September 2026

The Beachcomber

Hernando Beach Property Owners Association Newsletter

Our next meeting will be held **Thursday, September 3, 2026 at 7:00pm**
Hernando Beach Yacht Club
4163 Shoal Line Blvd.
Doors open at 6:00pm.

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The purpose of this organization is to unite the property owners of Hernando Beach.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello again HBPOA members, friends and neighbors. However you spent your summer I hope it has been enjoyable despite the extreme temperatures and other weather phenomena that have been a hallmark of this summer here in Hernando Beach, around the country, and even globally. We finally got some relief with a stretch of overcast, rainy and cooler days and nights in late July and early August. You could almost hear the sigh of relief from our lawns and landscapes as the rain fell and they turned green again. Forecasters keep saying that we will finally move into a more traditional summer pattern of sunny days punctuated by the possibility of afternoon storms and showers. Only time will tell if that will happen before our traditional "rainy season" ends. Let's hope we do get rain more regularly and not necessarily delivered only with major storms. Because there is still a significant rainfall deficit water usage restrictions remain in place at least until October. So continue to be aware of that and to do your part to comply. Obviously there are many dimensions to this issue. While we conform to current use regulations we should also be individually and collectively understanding and addressing the broader issues and longer term policies regarding water as well as other precious natural resources that we rely on to support our quality of life.

In the last Beachcomber I mentioned the proposal for rezoning six parcels on the north of Eagle Nest Drive. This is just a reminder that the rezoning request goes before the Board of County Commissioners for a final decision on Tuesday, September 1. Consider attending to demonstrate your position, pro or con, regarding this requested change.

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I'm really looking forward to greeting many of you as we resume our monthly membership meetings on Thursday, September 3rd following our summer hiatus. In addition to our "welcome back" ice cream social I am also excited that we will be joined by some very topical and pertinent guest speakers.

Ben Cooper will be with us to discuss some of the activities that the Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative (WREC) is currently involved in to be prepared for potential hurricanes as well as some of WREC's other ongoing community activities and initiatives both local and beyond. Ben is WREC's West Hernando District Manager with responsibilities that include overseeing all regional utility operations and representing the cooperative in local community partnerships.

Hernando County Engineer Todd Crosby and project manager/utilities liaison Josh Walker (who first met with us earlier this year) will also be joining us to share an update on the issues and complications that have impacted the Calienta project to-date as well as covering the current outlook for the project's completion. They will also touch on other projects that are in the pipeline for our area and answer our relevant questions.

We'll also have a number of key internal topics to address that are important to our organization's future. Barry Holland, chairman of our Bylaws Committee, will present the actual draft of proposed changes to our Bylaws to expand our geographic field of membership as discussed at previous meetings. This presentation is a necessary first step per the defined procedure for updating the Bylaws and will enable a membership vote to be taken at our next meeting. Another important piece of business at this meeting will be identifying and electing members of the Nominating Committee which will be charged with identifying and bringing forth candidates for open positions on the HBPOA Board in 2027. Please consider volunteering to serve on this committee. And finally, I want to get our members' perspectives regarding the Coastal Hernando Business Group (CHBG) and our relationship with it. I was recently invited and attended a CHBG meeting. Although the interests of home owners/property owners and businesses may not always align 100% there are certainly significant overlaps and synergies which it might be in our mutual interest to leverage. One example is the maintenance in terms of ongoing clean-up and grooming of the Triangle Park (intersection of Shoal Line and Osowaw) and the Dolphin Fountain (intersection of 19 and Osowaw) which are the very visible gateways to our community.

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I am looking forward to this being a very informative and also formative meeting. I encourage you to come for both the interesting and timely information sharing and dialogue with our guest speakers and also to be part of the important discussions and ongoing decisions that will continuously shape our organization as you'd like to see it. Add to that the opportunity to enjoy socializing and fellowship with your Hernando Beach neighbors and top it off with some ice cream and how better could you spend an evening!

Remember, guests are always welcomed at our meetings so invite a neighbor or two so they can experience first hand what we have to offer. Doors at the HB Yacht Club will open at 6 pm and the business meeting will be called to order at 7 pm. Note that our food drive and partnership with *People Helping People* to assist those less fortunate is on-going. Please be generous in supporting this worthy cause by bringing your non-perishable donations to this and future meetings.

Looking forward to seeing you on Thursday, September 3rd -

Rich Grega

Hernando Beach Property Owners Association

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2026 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION & RENEWAL FORM

HBPOA meetings are held the 1st Thursday of every month.
Meetings are held at the HBYC - 4163 Shoal Line Blvd, the doors open at 6:30pm and meetings start at 7pm.

Dues are $40.00 annually and include the Beachcomber Newsletter mailed to you.
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Designed to foster transparency, understanding, and community involvement, the Citizens' Academy helps build a stronger, more informed partnership between the County and its citizens.

Class size is limited to just 15 participants, and we kindly ask that all sessions are attended in order to graduate. Please note that photos and videos may be taken during the academy for use in official county communications.

Dress will be business casual for all sessions. Jeans are allowed, but closed-toe shoes are required—this may include walking tours of County facilities. Avoid athletic wear, flip-flops, or overly casual clothing. Dress comfortably but professionally.

By participating in the Citizens' Academy, you consent to the use of photos and/or video taken during the program for official County communications and outreach.

Attending all sessions is strongly encouraged; participants who miss more than one class may not be eligible to complete the program.

Ready to step inside your local government?

Details of the 2026 application process will be announced towards the end of the summer. The first class will begin October 2026. Stay tuned!

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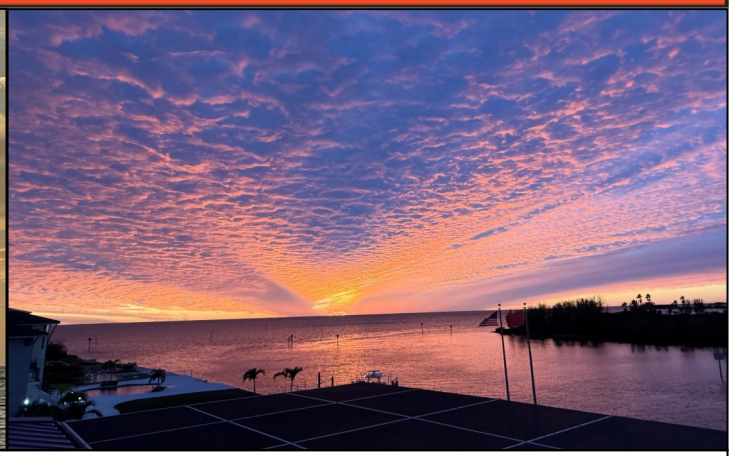
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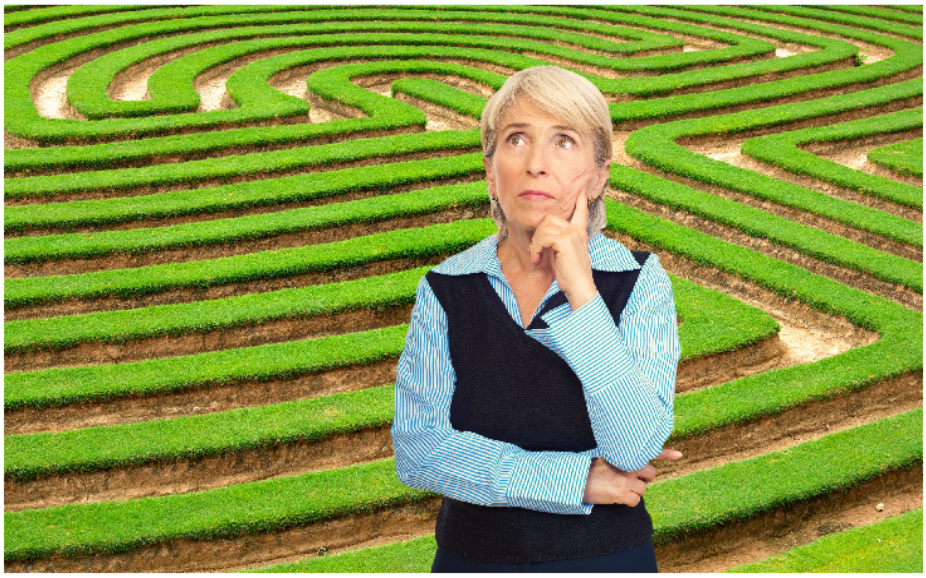
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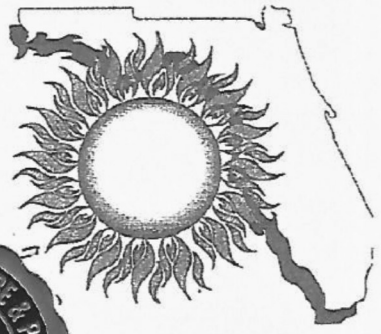
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- Fingerprinting in District II (Forest Oaks Location, Spring Hill)
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Appearance

- Body is pinkish-red in color, fading to a white belly
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- Red eye
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- No dark spot on sides in adults

Similar Species: Silk snapper, *L. vivanus* (has a yellow eye); and vermilion snapper, *R. aurorubens* (has rounded anal fin) Size: Up to 36 inches (35 pounds)

Habitat
Offshore near structure. Juveniles are found over sand or mud bottoms.

Behavior
Spawn from June to October. Sexual maturity is attained at age 2. Adults can live more than 20 years, possibly even up to 60 years.
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Additional Information
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TheBus is closed on the following holidays: New Year's Day, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day. These holidays are subject to change. Additional holiday schedule information can be found at www.hernandocounty.us/living-here/transit-thebus/holiday-schedule/.

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GAG GROUPER

Appearance

- Color brownish-gray with dark worm-like markings on sides
- Bottom of preopercle (cheek) has strong serrated spur
- Fins are dark, with white edges on anal fin and tail
- Dark lines radiate from the eyes

Similar Species: Black grouper, *M. bonaci* (spur on preopercle is gently rounded, not serrated)

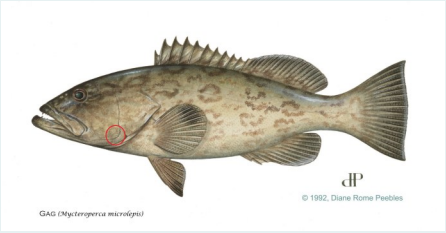
Size: Up to 36 inches (50 pounds); common to 25 pounds

Habitat
Coastal waters near structure such as rocky bottoms, reefs and drop-off walls in water over 60 feet deep. Juveniles found in estuaries and seagrass beds

Behavior
Born as females but can later become male. Gag and red grouper are the most widely distributed of the Florida groupers. Goliath and Nassau grouper are protected from harvest in Florida waters. Spawn between January and May with some of the more tropical species spawning year-round.
Feed on fishes and invertebrates.

Additional Information
State Record: 80 lb 6 oz, caught near Destin
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Min. Size Limit	Daily Bag Limit	Season
24" TL	2 per person within 4 grouper aggregate 0 fish bag limit for Charter Captain and Crew	Fall Season: • September 1 - 30, 2026



Gag Grouper





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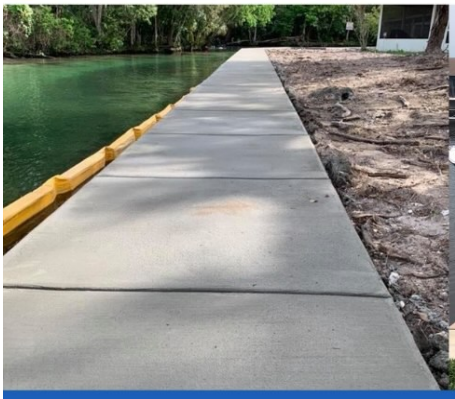
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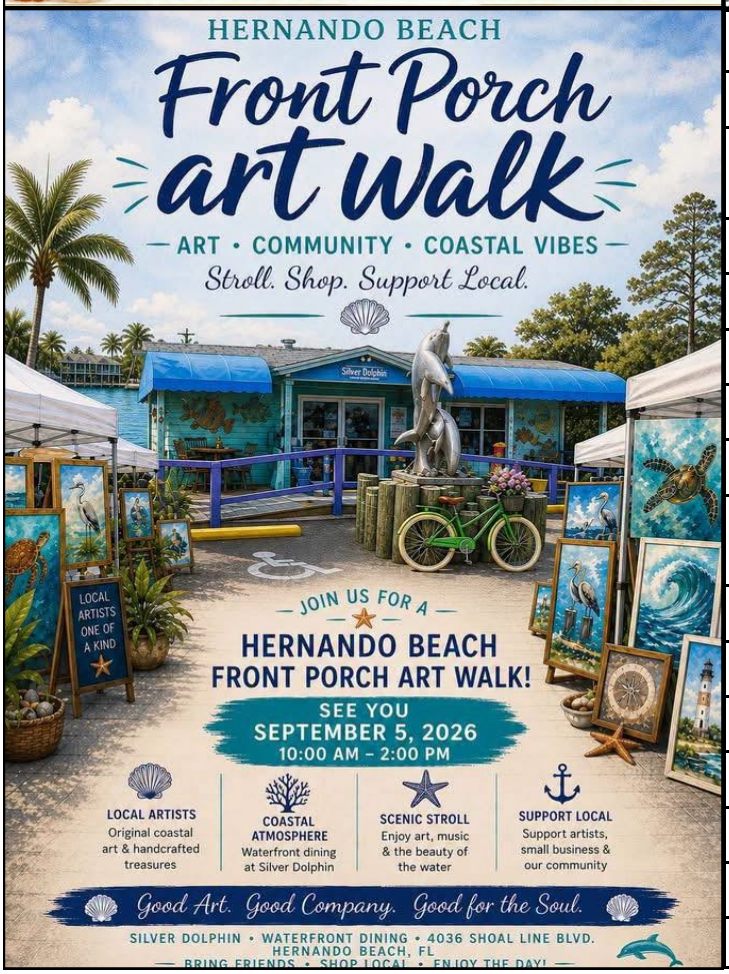
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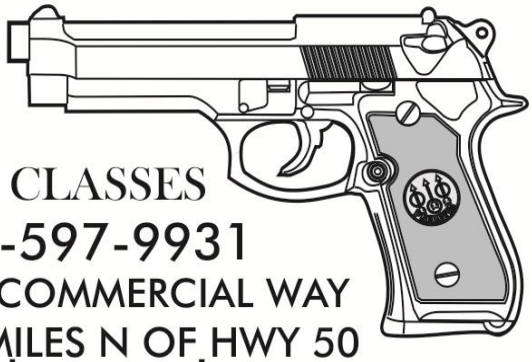
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Sawfish Sightings (FWC)	(941)255-7403
Sea turtle rescue (FWC)	(863)648-3200
Reptiles and Exotics Rescue	(352)403-4255
Wildlife Rescue – Owl's Nest Sanctuary	(813)598-5926
Wildlife Rescue HB Area	(813)598-5926
Horseshoe Crab Sightings	(866)252-9326
Pets	
Hernando County Animal Services	(352)796-5062
Humane Society of Nature Coast	(352)796-2711
SPCA Hernando County	(352)596-7000
Dogs – Report Illegal Dog Fighting	(800)780-8477

HERNANDO BEACH PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP MEETING

SEPTEMBER 3, 2026
7:00PM

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HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

By: Judith Hughes

Hello Hernando Beach,

Can you believe that we are entering the last few months of 2026? Where has this year gone?
Ghosts and Goblins are already filling our retail shops. And we even saw some Holiday Wreaths and Christmas ornaments.

August filled our mailboxes with candidate information. Each candidate was hoping to garner our attention and hopefully vote in their favor. As of this writing, we are unaware of voting results. We need to submit our articles by the tenth of the month prior publication. So, we will have information in our next writing.

September 4th marks the resumption of our Hernando Beach Property Owners' meetings. We hope you will consider inviting your Hernando Beach neighbor to this and subsequent meetings. Your Board works hard to make these meetings informative.

Mark your calendar.

October 2nd - Oktoberfest Celebration on the lower level of the Yacht Club

November 6th - Voting for the 2026 Board

December 4th - Annual HBPOA Christmas Party

Front Porch Art Walk resumes in September. We must give thanks to the Silver Dolphin and Weavers for hosting our talented artists. It will be good to see them again and learn of their new creations.

If you are a MahJongg player, you might like to know that there is a group that plays at the Yacht Club on Wednesdays between 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM. If you have an interest in learning, come by and observe…you might like it. It is said that MahJongg is great for our brains. As we age, we all need brain enhancement activities.

This article is a short one.
Again, we trust you all have had a great summer and are looking forward to some cooler weather and ZERO Hurricanes.

Notes for September:

September 7th - Labor Day
September 15th - Begins National Hispanic Heritage Month
September 12th - Autumnal Equinox

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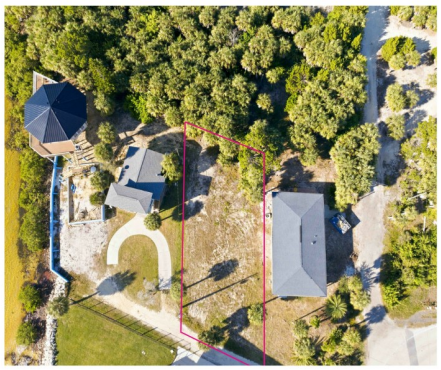
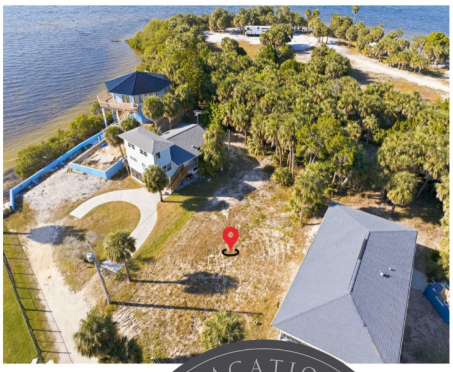
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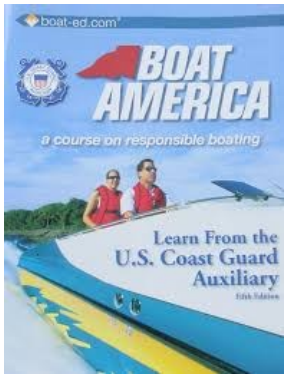






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•**Boating Law** – Boat registration, regulations, hull identification numbers, required safety equipment, Federal boating law, state boating law, and reporting accidents.

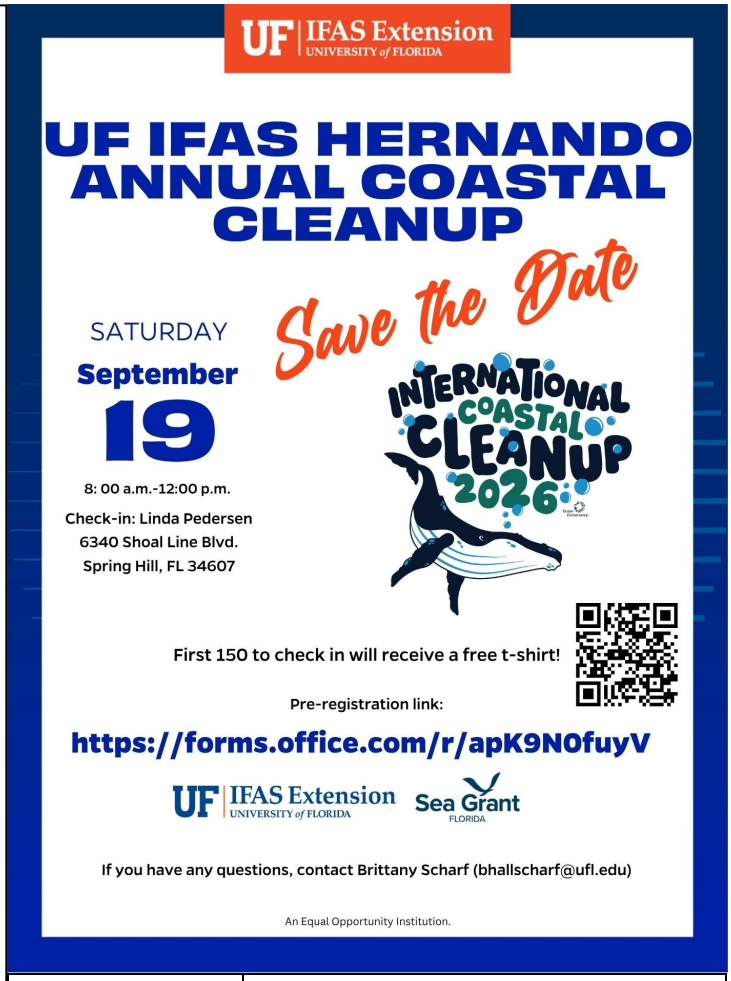
•**Safety Equipment** – Life jackets, fire extinguishers, sound-producing devices, visual distress signals, anchors, and other safety equipment.

•**Safe Operation and Navigation** – Buoys and beacons, aids to navigation, navigation rules, docking, and the dangers of alcohol on the water.

•**Boating Emergencies** – Hypothermia, boating accidents, man overboard, capsizing, emergency radio calls, carbon monoxide dangers, and weather.

•**Trailering** – Types of trailers, lights, hitches, towing a trailer.

•**Sports and Boating** – Water-skiing, hunting and hunting gear, PWC operation, and other boating tips.



Course:	Boat America
Start Date:	Sat, 17 Oct 2026
End Date:	Sat, 17 Oct 2026
Days:	1
Hours:	8:30 AM – 4:30 PM
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4	Fri	6:25	3.6	9:00	2.4	1:43	1.7	3:27	0.4	7:10	7:48	
5	Sat	7:26	3.5	10:43	2.4	2:39	1.9	4:52	0.4	7:10	7:47	
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September						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Land Use 9am	2	3 HBPOA Membership Meeting 7pm	4	5 Front Porch Art Walk 10am - 2pm
6	7 Labor Day	8	9	10 HB Crime Watch Meeting BOCC Meeting 9am	11	12
13	14 HCUD FFL Class 11am West Hernando Library	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 BOCC Meeting 5:01pm Budget Public Hearing	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			



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