



Dear Friends,

I wanted to provide a quick update on all things happening up in Tallahassee which is having a direct effect on the people of District 29, as well as some important local news. The Governor has signed over 200 bills completing the legislative session, including my first signed laws as your State Senator: **CS/CS/CS/SB 1946: Anchoring Limitation Areas**, and **CS/SB 1256: Homestead Exemption for Seniors 65 and Older**. These two bills that were signed by the Governor on June 29 will have a direct, positive impact on our district, and I am proud to have worked to get them passed. I also wanted to share some information on the upcoming Freedom Week Tax holiday, updated information on COVID-19 vaccine/testing locations, summer food programs, important bills that go into effect on July 1, and more!

As always, if my office can be of assistance, we can be reached at (561) 443-8170, or, send me an email at Polsky.Tina@flsenate.gov. Happy Fourth of July!

Respectfully,

Senator Tina Polsky



Senator Polsky at the 2021 VFW Post 10556 Memorial Day Event in Boca Raton



Senator Polsky speaking at Team ENOUGH's Parkland event encouraging the next generation to end gun violence.

2021 FREEDOM TAX HOLIDAY

Independence Day is just around the corner, and this year the Florida Legislature passed a new tax holiday to help you stock up on summer supplies tax-free. Florida's Freedom Week Tax-Free Holiday starts this Thursday, July 1, and runs through Wednesday, July 7. You can save on items like concert, museum and movie tickets, passes to Florida state parks, outdoor, beach and fishing gear, and more.

BOATING AND WATER ACTIVITIES

- The first \$75 on the price of life jackets and coolers;
- The first \$50 on the price of safety flares;
- The first \$150 on the price of water skis, wakeboards, kneeboards, and recreational inflatable water tubes;
- The first \$300 on the price of paddleboards and surfboards;
- The first \$500 on the price of canoes and kayaks;
- The first \$75 on the price of paddles and oars; and
- The first \$25 on the price of snorkels, goggles, and swimming masks.

OTHER RECREATIONAL SAVINGS

- Up to the first \$15 on the price of sunscreen or insect repellent;
 - The first \$100 on a pair of sunglasses;
 - The first \$200 on a pair of binoculars;
 - The first \$30 on the price of water bottles;
 - The first \$50 on the price of hydration packs;
 - The first \$250 of the sales price of outdoor gas or charcoal grills;
 - The first \$50 of the sales price of bicycle helmets; and
 - The first \$250 of the sales price of bicycles.
- Floridians can also save on equipment used for individual or team sports. This does not include clothing or footwear selling for \$40 or less.

CAMPING SUPPLIES

- The first \$200 on the price of purchase of tents;
 - The first \$50 on the price of sleeping bags, portable hammocks, camping stoves, and collapsible camping chairs; and
 - The first \$30 on the price of camping lanterns and flashlights.
- Florida shoppers more interested in fishing can find savings on:
- The first \$75 on the price of individual rods and reels; or
 - The first \$150 on the price of a set of rods and reels;
 - The first \$30 on the price of tackle boxes or bags; and
 - The first \$5 on the price of individual bait or fishing tackle; or
 - The first \$10 on the price of multiple bait and tackle items sold together.

OTHER ITEMS THAT ARE TAX-FREE

- Live music events;
- Live sporting events;
- Movies at the movie theater;
- Entry to a museum, including any annual passes;
- Entry to a state park, including any annual passes;
- Entry to a ballet, play, or musical theatre performance;
- Season tickets for ballets, plays, music events, or musical theatre performances;
- Entry to a fair, festival, or cultural event; or
- Access or use of private and/or membership clubs providing physical fitness facilities.

IMPORTANT BILLS THAT GO INTO EFFECT JULY 1

Over 100 new laws passed in the 2021 legislative session go into effect July 1. These laws vary in importance and impact, but I wanted to include a number of them in the Pulse that will have the most direct impact on the people of District 29.

ANNUAL BUDGET

The new state budget will include much needed money for Everglades restoration, funds to combat sea-level rising, and increase the minimum pay of state workers to \$13 an hour, while giving bonuses to COVID-19 first responders, and additional monies to raise teacher salaries.

ONLINE SALES TAX

Newly signed SB 50 will require sales tax on out-of-state online purchases.

BALLOT INITIATIVES

SB 1890 includes a \$3,000 limit on contributions to political organizations trying to get constitutional amendments on Florida ballots. This new law is also being challenged in federal court.

DRINKS TO GO

SB 148 allows restaurants to continue to sell alcoholic beverages in pickup or delivery meals after the pandemic.

TAX BREAKS

The legislature approved SB 7061, which included new sales-tax holidays including back-to-school and Freedom Week, which starts on July 1.

SOCIAL MEDIA

SB 7072, the now infamous social media bill, creates a penalty system for social media companies for removing political candidates from their platforms. This bill is already being challenged in federal court.

PROPERTY INSURANCE

SB 76 looks to reduce overall homeowner insurance rates. It limits attorney fees in a lawsuit, cuts the time to file a lawsuit from 3 to 2 years, and prevents contractors from soliciting homeowners for roof repairs.

TRANS ATHLETES

One of the most controversial bills this session, SB 1028 bans transgender girls from playing on girls high school and college sports teams.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

SB 2006 authorizes the Governor to circumvent local governments declaring a state of emergency. **BANS THE USE OF VACCINE "PASSPORTS" BY BUSINESSES, GOVERNMENTS, AND SCHOOLS.**

COVID-19 VACCINE/TESTING

As the COVID-19 pandemic situation begins to improve, this is a friendly reminder to **GET VACCINATED**. The Delta variant that is spreading across Florida is even more infectious than before. It is crucial for you, your family, and community that we vaccinate as many people as possible to protect **EVERYONE**.

Many people are beginning to travel both domestically and internationally again, which **MAY** require negative COVID-19 test results **EVEN WITH PROOF OF VACCINATION**.

For Palm Beach County, please visit <http://palmbeach.floridahealth.gov/about-us/important-notices.html> for all the information you may need on vaccines and testing.

For Broward County, please visit <https://www.broward.org/CoronaVirus/Pages/default.aspx>



WHO SHOULD GET VACCINATED?

**All Floridians
age 12 and older**

Pfizer - age 12+

Moderna - age 18+

Johnson & Johnson - age 18+

**NO APPOINTMENT REQUIRED
AT MOST SITES**

Don't Wait. Vaccinate.



STUDENT SUMMER FOOD PROGRAMS

Mon, Jun 21 – Fri, Aug 06

11:00 am – 1:00 pm


www.pbclibrary.org/summer-food-service-program

Mondays
(Except Jul 05 in observance of Independence Day)
Glades Road Branch
20701 95th Avenue South, Boca Raton 33434
Greenacres Branch
3750 Jog Road, Greenacres 33467

Tuesdays
West Boca Branch
18685 State Road 7, Boca Raton 33498

Wednesdays
Acreage Branch
15801 Orange Blvd., Loxahatchee 33470
Belle Glade Branch
725 NW 4th Street, Belle Glade 33430
Clarence E. Anthony Branch
375 S.W. 2nd Avenue, South Bay 33493
Gardens Branch
11303 Campus Drive, Palm Beach Gardens 33410
Hagen Ranch Road Branch
14350 Hagen Ranch Road, Delray Beach 33446
Jupiter Branch
705 Military Trail, Jupiter 33458
Loula V. York Branch
525 Bacom Point Road, Pahokee 33476
Main Library
3650 Summit Blvd., West Palm Beach 33406
Tequesta Branch
461 Old Dixie Highway North, Tequesta 33469

Thursdays
Okeechobee Boulevard Branch
5689 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach 33417
Royal Palm Beach Branch
500 Civic Center Way, Royal Palm Beach 33411
West Boynton Branch
9451 Jog Road, Boynton Beach 33437




15 Palm Beach County Library locations serve as meal distribution sites for the Palm Beach County Youth Services Department's Summer Food Service Program (SFSP).



The SFSP provides meals to eligible children age 18 and under during the summer months (June through August) and in times of emergency. Meals are also available to persons with disabilities, over age 18, who participate in school programs for people who are mentally or physically disabled.

Parents picking up kits without their child present must bring identification for the child. Acceptable forms of identification include student ID, child's passport or other government-issued ID, birth certificate, adoption decree, immunization records, and school demographics. Meal kits will not be provided to parents who do not bring their child or do not provide proper identification.

Families without transportation may walk up to collect meal kits.



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Being Served in Your Community

To find a nearby site:
Call 1-866-348-6479

Go to www.fns.usda.gov/summerfoodrocks
Text FOOD to 877-877 operated by a USDA Partner

Open to all children 18 and younger
NO Enrollment, NO Cost!

STUDENT SUMMER FOOD PROGRAMS



Broward County Public Schools Food and Nutrition Services is offering **FREE** Grab-and-Go Summer Meals to ensure children have access to nutritious meals.

Starting on June 15, 2021 meals will be distributed to all children in the community 18 years of age and younger on **TUESDAYS** through curbside distribution.

Meal distribution times vary by school location during the school day. Visit www.browardschools.com/food-service or call 211 for individual service times.

Children or their parents can pick up multiple meals at a time by walking or driving through the car or bus loop. Parents must have identification for their child to pick up meals if the child is not present. Recommended forms of identification include student ID, report card, or birth certificate. Identification must be present at each meal service.

Bair Middle	Driftwood Elementary	Liberty Elementary	Sawgrass Elementary
Bethune Elementary	Embassy Creek Elementary	McArthur High	Sea Castle Elementary
Blanche Ely High	Endeavor Primary Learning Center	Millennium 6-12	Seminole Middle
Boyd Anderson High	Fairway Elementary	New Renaissance Middle	Silver Trail Middle
Coconut Creek High	Falcon Cove Middle	Norcrest Elementary	South Broward High
Coral Glades High	Flanagan High	North Andrews Gardens Elementary	Stephen Foster Elementary
Coral Springs High	Gator Run Elementary	Orange Brook Elementary	Sunrise Middle
Coral Springs Pre K-8	Glades Middle	Panther Run Elementary	Thurgood Marshall Elementary
Croissant Park Elementary	Gulfstream Academy North	Park Lakes Elementary	Tradewinds Elementary
Crystal Lake Middle	Hollywood Hills High	Pioneer Middle	Village Elementary
Cypress Elementary	Indian Ridge Middle	Plantation Elementary	Walker Elementary
Deerfield Beach Middle	Lake Forest Elementary	Plantation High	Westglades Middle
Dillard High	Lakeside Elementary	Quiet Waters Elementary	

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SURFSIDE TRAGEDY

On June 24, 2021, tragedy struck a small beach town near Miami as a 12-story beachfront condominium had a partial collapse. At the time of this newsletter, the death toll is up to 16, with 147 people still unaccounted for.

There are a number of organizations that are accepting much needed supplies to support those who have been effected by this horrific incident.

The Palm Beach County Medical Society is collecting much needed donations for those affected by the building collapse in Surfside. Below is the list of supplies needed that can be dropped off at St. Mary's Medical Center Emergency Room (901 45th St, West Palm Beach, FL 33407) between 9 AM and 5 PM:

Advil/Tylenol
Sweatshirts
Cell phone chargers
Drinks (mainly water)
Blankets/sheets
Pillows
Snacks
Toiletries
Games

American Red Cross

The American Red Cross is helping displaced residents find shelter and is providing them with food. The organization is also providing emotional support to victims of the condo collapse. Click [here](#) to donate.

Support Surfside

The Miami Heat and several local organizations have launched a hardship fund for the victims: supportsurfside.org

You can make a one-time donation or set a monthly payment through PayPal.

Surfside Building Collapse Victim Fund

In response to this tragedy, Neighbors 4 Neighbors is setting up Surfside Building Collapse Fund. The goal of this fund will be to assist the victims in the long term with unforeseen costs and things not covered by insurance. They will work with the City of Surfside and F.R.I.E.N.D. Miami-Dade's Long Term Disaster Recovery Group to best help those affected by this tragedy.

Click [here](#) to donate.



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