

# Weekly Report

## 11/1/2024

### Building

Inspections conducted and approved:	88
Inspections conducted and unapproved:	21
<b>TOTAL WEEKLY INSPECTIONS:</b>	<b>109</b>

<u>Beverly Beach Weekly Permit Issued:</u>	
Reroof	2
Demolition	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>

Five Certificates of Occupancy were issued.

<u>Flagler Beach Weekly Permits Issued:</u>	
Arbor	1
Commercial Building	1
Dock/Boathouse	1
Dune walkover	1
Electrical	4
Fence	2
Gas	1
HVAC	5
Pool	1
Renovation	5
Roof/Reroof	10
Screen Enclosure	1
Single Family Residence	1
Solar/Electrical	1
Window/Door Replacement	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>38</b>

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### City Clerk

#### Upcoming Events

- November 1: Happy Wanders walking a 10k using sidewalks, starting at Betty Steflick.
- November 2: Wedding on beach across from Oceanside.
- November 3: Unified Hope Movement.
- November 16: Birthday Party at Wickline Center.
- December 1: Heavens Echo Music and Worship in Veterans Park.
- December 7 Holiday at Beach.
- December 15: Daytona 100n Ultramarathon.



## City Clerk (Cont.)

- Annexation: Coordination of paperwork, meetings and contacts, preparing and filing of advertisements.
- Website: Attended zoom meeting on issues not addressed during the upgrade; starting to address issues. Completed Stormwater webpage. Continuously posted during Hurricane Milton.
- Bid Postings: development, information gathering, and posting.
- Records Management: Started destruction and documentation of disposition documents.
- Laserfiche: Continue to work on the elevation certificates, linking documents to minutes and scanning or inputting current documents for retention.
- Hurricane Milton: Preparation prior to storm and assisting with coordination of preliminary damage evaluations and quotes for repairs for the roof and other damage to City Hall.

- Lien Searches: 45
- Website Postings: 125
- Public Record Requests: 96
- Bids Posted: 4

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## Human Resources

### Open Positions

Meter Reader Technician

Police Officer

Community Redevelopment Director

### Happy October Anniversaries!

Robert Pace, Fire Chief celebrated 18 years.

Brenda Ludecker, Payroll Specialist celebrated 14 years.

Michele Ficocello, Customer Service Representative, celebrated 10 years.

Gonzalo Dominguez, Maintenance Worker celebrated 2 years.

Stanley Jones, Wastewater Plant Operator, celebrated 2 years.

Michael Snyder, Police Officer celebrated 1 year.

Jose Perez, Utility Mechanic, celebrated 1 year.



## Finance

The Flagler Beach City Commission will consider increasing Utility Rates at the Regular Commission Meeting on November 14, 2024. The meeting begins at 5:30 PM and will be held at City Hall. The utility billing rate increase will affect residents (owners and tenants) as well as business owners. Rates increased will be utility water / sewer/ stormwater and sanitation.

- Water and Sewer, base fees increase of 3.5%; flow rates increase of 3.5%.
- Sanitation Rates, residential and commercial increase of 3.5%.
- Stormwater Fees 37.2% increase (\$5.42 per month increase; \$14.58 to \$20.00).

Increased rates are necessary to cover operational costs and to continue / begin new utility and stormwater projects throughout the City. The utility and stormwater projects are necessary to ensure safety and reliability to residents and business owners.

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## Fire

### State Recertification EMT/Paramedic

Every two years, department members are required to obtain recertification as Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) and Paramedics. Staff is required to complete continual education units, practical training, classroom hours, a Department of Health survey, and application for renewal. The Flagler Beach Fire Department staff completed qualifications a month ahead of schedule.

### Blue Flag Raise

The Blue Flag Raise always takes place at the November First Friday in Veterans Park. The blue flag is raised for Prostate Cancer and Diabetes Awareness. The blue shirts worn by the fire department display Prostate Cancer and Diabetes Awareness on the sleeves. There will be approximately six department members in Veterans Park for the blue flag raise on Friday.

### Tony Gasparino Memorial Ceremony

The Tony Gasparino Memorial Ceremony will be held at Santa Maria Del Mar Catholic Church at 11:00 AM on Saturday, November 2, 2024. Tony Gasparino was a veteran, a firefighter and a member of the Knights of Columbus. The ceremony will honor military and public safety members. A Fire Department Volunteer was selected this year to receive an award. His family and multiple department members will be in attendance.



## Library (cont.)

Curbside Service continues at the Library. In addition to book check-outs and returns, copy and scan services are available, and for those who come in to print from the public computers, a dedicated email address ([Libraryprinter315@gmail.com](mailto:Libraryprinter315@gmail.com)) was created for Library staff can open and print attachments from the Public Computers for our patrons. Staff is working to make additional books sections available, with mystery the first section being organized due to popularity. Staff is also working to make newspapers & periodicals available for borrowing on a first-come, first-served basis. Loan periods for these would be one day for newspapers and one week for Periodicals. These loans should be available by next week and will be limited to one newspaper and two periodicals per person.

## Maintenance

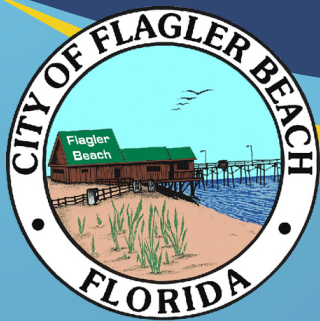
The Maintenance Department cut and trimmed at City Hall, its parking lot, the Police Department, and Veterans Park. Staff removed dead palm trees from the CRA. Sand from South 5th street parking lot was cleaned out, barricades from the Police Department were taken down, and lights were repaired at Cedar Island. The crew installed side rails on north dune walkover and set up for First Friday.

## Police

The Police Department participated in a National Drug Take-Back day on Saturday, October 26, 2024. The department will be turning over 72.4 pounds of collected prescription drugs to the Drug Enforcement Administration. The Police Department held its annual Trunk-or-Treat event from 5 PM to 7 PM, and there was a great turnout. Staff even had to make an emergency run to resupply the candy stock.

From: Friday		10/25/2024		To: Thursday		10/31/2024	
Calls For Service	77	Felony Arrest	0	Reports Written	12	Citations Issued	18
Self-Initiated	28	Misd. Arrest	4	Comm. Policing	16	Warnings (Written/Verbal)	53/14
Traffic Stops	59	City Ordinance	2	Security Checks	181		





## Recreation

All lifeguard towers have been removed from the beach area. The Flagler Beach Fire Department will respond to beach emergencies during the winter season. Emergency ATVs and jet skis will be kept in running condition and ready to access in case of emergencies.

The next First Friday is scheduled for November 1. The December 6 First Friday will proceed as usual with the entertainment being provided by local schools. It will also include the official “Lighting of the Park” to official kick off the holiday season. On Saturday, December 7, the Holiday at the Beach parade will begin at 1:00pm. The Rotary Club of Flagler Beach will be coordinating the parade, which will begin with our traditional “Skydiving Santa”. Santa will be in the Commission Chambers after the parade for pictures, letters and cookies with the kids.

Flagler Family Flicks will show its next feature at The Flagler Beach Winery on November 29. Six movies will be scheduled on the last Fridays of the spring and fall months throughout the year for 2025.

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## Sanitation

Trash and recycle services are back to regular scheduled days. Storm debris pick-up began on Monday, October 21 by a storm debris contractor. Work continues and is expected to take two more weeks.

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## Wastewater

From Friday, October 25, 2024 through Thursday, October 31, 2024, the department treated 5,712,000 gallons of wastewater for a daily average of 816,000 gallons with no rainfall. Staff pulled weekly samples and ran the plant generator underload.

Friendly reminder to residents: please do not flush wet wipes (even if flushable) down the drains. Wet wipes clog lift station pumps which can cause backups and sewer overflows. For water or sewer problems after hours, weekends and holiday's please call the Flagler County Sheriff's office at (386) 313-4916. This will help speed up the city's response time.



## Water

During week 44 (October 20 - October 26), the plant pumped 4,230,000 gallons of finished water. The average for the week was 604,000 gallons per day, which is 1.0% greater than last year. Last year, the plant pumped 4,040,000 gallons and averaged 577,000 gallons per day. The department flushed the trains that are off-line every night and exercised all the generators on-site and remote. 168,800 gallons were used to flush the North End of Town due to low chlorine residual. Staff cleaned Degasifier #2. The department collected monthly well samples, drawdowns, statics, and meter readings.