

ST. LUCIE COUNTY COMMISSIONER

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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Welcome back to the District 1 Newsletter! I'm thrilled to share the second edition with you as we continue our journey toward building a stronger, more connected community. This month, I'll highlight recent developments, key projects in progress, updates from the boards and committees I'm involved in, and ways you can make a difference in District 1.

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



Boys and Girls Club Great Futures Gala

In February, I had the honor of attending the Boys and Girls Club of Saint Lucie County's Great Futures Gala, an event celebrating the incredible impact the organization has on our youth. Congratulations to Enrique on being named Youth of the Year, a recognition of his hard work, leadership, and dedication. It was inspiring to see our community come together to support such a meaningful cause, helping to create brighter opportunities for the children of Saint Lucie County.

Night of the Stars

I had the privilege of attending the St. Lucie Public Schools Night of the Stars Gala, an inspiring event honoring the dedicated educators who make a difference in our community. This special evening recognized the nominees for Teacher of the Year, celebrating their hard work, passion, and commitment to shaping the minds of future generations. It was a wonderful opportunity to show appreciation for these exceptional individuals and their invaluable contributions to Saint Lucie County. Congratulations to all the nominees for their well-deserved recognition!



Graceway Village Gala

I had the pleasure of attending GraceWay Village's "Celebration Under the Stars" gala, along with Congressman Mast and other dedicated leaders, where our community came together to raise over \$200,000 in support of their vital programs. The funds raised will greatly enhance GraceWay Village's efforts to provide essential services to individuals and families facing hardship. I am continually inspired by the compassion and unity demonstrated by our community in supporting such impactful initiatives.

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Mets Spring Training Opens at Clover Stadium

Spring is here, and baseball is back in Port St. Lucie! My fellow county commissioners and I had the privilege of meeting with representatives from the New York Mets in our offices ahead of their spring training season at Clover Park. We also had the honor of stepping onto the field during the opening game against the Houston Astros, celebrating this exciting kickoff alongside fans and players. It's always a proud moment to highlight the Mets' positive impact on our community and the role Port St. Lucie plays in America's favorite pastime!

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Treasure Coast Builders Association Breakfast

I recently attended the Treasure Coast Builders Association Breakfast, where I connected with local leaders and industry professionals to discuss the future of construction and development in our region. It was wonderful to reconnect with familiar faces and friends who share a passion for shaping the future of Saint Lucie County.



Linda Hudson

I recently had the pleasure of meeting with Mayor Linda Hudson of Fort Pierce to discuss key issues important to our community, including the Port of Fort Pierce and the Fort Pierce Redevelopment Agency. It was a productive conversation focused on collaboration and finding ways to strengthen both Fort Pierce and Saint Lucie County. I'm grateful for her leadership and the opportunity to work together for the benefit of our residents.



St. Anastasia Gala

I had the privilege of attending the St. Anastasia Church Gala in Fort Pierce, a special event for me as it is my home church



and one my family and I hold close to our hearts. It was a joy to share the evening with my loved ones and fellow parishioners, all coming together to support the church's mission. As part of the event, I offered a unique auction item: "A Day as a County Commissioner," giving the winner a chance to experience local government firsthand. It was a meaningful night, surrounded by faith, family, and community.



Martin County Commissioners

I had the opportunity to meet with all of the county commissioners in Martin County. It was a productive and insightful visit, allowing us to discuss shared priorities and explore ways to collaborate on issues that impact both of our communities. Strengthening these regional partnerships is essential for addressing common challenges and creating opportunities that benefit all our residents.

Waste Pro

I met with representatives from Waste Pro to discuss waste management and recycling services in our community. It was a productive conversation focused on improving efficiency, enhancing services,

and ensuring that we are meeting the needs of our residents. I appreciate Waste Pro's commitment to sustainability and their ongoing efforts to keep Saint Lucie County clean and well-served.



Sheriff Rich Del Toro

I had the opportunity to meet with Sheriff Rich Del Toro and go on a ride-along to see firsthand the work being done by our law enforcement in Saint Lucie County. It was an eye-opening experience that allowed me to better understand the challenges faced by those in the field and the efforts being made to address them. I'm grateful to Sheriff Del Toro for the opportunity to learn more about his work, and I look forward to continuing to collaborate on ways to improve public safety and services for the residents of our county.



St Lucie County Fair

I had the honor of participating in the opening of the St. Lucie County Fair, an annual event that brings our community together to celebrate local agriculture, livestock, and entertainment. The fair brings together families and friends, and I'm grateful to be part of such a fun and meaningful tradition in Saint Lucie County. I encourage everyone to visit and experience all the festivities that make this event so special for Saint Lucie County.

To Plan Your Visit Click Here!

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.

Upcoming BOCC Meeting Dates:

- **March 4th, 6pm**
- **March 18th, 9am**
- **April 8th, 6pm**

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Board and Committee Updates

St. Lucie County Fire District

The February 19, 2025, St. Lucie County Fire Board meeting began with the recognition of firefighter promotions, celebrating the dedication and achievements of department members. A special presentation by the Firefighter Challenge Team showcased their skills and competitive spirit, emphasizing the strength and preparedness of our fire personnel. The Board reviewed and approved comprehensive financial reports for January 2025, including disbursement, investment, and ambulance billing reports, which demonstrated sound fiscal management and accountability. The Board

St. Lucie Transportation Planning Organization

During the February 5, 2025, St. Lucie Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Board meeting, several important actions were taken. The Board approved the appointment of Ms. Yolanda Carr to the Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee and Mr. Mark Szabad to the Citizens Advisory Committee to fill vacancies. Amendments to the FY 2024/25 – FY 2028/29 Transportation Improvement Program were adopted, including updates to the Orange Avenue widening project and the addition of the Village Green Drive Corridor

approved a Request for Qualifications (RSQ) for a Construction Manager at Risk to oversee key projects, ensuring professional management and cost-effective implementation. Additionally, a new interlocal cost-share agreement was authorized between the Fire District and the City of Port St. Lucie to improve traffic signalization near Station 20 on SW Village Parkway, enhancing safety and traffic flow in the area. The next St. Lucie County Fire Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 19, 2025.

Planning Project. The Board also approved the 2025 Safety Performance Targets, aligning with FDOT's "Target Zero" initiative, and adopted interim benchmarks to monitor progress. Additionally, the Board conducted a review of its Public Participation Plan, approving a major update to enhance community engagement in transportation planning. The next St. Lucie TPO Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 2, 2025.

Treasure Coast Council of Local Governments

During the February 5, 2025, meeting of the Treasure Coast Council of Local Governments (TCCLG), several important issues and updates were discussed that impact our region. The St. Lucie County Economic Development Council presented an overview of the local economic climate, highlighting opportunities for growth and challenges such as workforce shortages and shifts in employment trends. Legislative priorities were a major focus, including a proposed gas tax alternative for electric vehicle owners to ensure equity in road maintenance funding, as electric vehicles currently bypass gas tax contributions. Additionally, the Council supported state-level initiatives such as the Rural and Family Land Program and Affordable Housing bills, along with Martin County's Bill 4077, which addresses inmate medical care funding. A motion was approved to send a unified letter advocating these priorities.

Workforce insights revealed a decrease in the unemployment rate by 0.5%, though a reduction in both job seekers and employer activity presents ongoing challenges. Additionally, the Council plans to discuss implementing a scholarship program, signaling a commitment to supporting future leaders in the region. The next Treasure Coast Council of Local Governments (TCCLG) meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 5, 2025

Upcoming Events



Port St. Lucie Irish Festival

Join the City of Port St. Lucie on March 15 from 3-9 p.m. at the MIDFLORIDA Event Center for the annual Port St. Lucie Irish Festival, a celebration of Ireland's rich traditions. The day kicks off with the St. Patrick's Day Parade at 3 p.m., followed by live Celtic music and performances from Tir Na Greine School of Irish Dance. Enjoy Irish foods, experience Scottish Highland games, explore Irish culture, and more. Admission is free, and attendees are encouraged to bring non-perishable food donations for the Treasure Coast Food Bank.

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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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