

Are you ready for some football? Season Starts at Noon Saturday FSU vs Georgia Tech in Dublin

"College GameDay " kicks off its 31st season overseas for the first time Saturday, at Aviva Stadium in Dublin, where the [Florida State Seminoles](#) face the [Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets](#) in the Aer Lingus College Football Classic. Hosted by Rece Davis and featuring Lee Corso, Kirk Herbstreit, Nick Saban, Desmond Howard, Pat McAfee, Pete Thamel and reporters Jen Lada and Jess Sims, this premier pregame show airs from 9 a.m. to noon ET on ESPN and ESPNU.

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The Briefing for August 24, 2024

The Last Briefing was August 22, 2024

Disaster Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday

Florida's second Disaster Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday of the year runs from Aug. 24 to Sept. 6. During the sales tax holiday period, tax is not due on the retail sale of eligible items related to disaster preparedness, according to the state's Department of Revenue.

Eligible items include: Ice; Coolers; Bungee cords; Ground anchor systems; Ratchet straps; Tarpaulins; Candles; Flashlights; Lanterns; Batteries; Pet supplies; and, Portable radios

>> [See full list of eligible items](#)

Parks Proposal Pushed Back – Public meetings on proposal being rescheduled

The state Department of Environmental Protection proposal to add lodges, pickleball and golf at state parks has received significant pushback from House and Senate members and environmental groups. The proposal, dubbed the “Great Outdoors Initiative,” has drawn opposition from Republican and Democratic lawmakers and environmental groups. The proposed changes, which would affect nine parks, include lodges of up to 350 rooms, pickleball courts, disc golf courses and golf courses. DEP had planned eight meetings scheduled for Tuesday at sites throughout the state, however, the meetings have been pushed back to the week of Sept. 2. Apparently push-back has been so strong the DEP was forced to look for new venues to accommodate the public.

ELECTION 2024

Primary Results for all positions for each county from the county's Supervisor of Elections. The information provides primary [PRIMARY RESULTS](#)

Spreadsheet for Primary Results for county commission seats compiled by the Florida Association of Counties from each county's Supervisor of Elections. [County Commission Primary Results](#)

Spreadsheet for [Primary Results for School Board and Superintendent Election - 2024](#) Information compiled from Supervisor of Election Websites by the Florida School Board Association.

Headlines Around the State

[AP: Floridians balk at DeSantis administration plan to build golf courses at state parks](#)

[WaPo: DeSantis's plan to bring golf to protected Florida parks faces pushback](#)

[Sun-Sentinel: 'Feels like an assault': Anger mounts over new plan to swap habitat for golf, pickleball in South Florida state parks](#)

[Democrat: Florida GOP lawmakers blast DEP plan to build golf courses, lodges, more in state parks](#)

[Times: Political opposition grows to Florida plan for golf courses in state parks](#)

[FlaPol: Florida lawmakers revolt against plan for lodging, golf courses in state parks](#)

[Politico: DeSantis administration plan to develop parks draws rare bipartisan opposition](#)

[Sentinel: Costs and desperation are up, donations are running low as more Florida women travel for abortion services](#)

[Floridian: Laurel Lee Scathes Biden After Impeachment Inquiry Report Declares 'Overwhelming Evidence' of Wrongdoing](#)

[Floridian: Waltz Torches Harris's Tax Plans, 'Soviet-Style Overreach'](#)

[Democrat: Florida Gov. DeSantis confirms Ireland trip to see FSU game](#)

[FlaPol: Dave Aronberg backs 'unwavering' Alexcia Cox to succeed him as Palm Beach State Attorney](#)

[FlaPol: Ex-Donald Trump admin official joins Miami fintech company's Board of Directors](#)

[FlaPol: Rick Scott, Maria Elvira Salazar, Debbie Wasserman Schultz introduce bipartisan Venezuela democracy bill](#)

[FlaPol: Debbie Wasserman Schultz at DNC calls Florida testing ground for Project 2025](#)

[FlaPol: Bryan Beckman lands 40-plus endorsements from political, faith and business leaders](#)

[FlaPol: Ron DeSantis offers an explanation for why he did not do more for School Board candidates](#)

[FlaPol: Ron DeSantis compares Kamala Harris to economic 'arsonist,' says she would 'deep six' economy if President](#)

[FlaPol: Ron DeSantis rehashes Obama-era Muslim reference](#)

[FlaPol: Guinness brewery? Car factories? SpaceX? Ron DeSantis is in a manufacturing mood](#)

[FlaPol: Maxwell Frost makes case for climate, brings the heat to DNC stage](#)

[Times: US Rep. Maxwell Frost, a Gen Z member from Florida, goes big at his first DNC](#)

[Sentinel: Seminole woman protesting Israel-Hamas war hit with "We <3 Joe" sign at Democratic National Convention](#)

[Times: 'Mistake' bonuses for St. Petersburg employees violated law, city says](#)

[Times: St. Petersburg suspends HR director after bonus debacle](#)

[Times: Tarpon Springs Mayor Costa Vatikiotis resigns amid 'constant infighting'](#)

[Sun-Sentinel: Hiccup or conspiracy? Delay in reporting Florida election results raises questions](#)

[AP: School choice and a history of segregation collide as one Florida county shutter its rural schools](#)

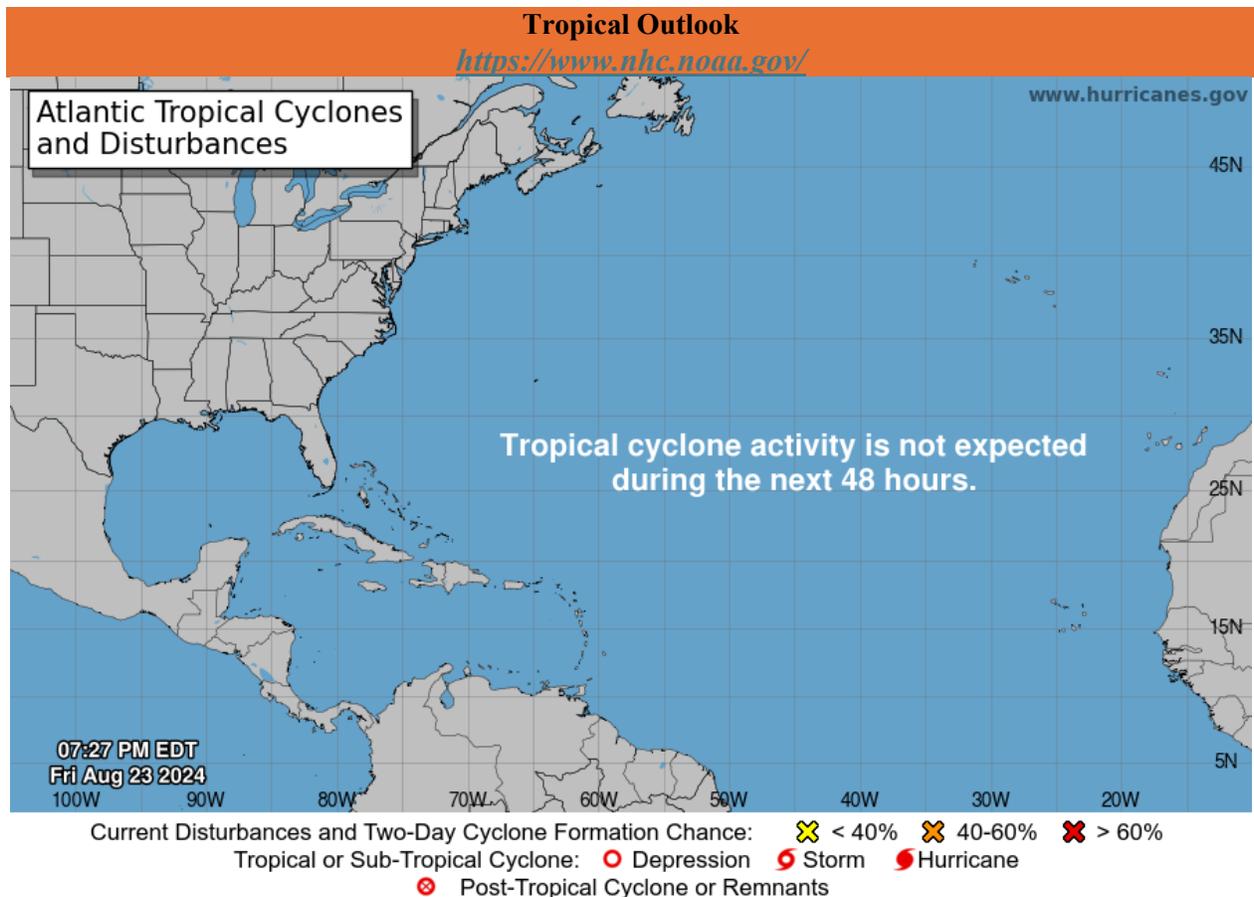
[Sentinel: Central Florida ghost candidate pleads no contest, marking end of political scandal](#)

[FlaPol: Orange County Commission race separated by two votes heads to November runoff](#)

[FlaPol: St. Pete darling Rick Baker endorses Mike Harting for City Council](#)

[FlaPol: Local firefighters back Charlie Justice for re-election to Pinellas County Commission](#)

[FlaPol: Miami Gardens voters keep Mayor, oust 2 City Council members, send third to runoff](#)



On The Docket

MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 2024

- TAMPA ELECTRIC RATES - Monday, 1 p.m. - The Florida Public Service Commission will start a hearing about a proposal by Tampa Electric Co. to raise base electric rates. - Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee.
- NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS - Monday, 3 p.m. - The Florida Board of Nursing Home Administrators will meet. - Information at <https://floridasnursinghomeadmin.gov/meeting-information/>
- LAND CONSERVATION - Monday, 4 p.m. - The state Acquisition and Restoration Council, which works on land-conservation issues, will discuss proposed Florida Forever projects. - Alachua County Commission meeting room, 12 S.E. First St., Gainesville.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2024

- SOUTHWEST WATER BOARD - Tuesday, 9 a.m. - The Southwest Florida Water Management District Governing Board will meet. - Southwest Florida Water Management District, 2379 Broad St. Brooksville.
- HUMAN TRAFFICKING - Tuesday, 1 p.m. - The Statewide Council on Human Trafficking will meet. - Information at <https://www.myfloridalegal.com/human-trafficking/council/meetings>
- FORESTRY ISSUES - Tuesday, 1 p.m. - The Florida Forestry Council is scheduled to meet. - Omni Amelia Island Resort, 39 Beach Lagoon Road, Amelia Island.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2024

- MASSAGE THERAPY BOARD - Wednesday, 9 a.m. - The Florida Board of Massage Therapy will meet. - Call-in number: 1-877-309-2073. Code: 985532741
- UNEMPLOYMENT CASES - Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. - The state Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission is scheduled to meet. - Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission, 1211 Governors Square Blvd., Suite 300, Tallahassee. Call-in number: 850-988-5144. Code: 261180880
- PORT ISSUES - Wednesday, 1:30 p.m. - The Florida Seaport Transportation and Economic Development Council is scheduled to meet. - Hilton Garden Inn Pensacola Downtown, 8 Ninth Ave., Pensacola.
- TOURISM ISSUES - Wednesday, 2 p.m. - The Visit Florida Board of Directors will meet. - Tampa Convention Center, 333 South Franklin St., Tampa.
- CENTRAL FLORIDA COLLEGE BOARD - Wednesday, 3 p.m. - The College of Central Florida Board of Trustees will meet. - College of Central Florida, Founders Hall, 3001 S.W. College Road, Ocala.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29, 2024

- ELECTION RESULTS CERTIFIED - Thursday, 8 a.m. - The state Elections Canvassing Commission, made up of Gov. Ron DeSantis and two state Cabinet members, will certify the results of the Aug. 20 primary elections. - R.A. Gray Building, 500 South Bronough St., Tallahassee.
- APALACHEE COUNCIL - Thursday, 10 a.m. - The Apalachee Regional Planning Council is scheduled to meet. - Information at <https://www.arpc.org/>
- SUPREME COURT RELEASES OPINIONS - Thursday, 11 a.m. - The Florida Supreme Court is scheduled to release opinions.
- LAND CONSERVATION - Thursday, 4 p.m. - The state Acquisition and Restoration Council, which works on land-conservation issues, will hold a meeting in Highlands County to discuss proposed Florida Forever projects. - Highlands County Commission meeting room, 600 South Commerce Ave., Sebring.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30, 2024

- GAMBLING ISSUES - Friday, 11 a.m. - The Florida Gaming Control Commission will meet. - Information at <https://flgaming.gov/meetings/>
- FINANCE REPORTS DUE - State candidates and political committees face a Friday deadline for filing reports showing finance activity through Aug. 23.

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES PROJECTED FOR FY 24-25

Activities listed involve local elected county commissioners, school board members and school superintendents.

2024

- Sept. 18-19- FAC Policy Conference – Pensacola
- November 5 - General Election Day
- November 19 - Newly Elected local officials take office
- November 20-22 Rural Economic Development Summit
- December 3-6 - FSBA/FADSS - Winter Meeting – Tampa
- December 4 - Small County Coalition Legislative Meeting - Tampa
- December 5 - Small District Meeting – Tampa
- December 4-6 FAC Legislative Conference – Tampa

2025

- January-February - Legislative Committee Weeks
- February 2 - Deadline for release of Governors recommended budget
- March 4 Regular Session Begins
- March 18 - Small County Coalition Legislative Briefing/Reception
- March 19- FAC Day in the Legislature
- March 19 – 20 FSBA 38th Annual Day in the Legislature, Tallahassee, FL
- March 19 Small School District Legislative Briefing
- March 19 -20 Rural Counties Day in the Legislature
- May 2 - Regular Session Ends
- June 11 – 13 FSBA/FADSS Annual Summer Conference, Tampa, FL
- June 12 - Small School District Breakfast Meeting
- June 24-27 FAC Annual Summer Meeting - Orlando
- June 25 Small County Coalition Annual Business Meeting - Orlando

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