



**In addition to Mothers Day and Graduations,  
May is a busy month for Celebrations and  
Acknowledgement!**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">National Pet Month 2024</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Make May Purple /Action On Stroke Month 2024</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Maternal Mental Health Month 2024</a></li><li>• <a href="#">National Share A Story Month 2024</a></li><li>• <a href="#">National Walking Month 2024</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Big Asthma Bake Sale 2024</a></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Local And Community History Month 2024</a></li><li>• <a href="#">May Measure Month 2024</a></li><li>• <a href="#">National Teen Self Esteem Month 2024</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Skin Cancer Awareness Month 2024</a></li><li>• <a href="#">National Clean Air Month 2024</a></li><li>• <a href="#">The Big Paddle Cleanup 2024</a></li></ul>
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***The Briefing for May 14, 2024***

*The Last Briefing was May 12, 2024*

***[Tallahassee, FL 10-Day Weather Forecast - The Weather Channel | Weather.com](#)***

**Front and Center**

**Florida Tax Watch To Release The 2024 Budget Turkey Watch Report**

Tallahassee-based think tank Florida Tax Watch will release The 2024 Budget Turkey Watch Report Wednesday. The annual report typically finds tons of turkeys that it suggests should be vetoed! Last year, Florida Tax Watch identified [nearly \\$600 million](#) in spending inserted into the budget late in the negotiation process or that otherwise bypassed debate. The budget turkey list comes as the 2024-25 budget awaits approval. DeSantis has line-item veto power.

**Capital Region hit hard by storms.**

Most likely 3 tornados tore a path of devastation wherever it wandered. Progress is begin made and a major thanks go out to the Emergency Management staff of our local governments, First Responders. Utility Crews, Volunteers and others for making progress in the hard hit areas.

### **Emergency Declaration Expanded from 12 to for 15 Counties**

#### **Executive Order 24-95**

*Baker, Columbia, Escambia, Gadsden, Hamilton, Jefferson, Lafayette, Leon, Liberty, Madison, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, Suwannee, Taylor, and Wakulla counties.*

The emergency declaration gives authority to state Division of Emergency Management Director Kevin Guthrie to take a series of steps to help oversee response and recovery to the storm. Also it made available money from the state Emergency Preparedness and Response Fund.

#### **The Budget – Nothing New**

- Legislative Budget for 24-25 has not yet been presented to the Governors Office.
- The Governor is using this time to announce his support for many of the areas that are funded in the budget.
- This week the Governor held a press conference in South Florida on measures addressing the surge of Human Trafficking. Florida is recognized for the broad statutes and funding to address this horrible offense on vulnerable people
- Once the Budget is presented to the Governor -he has 15 days to sign, veto, or let it become law. Expect a slew of vetoes.

#### **Florida High School Athletic Association To Consider NIL Program for Student Athletes**

The Florida High School Athletic Association held a discussion Tuesday about a potential change to the organization’s bylaws that would allow student-athletes to profit from their name, image and likeness under what is commonly known as an NIL policy. The 13-member board, which includes eight members appointed by Gov. Ron DeSantis in August, is slated to vote on the proposal during a June 4 meeting. The proposal would overhaul a part of the FHSAA’s bylaws that govern “amateurism” in athletics. Schools and districts would have to remain on the sidelines in the deals, according to the plan. The Florida High School Athletic Association released the following [proposal](#) in February.

### **Summer Meetings for School And County Elected Officials Coming Up Soon DAYS UNTIL**

#### **In 21 days the Florida School Boards Association/FADSS Summer Meeting**

June 5 – 7 – Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay

[Tentative Conference Agenda](#)

#### **In 23 days the Small School District Annual Joint meeting**

FSBA Small District Council and the Small School District Council Consortium  
JUNE 6, 2024 - 7:30-8:30am - Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay - Skylark Room – 14<sup>th</sup> Floor

#### **In 41 days the Florida Association of Counties Summer Business Meeting**

June 25 – 28 – Bonnet Creek Orlando

<https://www.fl-counties.com/event-directory/2024-annual-conference-exhibition/>

#### **In 42 days the Small County Coalition Annual Organizational Meeting**

Wednesday – June 26<sup>th</sup> - 7:00am-8:30am  
Signia Hilton Bonnet Creek Orlando

### **Headlines Around the State**

*FlaPol: Ron DeSantis mocks 'trash' in Bethlehem, 'Queers for Palestine'*

*Politico: How a Rubio vice presidential pick would upend Florida politics*

*Politico: In friendly MAGA territory, Kristi Noem tries to push past book blowup*

*The Floridian: Scott Chides Biden Halting Arms Over Rafah Plans*

*The Floridian: Rubio Leads Bipartisan Effort Pressuring Biden to Reject Tentative Israel ICC Sanctions*

*WUSF: Court will hear arguments on Florida blocking Medicaid coverage for transgender people*

*FlaPol: Federal Medicaid unwinding trial delayed*

*WUSF: In wake of Florida's local protections ban, a study links heat to injury rates*

*The Capitolist: Citrus industry continues to feel squeeze*

*FlaPol: Digital spot delves into Rick Scott 'reign of terror'*

*The Capitolist: Rick Scott receives endorsement from National Federation of Independent Business*

*FlaPol: Rick Scott campaign unveils small business coalition*

*The Floridian: Mast Blasts Army Corps for Planning to Divert Florida Funding for Collapsed Bridge in Maryland*

*FlaPol: Gus Bilirakis named finalist for Congressional Management Foundations Democracy Awards*

*Times-Union: Florida is best state for education, U.S. News & World Report says*

*News4Jax: 13 of 16 protestors arrested at UNF enter not guilty pleas*

*WLRN: Miami arts nonprofit accused of 'censoring' pro-Palestinian art installation in Miami Beach*

*Sentinel: New Florida ACLU leader vows to fight 'repressive' new laws*

*News4Jax: Jacksonville lawyer says someone holding a gun doesn't necessarily mean they're a threat*

*Post: 'Heave ho!': Boca man's fate for actions at Jan. 6 U.S. Capitol riots now in judge's hands*

*Bradenton Herald: Gas just went down by double digits across Florida. Will prices continue to drop?*

*Bradenton Herald: A Florida attorney, his wife, and \$107,000 that an auditor says was 'misappropriated'*

*Democrat: Florida Gov. DeSantis expands state of emergency for Tallahassee, North Florida*

*FlaPol: After brutal storms, Gov. DeSantis declares state of emergency, activates Florida National Guard*

*The Capitolist: Gov. DeSantis expands State of Emergency to 15 counties following storm patterns*

*Politico: DeSantis says his wife Casey has 'zero' interest in running for office*

*CBS Miami: Gov. DeSantis in Coral Gables to sign legislature to help combat human trafficking*  
*WLRN: Liberals and conservatives try energizing voters with Florida's abortion amendment*  
*FlaPol: Sexual assault test kits will have to be retained for 50 years starting in October under new law*  
*FlaPol: Many Floridians don't know 6-week abortion ban is in effect, claims Nikki Fried*  
*The Capitolist: Citizens Property Insurance Corporation undergoes legislative revamp*  
*Post: DeSantis signs bill requiring all Florida strippers to be at least 21*  
*Herald: Did Florida lawmakers clean up a condo-hotel mess, or create 'dictatorships' for developers?*  
*FlaPol: Randy Fine wants South Florida dentist's license suspended over antisemitic preaching*  
*The Capitolist: Wilton Simpson issues updated rule to protect Florida livestock from avian influenza*  
*The Capitolist: High school NIL rules eyed*  
*Times: Could two referendums on Hillsborough's ballot spell doom for both?*  
*Democrat: Tallahassee Mayor John Dailey warns of power restoration delays amid more severe weather*  
*WUSF: Recovery continues in Tallahassee as more potential severe weather looms*  
*PNJ: Power outages in Escambia, Santa Rosa as more storms pass by*  
*Axios: Rate hike to hit residential customers harder*  
*WUSF: A critical stretch of the Florida Wildlife Corridor is preserved in Polk County*  
*WLRN: Book bans are surging in Florida. So Lauren Groff opened a bookstore*  
*Sun-Sentinel: Parkland school massacre site is readied for demolition. Here's what to expect next month.*  
*Democrat: FAMU campus to close Tuesday as more storms are expected to roll in*  
*Times: Tampa General chosen as one of Florida's first behavioral health teaching hospitals*  
*Sun-Sentinel: Broward school proposal aims to gain \$6.7 million without closing schools*  
*News4Jax: Finalists for Duval County superintendent job answer questions from board members, public*

## ***On The Docket***

### **MONDAY, MAY 13, 2024**

- **MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY TRIAL STARTS** - Monday, 9 a.m. U.S. District Judge Marcia Morales Howard will start a trial in a class-action lawsuit that alleges Florida did not properly inform people before dropping them from the Medicaid program after the end of a federal public-health emergency. United States Courthouse, 300 North Hogan St., Jacksonville.
- **SCOTT HOLDS NEWS CONFERENCE** - Monday, 10:30 a.m. U.S. Sen. Rick Scott will hold a news conference in Largo about his re-election campaign. Reporters may contact [press@teamrickscott.com](mailto:press@teamrickscott.com).
- **PSC HOLDS EVENT FOR SENIORS** - Monday, 10:30 a.m. The Florida Public Service Commission will hold an event for seniors to discuss issues such as energy conservation and

avoiding scams that target utility customers. East Orange Community Center, 12050 East Colonial Dr., Orlando.

**TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2024**

- 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.
- ELECTIONS ISSUES - Tuesday, 9 a.m. The Florida Elections Commission will meet. 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- PSC HOLDS EVENTS FOR SENIORS - Tuesday, 9 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. The Florida Public Service Commission will hold events for seniors to discuss issues such as energy conservation and avoiding scams that target utility customers. 9 a.m. at Marks Street Senior Recreation, 99 East Marks St., Orlando. Also, 11:30 a.m. at William Beardall Senior Center, 800 Delaney Ave., Orlando.
- CITIZENS INSURANCE DISCUSSED - Tuesday, 10 a.m. The Citizens Property Insurance Corp. Board of Governors will discuss reinsurance issues.  
[https://citizensfla.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_2UhvUUyOTMyZJLVaGRcyJg#/registration](https://citizensfla.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_2UhvUUyOTMyZJLVaGRcyJg#/registration). Call-in number: 1-786-635-1003. Code: 88307560058
- 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.
- MEDICAL EXAMINERS - Tuesday, 10 a.m. The state Medical Examiners Commission will meet. Embassy Suites by Hilton Orlando Lake Buena Vista South, 4955 Kyngs Heath Road, Kissimmee.
- BROWARD COLLEGE BOARD - Tuesday, 11 a.m. The Broward College Board of Trustees will meet. Broward College, Willis Holcombe Downtown Center, 111 East Las Olas Blvd., Fort Lauderdale.
- INTERCHANGE PROJECT - Tuesday, 6 p.m. The Florida Department of Transportation will hold a meeting about an Interstate 75 interchange project in Collier County.  
<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/9212495005906197855>

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2024**

- MILITARY ISSUES - Wednesday, 8 a.m. The Florida Defense Alliance is scheduled to meet. Four Points by Sheraton Tallahassee Downtown, 316 West Tennessee St., Tallahassee.
- MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES - Wednesday, 9 a.m. The state Commission on Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder will meet. Information at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/news-events/public-events-meetings/full-commission-mental-health-and-substance-use-disorder>
- UNEMPLOYMENT CASES - Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. The state Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission will meet. Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission, 1211 Governors Square Blvd., Suite 300, Tallahassee. Call-in number: 850-988-5144. Code: 261180880
- COMMUNITIES TRUST PROGRAM - Wednesday, 10 a.m. The Florida Communities Trust Governing Board will meet. Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Douglas Building, 3900 Commonwealth Blvd., Tallahassee. <https://attendeegotowebinar.com/register/3966884458928740189>. Webinar ID Number: 290372659
- PAROLE CASES - Wednesday, 10 a.m. The Florida Commission on Offender Review will meet. Call-in number: 1-877-309-2073. Code: 337350165

- REFUGEE ISSUES - Wednesday, 10 a.m. The Broward Refugee Task Force will meet. Information at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/news-events/public-events-meetings/broward-refugee-task-force-meeting-2>
- EAST CENTRAL PLANNING COUNCIL - Wednesday, 10:30 a.m. The East Central Florida Regional Planning Council will meet. 125 North Lakeshore Dr., Ocoee.
- DAYTONA STATE TRUSTEES - Wednesday, 12:30 p.m. The Daytona State College Board of Trustees will meet. Daytona State College, Wetherell Student Services and Administration Building, 1200 West International Speedway Blvd., Daytona Beach.
- SOUTH FLORIDA COLLEGE BOARD - Wednesday, 1 p.m. The South Florida State College Board of Trustees will meet. South Florida State College, Highlands Campus, 600 West College Dr., Avon Park.
- ST. JOHNS RIVER COLLEGE BOARD - Wednesday, 2 p.m. The St. Johns River State College Board of Trustees will meet. St. Johns River State College, Orange Park Campus, Thrasher-Horne Center, 283 College Dr., Orange Park.
- LAKE-SUMTER COLLEGE BOARD - Wednesday, 4 p.m. The Lake Sumter State College Board of Trustees will meet. Lake-Sumter State College, Leesburg Campus, 9501 U.S. 441, Leesburg.
- LOBBYIST REPORTS DUE - Lobbying firms face a Wednesday deadline for filing reports detailing compensation from Jan. 1 through March 31.

#### **THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2024**

- CHIROPRACTIC ISSUES ON TABLE - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. The Florida Board of Chiropractic Medicine will meet. Tampa Airport Marriott, 4200 George J. Bean Parkway, Tampa.
- DEFENSE SUPPORT PANEL - Thursday, 9 a.m. The Florida Defense Support Task Force is scheduled to meet. Four Points by Sheraton Tallahassee Downtown, 316 West Tennessee St., Tallahassee.
- GULF COAST COLLEGE BOARD - Thursday, 10 a.m. The Gulf Coast State College Board of Trustees will meet. Gulf Coast State College, Gulf/Franklin Campus, 3800 Garrison Ave., Port St. Joe.
- REFUGEE ISSUES - Thursday, 10 a.m. The Palm Beach Refugee Task Force will meet. Information at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/news-events/public-events-meetings/palm-beach-refugee-task-force-meeting-0>
- SUPREME COURT RELEASES OPINIONS - Thursday, 11 a.m. The Florida Supreme Court is scheduled to release its weekly opinions.
- CAT FUND' - Thursday, 1:30 p.m. The Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund Advisory Council will discuss issues such as the reinsurance fund's claims-paying capacity. 1801 Hermitage Blvd., Tallahassee. Call-in number: 1-872-242-7651. Code: 928883968
- INTERCHANGE PROJECT - Thursday, 5 p.m. The Florida Department of Transportation will hold a meeting about an Interstate 75 interchange project in Collier County. North Collier Regional Park Exhibit Hall, 15000 Livingston Road, Naples.

#### **FRIDAY, MAY 17, 2024**

- DENTAL ISSUES - Friday, 7:30 a.m. The Florida Board of Dentistry will meet. Aloft Jacksonville Tapestry Park, 4812 West Deer Lake Dr., Jacksonville.
- LEGISLATIVE SESSION - Friday, 8 a.m. Rep. Cyndi Stevenson, R-Saint Johns, is expected to be among the speakers during a St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce event about legislative issues. Hyatt Place St. Augustine/Vilano Beach, 117 Vilano Road, St. Augustine.

- OSTEOPATHIC BOARD - Friday, 9 a.m. The Florida Board of Osteopathic Medicine will meet. Holiday Inn Tampa Airport Westshore, 700 North Westshore Blvd., Tampa.
- ORTHOTISTS, PROSTHETISTS BOARD - Friday, 9 a.m. The Florida Board of Orthotists and Prosthetists will meet. Call-in number: 850-792-1375. Code: 651417862
- JUDICIAL CANDIDATES - Friday, 9:30 a.m. The 20th Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission will interview candidates for a Collier County judgeship. Candidates slated to be interviewed are Pamela Barger, Karla Campos-Andersen, James Chandler, Deborah Cunningham, Sara Hushek, Ryan Kuhl and Jamie Ringhofer. Northern Trust Building, 4001 Tamiami Trail North, Naples.
- TREASURE COAST COUNCIL - Friday, 9:30 a.m. The Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council will meet. Indian River State College, Chastain Campus, 2400 S.E. Salerno Road, Stuart.
- JOBLESS NUMBERS RELEASED - Friday, 10 a.m. The Florida Department of Commerce is scheduled to release an April unemployment report.
- TOP NURSING HOMES - Friday, 10 a.m. The Governor's Panel on Excellence in Long-Term Care will discuss applicants for "Gold Seal" awards. Agency for Health Care Administration, 400 West Robinson St., Hurston South Tower, Suite 309, Orlando.

**SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2024**

- SCOTT CAMPAIGNS IN MARTIN COUNTY - Saturday, noon. U.S. Sen. Rick Scott, R-Fla., is scheduled to appear at a Republican Party of Martin County "picnic in the park" event. Indian Riverside Park, 1707 N.E. Indian River Dr., Jensen Beach.

***About the Briefing!***

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