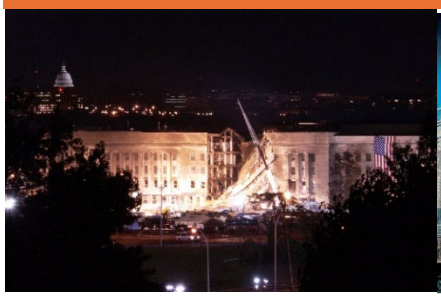


Forever Remembered – September 11, 2021

- **World Trade Center:** Two hijacked planes were flown into the Twin Towers (the North and South Towers) in New York City.
- **The Pentagon:** A third hijacked plane crashed into the U.S. Department of Defense headquarters near Washington, D.C.
- **Shanksville, Pennsylvania:** A fourth plane, United Flight 93, crashed into a rural field after passengers and crew revolted against the hijackers, preventing the plane from hitting its intended target in Washington, D.C. (believed to be the U.S. Capitol or the White House).

The Briefing for Friday, September 11, 2026

The Last Briefing was Tuesday, September 8, 2026

53 days - Until the November 3, 2026 General Election

What's the weather outlook?

10-Day Weather Forecast for Tallahassee, FL – The Weather Channel

College Football Scores and Schedules

https://www.espn.com/college-football/schedule

Huge Game on Saturday - #1 Ohio State at #4 Texas

Florida Teams at Play

Saturday – USF vs Army
Saturday - Campbell vs UF
Saturday - Buffalo vs FIU
Saturday – Navy vs FAU
Saturday - UCF vs Pitt

Governor and Cabinet Approve Terrorist Designation Rule

Gov. Ron DeSantis and the Cabinet approved an emergency rule this morning spelling out how Florida designates groups as terrorist organizations. The rule change was announced Thursday. It establishes the state's Chief of Domestic Security, currently Florida Department of Law Enforcement Commissioner Mark Glass, will notify the governor and Cabinet of plans to designate an organization as a domestic or foreign terrorist organization. Cabinet members - Attorney General James Uthmeier, Chief Financial Officer Blaise Ingoglia and Agriculture Commissioner Wilton Simpson, did not comment during the meeting, which took just over two minutes.

- The rule establishes the process for imposing the designation, which was part of 2026 legislation (HB 1471).

- Staff Analysis of HB 1471 as approved The rule contains a number of provisions related to public schools.
- K-12 schools affiliated with designated terrorist organizations are barred under the law from receiving state K-12 scholarship program money.
- Public universities and colleges are also prohibited from spending state or federal funds to support programs or campus activities that promote a designated terrorist organization.

Under the rule change, any designation would become effective 30 days after publication in the Florida Administrative Register. Groups put on the list would have seven days of being noticed to object in writing and provide documentation the organization believes would counsel against the designation.

DeSantis Highlights Implementation of Florida's Anti-communist Education Standards

Gov. DeSantis announced the implementation of Florida's anti-communist education standards to teach students about the history and horrors of communism while speaking in Miami this week.

The announcement is related to a bill (SB 1264) passed in 2024 requiring Florida schools to teach the history and evils of communism from kindergarten through high school in 2024. Here's a link to the staff analysis -

This past November, the State Board of Education approved the new History of Communism standards, as part of the overall course requirements - https://www.fldoe.org/file/20885/7-5.docx

The new standards require instruction to analyze the advantages of capitalism and the free market in the United States over government-controlled economic systems (e.g., socialism and communism) in regard to economic freedom and raising the standard of living for citizens.

Florida Association of Counties – Innovation & Policy Conference next week!

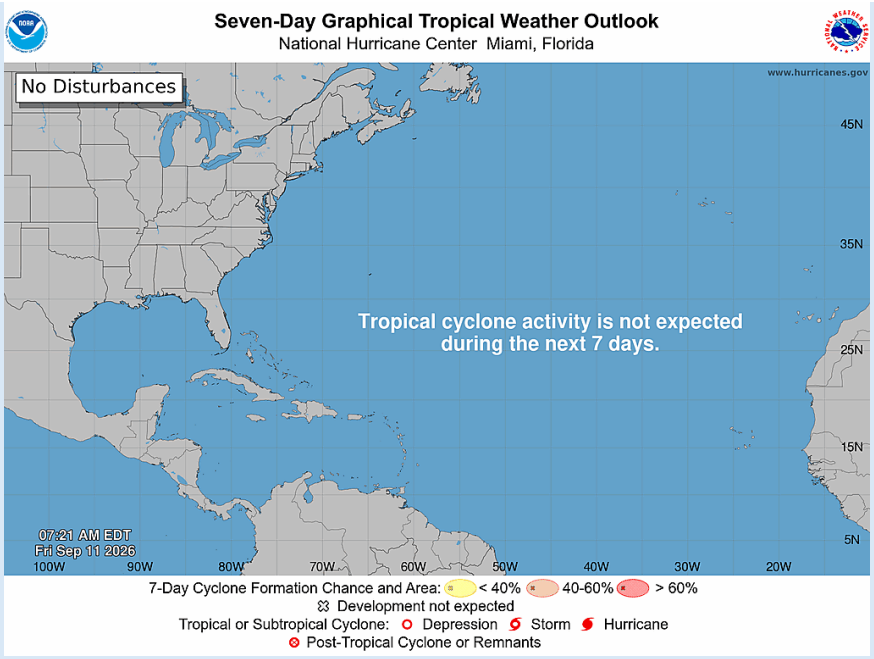
The 2026 Innovation & Policy Conference takes place September 16–17, 2026, at the Hilton Jacksonville at Mayo Clinic in Duval County – Jacksonville. The conference will highlight county programs, and policy discussions.

Here is a link to the PreliminaryAgenda.pdf

- Wednesday - Innovation Tour –The tour showcases advancements in medical research, transportation, logistics, environmental restoration, and community investment to create a stronger, more connected future.
- Thursday -Strategic Policy Forums –meetings will be held to discuss key legislative issues, including property taxes and growth management.

Tropical Weather Outlook

https://www.nhc.noaa.gov/



On The Docket This Week

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

- GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE ON TOURISM - Friday, 8 a.m. - The Florida Governor's Conference on Tourism concludes. - Palm Beach County Convention Center, 650 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach.
- FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - The Florida League of Cities is to consider meeting material from the Florida Association of Counties. - Drury Plaza Hotel Tallahassee, 1690 Raymond Diehl Road, Tallahassee.
- FINANCE REPORTS - Friday - State candidates and political committees face a deadline for filing reports showing finance activity between Sept. 5 and Sept. 11. - Department of State, Division of Elections, Bureau of Election Records, R.A. Gray Building, Room 316, 500 South Bronough Street, Tallahassee.

Headlines Around The State

***Friday** - SEP. 11, 2026*

Politico: DeSantis rebukes Trump's $5K checks: 'More debt and more inflation'

PNJ: Santa Rosa slicing $8.9M from budget to brace for possible tax cuts

The Hill: Rubio says he has 'no plans at this time' to run for president

Floridian: DeSantis Announces Implementation of Anti-Communism Education Standards in Schools

***Thursday** - SEP. 10, 2026*

Politico: Florida's midterm drama deepens with concerns over Trump beef import plan

DBNJ: Florida ranks No. 41 in US vaccination rates as exemptions climb

Herald: Miami's independent watchdog wants access to closed-door commission briefings

FlaPol: Byron Donalds, David Jolly say their camps are just beginning to discuss debates

Politico: Netflix becomes latest in stream of Florida AG tech targets

TCPalm: Florida governor celebrates Lake Okeechobee water quality project

TCPalm: Florida governor visits Lake Okeechobee water quality project

Democrat: Tallahassee reverses course, suspends Flock cameras

Wednesday *- SEP. 9, 2026*

Times: Which Florida Republicans are attending Trump's midterm convention in Dallas?

Times: More than 247,000 Florida kids have lost food stamps

FlaPol: Ashley Moody launches campaign to land Space Academy on Space Coast

Floridian: Florida Lawmakers Push Back Against UK, Canada, France Sanctions on Israel

Times: A Tampa woman was diagnosed with dengue fever. Within a week, she was dead.

News4JAX: Florida gas prices jump 18 cents overnight, surge above $4 a gallon

FlaPol: Dueling endorsements: Police support Byron Donalds for Governor; machinists go with David Jolly

FlaPol: 'The most expensive choice on the ballot': Sierra Club opposes 'devastating' Amendment 3

WLRN: Increasing SNAP error rates could be good news for Florida (really)

Post: Amendment 3 calculator lets voters estimate savings, local impact

Democrat: Shadow of Sept. 11 stretches across Tallahassee 25 years later

Herald: St. Thomas University president resigns amid investigation into policy violation

Here are key dates for 26-27

2026 Events

Sept 16-17 –	FAC Policy Conference – Jacksonville
Nov 3 –	General Election
Nov. 17-19-	Rural Summit – Ocala – Sponsored by FREDA
Nov. 30 – Dec. 3	Legislative Committee Meetings
Dec 2-4 –	Florida Association of Counties Legislative Conference
Dec 2 -	Small County Coalition Breakfast –
Dec 2-4 –	FSBA Legislative Conference – Tampa
Dec 3 -	Small District– SSDCC Legislative Meeting in Tampa

2027 Events

January 4 – 7	Legislative Committee Meetings
January 11 – 14	Legislative Committee Meetings
February 1 – 4	Legislative Committee Meetings
February 8 – 11	Legislative Committee Meetings
February 15 – 18	Legislative Committee Meetings
March 2 -	Legislature convenes

March 16 -	Small County Coalition/Small School District Joint Legislative Reception
March 17 -	Small School District Council Consortium Legislative Briefing
March 17 -	Florida Association Counties – Legislative Day
March 17-18-	Rural Days 2027 – Tentative
April 30 -	Legislative Session 60 Days – Sine Die!
June 9 – 11	FSBA/FADSS Annual Summer Conference, Kissimmee, FL
June 10 -	Small School District Council Consortium – Annual Meeting
June 22-25	FAC Annual Summer Meeting - Hilton Orlando
June 22 -	Small County Coalition Annual Meeting Breakfast – Orlando
Nov. 30 – Dec. 3	FSBA/FADSS 82nd Annual Joint Conference, Kissimmee, FL

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