., Suite 300, Tallahassee. Call-in number: 850-988-5144. Conference ID: 175899214)
- **EAST CENTRAL PLANNING COUNCIL:** The East Central Florida Regional Planning Council will meet. (Wednesday, 10:30 a.m., 455 North Garland Ave., Orlando.)
- **COURT HEARS UF REFUND FIGHT:** A three-judge panel of the 1st District Court of Appeal will hear arguments in a potential class-action lawsuit that contends the University of Florida should refund fees to students who were forced to learn remotely in 2020 because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The university went to the appeals court in November after Alachua County Circuit Judge Monica Brasington refused to dismiss the case. It is one of numerous similar lawsuits playing out in Florida and across the country. Plaintiff Anthony Rojas was a UF graduate student in spring and summer 2020 who paid tuition and fees. The lawsuit seeks prorated refunds of such things as activity fees, transportation fees and athletics fees. It does not seek tuition refunds. (Wednesday, 2 p.m., 1st District Court of Appeal, 2000 Drayton Dr., Tallahassee.)
- **DEVELOPMENT FINANCE BOARD:** The Florida Development Finance Corp. Board of Directors will meet. (Wednesday, 2 p.m., Florida Development Finance Corp., 156 Tuskawilla Road, Suite 2340, Winter Springs. Call-in number: 1-850-988-5144. Code: 863111244)
- **MEDICAID ISSUES:** The state Medical Care Advisory Committee, which works on Medicaid issues, will meet. (Wednesday, 3 p.m. Information at <https://ahca.myflorida.com/Calendar.shtml>)

#### **THURSDAY, JULY 21, 2022**

- **DEFENSE ISSUES:** The Florida Defense Support Task Force will meet in Escambia County. (Thursday, 9 a.m., Hampton Inn Pensacola Airport, 2187 Airport Blvd., Pensacola.)
- **SOUTHWEST PLANNING COUNCIL:** The Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council will meet. (Thursday, 9 a.m., South Florida Water Management District, 2301 McGregor Blvd., Ft. Myers. <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/91588729954?pwd=OVerTVNQVVpRZjQrY1Jab1dpMDBGUT09#success>. Call-in number: 1-929-205-6099. Meeting ID: 91588729954. Code: 082520)
- **HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION:** The Florida Commission on Human Relations will meet. (Thursday, 10 a.m. Call-in number: 850-270-6017. Code: 263737738730)
- **REFUGEE ISSUES:** The Broward Refugee Task Force will meet. (Thursday, 10 a.m. Information at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/>)
- **GULF COAST COLLEGE TRUSTEES:** The Gulf Coast State College Board of Trustees will meet. (Thursday, 10 a.m., Gulf Coast State College, Robert L. McSpadden Student Union West, Panama City.)
- **DENTAL ISSUES:** The Florida Board of Dentistry will meet. (Thursday, noon. Call-in number: 1-888-585-9008. Code: 599196982)
- **COURT MONEY:** The Revenue Estimating Conference will analyze what are known as “Article V” revenues, which are used for the court system. (Thursday, 1:30 p.m., 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.)

#### **FRIDAY, JULY 22, 2022**

- **PSYCHOLOGY ISSUES:** The Florida Board of Psychology will meet. (Friday, 8 a.m. Call-in number: 1-888-585-9008. Code: 564341766)
- **ETHICS COMMISSION:** The Florida Commission on Ethics will meet. Cases are expected to include a settlement involving former state Sen. Jack Latvala, R-Clearwater. (Friday, 8:30 a.m., 1st District Court of Appeal, 2000 Drayton Dr., Tallahassee.)
- **INTEREST RATES:** The Economic Estimating Conference will discuss interest rates used in appropriations. (Friday, 8:30 a.m., 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.)
- **FLORIDA ECONOMY:** The Economic Estimating Conference will discuss the Florida economy. (Friday, 9 a.m., 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.)
- **SPEECH-LANGUAGE BOARD:** The Florida Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology will meet. (Friday, 9 a.m. Call-in number: 1-866-899-4679. Code: 634513941)
- **JOBS REPORT RELEASED:** The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity will release a June unemployment report. (Friday, 10 a.m.)
- **REFUGEE ISSUES:** The Palm Beach Refugee Task Force will meet. (Friday, 10 a.m. Information at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/>)
- **LGBTQ+ CAUCUS KICKS OFF CONFERENCE:** The Florida LGBTQ+ Democratic Conference will hold an opening reception for a weekend conference. (Friday, 6:30 p.m., The Westin Fort Lauderdale, 400 Corporate Dr., Fort Lauderdale.)
- **REPUBLICANS OPEN SUNSHINE SUMMIT:** The Republican Party of Florida will hold a reception to begin its Sunshine Summit event. (Friday, 7 p.m., Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, 1 Seminole Way, Hollywood.)
- **FINANCE REPORTS DUE:** State candidates and political committees face a Friday deadline for filing reports showing finance activity through July 15.

#### **SATURDAY, JULY 23, 2022**

- **LGBTQ+ CAUCUS HOLDS CONFERENCE:** The Florida LGBTQ+ Democratic Conference will hold a conference that is expected to include numerous candidates, including gubernatorial

candidates Charlie Crist and Nikki Fried and U.S. Senate candidate Val Demings. (Saturday, events start at 8:30 a.m., The Westin Fort Lauderdale, 400 Corporate Dr., Fort Lauderdale.)

- **REPUBLICANS HOLD SUNSHINE SUMMIT:** The Republican Party of Florida will hold its Sunshine Summit, which is expected to draw numerous candidates, including Gov. Ron DeSantis, U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio, Attorney General Ashley Moody and state Chief Financial Officer Jimmy Patronis. (Saturday, events start at 9 a.m., Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, 1 Seminole Way, Hollywood.)

### ***About the Briefing!***

The Briefing is compiled **2-3 times a week** to provide information to County Commissioners and staff in counties that are members of the Small County Coalition and School Board members, Superintendents, and staff in districts that are members of the Small School District Council Consortium. It is also sent to Professional Colleagues and Associates. For Questions Email – [Cdoolin@DoolinandAssoc.com](mailto:Cdoolin@DoolinandAssoc.com)

### **Website Links**

**[Small County Coalition Website](#)**

**[Small School District Council Consortium Website](#)**