

FRIENDS OF ST. SEBASTIAN RIVER
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING AGENDA
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2026 – 9:30am, South Prong Preserve
Advocating to help maintain and improve the health and beauty of the St. Sebastian River.

CALL TO ORDER/ATTENDANCE

CALL FOR ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING(S) – pp. 2-3

TREASURER'S REPORT – pp. 4-7

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Ryall house deck

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 1) Pontoon boat restoration update
- 2) IR County volunteer hours system, volunteer release form – no update

NEW BUSINESS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Advocacy – Herrmann

- 1) SJRWMD permits
 - a) Emerald Lakes Phase 1 West request 5-year permit extension
 - b) Cresswind Phase 1 stormwater permit #229138 - 3
- 2) Sebastian Golf Course - Audubon International Cooperative Sanctuary Program
- 3) City of Sebastian Public Works carport/outdoor storage
- 4) Ray Osborne letter to IRC Commission re sales tax funding for septic upgrade assistance – p. 8
- 5) Sep26 General Meeting follow-up conference call with Brevard IR Lagoon Coalition – p. 9
- 6) IR County P&Z hearing on amendment of the tree and land clearing ordinance, Oct. 22, 6pm
- 7) FL Property Tax Amend. 3, IRNA request to vote NO – pp. 10-11

Education/Outreach – Stephen

- 1) General Meetings – Nov & Jan, Mar, May, 2027; Diane Morgan-River Personhood
- 2) City of Sebastian Natural Resources Board, Sustainable Sebastian 5-year plan, follow-up?
- 3) Yard habitat signs
- 4) Roseland Community Park event, Dec. 6, to include plein air paint event with Isola Arts, reception, sunset celebration, etc., art club to sponsor a wine & cheese tent, need ice cream churns
- 5) Sea & Shoreline St. Sebastian River submerged aquatic vegetation (SAV) restoration project
- 6) ELC Lagoonapalooza, January 23, 2027 – pp. 12-13
- 7) Zeffy online membership/fundraising database rating – pp. 14-15
- 8) Coastal Connections/Intl Coastal Cleanup results – pp. 16-17

Financial – vacant – no report

Governance – Herrmann – new board members – p. 18

Information – Glover – Google Analytics report – p. 19

Membership – Herrmann, Sep renewals – none; new members – none

Publicity – Penny Phillips – pp. 20-21

Volunteer – vacant

Round robin

Adjournment

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1) Next BOD meeting – Nov. 10, 9:30am, Ryall house
- 2) Ryall/South Prong Preserve volunteer days, TBA, 9am
- 3) IR County Property Tax Amend 3 impact workshop, Oct. 14, 6pm, IRC Fairgrounds, RSVP-
https://indianriver.gov/news_detail_T23_R590.php
- 4) ORCA Open House, Oct. 15, 10am-2pm, 1235 16th St., Vero Beach
- 5) Brevard County IR Lagoon Day/Fest, Oct 17, 2026
- 6) Roseland Women's Club/Community Park workday, Oct 21, 9 to 11am,
- 7) MRC Low Impact Development Conference, Cocoa, Oct 22-23 – pp. 22-23
- 8) Roseland Women's Club/Community Park social gathering, Dec. 6, afternoon/evening – help and ideas
- 9) River Network, free training/education - <https://learn.rivernetwork.org/store>

FRIENDS OF ST. SEBASTIAN RIVER BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
AGENDA MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2026
9:30 AM, SOUTH PRONG PRESERVE

CALL TO ORDER/ATTENDANCE--Pres. Glover called the meeting to order at 9:32 am. In attendance were Herrmann(vice-pres.) on speaker phone, Peterson(secy.) and directors Howe, Stephen, and Zingman. Advisory director Hinck also attended, and Bob Bedea attended as a guest. Glover took the time to review the resignations of Board member Bolton and treasurer Dusek.

CALL FOR ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA--Glover added St. Sebastian River Greenway to his report.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING(S)--Howe made a motion, seconded by Stephen, that the Minutes from the June 9, 2026 meeting be approved; all voted in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT(AP, pp.4-7)--Glover pointed out that the report is shorter than usual due no activity in our PayPal account. Stephen made a motion, seconded by Howe, that the report for August 31, 2026 be accepted for audit; all voted in favor.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT--

- 1) Ryall house deck replacement--still waiting on a permit
- 2) Graham Cox tree plaque--Glover has not yet purchased a plaque.
- 3) Overgrown grass on Ryall house property needs to be mown--Howe and Glover will mow later in week.
- 4) Glover reported that the St. Sebastian River Greenway committee meets quarterly. Carter & Assoc. will lay out new trail, which the I.R. Land Trust is coordinating.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 1) Pontoon boat donation update--Bob Bedea (Dr. Bob) reported that updated repair work has been placed on hold. Glover did buy new plywood to be used as needed. Stephen made a motion, seconded by Howe, that certain Board members meet at Dr. Bob's home to decide what to do about repairs to the donated boat; all voted in favor.
- 2) IR County volunteer hours system, volunteer release form(AP, pp.8-9)--Glover explained that we need to modify the form.
- 3) Milwaukee dissolved oxygen sensor acquired--Glover found on EBay, even comes with its own carry case.

NEW BUSINESS-NONE

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Advocacy--Herrmann

- 1) SJRWMD permits-none
- 2) Sebastian Golf Course-Audubon International Cooperative Sanctuary Program--ongoing project led by Herrmann
- 3) City of Sebastian Public Works carport/outdoor storage, P&Z June 18 review(AP, pp.10-14)--in spite of our concerns, requirements have been met; surface is non-permeable.
- 4) City of Sebastian, final hearing, Cresswind land/zoning change; P&Z June 18 review(AP, pp.15-37)
- 5) IR County public hearing re Bluewater Bay/Lawrence Land Hldgs dev. agreement, Sept. 15, 9am
- 6) Brevard County Barefoot Bay Water & Sewer District, sunset date Dec. 31, 2029(AP, p. 38)--to be dissolved
- 7) ICNL IRS Investigations of Nonprofits(AP, pp.39-42)

Education/Outreach-Stephen

- 1) General Meetings--Sept. and Nov. topic septic systems. In the absence of a speaker, Glover determined that we will show Roxanne Groover's video on updated wastewater management and technology at our general meeting on Sept. 22 at the County library
- 2) IR County Sewer Conversion workshops Press Release(AP, pp.43-45)
- 3) City of Sebastian Natural Resources Board, Sustainable Sebastian 5-year plan, follow-up?
- 4) Audubon Birds coloring books acquired--Glover showed off an example of one of the new coloring books, which displays on the cover colorful extinct parakeets once prevalent on the St. Sebastian River.
- 5) Yard Habitat signs
- 6) City of Sebastian Kids 'Fest, Oct. 3, 10am-3pm--we are still unsure as to whether we will participate.
- 7) Roseland Community Park event, Dec. 6, to include plein air paint event with Isola Arts, reception, sunset celebration, etc.
- 8) Sea & Shoreline St. Sebastian River submerged aquatic vegetation (SAV) restoration project--Hinck will contact those involved.

Financial--

Governance-Herrmann-new board members-will meet with Glover. Several names were also suggested by Board members.

Information-Glover-no update

Membership-Herrmann, June-Aug. renewals-Herrmann, McGinn; new members, none

Publicity-Penny Phillips-no update

Volunteer-vacant

Round Robin:

1) Stephen reported on a CFAEP meeting he attended at Capt. Hiram's on August 26th.

2) Hinck updated everyone on the upcoming Paddlefest, now scheduled for Nov. 7th. He will be contacting social media and creating an informative flyer. Howe also offered to provide drone footage of the event.

Adjournment--Peterson made a motion, seconded by Howe, that the meeting be adjourned at 10:58 am; all voted in favor.

*Next FSSR BOD meeting-Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2026-Ryall House, 9:30 am

Respectfully submitted,



Carol Lynn Peterson
FSSR Secretary

Friends of St. Sebastian River

Profit & Loss

September 2026

	<u>Sep 26</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
43400 · Direct Public Support	
43450 · Individ, Business Contributions	<u>90.00</u>
Total 43400 · Direct Public Support	90.00
45000 · Investments	
45030 · Interest-Savings, Short-term CD	<u>94.43</u>
Total 45000 · Investments	94.43
47200 · Program Income	
47230 · Membership Dues	<u>105.00</u>
Total 47200 · Program Income	<u>105.00</u>
Total Income	289.43
Gross Profit	289.43
Expense	
62800 · Facilities and Equipment	
62890 · Rent, Parking, Utilities	<u>41.84</u>
Total 62800 · Facilities and Equipment	41.84
65000 · Operations	
65050 · Telephone, Telecommunications	<u>10.78</u>
Total 65000 · Operations	<u>10.78</u>
Total Expense	<u>52.62</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>236.81</u>
Net Income	<u><u>236.81</u></u>

Friends of St. Sebastian River

Balance Sheet

As of September 30, 2026

	Sep 30, 26
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
10000 · Checking	
10020 · Without Donor Restrictions	6,766.09
10030 · With Donor Restrictions	
10031 · Geo Schum Memorial Fd	500.00
10033 · Archie Laird Memorial	585.00
10034 · FNPS-Craddock grant	422.54
Total 10030 · With Donor Restrictions	1,507.54
10000 · Checking - Other	-10.00
Total 10000 · Checking	8,263.63
10100 · Petty Cash	45.00
10200 · PayPal	22.30
10210 · Zeffy	105.00
10220 · Wells Fargo CD 11/11/26	21,081.18
10221 · Wells Fargo CD 11/02/2026	10,589.09
Total Checking/Savings	40,106.20
Other Current Assets	
12000 · Undeposited Funds	390.00
12100 · Inventory Asset	
12110 · Puppets	302.50
12120 · Clothing	137.05
12140 · Hats	116.64
12100 · Inventory Asset - Other	2,175.12
Total 12100 · Inventory Asset	2,731.31
Total Other Current Assets	3,121.31
Total Current Assets	43,227.51
TOTAL ASSETS	43,227.51
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
20000 · Accounts Payable	41.84
Total Accounts Payable	41.84
Other Current Liabilities	
25500 · Sales Tax Payable	56.41
Total Other Current Liabilities	56.41
Total Current Liabilities	98.25
Total Liabilities	98.25
Equity	
30000 · Opening Balance Equity	316.73
32000 · Unrestricted Net Assets	47,186.63
Net Income	-4,374.10
Total Equity	43,129.26
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	43,227.51

3:27 PM

10/04/26

Friends of St. Sebastian River
Reconciliation Detail
10000 · Checking, Period Ending 09/30/2026

Type	Date	Num	Name	Clr	Amount	Balance
Beginning Balance						8,323.03
Cleared Transactions						
Checks and Payments - 3 items						
Check	09/02/2026	DC	Google	X	-4.20	-4.20
Bill Pmt -Check	09/08/2026	DC	FPL	X	-48.62	-52.82
Check	09/11/2026	DC	Ooma	X	-6.58	-59.40
Total Checks and Payments					-59.40	-59.40
Total Cleared Transactions					-59.40	-59.40
Cleared Balance					-59.40	8,263.63
Register Balance as of 09/30/2026					-59.40	8,263.63
New Transactions						
Checks and Payments - 1 item						
Check	10/02/2026	DC	Google		-4.20	-4.20
Total Checks and Payments					-4.20	-4.20
Total New Transactions					-4.20	-4.20
Ending Balance					-63.60	8,259.43



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- 3. Availability may be affected by your mobile carrier's coverage area. Your mobile carrier's message and data rates may apply.

Statement period activity summary

Beginning balance on 9/1	\$8,323.03
Deposits/Credits	0.00
Withdrawals/Debits	- 59.40
Ending balance on 9/30	\$8,263.63

Account number: (primary account)
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Florida account terms and conditions apply
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Routing Number (RTN): 063107513
For Wire Transfers use
Routing Number (RTN): 121000248

Overdraft Protection

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Transaction history

Date	Check Number	Description	Deposits/ Credits	Withdrawals/ Debits	Ending daily balance
9/2		Recurring Payment authorized on 09/01 Google *Workspace_ CC@Google.Com CA S356244394304105 Card		4.20	8,318.83
9/9		Fpl Direct Debit Elec Pymt 09/26 1232872117 Ppda Friends of St. Sebasti		48.62	8,270.21
9/14		Recurring Payment authorized on 09/10 Ooma,Inc 888-711-6662 CA S346253709888988 Card		6.58	8,263.63
Totals			\$0.00	\$59.40	

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Monthly service fee summary

For a complete list of fees and detailed account information, see the disclosures applicable to your account or talk to a banker. Go to wells Fargo.com/feefaq for a link to these documents, and answers to common monthly service fee questions.

Fee period 09/01/2026 - 09/30/2026	Standard monthly service fee \$15.00	You paid \$0.00
The bank has waived the fee for this fee period.		
How to avoid the monthly service fee	Minimum required	This fee period
Have any ONE of the following each fee period		
• Minimum daily balance	\$2,000.00	\$8,263.63 ÷

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Letter to Indian River County Commissioners, Solutions to Sewer Conversion costs

1 message

RayK Osborne @gmail.com>

Mon, Sep 14, 2026 at 9:22 AM

To: jearman@indianriver.gov, Laura Moss <lmoss@indianriver.gov>, dloar@indianriver.gov, jflescher@indianriver.gov, sadams@indianriver.gov

Cc: Fred Jones <fjones@cityofsebastian.org>

Bcc: info@fssr.org

Dear Chairman Loar and Indian River County Commissioners,

I am writing to propose a collaborative, proactive approach to protecting our vital water resources, modeled after the successful infrastructure initiatives implemented by our neighbors in Brevard County.

I recently spoke with officials from the City of Sebastian, and there is strong, unanimous support for exploring a local government infrastructure half-cent sales tax. This dedicated funding mechanism would be used specifically to accelerate septic-to-sewer conversions and clean up our local waterways.

As you know, Brevard County's "Save Our Indian River Lagoon" half-cent sales tax has provided a highly effective, voter-approved blueprint. By implementing a similar regional strategy, Indian River County can secure a dedicated, long-term funding stream to transition high-risk areas off septic systems, drastically reducing nutrient pollution at its source without overburdening the general fund.

Because a sales tax surtax requires a county-level referendum, leadership from the Board of County Commissioners is vital. The City of Sebastian is eager and ready to collaborate with the County to discuss how a joint city-county initiative could be structured for the upcoming ballot.

I respectfully request the opportunity to discuss this further, or to have this topic placed on an upcoming workshop agenda so city and county staff can explore a unified path forward.

Thank you for your time, leadership, and continued dedication to Indian River County's environment and infrastructure.

Sincerely,

Concerned Citizen

Ray Osborne

Sebastian Florida

(321) 345-1715

PS. Please add this letter as public input at the end of the agenda items on Tomorrow morning's commission meeting.

Friends of St. Sebastian River
Advocacy Committee Report
Tim Glover and Sue Keiffer
October 13, 2026

At our General Meeting on September 22, 2026, the topic had to do with alternatives to upgrading septic systems, and providing information about the Florida House Bill 1379, mandating hookup to central sewer, or upgrading to an enhanced septic treatment system, by July 2030.

During the meeting there were many questions and lots of interest expressed in this subject. Sue Keiffer, who was at the meeting, suggested getting a group of interested folks together to talk more about how to come up with funding for homeowners, especially those with limited incomes. FSSR member Ray Osborne indicated he wanted to be involved and volunteered that he is a grant writer.

There was also someone not familiar to me, by the name of Stephanie Garzon, who has started an online petition - www.change.org/p/petition-to-protect-homeowners-facing-mandatory-septic-system-replacement-costs. This website allows anyone to start such petitions, and apparently allows public comment. One such comment was from IR County Administrator John Titkanich. He commented that H.B. 1379 requires some sort of modification or accommodation, as the 2030 deadline is not reasonable; he indicated this issue would be the County's primary request of our state legislators at this year's Legislative Delegation, which I believe is in January each year. Commissioner Flescher acknowledged the effort as well, indicating the County is looking for every grant opportunity, but believes additional funding beyond those efforts will likely be necessary.

Ms. Garzon seems to have put a significant amount of research and thought into the issue, although I believe some of her facts as outlined in the petition are not accurate. She indicated she wanted to be involved in whatever grassroots efforts this group of folks works on. She also commented that she believed it was the FSSR's intention to write a grant for this conversion program, for homeowner assistance. I have not responded to her, but such an effort is way beyond the scope of our capabilities to request and manage if awarded. And it certainly would be folly for a grantor to seriously consider entertaining such a request for a program that needs to be executed and managed by a municipality that has a dedicated funding source and professional staff!

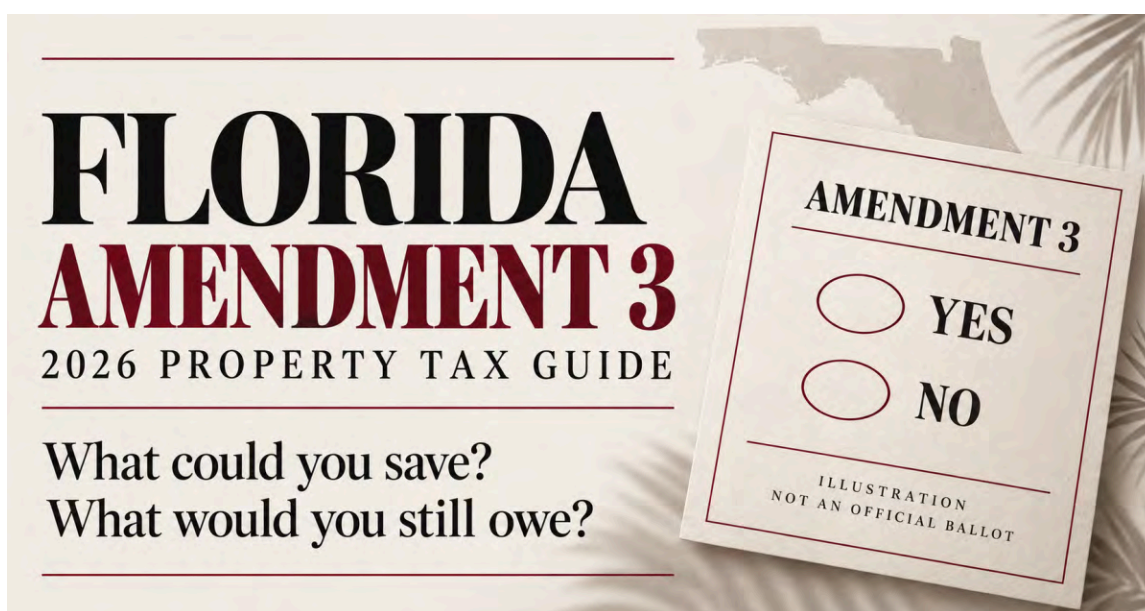
Sue Keiffer arranged for a Zoom conference meeting with Craig Wallace, the Chairman of the Brevard Indian River Lagoon Coalition, of which the FSSR is a member, although membership is not especially defined in their group. That meeting occurred on Wednesday, September 30th with Sue, Ray Osborne, Craig Wallace, Richard Baker, and myself attending. Craig gave a thorough overview of how they fund septic upgrades and conversions in Brevard County, which leverages a share of the funds collected by the half-cent sales tax approved by voters in 2016, with matching grants provided by the state. The Brevard County Natural Resources Department manages the Save Our Indian River Lagoon Program and this homeowner funding assistance program. Their website includes a lot of details here - www.brevardfl.gov/SaveOurIndianRiverLagoon/Grants/HomeownerGrants.

Ray has also been trying to get this topic on the IR County Commission agenda for October 6. From what I understand, he received information that he was allowed to provide comment in the "Public Comment" portion of the meeting, but they did not agree to include it as an agenda item. Craig highly encouraged the group not to present this cold turkey at such a meeting. He encouraged the group to seek support for stakeholders and develop a coalition of other interested organizations in the area. He also suggested that it would be greatly beneficial to start a dialogue with County staff and at least one County Commissioner who is interested, who could eventually host a discussion on the subject at some point on their agenda.

I believe Ray, Sue, and perhaps Ms. Garzon will remain engaged on this issue and do some of the proper coalition building such a project requires. The FSSR certainly has an interest in making the program work for the benefit of the River, and assisting homeowners, where opportunity presents.



October 10, 2026 Weekly Newsletter



TCPalm's editorial board is [recommending a no vote](#) on Amendment 3, the property tax measure on the Nov. 3 ballot.

Their biggest objection is local control. Right now, if you think your city or county is taxing too much (or cutting the wrong things), you can show up at a commission meeting or vote people out. Amendment 3 would move that power to Tallahassee. Senate President Ben Albritton has said it sets up a framework for “total elimination” of property taxes, under a procedure the Legislature would write. The board also pointed out that the proposal was rushed through a two-day special session in June.

Here's what they were looking at:

Local services. If Amendment 3 passes, local property taxes could fund only a short list of things: public safety, infrastructure, stormwater and flood control, debt, pensions, and basic

government operations. Parks, libraries, beaches, and children's and elder services wouldn't automatically go away, but they'd have to compete for whatever other revenue is left. And with less money overall, even the services on the list would likely be stretched thinner. Nearly everything local government does would feel it.

Water quality. Conservationist Eric Draper estimates the South Florida and St. Johns water management districts would lose a combined \$143 million a year by 2030. That money pays for Indian River Lagoon and St. Lucie River restoration. Martin County alone expects to lose \$42.5 million in the first year, which also shrinks the local match it needs to win state and federal environmental grants. More [here](#).

Renters. Local governments would likely make up the gap with higher millage rates or new fees, and landlords would pass those costs on. An analysis for the Florida Housing Coalition projects taxes on apartment units rising almost 15% by 2028. Even Republican Sen. Kathleen Passidomo, who voted to put it on the ballot, says it benefits only a slice of Floridians while straining local governments.

Amendment 3 needs 60% to pass. IRNA encourages voters to read up on it before November 3.

Join us for Lagoonapalooza 2027!

1 message

Environmental Learning Center <michelle@discoverelc.org>

Wed, Sep 16, 2026 at 11:16 AM

Reply-To: michelle@discoverelc.org

To: info@fssr.org

Make sure you're part of the celebration!



The Environmental Learning Center (ELC) proudly presents our annual **Lagoonapalooza** Nature and Music Festival dedicated to celebrating the vibrant ecosystem of the Indian River Lagoon. **Your organization has been hand-selected to participate in Lagoonapalooza!**

Date: Saturday, January 23, 2027

Time: 10 AM - 6 PM

Location: [255 Live Oak Drive, Vero Beach, Florida 32963](#)

This unique, one-day, family-friendly event has something for everyone! Join us for a day filled with **entertainment, connection to nature, and inspiration** as we explore eco-friendly living, enjoy local food, music, and crafts, and celebrate the Indian River Lagoon. **Last year, more than 2,500 visitors joined us** for this amazing day.

Guests can enjoy:

- Environmental partner booths with interactive nature activities
- Food trucks
- Pontoon and canoe quick trips
- Visits to our aquarium and touch tanks
- Animal encounters
- Games and free play at our Nature Playscape
- Fantastic musical groups on the Pavilion Stage
- And so much more!

We hope you can join us as a valued Environmental Partner or Vendor for this amazing community celebration. **Don't miss your opportunity to participate! Click the link below and complete the form by October 15 to reserve your spot!**

Booth fees are:

- \$100 for Environmental Partners
- \$200 for Environmental Partners selling items at their booth

We will waive \$100 of the booth fee if you provide an approved, engaging, family-friendly craft, game, or activity! Therefore, **there would be no fee to participate as long as you provide an activity and are not selling items.**

To qualify, crafts and activities should be Florida, Indian River Lagoon, nature, or eco-themed and mission-aligned. A traditional information table where materials are passed out, and conversations take place would not qualify as an environmental craft or activity.

[Click Here for Vendor & Environmental Partner Information & Registration](#)

Let's come together to make a **positive impact on our planet while enjoying the fellowship of our community.** We hope you'll be part of Lagoonapalooza 2027!

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2027

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KIDS \$5
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- Food & Live Music
- Dozens of EcoActivities
- Games & Crafts
- Dip Netting in the Pond
- Art Galleries
- Aquariums & Touch Tank
- Miles of Trails
- Quick Pontoon Trips
- Canoe & Kayak Rentals

Band Lineup

Murphy Dogs
Ben Prestage
Sleepin' Dogz
Glory Days

*Subject to change

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23
10-6PM**

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Hi Tim,

It's been a little while! I'm Julia from Zeffy, and every other week I'll share a short roundup of product updates and fundraising ideas.

A lot has changed over the summer, so here are a few things to catch up on, starting with **some exciting news from G2**.

Nonprofits voted Zeffy #1 on G2



It's official: Zeffy is the #1 fundraising platform on G2, the world's largest software review site! 🎉

We're especially proud because G2 verifies every review, so this ranking comes directly from nonprofits using Zeffy every day.

That means a lot to us because it's been our goal since day one to give every nonprofit access to the best technology, even without a technical team. Thank you to everyone who left us a review!

[Read the reviews](#)

2026 Int'l Coastal Cleanup - Results Are In!

1 message

Coastal Connections, Inc. <info@coastal-connections.org>

Reply-To: kendra@coastal-connections.org

To: Tim Glover

Thu, Sep 24, 2026 at 4:24 PM



THE RESULTS ARE IN!

Thank you again for being a part of an incredible global movement to keep waterways and beaches clean. Because of you, the Coastal Connections team had the best time hosting the largest and most impactful cleanup event of the year, and we are so glad we had the opportunity to spend the day with you. For the 4th year since taking over this county-wide effort, we have RECORD-BREAKING information to share with you!

Now, what you have all been waiting for...

2026 International Coastal Cleanup Results - Indian River County, FL

Cleanup Locations throughout IRC: 26! (NEW RECORD)

Registered Volunteers: 1,324! (NEW RECORD)

Top 5 Items Removed:

1. 9,172 Hard Plastic Pieces! (5,850 of which were microplastics)
2. 5,343 Pieces of Plastic Film!
3. 3,807 Cigarette Butts! (over 1,000 more than ICC 2025)
4. 2,524 Plastic Bottle Caps!
5. 2,187 Foam Pieces!

Total Pounds of Debris Removed: 4,863 lb! (NEW RECORD)

Total Pieces of Debris Removed: 41,502 Pieces!

AWARDS

Every year our awards provide some fun competition and collaboration! This year we are so thankful to [AKOHO](#) for providing the best bags filled with baked goodies to award winners at the afterparty. Congrats to all the winners of our 4 award categories this year!

Turtley Terrific Title - The Purple Prophylactic Propagules - **Location = 69th St Boat Ramp**

Green Team Spirit - The Willow School with 80 people - **Location = Humiston Beach Park**

Trashiest Location - 55.88lbs/person - **Location = 69th St. Boat Ramp**

Trashy Treasure Trophy - A Foiled Baked Potato on the Beach - **Location = South Beach**

If you are the parent or guardian of a kid 12 yo or younger who did not get a certificate, we have some for you at our office.

2026 T-shirts

We know that everyone LOVES the free t-shirts that are available thanks to our sponsors. But every year we have to place the order for shirts 1 month before the event, which means we cannot always guarantee a t-shirt. We know that handing out these shirts is not a perfect process, but we do our best to keep it organized.

This year we had about 100 t-shirts that were not picked up and are still available for you. They are being stored at our office for anyone who would like one, first come, first served. We have ALL sizes, but we expect them to go quickly. If you would like to have one of these shirts, please stop by the **CCinc office (1790 14th Ave.) Monday - Friday from 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.**

SPONSORS

This event would not be possible without the support of our Sponsors. Please be sure to thank them and support them.

Friends of St. Sebastian River
Governance Committee Report
Buzz Herrmann
October 13, 2026

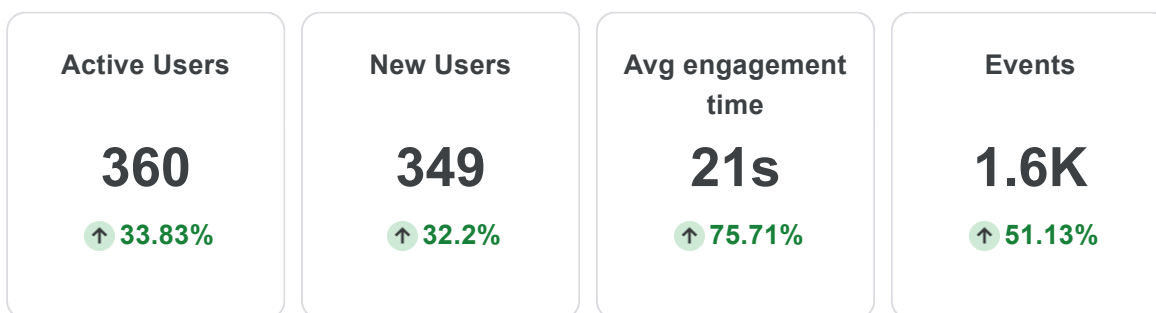
A clarification of our governance for the procedure of a Board member to nominate a person for either the Board of Directors or the Advisory Committee.

If a Board member wishes a person considered for either the Board of Directors or Advisory Director, the Board member **MUST SUBMIT A REQUEST** to the governance Committee with the name of the person and their background information.

The Governance Committee will then review this request and then make a recommendation to the Board of Directors.

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Page/Screen Name	 Views	 Active Users	 Bounce Rate
Friends of St. Sebastian River (FSSR) - Home	208	182	79.7%
FSSR - Meeting Info/Events	48	50	41.94%

Insights

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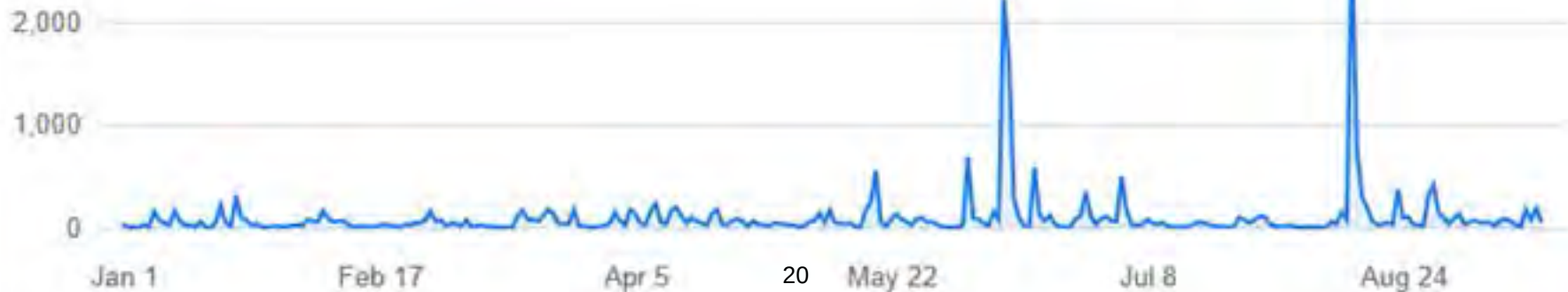
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load reductions, recharge groundwater aquifers, and prevent flooding. Following on last year's success, the 2026 conference has a call for abstracts to encourage organizations across the region to share their projects, as well as a pre-conference field trip.

2026 marks Marine Resources Council's 6th annual LID Conference. In past years, we've covered themes like the Community LID audit tool, Florida's new stormwater rule, project planning, and project implementation. This year, we're focusing on how municipalities, builders, and communities work together for LID + GSI solutions by exploring:

- Public-Private Partnerships
- HOA and Residential Communities
- Community-Driven Infrastructure
- Building public will for LID
- Equity and Environmental Justice
- Policy and Governance Innovations
- Tools, Technology, and Maintenance

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