**Nocatee Conservative Club**

Newsletter

9/28/2023

**\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*ACTION ITEMS\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\***

The House and Senate appropriations committees, through their 12 subcommittees, hold hearings to examine the budget requests and needs of federal spending programs. The House and Senate then produce their own appropriations bills to fund the federal government. Currently, the House is deciding on the appropriations for the following parts of our federal government:

* Department of Defense
* Department of Homeland Security
* Department of State, Foreign Operation and related programs
* Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and related agencies

These are very important negotiations and the perfect time for the Republican party to put pressure on the Democrats and the current president to close our southern border.

According to Center Square: The number of illegal border crossings at the northern and southern borders and all ports of entry since January 2021 totals more than eight million people, greater than the individual populations of 38 U.S. states.

**What is the cost of these illegal immigrants to the United States?**

* They have taken up space in our homeless shelters
* The children are taking up resources and space in our schools: according to Mr. Forson, the Superintendent of St. Johns County School District, we currently have more foreign languages that need to be interpreted than at any other time.
* They are accessing our hospital emergency rooms
* They are working at jobs for cash and not paying taxes
* They are working in unsafe conditions (child labor – Tyson Foods and Perdue Farms are currently being investigated for employing illegal immigrant children as young as 13. These illegal immigrant children have been working overnight shifts to clean the companies' plants.
* They have committed crimes
* They have poisoned our youth and killed 73,654 people in 2022 fentanyl. This is more than double the number of deaths from three years prior in 2019.

**Read this story about “Danny” and see exactly how illegal immigrants are being treated in our country.** <https://www.breitbart.com/border/2023/07/08/exclusive-venezuelan-migrant-living-good-life-at-new-york-city-taxpayers-expense/>

How is this fair in our country? American citizens work hard just to make ends meet and we have illegal immigrants coming over the border and getting set up in hotel rooms.

***I suggest you write to Congressman John Rutherford or call him and request that no appropriations be approved until the BORDER IS CLOSED. Here are his contact details:***

***Email:*** [***https://rutherford.house.gov/contact***](https://rutherford.house.gov/contact)

***Phone: (202) 225-2501***

***If you are ambitious and have the time, you could contact ALL Republican Congress members. Here is a link to all the Republican House Members:*** [***https://www.gop.gov/about/members.htm***](https://www.gop.gov/about/members.htm)

**Recap of September Meeting:**

Thank you to all who attended the September meeting with a focus on St. Johns County Schools.

We were joined by Mr. Forson, the superintendent of St. Johns County Schools, Dr. Dresback, the regional superintendent of St. Johns County Schools and Kelly Barrera, the school board member of the St. Johns County Schools for District 4.

**Questions and responses:**

Planning – are outside consultants used to predict and plan for schools?

* *Generally, the planning is dependent on the budget. The money dictates what can be built.*

How is redistricting managed?

* *Primarily, the redistricting is determined by the number of students that can be housed in a particular school. Parents should expect redistricting to occur due to the rapid growth in the county.*

How does the district attract new teachers?

* *Basically, offering a good salary to recent graduates in the field of education is the method used. Currently, there are many teachers employed who do not have teaching degrees.*

Were the St. Johns County teachers given the salary increase approved by Governor DeSantis?

* *Yes*

How are the library and the teacher’s libraries monitored for inappropriate material?

* *There is a media specialist who goes through the material to ensure it is appropriate.*

What effect has the “School Choice” law had on the enrollment figures?

*It is hard to tell, but they are noticing a decline in numbers – especially in the younger ages.*

Are parents notified if a student exhibits transgender ideation?

* *This is a fine line. The student must be respected, but in certain circumstances, the parents would be consulted.*

What happens if a student identifies as a cat?

* *That has not happened and the school has a code of conduct where behavior of a cat would not be allowed.*

Is CASEL or SEL (another form of critical race theory) being taught in St. Johns County Schools?

* *Short answer - No.*

*Several members pointed out that whatever rules apply to the audience should apply to all. So, if questions were to be submitted prior to the meeting by the audience, others should not be allowed to interject with questions of their own. This point is well taken and we will ensure rules apply to all in the future.*

**Election and Voting Information:**

Recently the St. Johns County Supervisor of Elections sent out a four-page information sheet on voting and elections in our county. One of the most important things to note is that Florida is a **CLOSED** primary state. In a primary election, you may only vote for candidates of the party in which you are registered. Therefore, only registered Republicans and Democrats are eligible to vote in the March 2024 Presidential Preference Primary.

You can visit [www.votesjc.gov](http://www.votesjc.gov) to:

* Register to vote
* Update your address, name or party affiliation
* Check you voter status
* Verify your polling location
* Request a vote-by-mail ballot
* Track the status of your vote-by-mail ballot
* Find information on current elected officials
* View candidate list and campaign reports
* View past election results
* View district and precinct maps

**Upcoming Events**:

1. **Nocatee Conservative Club:** Next meeting will be 10/16/2023
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. [www.Stjohns.gop](http://www.Stjohns.gop)

**Check out our updated website:** [**www.nocatee-conservative-club.org**](http://www.nocatee-conservative-club.org)

**(Still a work in process)**

**And follow our Facebook page, https://www.facebook.com/groups/nocateeconservativeclub**

**The Next Nocatee Conservative Club Meeting:**

**October 16th**

The Flagler Building

Suite 205

Nocatee, FL 32081

Patriotically yours,

Michelle Milano

Nocatee Conservative Club President

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