**Nocatee Conservative Club**

Newsletter

3/27/2023

**\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*ACTION ITEM\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\***

**Become knowledgeable and active in local issues:** The current legislative session in Florida will come to a close in May and not resume again until December. If there are issues of importance to you, reach out to our legislature and voice your concerns either by mail, email, or phone. One area of major concern is the overdevelopment without supporting infrastructure. There are currently two bills in the Florida legislature that are pro-development: SB170 <https://tinyurl.com/b67pd2an> which basically allows a business to sue the government over an ordinance and the ordinance would then immediately stop and HB 41 <https://tinyurl.com/4aeuk22k> which basically prohibits referendums. Both of these bills are pro-development. Write, email, phone our legislators and ask them to vote these bills down.

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**Thank You:**

I would like to thank our guest speaker, Commissioner Krista Keating-Joseph for her engaging talk at our meeting on 3/30. Krista explained how she managed to unseat an incumbent with many times the financial resources she had. She told us how the position of commissioner is impacting her family and how they have all pulled together to adjust and she reported on the State of the County. We were also introduced to Bill Freeman who hopes to run for the County Commission seat in District 1. Amy Demi of the Republican Liberty Caucus invited all to attend their next meeting on April 18th. You may contact Amy for details at: amlede@icloud.com Thank you to all who attended the meeting.

**What’s New Locally:**

**Our Great Governor Ron DeSantis:**

* Signed a bill to limit lawsuits against businesses, HB 837. The measure is aimed at reforming the personal injury legal system in the state of Florida. A House panel's analysis of the law said medical and insurance costs could be lowered indirectly as a result of the bill
* Is in favor of legislation that would make it easier to sue journalists. There are two bills which, if they make their way to the governor’s desk, would lower the bar for defamation cases, restrict protections for journalists’ use of anonymous sources in those cases, and limit the circumstances in which media outlets can win attorney’s fees if they countersue for legal attacks; HB 991 and SB 1220
* Currently, Governor DeSantis cannot legally run for president. Florida law dictates if you want to run for Federal office, you have to resign from your current position.  However, Florida lawmakers are swiftly working to change that law.

**Senator Marco Rubio:**

* Is in favor of banning Tik-Tok. It’s not the content; it’s the ownership. America has a right to protect ourselves from foreign ownership over companies that are directly linked to the communist party of China.

**County Commissioners Meeting on March 21st:**

* An evaluation & appraisal review for the Comprehensive Plan which is due to the state by 8/2024. Staff gave an overview of the process and timelines for developing an updated comprehensive plan which is required by law to be submitted to the state for review every seven years.
* Civic Roundtable Chair, Lisa McGlynn, spoke favorably of the planning process getting underway now. She referenced the joint letter submitted by the NE Florida Builders Association and the Roundtable advocating the hiring of an outside independent consultant to help facilitate discussions with all stakeholders in the county in formulating new comprehensive plan amendments.
* Commissioner Dean offered a motion to do three things to help give staff direction for the planning process. The motion passed unanimously.
	+ Hire an independent consultant to help facilitate discussions
	+ Provide a 60-day comment period for the public review process
	+ Hold at least 5 workshops, one in each district.

**What’s New Nationally:**

**Former President Donald Trump:**

* There may be problems convincing the grand jury to pursue a Trump indictment, after Attorney Robert Costello, a longtime ally of Donald Trump, slammed the former president’s onetime fixer Michael Cohen on Monday, describing him as “totally unreliable” and calling him “far from solid evidence” in the New York criminal case.
* Waco, Texas rally on 3/25 had an estimated 15,000 attendees.
* GOP Primary Tracker:
	+ Donald Trump – 54%
	+ Ron DeSantis – 26%
	+ Mike Pence – 7%
	+ Nikki Haley – 4%
	+ Liz Cheney – 3%
	+ Greg Abbott – 1%
	+ Kristi Noem – 1%
	+ Mike Pompeo – 1%
	+ Glenn Younkin – 1%
	+ Tim Scott – 1%
	+ Vivek Ramaswamy – 1%
	+ Someone else – 1%

**Biden:**

* A bombshell Biden story released, and the media ignore it, as usual. According to James Comer (R-Ky) “Over the course of several years, members of the Biden family and their companies received over $1.3 million in payments from accounts related to their associate, Rob Walker,” the March 16 statement reads. “Most of this money came as a result of a wire from a Chinese energy company and went not only to Hunter and James Biden, but also to Hallie Biden and an unknown ‘Biden.’ It is unclear what services were provided to obtain this exorbitant amount of money.” The media needs to get to the bottom of this story instead of sweeping it under the rug.

**James O’Keefe:**

* After being ousted by the Project Veritas, an organization he founded, James O’Keefe will start another project called the O’Keefe Media Group (OMG.) O’Keefe says of the new organization, “… we are going to build an army of investigators and exposers.” O’Keefe was ousted after he was involved in an undercover interview with a Pfizer director regarding the Covid-19 vaccine. This is a link to a news segment reporting on the video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u_NJmEvpzUA> This is a link to an article with more information on the new O’Keefe Media Group: <https://www.theblaze.com/shows/the-news-why-it-matters/james-o-keefe> Thank goodness we have brave individuals like James O’Keefe who will keep bringing us the truth.

**Climate Change:**

* A new report was issued by the United Nations with doomsday predictions, but, how close have climate experts come to their predictions in the past? A great article on the subject in the Epoch Times: <https://tinyurl.com/r4du7whh>

**What’s New Internationally:**

**United States and Iran:**

* One US contractor killed, one US contractor injured and five US service members wounded after drone strike by militias linked to Iran on Thursday, March 23rd.
* In response, the U.S. Central Command conducted "precision airstrikes" on groups it says were connected with Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps.
* U.S. forces in eastern Syria were targeted in a rocket attack Friday morning. In the attack, "10 rockets targeted coalition forces at the Green Village in northeast Syria," U.S. Central Command said in a news release issued Friday. There were no injuries to US forces or their partners.

**China and Russia Alliance:**

* This growing alliance between America’s two greatest strategic and military challengers has the potential to shift the global order as profoundly as the United States did a half-century ago. America and its democratic allies had better be ready to respond.

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**If you haven’t seen it yet,**

**Check out Tucker Carlson’s Special, “Patriot Purge”, regarding the Events of January 6th:**

[www.tuckercarlson.com](http://www.tuckercarlson.com)

**You can watch free for 90 days.**

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**Upcoming Events**:

1. **Nocatee Conservative Club:** Monday, April 17th **New Location:** **Care Connect +, 351 Town Plaza Avenue, Suite 205, Nocatee, FL 32081**. Doors open at 5:15 pm, meeting starts at 5:30 pm and will wrap up at 6:45 pm, doors close at 7:00 pm. David Ray, Lisa McGlynn and Mario Dipola will be our guests as we discuss overdevelopment and what can be done to curtail some of the building.
2. **Board of County Commissioners Meetings:** First and third Tuesdays each month at 9:00 am in the County Auditorium, 500 San Sebastian View, St. Augustine, FL.
3. **St**. **Johns County School Board Meetings**: <https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/meeting-notices/>
4. **St Johns County Republican Executive Committee:** First Thursday of the month. Stjohns.gop

**The Next Nocatee Conservative Club Meeting:**

**April 17th, 2023**

The Flagler Building

Suite 205

Nocatee, FL 32081

Patriotically yours,

Michelle Milano

Nocatee Conservative Club President

*Please check the Nocatee Conservative Club website for more details*

<https://www.nocatee-conservative-club.org>

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