



The Briefing – Wednesday – October 5 –2022

The last Briefing was Tuesday – October 4 – 2022

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

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

Florida Rural Economic Development Summit

[Tentative Agenda for 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](#)

On The Ballot

Statewide Candidates

Latest Poll – Mason-Dixon – released today!

- Governor - DeSantis holds lead over Charlie Crist: 52 percent to 41 percent.
- Attorney General - Ashley Moody polls 13 pts over Aramis Ayala, 50 percent to 37 percent
- Chief Financial Officer - Jimmy Patronis leads Adam Hattersley, 47 percent to 37 percent
- Ag. Commissioner - Wilton Simpson leads Naomi Esther Blemur by 13 pts., 47 to 34 percent.

Constitutional Amendment Proposals

Proposal # 1 - Limitation on Assessment of Real Property Used for Residential Purposes

Amending Article VII, Section 4; Article XII, Section 42 - [View Full Text \(pdf\)](#)

[Final Staff Analysis](#)

Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution, effective January 1, 2023, to authorize the Legislature, by general law, to prohibit the consideration of any change or improvement made to real property used for residential purposes to improve the property's resistance to flood damage in determining the assessed value of such property for ad valorem taxation purposes.

Proposal # 2 - Abolishing the Constitution Revision Commission

Amending s.5, Art. II, s. 5, Art. XI, Repeal s. 2, Art. XI, Fla. Const. - [View Full Text \(pdf\)](#)

[Final Staff Analysis](#)

Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to abolish the Constitution Revision Commission, which meets at 20-year intervals and is scheduled to next convene in 2037, as a method of submitting proposed amendments or revisions to the State Constitution to electors of the state for approval. This amendment does not affect the ability to revise or amend the State Constitution through citizen initiative, constitutional convention, the Taxation and Budget Reform Commission, or legislative joint resolution.

Proposal #3 - Additional Homestead Property Tax Exemption for Specified Critical Public Services Workforce

Amending Article VII, Section 6; Article XII - [View Full Text \(pdf\)](#)
[Final Staff Analysis](#)

Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to authorize the Legislature, by general law, to grant an additional homestead tax exemption for nonschool levies of up to \$50,000 of the assessed value of homestead property owned by classroom teachers, law enforcement officers, correctional officers, firefighters, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, child welfare services professionals, active duty members of the United States Armed Forces, and Florida National Guard members. This amendment shall take effect January 1, 2023. The amendment includes a requirement for the legislature to appropriate funding to offset the impact on Fiscally Constrained counties.

Ian Update

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

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

Tips to Avoid Being a Victim of Fraud

Florida requires that hurricane damage claims be filed within two years of the date of loss, move forward to secure a professional inspection for damages and prepare for filing a claim. Here are some basic tips that should be followed for those that experienced damage.

- Document the damage.
- Only work with state-licensed professionals – check www.beclaimsmart.com
- Check Permits – make sure permits are pulled by your contractors. Make it a contractual obligation.
- Keep copies of contracts –
- Don't pay cash – get receipts – they will be needed for insurance claims.
- Be Wary of Assignment of Benefits

School Closures

<https://www.fldoe.org/em-response/storm-info.stml>

- **Charlotte County Schools** will be closed until further notice.
- **DeSoto County Schools** will be closed until further notice.
- **Hardee County Schools** will be closed until further notice.
- **Lee County Schools** will be closed until further notice.
- **Sarasota County Schools** will be closed through Friday, October 7, 2022. Partial reopening Monday, October 10, 2022.

Power Restoration

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

As of this morning, 319,563 customers remain without power or 2.827% of the population.

- In DeSoto County – 54.7 % of population remains without service.
- In Charlotte County – 48.6% of population remains without service.
- In Lee County – 38.3% of population remains without service.
- In Sarasota County – 16.2% of population remains without service.
- In Collier County – 4.46% of population remains without service.
- In Hendry County – 3.9% of population remains without service.
- In Highlands County – 1.9% of population remains without service.
- In Glades county – 1.06% of population remains without service.
- In Hardee County – .97% of population remains without service.

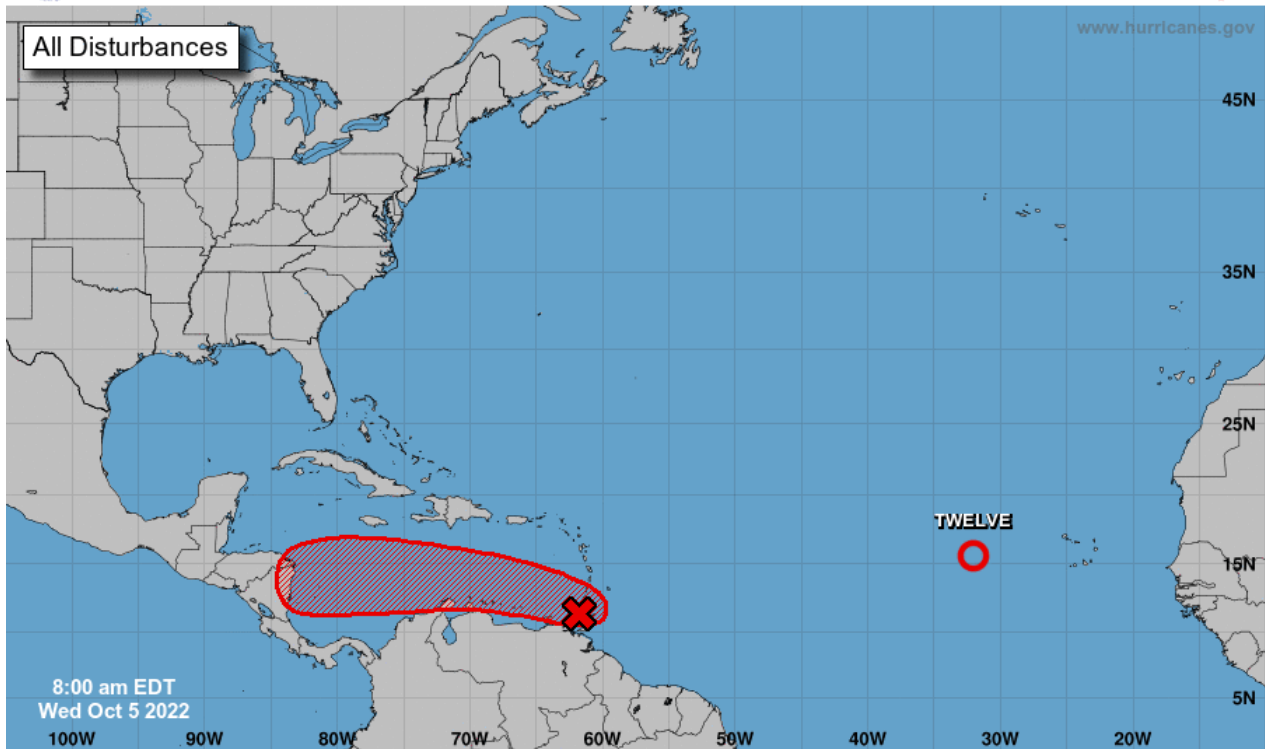
Tropical Outlook

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

Politico: Biden and DeSantis will test their accord during Florida visit

Sun-Sentinel: Biden to visit Fort Myers, meet with DeSantis over Ian

Herald: Biden to meet DeSantis as he visits Florida after Ian. Migrant flights not on the agenda

The Capitolist: "She's trying to play identity politics": DeSantis rebukes Kamala Harris aid claim

FlaPol: Rick Scott defends embattled Herschel Walker against Democratic 'smear machine'

Politico: Storm-battered Florida may need major election fixes before November

FlaPol: State, abortion providers set to square off in court over fines from 24-hour waiting period violations

AP: Ian deals blow to Florida's teetering insurance sector

My News 13: Experts say hurricane damage will make Florida's dire property insurance situation even worse

CBS Miami: Hurricane Ian insured losses climb over \$2 billion

Times-Union: FEMA, aid groups stretched thin by hurricanes Ian and Fiona

WUSF: Southwest Florida residents reflect on Hurricane Ian's life-changing impact

Post: Florida SNAP benefits: Are we getting extra food stamps after Ian?

Sentinel: Floridians injured from Hurricane Ian pour into urgent care

Ledger: Citrus crop losses forecasted to be up to 80 percent in some areas of Florida

City & State FL: On the edge: Florida teachers struggling with burnout in the classroom

Bradenton Herald: FPL shares Hurricane Ian power update. 'Traffic is one of our biggest issues.'

CBS Miami: Trump asks Supreme Court to intervene in review of documents seized in Mar-a-Lago search

New Yorker: Letters to Jeb Bush

WUSF: Hurricane Ian's havoc is forcing some Florida families to give up the family pet

WUSF: Crisis Center of Tampa Bay reports surge in calls after Hurricane Ian

FlaPol: Amid Ian's wounds, Jews see healing, renewal in Yom Kippur

WUSF: 'I've never lost this many animals.' Inside a dairy farm hit by Hurricane Ian

Sentinel: Lake Monroe's post-Ian rise heightens flooding concerns in Sanford

Times-Union: UNF's 50th anniversary is this October. Here's a look back.

CBS Miami: Expert: Parkland school shooter faked fetal alcohol symptoms

Sun-Sentinel: Prosecution witness challenges conclusions about Parkland gunman's mental struggles

Sun-Sentinel: Parkland killer's life or death, Day 57: Neuropsychologist testifies on gunman's mental struggles

Sun-Sentinel: Blazing into history: Brightline to test at 110 mph as likely Florida's fastest train ever

The Capitolist: Duke Energy commits \$250,000 to support Hurricane Ian recovery efforts

Herald: Florida COVID weekly update: South Florida enters low risk level of community transmission

CBS Miami: Former Somerset Parkland Academy principal faces charges over guns at school

Sun-Sentinel: Ron DeSantis-Charlie Crist debate postponed because of Ian recovery

FlaPol: Ron DeSantis says 'national regime media' wanted Hurricane Ian to hit Tampa

FlaPol: Gov. DeSantis: Three Hurricane Ian looters were 'illegal aliens'

Herald: From Republican to Democrat, some faithful supporters continue donating to Charlie Crist

FlaPol: Charlie Crist ads resume running statewide with big bet on insurance, abortion

FlaPol: Democratic legislators demand feds probe Gov. DeSantis' migrant flights

FlaPol: Gov. DeSantis administration's proposed new autism rules challenged in state court

FlaPol: Trial date for Gov. DeSantis suspension of Andrew Warren set for Nov. 29

FlaPol: Jimmy Patronis to GoFundMe: Support state charity fund for Ian

WUSF: Florida power companies get approval on long-term plans to fix the electrical system

The Capitolist: State establishes disaster mental health resource portal for Hurricane Ian first responders

Axios: Floridians weigh whether to stay or go post-Hurricane Ian

Times: Will Hurricane Ian cut Florida's Gulf Coast boom short?

FlaPol: Naomi Blemur 'postpones' Ag Commish campaign, cites Ian relief effort

FlaPol: Nassau County adds support to rural broadband push in Legislature

Herald: Boat captains, volunteers help barrier island residents with ferry service, supplies

WLRN: Rescuers press on as residents endure slow wait for power knocked out by Ian

Yahoo News: The last moments of Hurricane Ian's victims, told in grim details by Florida medical examiners

Democrat: Storm-related deaths get wildly reported in Florida, but medical examiners make the final call

WLRN: Reopening district schools a priority for Lee County, but some buildings may be beyond repair

WUSF: Some Sarasota schools aim to open Monday, others in mid-October due to Hurricane Ian damage

Post: Florida student athletes are asked to report their periods. Why?

News4Jax: More than 20 people huddled inside a one bedroom apartment, hoping to survive Hurricane Ian

WLRN: Downtown Fort Myers begins clean-up while looters are sent a warning

Sentinel: 'It is not right': 200 families face eviction from flood-ravaged Orlando complex by Halloween

Sentinel: Hurricane Ian: More than 500 UCF students seek help from school in flood aftermath

PNJ: 100+ 'questionable' books placed in restricted section while Escambia schools review them

News4Jax: Bill Basford, longtime Jacksonville public servant, dead at age 92

WLRN: 'We're looking for respect': Why families of Surfside victims are still battling for a 'fitting' memorial

Sun-Sentinel: Broward School Board defends paying \$237,000 to ousted administrators

On the Docket

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2022

- 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)
- DENTAL SCREENINGS: Sen. Ana Maria Rodriguez, R-Doral, Rep. Daniel Perez, R-Miami, and Rep. David Borrero, R-Sweetwater, will sponsor an event that will offer free dental screenings for children. (Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Ronselli Park, 250 S.W. 114th Ave., Miami.)
- DEVELOPMENT FINANCE BOARD: The Florida Development Finance Corp. Board of Directors is scheduled to meet. (Wednesday, 3 p.m., Florida Development Finance Corp., 156 Tuskawilla Road, Suite 2340, Winter Springs. <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81386714803?pwd=VzJYVFU4WkFQaVhPeHVhRytzVTVEZz09>. Meeting ID: 8138671480. Code: 954436. Call-in number: 1-646-558-8656)
- CENTRAL FLORIDA COLLEGE BOARD: The College of Central Florida Board of Trustees will meet. (Wednesday, 4 p.m., Hampton Center, 1501 West Silver Springs Blvd., Ocala.)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2022

- FAMU TRUSTEES: The Florida A&M University Board of Trustees will meet. (Thursday, 8:30 a.m., Florida A&M University, Grand Ballroom, Tallahassee. <https://famu.zoom.us/j/94906121517?pwd=Y05QMW12NTUxTjQvcE1lL25lZm9XZz09>. Webinar ID: 94906121517. Code: 738230. Call-in number: 1-646-931-3860)
- GAMBLING ISSUES: The Florida Gaming Control Commission will meet. (Thursday, 9:30 a.m., 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.)
- NORTHEAST FLORIDA COUNCIL: The Northeast Florida Regional Council will meet in Duval County. (Thursday, 10 a.m., Northeast Florida Regional Council, 100 Festival Park Ave., Jacksonville. <https://nefrc-org.zoom.us/j/87499770491>. Meeting ID: 87499770491)
- SUPREME COURT RELEASES OPINIONS: The Florida Supreme Court is scheduled to release its weekly opinions. (Thursday, 11 a.m.)
- SOCIAL WORK BOARD: The Florida Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy, and Mental Health Counseling will meet. (Thursday, 11 a.m. <https://meet.goto.com/862593893>. Call-in number: 1-866-899-4679. Code: 862593893)
- HALEY SPEAKS IN PALM BEACH: Former United Nations Ambassador and South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley will speak to the Forum Club of the Palm Beaches. (Thursday, noon, Kravis Center for the Performing Arts, 701 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach.)
- NURSING BOARD: The Florida Board of Nursing is scheduled to meet in Hillsborough County. (Thursday, 1:30 p.m., Embassy Suites Tampa, USF, 3705 Spectrum Blvd., Tampa.)
- HILLSBOROUGH COLLEGE BOARD: The Hillsborough Community College Board of Trustees will meet. (Thursday, 4 p.m., Hillsborough Community College, Dr. Gwendolyn W. Stephenson District Administration Center, 39 Columbia Dr., Tampa.)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2022

- BOARD OF MEDICINE: The Florida Board of Medicine is scheduled to meet. (Friday, 8 a.m., The Westshore Grand, 4860 West Kennedy Blvd., Tampa.)
- NURSING BOARD: The Florida Board of Nursing is scheduled to meet in Hillsborough County. (Friday, 8:30 a.m., Embassy Suites Tampa, USF, 3705 Spectrum Blvd., Tampa.)

- PRISON MEDICAL ISSUES: The Correctional Medical Authority is scheduled to meet. (Friday, 9 a.m., Florida State Prison, 23916 N.W. 83rd Ave., Raiford. Call-in number: 1-888-585-9008. Code: 344085830)
- FINANCE REPORTS DUE: State candidates and political committees face a Friday deadline for filing reports showing finance activity through Sept. 30.

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

*December 7-9, 2022 - Renaissance World Golf Village Resort in St. Augustine
[Registration for Summit](#)*

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](#)

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