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## ***The Briefing for Sunday – July 9 - 2023***

*The last Briefing was Friday – July 7, 2023*

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### ***Governor Announces Funding for 63 Broadband Projects***

Governor Ron DeSantis awarded more than \$247 million through the Broadband Infrastructure Program, connecting more than 59,000 unserved and underserved businesses, homes, farms and anchor institutions like hospitals and libraries to high-speed Internet. Infrastructure deployment through 63 strategic projects in 43 Florida counties ensures that Florida residents have reliable and efficient access to workforce, education and health monitoring opportunities for generations to come.

These awards are in addition to [more than \\$226 million in Broadband Opportunity Grant Funding already awarded to 53 counties awards to expand broadband Internet access to unserved areas across the state, connecting more than 250,000 homes and businesses](#). Additional funding will become available this year through [new and existing programs](#).

For more information about the Broadband Infrastructure Program, please visit the [Broadband Infrastructure Program webpage](#).

### ***Department of Commerce formerly DEO holding Broadband Workshops***

The Florida Department of Commerce (FloridaCommerce) is hosting a series of public workshops host a series of public workshops to hear directly from Floridians about barriers to accessing broadband Internet service in their communities. The workshops will help inform Florida's plan to access funding for the expansion of broadband Internet service, and the deployment of online devices and digital skills training. Find more information on the public workshops [here](#).

### ***SDA To Release 2022-23 Final Monthly Citrus Report***

Citrus-greening disease, development pressures, and Hurricanes all hit citrus growers in 2023-23. This coming Wednesday, the U.S. Department of Agriculture will give a final tally of how bad the industry got hit. The department will issue a final monthly report about Florida's citrus production during the 2022-2023 season. The report is likely to show the lowest production in nearly a century, based on numbers released in June.

The June report estimated Florida would produce 15.75 million boxes of oranges this season. That would be down from 41.2 million boxes during the 2021-2022 season — a total that itself was the lowest production in decades.

When grapefruit and specialty crops were added, the June report estimated Florida would produce slightly more than 18 million boxes during this season. That would be the lowest total since the 1927-1928 season.

### **DeSantis Appoints Three to Parkland Commission**

Gov. **Ron DeSantis** appointed three new members to the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Commission. The Commission was created in the wake of the state's worst school shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in 2018 which left 17 dead and 17 others at the school injured. The Legislature charged it with analyzing school safety data and making recommendations for system improvements. The **Commission** is authorized through July 1, 2025. New members appointed Friday were:

- **Pamela Davis**, chief of the **Punta Gorda Police Department** since 2017.
- **Daniel Foganholi**, DeSantis' appointee to the **Broward County School Board**, representing District One.
- **John Newman**, the chief of Security and Emergency Management for **Hillsborough County**.

### **UPCOMING WEBINARS**

Made Available through the National Association of Counties

#### **Making Sense of AI for Government**

Tuesday - [July 11 at 1 p.m. EDT](#)

**REGISTER**

#### **Supreme Court Review for Local Governments: 2022-2023 Term**

Tuesday - [July 11 at 1 p.m. EDT](#)

*Cohosted by the National League of Cities*

**REGISTER**

#### **Solving Government Forms and Document Management Challenges**

Wednesday - [July 12 at 1 p.m. EDT](#)

**REGISTER**

*Headlines Around the State*

*NYTimes: Trump and DeSantis Are Battling for Iowa Voters. And for Its Governor, Too.*

*Politico: Start your engines: Iowa GOP schedules presidential caucuses for Jan. 15*

*NYTimes: Iowa Republicans Set the Date for the Party's Caucuses — and It's Early*

*NYTimes: In Ag-Friendly Iowa, Trump Goes After DeSantis on Farming Issues*

*FlaPol: Ron DeSantis plans another Iowa trip*

*Today: DeSantis steps up pace of executions in Florida, chasing Trump*

*FlaPol: Riley Gaines rips 'cheap shots' against Ron DeSantis*

*My News 13: 'Release the video': Mother of Derek Diaz makes plea alongside attorney Ben Crump*

*Herald: 'A new day for Florida Democrats': Party leaders project optimism at Miami Beach gathering*

*FlaPol: Controversial Pride Month video highlighted by Ron DeSantis campaign disappears*

*Politico: Low-key Trump bets on Vegas volunteers with promise of more to come*

*The Hill: Trump in Las Vegas speech attempts to rally voters against DeSantis: 'He's highly overrated'*

*Sentinel: Fight or flight: Florida losing some LGBTQ residents to blue states, but not all*

*Post: Who will be Palm Beach County's next state attorney? Prosecutor, defense attorney file for top job*

*Times-Union: Ron Salem's immigrant parents shaped his rise to Jacksonville City Council president*

*Messenger: DeSantis Says Media Is 'Going After' Him, He Can Beat Biden Despite Decline in Polls*

*Politico: A supporter's plane flew from Florida to N.H. DeSantis won't say if he was on it.*

*Sentinel: DeSantis support of anti-gay video called bad strategy, worse message*

*Politico: A Definitive Guide to All the Weird Internet Memes in Ron DeSantis' Anti-LGBTQ Rights Ad*

*FlaPol: Casey DeSantis talks kids, corn and more in Iowa stop*

*Politico: Trump attacks DeSantis in Iowa over ethanol stance*

*Times: Watchdogs concerned DeSantis shares Trump's disregard for ethics law*

*The Hill: Trump says DeSantis was 'lousy' candidate for governor until his endorsement*

*FlaPol: J.C. Planas launches bid for Miami-Dade Supervisor of Elections*

*WLRN: Republican legislator-turned-Democrat seeks elections supervisor seat*

*Herald: In Miami-Dade's first race for elections supervisor, a divide over who won in 2020*

*Ledger: Ready to leave: Some LGBTQ residents in Polk say new laws make Florida no longer feel safe*

*TCPalm: Florida Dems need to get organized. They'll start in Miami Beach.*

*FlaPol: State University System, Ray Rodrigues effectively stops Florida Atlantic University presidential search*

*FlaPol: Gov. DeSantis appoints three to the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Commission*

*FlaPol: Gov. DeSantis appoints 3 to Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization*

*NBC: 2 top public health positions in Ron DeSantis administration are vacant*

*FlaPol: State modifies Medicaid procurement, answers 520 questions*

*FlaPol: Dearth of mail-in ballot requests raises fears of voter disenfranchisement*

*Herald: Miami federal magistrate backs ex-Rep. Rivera's bid to unfreeze assets to pay lawyer*

*Times: Case against former Sen. Jack Latvala returns to Florida ethics commission*

*Times: New College of Florida student protester charged with battery*

*Floridian: DeSantis Announces Completion of Hurricane Michael Recovery Effort*

*NYTimes: Good News, Florida. The Giant Seaweed Blob Has Shrunk.*

### **On the Docket**

#### **MONDAY, JULY 10, 2023**

- RECREATIONAL POT - Monday, 9 a.m. The Financial Impact Estimating Conference will discuss a proposed constitutional amendment that would allow the recreational use of marijuana. 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- PEOPLES GAS RATES - Monday, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. The Florida Public Service Commission will hold online hearings about a proposal by Peoples Gas System to increase rates. Information at <https://www.floridapsc.com/>
- UNF TRUSTEES MEET - Monday, noon The University of North Florida Board of Trustees will meet. Information at <https://www.unf.edu/trustees/meetings.html>
- HUMAN TRAFFICKING - Monday, 1 p.m. The Statewide Council on Human Trafficking will meet. Call-in number: 1-877-309-2073. Code: 559587277. <https://meet.goto.com/559587277>
- ST. JOHNS COLLEGE BOARD - Monday, 1 p.m. The St. Johns River State College Board of Trustees will meet in Clay County. St. Johns River State College, Orange Park Campus, Clifford B. Stearns Learning Resources Center, 283 College Dr., Orange Park.
- BROADBAND- Monday, 5:30 p.m. The Department of Economic Opportunity's Office of Broadband will hold one in a series of meetings to discuss broadband connectivity and availability. Collier County South Regional Library, 8065 Lely Cultural Parkway, Naples.
- FINANCE REPORTS DUE - State candidates, political committees and parties face a Monday deadline for filing reports showing finance activity through June 30.

#### **TUESDAY, JULY 11, 2023**

- REVENUE ESTIMATING CONFERENCE - Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. The Revenue Estimating Conference will discuss "measures affecting revenue." 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- SUWANNEE WATER BOARD - Tuesday, 9 a.m. The Suwannee River Water Management District Governing Board will meet. Suwannee River Water Management District, 9225 County Road 49, Live Oak.
- UTILITY ISSUES- Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. The Florida Public Service Commission will meet. Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee.
- GAMBLING - Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. The Florida Gaming Control Commission will meet. 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.

- ST. JOHNS WATER BOARD - Tuesday, 10 a.m. The St. Johns River Water Management District Governing Board will meet. St. Johns River Water Management District, 4049 Reid St., Palatka.
- BROADBAND- Tuesday, 11 a.m. The Department of Economic Opportunity's Office of Broadband will hold one in a series of meetings to discuss broadband connectivity and availability. Miami Dade College North Campus, Building 1, 11380 N.W. 27th Ave., Miami.
- CITIZENS INSURANCE- Tuesday, 1 p.m. Committees of the Citizens Property Insurance Corp. Board of Governors will hold a series of meetings in advance of a full board meeting Wednesday. JW Marriott Orlando Bonnet Creek, 14900 Chelonia Parkway, Orlando. Call-in number: 1-786-635-1003. Code: 89801242389
- REFUGEE ISSUES - Tuesday, 1 p.m. The Southwest Florida Refugee Task Force will meet. Information at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/news-events/public-events-meetings/southwest-florida-refugee-task-force-meeting>
- 'CAT FUND' AT ISSUE - Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. The Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund Advisory Council will meet. 1801 Hermitage Blvd., Tallahassee.
- FLORIDA DEMOGRAPHICS - Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. The Demographic Estimating Conference will update a state demographic forecast. 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- PEOPLES GAS RATES - Tuesday, 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. The Florida Public Service Commission will hold online hearings about a proposal by Peoples Gas System to increase rates. Information at <https://www.floridapsc.com/>
- 'WELL-BEING' COUNCIL - Tuesday, 6 p.m. The state Child and Family Well-Being Council will meet. Information at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/news-events/public-events-meetings/child-and-family-well-being-council-meeting>

#### **WEDNESDAY, JULY 12, 2023**

- CITIZENS INSURANCE BOARD - Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. The Citizens Property Insurance Corp. Board of Governors will meet. JW Marriott Orlando Bonnet Creek, 14900 Chelonia Parkway, Orlando. Call-in number: 1-786-635-1003. Code: 95637927111
- PAROLE CASES - Wednesday, 9 a.m. The Florida Commission on Offender Review will meet. Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee. Call-in number: 1-877-309-2073. Code: 337350165
- CITRUS NUMBERS RELEASED - Wednesday noon. The U.S. Department of Agriculture will provide a final estimate of production for Florida's 2022-2023 citrus growing season. Call-in number: 1-888-844-9904. Code: 8552986
- REFUGEE ISSUES - Wednesday, 1:30 p.m. The Jacksonville Area Refugee Task Force will meet. Information at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/news-events/public-events-meetings/jacksonville-area-refugee-task-force-meeting-0>

#### **THURSDAY, JULY 13, 2023**

- SOUTH FLORIDA WATER BOARD - Thursday, 9 a.m. The South Florida Water Management District Governing Board will meet. South Florida Water Management District, 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach.
- 'TANF' PROGRAM - Thursday, 9 a.m. The Social Services Estimating Conference will discuss caseloads and expenditures in the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, or TANF, program. 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- SUPREME COURT RELEASES OPINIONS - Thursday, 11 a.m. The Florida Supreme Court is scheduled to release opinions.

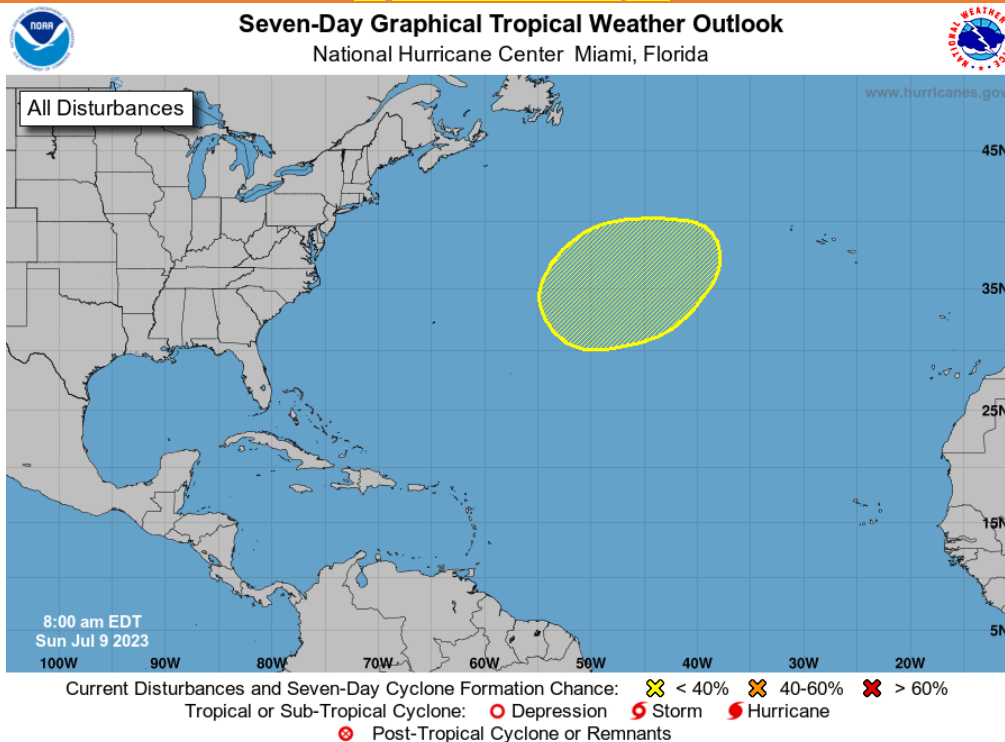
- NORTHWEST WATER BOARD - Thursday, 1 p.m. The Northwest Florida Water Management District Governing Board will meet. Northwest Florida Water Management District, 81 Water Management District Dr., Havana.
- NURSING ISSUES - Thursday, 2 p.m. The Florida Board of Nursing will meet. Call-in number: 1-888-585-9008. Code: 275112502
- TRAUMA SYSTEM- Thursday, 3 p.m. The Florida Trauma System Advisory Council is scheduled to meet. Call-in number: 850-792-1375. Code: 99890875
- TEMPLE SPEAKS TO GOP CLUB - Thursday, 6:30 p.m. Rep. John Temple, R-Wildwood, is scheduled to speak to The Villages Republican Club. Lake Miona Recreation Center, 1480 Buena Vista Blvd., The Villages.

**FRIDAY, JULY 14, 2023**

- RESPIRATORY CARE BOARD - Friday, 8:30 a.m. The Florida Board of Respiratory Care will meet. AC Hotel Tampa Airport, 4020 West Boy Scout Road, Tampa.
- NATIONAL ECONOMY - Friday, 9 a.m. The Economic Estimating Conference will analyze issues related to the national economy. 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- BROADBAND- Friday, 10:30 a.m. The Department of Economic Opportunity's Office of Broadband will hold one in a series of meetings to discuss broadband connectivity and availability. <https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/ad628afd-a5c9-4cea-a0e9-1a65e5f2ae3d@931da019-f64e-4908-b0f6-92f46f78c512>
- OCCUPATION ISSUES - Friday, 10:30 a.m. The Labor Market Estimating Conference will discuss "occupational areas of concern" and "critical occupational groups of concern." 117 Knot Building, the Capitol.

***Tropical Outlook***

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