

ST. LUCIE COUNTY COMMISSIONER

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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Welcome back to the District 1 Newsletter! I'm excited to share this month's edition with you as we continue working together to make St. Lucie County an even better place to live, work, and thrive. This update highlights recent events, key projects, and important initiatives shaping our community, along with ways you can stay involved in making a difference.

As always, if you have any questions, need assistance, or would like to schedule a meeting, don't hesitate to contact my office at James.Clasby@StLucieCo.gov. Your feedback and participation are invaluable as we work toward building a brighter future for District 1 and all of St. Lucie County.

Respectfully,

Commissioner James Clasby, MPA

Community Highlights

Sunland Gardens HOA Meeting

I am thrilled to have had an opportunity to visit with Sunland Gardens HOA! It was a pleasure to meet with residents and discuss the vibrant community initiatives. During my visit, we discussed ways to improve public safety and support sustainable development. I am committed to working closely with Sunland Gardens to ensure that our shared vision for a thriving and inclusive community becomes a reality. Together, we can continue to build a brighter future for Fort Pierce.





Blue and Gold Gala

I was proud to attend the John Carroll High School Blue & Gold Gala. It is always an honor to support my alma mater and reconnect with the school community. It was great to see so many familiar faces, including Congressman Brian Mast and Sheriff Rich Del Toro, both of whom continue to be strong advocates for St. Lucie County. The evening was a true celebration of faith, tradition, and the values that make John Carroll such an important part of our community.

Martin County Lincoln Day Dinner

I had a great time attending the Martin County Lincoln Day Dinner, where both Congressman Byron Donalds and Congressman Brian Mast delivered powerful and inspiring messages. It was an honor to meet the next Governor of Florida and hear his vision for the future of our state.



Touring the Landfill

This month, I had the opportunity to tour the Fort Pierce landfill and get a firsthand look at the operations that keep our county running behind the scenes. From waste management to environmental safeguards, it was an informative visit that highlighted the hard work of the dedicated staff who help protect our community and natural resources every day.

Public Works Tour

I had a great tour with the St. Lucie County Public Works Department to learn more about the ongoing projects happening throughout the county. From road improvements to drainage upgrades, it was impressive to see the planning and dedication that goes into maintaining and

enhancing our infrastructure. I'm grateful to our hardworking staff for their commitment to keeping St. Lucie County moving forward.



FAC Legislative conference

I recently participated in the Florida Association of Counties' 2025 Legislative Day in Tallahassee, engaging with state leaders to advocate for issues vital to our state and hear from distinguished individuals like Florida's Commissioner of Agriculture, Wilton Simpson. I also had the privilege of meeting with our legislative delegation, discussing topics outlined in FAC's 2025 Legislative Action Plan, such as local government funding, infrastructure, public safety, environmental stewardship, health care, and other issues specific to St. Lucie County. These discussions are crucial in ensuring that our county's needs are addressed in the upcoming legislative session.



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:

- **April 8th, 6pm**
- **April 15th, 9am**
- **April 22nd, 9am**

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Board and Committee Updates

St. Lucie County Fire District

At the March 19, 2025, Fire Board meeting, the board recognized outstanding service with ceremonies for promotions and awards, including the Good Samaritan Award, the Public Safety Excellence Award, and the Citizen Hero Award. A major focus of the meeting was the statewide firefighter shortage, which has placed significant strain on St. Lucie County. Fire Chief Jeff Lee and other board members discussed the challenges in recruiting and retaining qualified firefighters due to increased demand, limited funding, and heightened competition across the state. The shortage has led to concerns about longer response times and increased workloads for current staff. The board reviewed potential strategies, including expanding recruitment efforts, offering enhanced incentives, and advocating for state-level support to mitigate these challenges. Alongside these discussions, the board approved financial reports, budget amendments, and a resolution to honor National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week, underscoring its commitment to addressing workforce issues while maintaining essential public safety services. The next Fire Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 16, 2025, at 3:00 PM.

St. Lucie Transportation Planning Organization

At the March 27, 2025, St. Lucie Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Special Board Meeting, updates were provided on the widening of Port St. Lucie Boulevard from Gatlin Boulevard to Becker Road. Representatives from the TPO, FDOT, and the City of Port St. Lucie discussed progress and challenges across the four project segments. The segment from Gatlin to Darwin Boulevard is currently under construction by the City, while the Darwin to Alcantarra segment, under FDOT's supervision, is experiencing delays. Future segments from Alcantarra to Becker Road are in various phases of design and funding, with anticipated construction spanning from FY 2024/25 through FY 2026/27. The discussion aimed to address delays, identify solutions, and ensure timely project completion to improve local transportation infrastructure. The next St. Lucie TPO Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at 2:00 PM.

Treasure Coast Council of Local Governments

During the March 5th, 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. A motion was made to send a letter of support for a new fee for roads which would not be collected from electric vehicle owners and in support for HB 4077 which would address inmate medical in Martin County as well as the Rural and Family Land program and Forever Florida Program. The next Treasure Coast Council of Local Governments (TCCLG) meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 7th, 2025, as the April 2nd meeting was canceled.

Upcoming Events



The poster for the St. Lucie Earth Day Festival features a blue background with white and yellow text. At the top, it reads "ST. LUCIE EARTH DAY FESTIVAL" in large, bold, white letters. To the right is a stylized orange flower with a globe as its center and green leaves. Below the main title, it says "GROWING A GREENER WORLD" in yellow, followed by "OXBOW ECO-CENTER PORT ST. LUCIE" in green. The date "APRIL 12" is in large white letters, with "10 AM - 4 PM" in smaller white text to its right. Below the date, it says "LIVE MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT" in green, followed by "JOEY CALDERRO & THE FUTURE BUDS" in large white letters. At the bottom of the main text area, it says "FREE ADMISSION" and "RAIN OR SHINE" in green. Below this, there are three columns of activities: "FOOD & DESSERT TRUCKS", "WILDLIFE ENCOUNTERS", and "NATURE PLAY ZONE" in the first row; "KIDS ECO-CHALLENGE!", "INTERACTIVE EXHIBITS", and "SUSTAINABLE LIVING VENDORS" in the second row. At the bottom, it says "TREASURE COAST'S PREMIER EARTH DAY FESTIVAL" and "STLUCIEEARTHDAY.COM" in white. The bottom of the poster features a globe and several logos: Facebook, Instagram, X, art area regional transit, ST. LUCIE COUNTY FLORIDA, Oxbow Eco-Center, Environmental Resources Department, and BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS.

St. Lucie Earth Day Festival

Celebrate Earth Day at the St. Lucie Earth Day Festival on Saturday, April 12, from 10 AM to 4 PM! This free, local event offers six unique "neighborhoods" filled with hands-on activities and exhibits from local environmental groups, health professionals, gardeners, and more. Enjoy live music, entertainment, eco-friendly shopping, delicious food, and a silent auction supporting youth nature programs. Convenient parking and shuttle services are available at Southern Oaks

Middle School and Rivers Edge Elementary School. Don't forget your refillable water bottle and get ready for a fun-filled day of learning, discovery, and sustainability!

[For more information click here!](#)

Meeting Requests

If you'd like to request a meeting or have any questions, feel free to email my aide, 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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