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Florida's Old and New Capitols

We have two interim committee meeting weeks under our belts and the 2012 Legislative Session is starting to take shape. I am looking forward to heading back up to Tallahassee later this month.

In September, the local legislative delegations held meetings in St. Lucie County, Brevard County and Indian River County. This was a great opportunity for constituents and local government to bring their legislative concerns to the attention of the entire legislative delegation. I also had the pleasure of speaking at the Indian River County Bar Association, the Sebastian Chamber and the Sunrise Rotary Club in September.



Rep. Debbie Mayfield & Beth Mitchell
Sebastian Chamber Meeting

If you are having problems with a State Agency or need assistance with an issue please contact my district office at 772-778-5077; you can also call toll free at 866-957-7289. There is nothing I enjoy more than working right here in the district.

2012-2013 BUDGET UPDATE



Over the last few years, the Legislature has streamlined programs and made many cuts to reduce spending. Some would prefer that we look to raise additional revenue. Government doesn't have a revenue problem. Government has a spending problem, and I am committed to doing my part to help right-size government.

During last year's session a lot of work was done to remove most non-essential programs, and yet again we are faced with difficult decisions. These difficult economic times are continuing to have an impact on our state revenues. Florida's Constitution directs the legislature to pass an annual balanced budget, and this year the Florida Legislature will craft a budget that accounts for an estimated \$1.15-\$2.25 billion shortfall.

As the Legislature begins working on this year's budget we will remain committed to two principles: we will not raise taxes, and we will limit the scope of government. These economic times require us all to live within our means and keep taxes low in order to not place the burden on Florida's already struggling families.

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IMPORTANT DATES

October 14

Condo Seminar
North County Library
10 am to noon

October 17

Committee Meetings
Tallahassee

October 20

FPL Open House
Holy Cross Church
4-7 p.m.

November 7th

Satellite Office
North County Library
10 am to noon

Technology Corner:

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T-DOCK AT SEBASITAIN INLET

The Sebastian Inlet District Commission has constructed a new multi-use pier on the south side of the inlet near the State Park's campground. The new T-Dock provides three times the area for anglers and sightseers.

While opening up more space for anglers in the Park, just in time for Snook season which opens September 1st, the new dock also provides emergency access for local authorities.

The new dock was constructed through a funding partnership between the Inlet District Commission and Florida Inland Navigation District, in cooperation with the State Division of Recreation and Parks.



Rep. Mayfield with Sebastian Inlet Administrator, Martin Smithson and Commissioner, Jim Culberson



REDISTRICTING - THE NEXT STEP

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Even though the 2011 Redistricting Public Outreach Tour is now complete, there are still many ways to actively participate in the next phase of the Redistricting process. House Redistricting committee and subcommittee meetings started last month in Tallahassee and members began to review the comments and testimony collected throughout the summer.

Future committee meetings can be viewed live at www.myfloridahouse.gov. Archived footage of all committee and subcommittee meetings is available on the Florida House's individual Redistricting committee and subcommittee pages. To watch meetings live or view video archives click the logo above. Throughout the fall, committee members will work to review the public input collected and draft their own maps in preparation for the 2012 Legislative Session, which begins on January 10, 2012.

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