



The Briefing – Saturday – October 8 –2022

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The Week In Review

Highs, Lows and Other Stuff

Hurricane Ian make a mess in Florida – Federal, State and Local Officials Respond

Customers without power drops from over 500,000 to 77,766.

Ian Impacted School Districts begin to reopen!

Ian Insurance claims soar!

Florida A&M University celebrated its 135th birthday this past week.

University of Florida Presidential Search finds U.S. Senator Ben Sasse as the #1 Candidate

October arrives with a breath of cooler – drier weather!

Governor DeSantis holds up funding for local support projects!

Dept of Economic Opportunity begin formal rulemaking on Broadband Grants Program.

Florida Ambulance Association Challenge Cause of Action created in proviso mandating \$15 minimum wage

President Biden pardons simple marijuana possession convictions at the federal level

S&P Global, Fitch and Moody's give Florida State University highest credit rating of Florida's 12 public universities.

For Your Information

- [*How Florida Counties Compare - A Florida Taxwatch Report*](#)
- Florida's small business owners in need of assistance can now apply for the Florida Small Business Emergency Bridge Loan Program at www.FloridaJobs.org/EBL.

[Here's the College Football TV Schedule for Week Six](#)

What do I want to see?

A Gator win! A Seminole win! Jimbo crushed by Bama! A Volunteer win! A Georgia win! A Miami Win!

On the schedule Saturday

Missouri at Florida | 12 p.m. | ESPNU – Which Gator team will show up?

Florida State at No. 14 NC State | 8 p.m. | ACC Network – Can FSU get a win? Clemson Next week!

Texas A&M at No. 1 Alabama | 8 p.m. | CBS – The Brawl between Fisher and Saban hits the field!

No. 8 Tennessee at No. 25 LSU | 12 p.m. | ESPN – Are the Vols for real? Seem like it!

Auburn at No. 2 Georgia | 3:30 p.m. | CBS Bulldogs will send Auburn Coach looking!

North Carolina at Miami (Fla.) | 4 p.m. | ESPN2 Come on Miami win one!

Other Teams from Florida take the field

UConn at FIU | 7 p.m. | ESPN3

Florida A&M at South Carolina State | 2 p.m. | ESPN+

South Florida at No. 24 Cincinnati | 2:30 p.m. | ESPN+

Bethune-Cookman at Tennessee State | 6 p.m. | ESPN+

Ian Update

For the best and latest information use the Division of Emergency Management Link-

<https://www.floridadisaster.org/>

Power Restoration

[DEM Website for Tracking Progress on Power Restoration](#)

As of this morning, 77,766 customers remain without power or .688% of the population.

In Lee County – 13.8% of population remains without service.

In Charlotte County – 6.67% of population remains without service.

In DeSoto County – .52 % of population remains without service.

In Highlands County – .03% of population remains without service.

In Sarasota County – .48% of population remains without service.

In Collier County – 1.23% of population remains without service.

In Hardee County – .33% of population remains without service.

In Hendry County – .14% of population remains without service.

In Glades County – .01% of population remains without service.

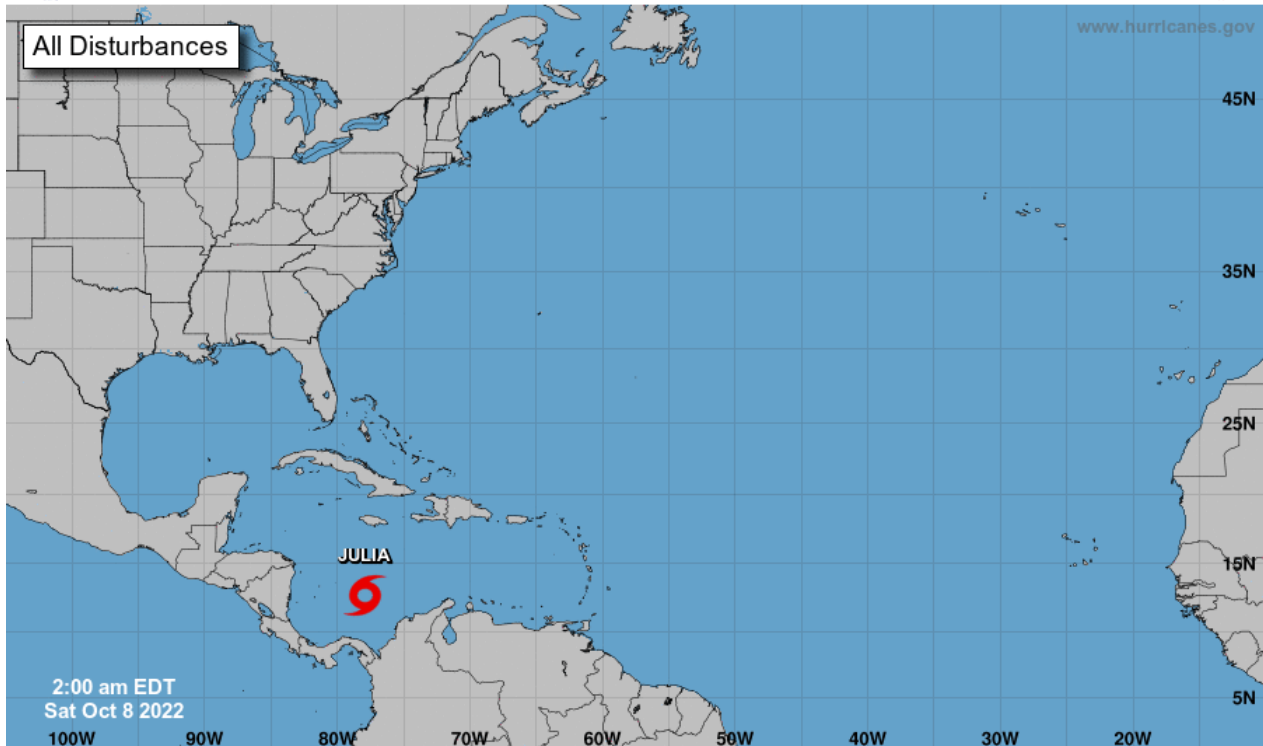
In Okeechobee County - .00% of population remains without service.

Tropical Outlook

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

Headlines Around the State

Herald: Florida may have violated its own guidelines in flying migrants to Martha's Vineyard

Sentinel: DeSantis migrant flights could last until June, records show

Times: New documents provide more information on Florida's migrant flights

FlaPol: Ron DeSantis again explains working with Joe Biden to a Fox News host

Sentinel: Sasse praised as UF president choice, but concern raised about secret process

Times: Sen. Ben Sasse was a university president in Nebraska. How will he be at UF?

Times: UF presidential finalist, football fan Ben Sasse once made crack at Gators

The Hill: Sasse's expected exit shrinks Senate's anti-Trump wing

FlaPol: Marco Rubio's co-sponsoring legislation to roll back prescription drug price controls

FlaPol: 'Right past wrongs': Shevrin Jones calls on Gov. DeSantis to pardon marijuana offenders convicted of simple possession

Capitolist: Sen. Shevrin Jones requests that Gov. DeSantis pardon Floridians convicted of simple possession of marijuana

AP: Ian evacuees return to mud, rubble as death toll hits 101

NYTimes: Many of Hurricane Ian's Victims Were Older Adults Who Drowned

WUSF: What 2018's Hurricane Michael could teach us about elections post-Hurricane Ian

Herald: Voting in SW Florida may be difficult. Election officials look to Panhandle for answers

Herald: Ian's uninsured flood losses could exceed \$10B because many Floridians have no flood coverage

FlaPol: Florida Insurance Consumer Advocate, national insurance group warn Ian survivors of fraud

FlaPol: 'Just heartbreaking': SW Florida small family farmers struggle after Hurricane Ian

AP: As search goes on, Floridians await OK to survey Ian's wrath

Bradenton Herald: 'We are not forgotten.' Myakka thankful for outpouring of support after Hurricane Ian

Sentinel: Flooding, power outages plague Central Florida senior facilities after Hurricane Ian

Herald: Demings knocks Rubio for missing hurricane relief vote. She opposed some similar bills

FlaPol: Charlie Crist asks supporters for their 'personal abortion story'

FlaPol: Will more women vote in Florida in light of the overturning of Roe v. Wade?

FlaPol: Republicans overtake Democrats in voter registration in yet another county

FlaPol: Juan Carlos Porras drubs Democratic opponent in post-Primary fundraising rush for HD 119

FlaPol: New Democratic headquarters opening in Broward County to spur voter turnout

Herald: Climate, abortion and education funding among hot topics in Florida House 114 race

Bradenton Herald: Public feud between city, county escalates over Anna Maria Island hurricane evacuation

Today: Cocoa police say 'no confidence' in new chief after host of complaints

Ledger: Polk loses out on expected \$6.2 million in grants

Sentinel: Orange County expects high demand for \$13.5 million in rental assistance when portal opens Saturday

FlaPol: Major work ahead in energy, transport to achieve net-zero emissions in Florida by 2050

FlaPol: Cities push back against Legislature's environmental policy preemptions

Herald: Miami-Dade school district asking people to pay more for teacher pay — or 'bleak' future

FlaPol: Tervis launches special Florida tumbler to raise funds for Hurricane Ian relief

Sentinel: Orange County's Orlo Vista flood-prevention plan may be too little, too late

Herald: A 'quiet giant', former Florida Rep. Murray Dubbin, a Miami Beach city attorney, dies at 93

On the Docket This Coming Week

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2022

- **FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS HONORED:** Gov. Ron DeSantis has ordered flags to be flown at half-staff in observance of National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Day. Flags will be flown at half-staff Sunday at local and state buildings and facilities.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2022

- **SASSE VISITS UF:** Nebraska U.S. Sen. Ben Sasse, who is the lone finalist to become president of the University of Florida, will visit the UF campus Monday and meet with students and faculty members. The UF Board of Trustees will formally interview Sasse on Nov. 1.

- TAMPA BAY COUNCIL: The Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council will meet. (Monday, 10 a.m., 4000 Gateway Centre Blvd., Suite 100, Pinellas Park. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85871937581?pwd=N1pUOG9jZmhqdmRGaW1LUeCzbGN0UT09>. Call-in number: 1-786-635-1003. Meeting ID: 85871937581. Code:100200)
- EASTERN FLORIDA COLLEGE BOARD: The Eastern Florida State College Board of Trustees will meet. (Monday, 10:30 a.m., Eastern Florida State College, Melbourne Campus, Public Safety Institute, 3865 North Wickham Road, Melbourne.)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2022

- SUBSTANCE ABUSE ISSUES: The Statewide Drug Policy Advisory Council will meet. (Tuesday, 8:30 a.m., 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Tallahassee. Call-in number: 850-792-1375. Code: 702462028)
- SUWANNEE WATER BOARD: The Suwannee River Water Management District Governing Board will meet. (Tuesday, 9 a.m., Suwannee River Water Management District, 9225 County Road 49, Live Oak.)
- GULF COAST TRUSTEES: The Gulf Coast State College Board of Trustees will hold a workshop. (Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. Central time, Gulf Coast State College, E.A. Gardner Seminar Room, Panama City.)
- ST. JOHNS WATER BOARD: The St. Johns River Water Management District Governing Board will meet. (Tuesday, 10 a.m., St. Johns River Water Management District, 4049 Reid St., Palatka.)
- JACKSONVILLE COLLEGE TRUSTEES: The Florida State College at Jacksonville Board of Trustees is scheduled to hold a workshop. (Tuesday, noon, Florida State College at Jacksonville, South Campus, Jacksonville.)
- VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Florida residents face a Tuesday deadline to register to vote in the Nov. 8 general election.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2022

- PAROLE CASES: The Florida Commission on Offender Review will hold a hearing in Hillsborough County. (Wednesday, 9 a.m., Hillsborough County State Attorney's Office, 419 North Pierce St., Tampa.)
- TRANSGENDER MEDICAID COVERAGE: U.S. District Judge Robert Hinkle will hold a hearing on a request for a preliminary injunction against a new state rule that prevents Medicaid from paying for treatments such as puberty blockers and hormone therapy for transgender people. (Wednesday, 9:30 a.m., United States Courthouse, 111 North Adams St., Tallahassee.)
- 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)
- CENTRAL FLORIDA PLANNING COUNCIL: The Central Florida Regional Planning Council will meet. (Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. <https://meet.goto.com/267699485>. Call-in number: 1-872-240-3212. Code: 267699485)
- REFUGEE ISSUES: The Orlando Area Refugee Task Force will meet. (Wednesday, 10 a.m. Information at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/>)
- CITRUS INDUSTRY RECOVERY: Florida Citrus Mutual will host a luncheon and discuss the citrus industry's efforts to recover from Hurricane Ian. The event is expected to include U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., U.S. Rep. Scott Franklin, R-Fla., and U.S. Rep. Kat Cammack, R-Fla. (Wednesday, 11:30 a.m., Putnam Ranch, 8290 Martin Lane, Zolfo Springs.)

- CITRUS FORECAST RELEASED: The U.S. Department of Agriculture will issue its first forecast of the 2022-2023 citrus growing season. (Wednesday, noon. Call-in number: 1-855-384-4184. Code: 6486013)
- NORTHWEST FLORIDA PLANNING BOARD: The Emerald Coast Regional Council will meet. (Wednesday, noon, Pensacola Bay Center, 201 East Gregory St., Pensacola.)
- LAWMAKERS PROVIDE HURRICANE MONEY: The Joint Legislative Budget Commission, which is made up of House and Senate members, will meet to approve funding for the state's response to Hurricane Ian. (Wednesday, 1 p.m., 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2022

- SOUTH FLORIDA WATER BOARD: The South Florida Water Management District Governing Board will meet. (Thursday, 9 a.m. https://sfwmd.gov.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_UFMm5TIMR96FMQjjVLbTtw)
- PAROLE CASES: The Florida Commission on Offender Review will hold a hearing in Hillsborough County. (Thursday, 9 a.m., Hillsborough County State Attorney's Office, 419 North Pierce St., Tampa.)
- VALENCIA COLLEGE BOARD: The Valencia College Board of Trustees will meet. (Thursday, 9:30 a.m., Valencia College, Lake Nona Campus, 12350 Narcoossee Road, Orlando.)
- AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT HOLDS JOB FAIR: The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services will host a job fair. (Thursday, 10 a.m., Connor Building, 3125 Connor Blvd., Tallahassee.)
- SUPREME COURT RELEASES OPINIONS: The Florida Supreme Court is scheduled to release its weekly opinions. (Thursday, 11 a.m.)
- JUDICIAL BRANCH BUDGET: The Office of State Courts Administrator will present an overview of the judicial branch's budget request for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. (Thursday, 2 p.m. https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ivzt5FCVRQmaRgrwoj91yQ)
- TOWEY TOUTS BOOK: Jim Towey, a former secretary of the Florida Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services and former head of President George W. Bush's White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, will discuss his new book, "To Love and Be Loved: A Personal Portrait of Mother Teresa." (Thursday, 5 p.m., Hearth and Soul, 1410 Market St., Tallahassee.)
- SNYDER RAISES MONEY IN JUPITER: A fundraising event will be held for Rep. John Snyder, a Stuart Republican running in state House District 86. (Thursday, 5:30 p.m., The Sims House, 312-322 Center St., Jupiter.)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2022

- RESPIRATORY CARE BOARD: The Florida Board of Respiratory Care will meet in Duval County. (Friday, 8:30 a.m., Aloft Jacksonville Tapestry Park, 4812 Deer Lake Dr. West, Jacksonville.)
- LAND CONSERVATION ISSUES DISCUSSED: The state Acquisition and Restoration Council, which works on land conservation issues, will meet. (Friday, 9 a.m., Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Marjory Stoneman Douglas Building, 3900 Commonwealth Blvd., Tallahassee. <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/842804674835304975>)
- OPTOMETRY ISSUES: The Florida Board of Optometry will meet. (Friday, 9 a.m., Rosen Plaza Hotel, 9700 International Dr., Orlando.)
- PODIATRIC BOARD: The Florida Board of Podiatric Medicine will meet. (Friday, 9 a.m., Embassy Suites Lake Buena Vista South, 4955 Kyngs Heath Road, Kissimmee.)

- SPEECH, AUDIOLOGY BOARD: The Florida Board of Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology will meet. (Friday, 9 a.m. <https://meet.goto.com/216185421>. Call-in number: 1-866-899-4679. Code: 216185421)
- JUDICIAL CANDIDATES INTERVIEWED: The 11th Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission will interview candidates to become a Miami-Dade County judge. Scheduled for interviews are Gilberto Barreto, Heloiza Correa, Aaron Feuer, Christopher Green, Blanca Greenwood, Kevin Hellmann, Kimberly Hillery, Scott Janowitz, Jeffrey Kolokoff and Craig Weissberg. (Friday, 9:30 a.m., Continental PLLC, 255 Alhambra Circle, Suite 640, Coral Gables.)
- REFUGEE ISSUES: The Miami-Dade Refugee Task Force will meet. (Friday, 10 a.m. Information at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/>)
- FINANCE REPORTS DUE: State candidates and political committees face a Friday deadline for filing reports showing finance activity through Oct. 7.

About the Briefing!

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The Briefing is compiled **2-3 times a week** to provide information to elected officials and staff in counties that are members of the Small County Coalition and the Small School District Council Consortium. It is also sent to Professional Colleagues and Associates. For Questions Email – doolin@DoolinandAssoc.com

Website Links

[*Small County Coalition Website*](#)

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

Upcoming Meetings

Small County Coalition Fall Breakfast Meeting

*Wednesday – November 30 - St. Pete – Coinciding with the FAC Winter Meeting
Greet New Commissioners and Adopt Legislative Program
[*Registration for FAC Legislative Annual Conference*](#)*

Small School District Council Consortium - Breakfast Meeting

*Thursday – December 1 – Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay -Coinciding with the FSBA Winter Meeting
Greet New School Board Members and Adopt Legislative Program
[*FSBA/FADSS 77th Annual Joint Conference – Florida School Boards Association*](#)*

Florida Rural Economic Development Summit

*[*If you are a local official in a small county – you should consider participating*](#)*

The Annual Rural Economic Development Summit will be held December 7-9, 2022 - Renaissance World Golf Village Resort in St. Augustine. The coordinators of the summit are encouraging local elected officials in our rural communities to attend. Here is the registration information –

[*Registration for Summit*](#)

[*Tentative Agenda for Summit*](#)