

# Fowler's

# Focus

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## ★★★★★ From the Commissioner's Desk!

Dear Friends,

I am pleased to announce we have largely finalized the county budget for the upcoming year. This balanced budget reflects our commitment to fiscal responsibility while prioritizing essential services, infrastructure improvements, and investments in our community's future.

If you want to learn about the budget, or share your concerns and thoughts, you still have time to weigh in and have your voice heard. Come join us on September 4th at 6:00 p.m. in the commissioner's chambers.

Over the past year, our community has been rocked with the arrests of public figures. These incidents are concerning, and so to further strengthen trust in our government, I am implementing new policies to bolster transparency across county operations. (Stay tuned.)

Finally, as our students return to the classroom, I want to wish all students, parents, and educators a fantastic school year. We are incredibly proud that St. Lucie Public Schools has earned an "A" district rating!



The St. Lucie County Public Safety Department hosted a workshop for local elected officials at the Douglas M. Anderson Emergency Operations Center focused on how to lead before, during and after disasters.

From ensuring continuity of operations to promoting a whole-community approach, the training emphasized collaboration, preparedness and clear communication as key to building resilience.

What can you do as a resident?

- Create a family emergency plan
- Stay informed by signing up for [Alert St. Lucie](#)
- Visit [ReadyStLucie.org](#) for hurricane guides
- and preparedness tips

We're all part of the response.

**Let's be ready together.**



# Service & Commitment!



In loving memory of St. Lucie County Fire District Firefighter and Paramedic Jarius "Jay" Hodge, who passed away unexpectedly. We honor his legacy by continuing to serve with the same purpose and heart he exemplified. OUR FAMILY SERVING YOURS!



William Thiess  
(St. Lucie Village Mayor)

Linda Hudson  
(Ft. Pierce Mayor)

Jamie Lee Fowler  
SLC Commissioner

Shannon Martin  
(PSL Mayor)

Dr. Donna Mills (SLCSB Chairman) is not pictured.



## Governmental Leaders Luncheon

The Governmental Leaders Luncheon provides an opportunity for local leaders and chairpersons to connect. While no official business is discussed, the luncheon is designed to promote goodwill, strengthen relationships and foster a sense of community, especially as roles and representatives may change from year to year.



**WHERE  
ARE THEY  
NOW?**



Remember Isabella Saldivar? She participated in Commissioner Fowler’s Shadow the Commissioner program in July 2024.

Isabella was a homeschooled high school student in St. Lucie County, and an active St. Lucie County 4-H council member.

Isabella has already accomplished so much at a young age. In the spring of 2025, she was awarded the St. Lucie County 4-H PSL Orchid Society & Sponsor Scholarship. She also recently completed the St. Lucie County Citizens Academy and spent several months interning with the St. Lucie County Sheriff’s Office.

Commissioner Fowler had the pleasure of having lunch with Isabella and was excited to learn that she has accepted a full-time position with the Sheriff’s Office Crime Scene Unit. Isabella shared that she first learned about the internship program while attending the Citizens Academy—and it inspired her to pursue this path.



Meet Ruben, a sweet, affectionate young pup searching for his fur-ever home. Naturally happy and full of love, he dreams of becoming someone's loyal shadow. Mellow-tempered and always ready for a game of fetch, Ruben is an easy going dog up for any adventure, even if that means staying in.

You can meet Ruben and other adoptable friends through the St. Lucie County Animal Safety Division! Visit [www.stluciego.gov/adopt](http://www.stluciego.gov/adopt) for more information.

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## A Fond Farewell to County Attorney Daniel S. McIntyre

The St. Lucie County Board of County Commissioners bids a heartfelt farewell to a true public servant. After more than four decades of dedicated legal service, County Attorney Daniel S. McIntyre will retire on August 29.

Since joining the county in 1985, Mr. McIntyre has played a pivotal role in shaping the legal and operational foundation of St. Lucie County. Over the years, he has served under 30 different County Commissioners and helped guide the county through numerous landmark initiatives — from environmental land preservation to securing Florida’s seventh state veterans’ nursing home. He also stepped up as Acting County Administrator on three separate occasions, demonstrating his versatility and unwavering dedication.



Thank you  
FOR YOUR  
Service



wish you  
ALL THE BEST

Mr. McIntyre’s impact has been recognized statewide. He is a recipient of the prestigious Ralph A. Marsicano Award, honoring his significant contributions to local government law in Florida.

We extend our deepest gratitude to Mr. McIntyre for his exceptional service and steadfast commitment to the people of St. Lucie County. We wish him all the best in his well-earned retirement.



# THE MAKING OF COFFEE WITH THE CHAIR

## Lights, Camera, ACTION!



### SLCTV's *Coffee with the Chair* Highlights Property Appraiser Michelle Franklin

Chair Jamie Lee Fowler, in collaboration with Terissa Aronson, President of the St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce, recently welcomed St. Lucie County Property Appraiser Michelle Franklin to the latest episode of *Coffee with the Chair*, produced by SLCTV.

During the episode, the discussion focused on key topics affecting residents, including an upcoming segment that will dive into TRIM notices and property taxes in St. Lucie County—timely information as the tax season approaches.

The SLCTV production team continues to excel in delivering informative and engaging local programming. Their dedication to keeping county residents informed through shows like *Coffee with the Chair* is a vital part of community outreach and transparency.

Be sure to tune in to the next episode to stay up to date on property-related matters and more from around the county.





# SUPERSTAR!



**ST. LUCIE  
COUNTY  
FLORIDA**



## Meet Nadege Pierre!

Nadege Pierre has been a valued member of the St. Lucie County Board of County Commissioners' team for seven years. She currently serves as an Executive Aide to County Administration.

Nadege began her career with the County in 2018 as a Senior Staff Assistant in the Planning & Development Services Department. In 2021, she transitioned to the role of Marketing & Compliance Coordinator in the Public Utilities Department. She assumed her current position as Executive Aide to County Administration in 2023.

She holds a Bachelor of Applied Science in Organizational Management from Indian River State College and a Master of Public Administration from Barry University. Nadege is also a certified Project Management Professional (PMP).

In her current role, Nadege manages the St. Lucie County Citizen's Academy program, which fosters stronger collaboration between local government and residents. She also oversees the Division's budget and finances, coordinates staff travel, and assists with timekeeping and payroll processes.

Nadege believes the Division's success is rooted in the strong support, teamwork, and collaboration shared among Administration leadership and support staff.



St. Lucie County Commission Chair Jamie Lee Fowler recently hosted her Shadow the Commissioner event with Juana Peniche. Juana's day included meetings with the County Attorney, County Administrator and the Planning and Development Services (PDS) Director and Planning manager.

She received a personal tour of the Commission Chambers led by Commissioner Fowler and participated in discussions that focused on board meeting agenda items, future infrastructure projects and the roles and responsibilities of the St. Lucie Board of County Commissioner (BOCC) departments.



# St. Lucie County Resources



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**SLCTV** is dedicated to providing St. Lucie County with the latest information on what's happening inside the walls of county government. From gavel-to-gavel coverage of St. Lucie County Board of County Commission meetings to ribbon-cuttings and groundbreaking ceremonies, SLCTV is there.

All Board of County Commission meetings are broadcast live on the first Tuesday at 6 p.m. and the third Tuesday at 9 a.m. All meetings are rebroadcast throughout the month.

St. Lucie County Code Enforcement meetings are broadcast live on the first Wednesday of each month at 9 a.m. St. Lucie County Planning & Zoning meetings are broadcast live on the third Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. Both are rebroadcast at other times throughout the month.



## Engineering Division



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The Engineering Division is responsible for the Capital Improvement Program as approved by the Board of County Commissioners by managing the surveying, design, permitting, construction, and fiscal control of individual projects. They coordinate with other agencies (State and Federal) to improve County infrastructure.



Permitting



Surveying

Stormwater Management Plan →



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