

ST. LUCIE COUNTY COMMISSIONER

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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Welcome to the first issue of the District 1 Newsletter. I am looking forward to providing you periodical updates on what I am doing as your county commissioner. In this newsletter, I'll share community outreach highlights, commentary on key votes, updates from the various boards and committees I serve on, project updates, and ways you can get involved in our community.

If you have any questions, need assistance, or wish to schedule a meeting, please feel free to reach out to my office at James.Clasby@StLucieCo.gov. I look forward to hearing from you and working together to create a brighter future for District 1 and all of Saint Lucie County.

Respectfully,

Commissioner James Clasby,MPA

Community Highlights



Swearing In Ceremony

On November 19th, I was officially sworn in as your County Commissioner for District 1. As an elected official, my mission is clear—protect and improve OUR quality of life. That means managing growth responsibly, fixing our roads, keeping taxes low, and making government more transparent and accountable. I take this responsibility seriously, and I'm ready to get to work alongside my fellow commissioners and county staff to ensure St. Lucie County is headed in the right direction.

Fire Board Swearing In Ceremony

On November 20th, just one day after being sworn in as

your County Commissioner, I had the honor of also being sworn in as your new St. Lucie County Fire District Commissioner. Our first responders put their lives on the line to protect us, and I'm committed to making sure they have the resources they need to keep us safe. I look forward to working alongside my fellow fire commissioners, the fire chief, and first responders to uphold our Fire District's motto: "Our Family Serving Yours."



Keeping Traditions Alive: Celebrating with Our Community

Our county commissioners have always taken part in local parades, and I'm proud to keep that tradition going. In December, I had the privilege of participating in both the Port St. Lucie and Fort Pierce Christmas parades, and in January, I joined the MLK Parade to honor the legacy of Dr. King. These events bring our community together in a way that few things can. Seeing so many residents come out in full force to celebrate, reflect, and connect is a reminder of what makes St. Lucie County such a great place to call home. I look forward to continuing this tradition in the years ahead!

Treasure Coast Medical Institute Paramedic Graduation

I had the honor of being the guest speaker at the Treasure Coast Medical Institute's A Shift Paramedic Class 10 graduation, and I couldn't be more proud of these graduates. Their dedication, hard work, and commitment to their training are truly inspiring. These men and women are the backbone of public safety, and I have no doubt they will continue making a positive impact in our community. Congratulations to each of them as they embark on this important journey in service to others!



Touring Fort Pierce Utility Authority

I recently had the privilege of touring the impressive facilities of the Fort Pierce Utilities Authority (FPUA), including the Island Water Reclamation Facility, the 25th Street Water Plant, and the Energy Service Center. I also had the exciting opportunity to get a firsthand look at the new water reclamation facility currently under construction. It was eye-opening to learn that St. Lucie County depends on FPUA for about a million gallons of bulk water daily, which underscores the vital role they play in ensuring a reliable and sustainable water supply for our community. The dedication to innovation and service at FPUA is truly commendable, and I'm grateful to have witnessed their ongoing efforts to improve our local infrastructure and resource management.



Breaking Ground on Fire Station 19

We officially broke ground on St. Lucie County Fire District Station 19, a much-needed addition that will improve response times in central Fort Pierce, St. Lucie County, and along the I-95 and Turnpike corridor. This station will play a key role in ensuring that first responders have the resources they need to serve our community effectively. Investments like this are critical to keeping our residents safe, and I'm proud to support projects that enhance public safety and improve emergency response. This is just one step in making St. Lucie County the safest place to live, work, and raise a family!



Hutchinson Island Presidents Association Board of Directors Meeting

This past month I had the opportunity to attend the Hutchinson Island Presidents Association Board of Directors meeting. It was a great chance to connect with local residents and hear directly about the issues that matter most to our community. I always value these opportunities to engage with constituents.

Team Miranda Strong Fundraiser

I had the honor of serving as a celebrity chef at the Team Miranda Strong Fundraiser. It was an incredible event, and I'm grateful for the opportunity to support such a meaningful cause. It was a fun and rewarding experience, and I'm proud to have been part of an event that will make a real difference. Thank you to everyone who attended and supported this special event!



Harmony Heights Community

I recently met with the Concerned Citizens of Harmony Heights in District 1 to hear directly from residents about the issues that matter most to them. I'm grateful for the chance to listen directly to residents and hear their perspectives. Thank you to the residents of Harmony Heights for your continued engagement and commitment to improving our community!

Port St. Lucie Seafood Festival

I had a great time attending the Port St. Lucie Seafood Festival this month! It was a wonderful event celebrating local seafood and bringing our community together. I'm always proud to support events that highlight the best of our area!



St. Lucie County Citizen's Academy

I had the privilege of speaking at the Saint Lucie County Citizens Academy alongside representatives from Public Works, Planning and Development Services, and Recreation and Facilities. It was a great opportunity to engage with residents and discuss the important work being done to improve our community. Having educated and informed community members is crucial for a successful citizen-led government, and programs like this provide a valuable



platform for residents to learn more about the issues and processes that impact our county. I'm grateful to everyone who attended and participated.

Recent Meetings



St. Lucie County Meeting Portal Page

The St. Lucie County Meeting Portal is a valuable resource for staying informed about local government activities. It provides easy access to agendas, minutes, and recordings of meetings. It's a convenient way to stay updated on upcoming meetings, review past discussions, and follow important decisions being made in our community. I highly recommend using this tool to stay connected and engaged with local initiatives.

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Board and Committee Updates

St. Lucie County Fire District

The Fire Board of Commissioners held its regular meeting on January 15th, 2025, covering key agenda items related to public safety and emergency services. The board approved the December meeting minutes and financial reports, including the budget revenue and investment updates. Discussions included the refurbishment of Braun Express ambulances, logistics and station expansions, and a cost-sharing agreement with the City of Port St. Lucie for traffic signalization near Station 20. Additionally, the board approved the replacement of the Enterprise Resource Platform and appointed Battalion Chief Nick Wilson to the Firefighter Pension Trust. The next meeting is scheduled for 3pm on February 19th, 2025.

St. Lucie Transportation Planning Organization

At the St. Lucie TPO Board meeting on December 4, 2024, I was appointed to the TPO Executive Committee and as an alternate member for the Treasure Coast Transportation Council. The Board approved the 2025 meeting dates, elected new officers (Chairman Curtis Johnson, Jr. and Vice Chairwoman Terissa Aronson), and endorsed FDOT and FTE's Draft Tentative Work Programs for 2025-2029. We also approved the scope of services for the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan and adopted amendments to the TPO By-Laws. In addition, the Board set the 2025 legislative priorities, including supporting hands-free driving laws and exploring fuel tax replacement options. It was a productive meeting, focusing on key transportation projects and advocacy for future funding, with the next meeting scheduled for February 5, 2025.

Executive Aide Updates



Meet my aide!

I'm excited to introduce Kimberly Makrai, who recently joined our District 1 team as my Executive Aide over the holidays. Kimberly was an Environmental Science major at the University of Florida, with a strong passion for sustainability and environmental issues. She plans to attend law school in the future, and her dedication to community development and service is already evident in her work. As my Executive Aide, Kimberly will be supporting me in managing district operations, coordinating community outreach, and assisting with the various initiatives that serve the residents of District 1. I am thrilled to have her on the team and look forward to all she'll contribute to our efforts moving forward.



Meeting Requests

If you'd like to request a meeting or have any questions, feel free to email Kimberly at kimberly.makrai@stlucieco.gov with the details of your request, and we'll get back to you as soon as we can.

I'm also always looking for opportunities to connect with residents. If your HOA, neighborhood association, or community group would like me to attend a meeting or event to discuss issues that matter to you, please don't hesitate to reach out. I value these conversations and believe they're key to making a positive difference in our community.



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