



Happy Birthday Homer!

On this day in 1956, Homer J. Simpson was born! Springfield U.S.A.

The Briefing for Friday – May 12 - 2023

The last Briefing was Tuesday, May 9, 2023

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

Thank You Florida Legislature!

Tough Session but there were wins for rural areas and small counties!

[SCC - Legislative Report for the 2023 Regular Legislative Session - May 9, 2023](#)

[SSDCC 2023 -Legislative Report -May 8](#)

Websites are being updated to post Legislative Information

www.smallcountycoalition.org

www.ssdcc.org

Important Dates – Meetings and Events

2023

June 7–9-	FSBA/FADSS Annual Summer Conference, Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay
June 8 –	Small School District Breakfast
June 27-30 -	FAC Annual Summer Conference
June 28 -	Small County Coalition Annual Meeting
September 13-14 -	FAC Policy Conference – St. Mary – Seminole County
September 18–22 –	House Legislative Committee Week
October 9–13 -	House and Senate Legislative Committee meetings
October 16–20-	House and Senate Legislative Committee meetings
November 6–9 -	House and Senate Legislative Committee meetings
November 13–17-	House and Senate Legislative Committee meetings
November 15-17 -	FAC Legislative Conference – Tampa
November 15-17 -	TBD- Small County Coalition Breakfast
Nov 28–Dec 1 -	FSBA/FADSS 78th Annual Joint Conference, Tampa
Nov 30 -	Small District Breakfast at FSBA – Tampa
December 4 -	House and Senate Legislative Committee meetings
December 11–15-	House and Senate Legislative Committee meetings

2024

- January 9- Legislative Session Begins
- January 16 - Small County Coalition Legislative Reception and Briefing
- January 17 Florida Association of Counties Legislative Day
- January 17 - Small School District Council Consortium Legislative Briefing
- January 17-18- FSBA Day in the Legislature, Tallahassee, FL
- March 8 - Legislative Session End
- March 19 - Presidential Primary Election
- June 4-7- FSBA/FADSS Annual Summer Conference, Tampa, FL
- June 6 - Small District Breakfast at FSBA – Tampa
- June 10-14 - Candidate Qualifying for Legislative and Local Offices
- June 25-28 - Florida Association Annual Summer Meeting – Orlando
- August 20 - Primary Election Day
- November 5 - General Election Day
- December 2-6- FSBA/FADSS 78th Annual Joint Conference – Tampa Grand Hyatt
- December 5 - Small School District Breakfast
- December 4-6 - FAC Legislative Conference -Tampa Marriott
- December 4 - Small County Coalition – Tentative Meeting

DACS Accepting Applications for Agriculture Education and Promotion Facilities for 2024

The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services is accepting applications for state funding of grants in aid for construction and/or renovation of agriculture education and promotion facilities, as outlined in Florida Statute Section 288.1175 and Florida Administrative Code Chapter 5H-25. Applicants must meet all requirements of this statute and rule in order to be considered eligible for funding.

 AEPF Application FDACS-06114.pdf	 FS 288.1175 AEPF.pdf	 Rule 5H-25 AEPF.pdf
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Applications for certification as an agriculture education and promotion facility must be postmarked or electronically submitted no later than October 1, 2023, to be evaluated for inclusion in the department’s budget request. The application along with the pertinent statute and rule are attached.

If you have any questions about the program call or email
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Lt. Gov. Nunez Ready to Lead – If!

Florida Lt. Governor Jeanette Nunez confirmed in an interview yesterday that she looks forward to serving in "whatever capacity" if Governor Ron DeSantis is elected to a higher office. If DeSantis runs for President and wins in 2024, the Governorship would transfer to Nunez upon DeSantis's swearing in and she would serve out the last two years of his term, according to the Florida constitution.

"First of all the Governor has not made any announcements so we will wait and see what happens," Nunez stated during a press conference at the Governor's annual Hurricane Conference at the Palm Beach Convention Center. "He picked me as his Lieutenant Governor. I look forward to serving the people in whatever capacity that might be."

***FWC Commission Goes Inside the Agency to Select New Executive Director
Col. Roger Young picked to succeed Eric Sutton***

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission promoted Col. Roger Young to become the agency's executive director. Young, has worked 27 years for the state, has overseen the commission's Division of Law Enforcement since June 2021. Young succeeds Eric Sutton who stepped down in December after being executive director for five years. Young, who grew up in South Florida and earned a degree from Florida State University in 1993, joined the Florida Marine Patrol as an officer in Taylor County before transferring to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission after it was created in 1999.

Headlines Around the State

Politico: DeSantis Team To Trump: Wait and See

FlaPol: Gov. DeSantis agrees to blot out his travel records

FlaPol: Gov. DeSantis signs measure to shift hundreds of millions in taxes to charter schools

Capitolist: Trulieve dumps another \$8 million into recreational marijuana legalization campaign

FlaPol: What's in their wallets? Gov. DeSantis approves bill for more financial disclosure from local officials

FlaPol: Telephones are now part of telehealth

FlaPol: Tyre Sampson Act, named for teenager who fell from ride, signed by Gov. DeSantis

FlaPol: Slow your roll: New Florida law shifts liability of getting hurt at skating rinks to customers

FlaPol: No "baby drivers": Gov. DeSantis OKs requiring licenses or permits for minors driving golf carts

FlaPol: Floridians get first choice as Governor signs state park reservation bill

FlaPol: Gov. DeSantis signs measure creating '9/11 Heroes' Day'

FlaPol: FWC, reptile keepers clear the air on Broward County python euthanization

FlaPol: Commissioners delay consideration of new FWC invasive species rule

FlaPol: FWC Commissioners name head of law enforcement as new Executive Director

News Herald: DeSantis signs controversial medical conscience bill, touts Florida as 'Prescribe Freedom' state

Times: New Florida laws ban COVID mandates, allow health care to be denied

FlaPol: End of public health emergency brings new round of COVID-inspired laws

FlaPol: Lawmakers support Gov. DeSantis' Moving Florida Forward to speed up road construction

FlaPol: Florida congressional delegation agriculture meeting postponed

Herald: Miami-Dade joins developer in suit against Fla. to build project near Biscayne Bay

Herald: Florida law restricts foreigners' real estate buying power. We explain who is most affected

WUSF: NAACP and Sarasota police work to ensure noise ordinance enforcement doesn't create more problems

Politico: DeSantis stays mum on Trump, for now, after town hall

Times: Could DeSantis use \$86 million of state campaign money to run for president?

FlaPol: Gov. Ron DeSantis pilots Disney monorail inspections into law

Times: DeSantis ally favored to lead state college, has no higher ed experience

Herald Tribune: New College campus café re-opens with vendor tied to Interim President Corcoran

Politico: Florida federal judge temporarily blocks Biden's migrant parole policy

WUSF: As conservative states target trans rights, a Florida teen flees for a better life

FlaPol: DeSantis Watch tees up Iowa ad blitz

FlaPol: Jacksonville mayoral candidate Donna Deegan touts bipartisan endorsements

FlaPol: Broward County schools extends Superintendent search deadline

FlaPol: FWC orders more work on Weeki Wachee Spring protections

FlaPol: Florida Hospital Association calls for action to reduce maternal mortality

FlaPol: Orlando hosted 74 million visitors in 2022; that number could grow when Brightline opens

On the Docket

FRIDAY, MAY 12, 2023

- CITRUS FORECAST RELEASED - Friday, noon. The U.S. Department of Agriculture will update its forecast for the 2022-2023 citrus growing season. Call-in number: 1-(888) 844-9904. Code: 8552986

Sunday, May 14, 2023 - Mothers Day!

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 – cdoolin@DoolinandAssoc.com

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