

Fowler's

Focus

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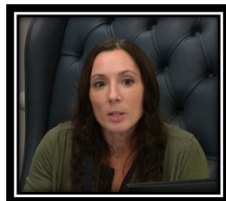
From the Commissioner's Desk..

Dear Residents,
As your Commissioner, my primary focus is to engage in proactive communication with you all. To support this goal, I have introduced a monthly newsletter called "Fowler's Focus" to ensure that you are well-informed about the various initiatives the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) are undertaking to uphold a vibrant and thriving community.

This newsletter will cover a range of topics including updates on county laws, ordinances, and policies, educating citizens on governing principles that impact the county's development. It will also highlight local groups, individuals, and St. Lucie County BOCC staff who are contributing positively to our community. Additionally, valuable county resources will be shared along with my insights to encourage interactive discussions.

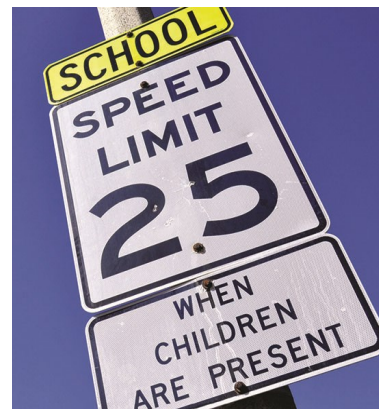
I sincerely hope you find this newsletter informative, valuable, and thought-provoking. Your input and suggestions are highly encouraged on topics that you believe are crucial for the safety, well-being, and progress of St. Lucie County.

Best regards,
Jamie Lee Fowler



Improving for the Better!!

In Commissioner Fowler's first year in office, she was an advocate for increased safety for our children in school zones. On January 9, 2024, she along with the St. Lucie County Board of County Commissioners unanimously approved Ordinance No. 2024-002- Relating to enforcement of school zone speed limits; creating section 30-5.1 of the Code of St. Lucie County; Authorizing the placement and installation of



Speed Detection Systems on roadways maintained as school zones.

This ordinance will allow for the use of speed detection cameras to ticket motorists going 10 miles over the speed limit when the flashing yellow lights are activated in the morning when children are going to school and in the afternoon when they are going home.

Click here [Ordinance 2024-002](#) to learn more about the details of this important ordinance.



SPECIAL SHOUT OUT—To the White City Improvement Club!

This organization is comprised of resident in the White City area and its surrounding communities. The goal of the WCIC is to better the community and its surroundings and to preserve the history of the community. To learn more about the WCIC visit their web site at <https://whitecityimprovementclub.org>



DID YOU KNOW?!

Pursuant to [Chapter 163, Part II, Florida Statutes](#), local governments are required to adopt and maintain a Comprehensive Plan that addresses the principles, guidelines, standards, and strategies for the orderly and balanced future economic, social, physical, environmental, and fiscal development of the area.

The St. Lucie County [Comprehensive Plan](#) consists of goals, objectives and policies (text), maps, data and support documents which form the foundation of the County’s planning program and guides future growth, and community development.

The Comprehensive Plan is intended to promote and implement plans, policies and public improvements which enhance the quality of life for St. Lucie County residents, protect natural resources and promote economic development, while recognizing the differing needs and values of each of the County’s unique communities and diverse land area. The County’s Comprehensive Plan includes a Future Land Use (FLU) Map, with FLU designations for all property in unincorporated St. Lucie County.



On May 13, 2024, Commissioner Fowler, hosted her first “Shadow the Commissioner” event with Treasure Coast High School senior Heraldo Marcelin. Commissioner Fowler developed this initiative to allow high school students and members of the 4-H Youth Council, the opportunity to experience the day in the life of a county commissioner and introduce them to the inner workings of local government.



Commissioner Fowler and Heraldo Marcelin

Commissioner Fowler met Heraldo during the Career and Technical Education (CTE) Entrepreneurship event hosted by the St. Lucie Public Schools on April 3, 2024. Fowler was one of the judges and spoke with students including Heraldo, whose team took first place in the E-Commerce (High school) category. During the meeting with students, she offered them the opportunity to participate in the Shadowing Program, and Heraldo was the first to reach out and accept.

The Shadowing event allowed Heraldo to take part in high-level briefings with the County Attorney, County Administrator, Fire District Chief, and various department directors. The brief included an overview of projects, resolutions, and various agenda items for future board meetings.



2024 General Election

Deadline to register: October 7, 2024

| Event | Dates | Times |
|--------------|---|------------------------|
| Early Voting | Monday, October 21st - Saturday, November 2nd (including Sunday October 27th) | 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. |
| Early Voting | Sunday, November 3rd | 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. |
| Election Day | Tuesday, November 5 | 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. |

For more information visit the St Lucie County Supervisor of Elections web site at: <https://www.slcelections.com/>

St. Lucie County Commissioner Jamie Lee Fowler was recently presented with the Certified County Commissioner (CCC) designation from the Institute for County Government (ICG) at an award ceremony held at the Florida Association of Counties (FAC) Annual Conference and Educational Exhibition in Orange County, Florida.

“The courses available through the Certified County Commission program provide a wealth of knowledge for newly elected officials. I look forward to advancing my education and taking the next step by enrolling in the Advance County Commissioner Level 1 program to further build on the groundwork laid with the CCC program. My goal is to be the best I can be for my community and that begins with knowledge. Knowledge is power,” said Commissioner Fowler.



Commissioner Fowler (left)
Commissioner John Meeks
FAC 2ND VP (right)



-  Stay in large groups
-  Carry a Flashlight
-  Check ALL candy
-  Wear reflective gear
-  Stay in lighted communities



Meet the Team —Meet Kori Benton. Kori has been with the St. Lucie County BOCC Planning and Development Services’ (PDS) Team since 2018 and holds the position of PDS Planning Manager. He transitioned from the City of Fort Pierce where he worked in the planning department for 7 years. He is a lifelong, 35-year resident of St. Lucie County, holds a bachelor’s degree in economics and political science from the University of Florida, and a master’s in public administration from Florida Atlantic University. In 2019, through hard work and dedication he earned his American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) certification. He is married to St. Lucie County lifetime resident, Rebecca Benton for 11 years. Rebecca is a St. Lucie County school teacher (10 years), and they have two children.



Highlight of St. Lucie County Resources

St. Lucie County Meeting Portal: The meeting portal provides access to the St. Lucie County meeting schedules, meeting information such as agenda items, minutes, supporting documents, live streams and recordings of various public meetings.

To access the portal click on the following link: <https://stluciecofl.portal.civicclerk.com/>



Building Inspections: This page is designed to provide information and assistance to residents and contractors who have a building permit and need an inspection or information on building in St. Lucie County..

To access the Building Inspection web page click on the following link: <https://www.stlucieco.gov/departments-and-services/planning-and-development-services/building-inspections>



Code Compliance: The purpose of this site is to assist in answering questions and to educate St. Lucie County residents about County Codes to include fine information, staff directory, and access to recordings of past Code Board meetings.

To access the Code Compliance web page click on the following link: <https://www.stlucieco.gov/departments-and-services/planning-and-development-services/code-compliance>



Community Service: The Community Services Department mission is to provide assistance to St. Lucie County residents to improve quality of life through information, resources and services. The web page provides access to Human Services, Housing and Veteran Services.

To access the Community Service web page click on the following link: <https://www.stlucieco.gov/departments-and-services/community-services>



St. Lucie County Library: The St. Lucie County Library page contains resource to obtain a library card, eBooks, Online Resources, calendar events and much more.

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