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This issue covers some very important upcoming events for the state of Florida and the district. The state's annual "Sales Tax Holiday" is this weekend, so be sure to take advantage. We also have early voting and absentee ballot dates this week, before the official primary election on August 14. I will also discuss the State's unclaimed property and how you may need to go on a "Treasure Hunt." Last week, I met with Commerce Secretary Gray Swoope and also held some meetings with some important constituents. I hope you enjoy reading and, as always, please do not hesitate to contact my district office should you need any assistance.

SALES TAX HOLIDAY BEGINS THIS FRIDAY

The 2012 Florida Legislature passed and the Governor approved a tax-free period that begins **Friday, August 3rd** at 12:01AM and runs through **Sunday night, August 5th** at 11:59PM. Clothing, footwear, and accessories under \$75, and school supplies under \$15, will be sales-tax free. Additionally, many retailers plan sales around this event. Please visit the official publication from the Department of Revenue, [2012 Sales Tax Holiday](#) for detailed information about which items qualify for an "Exempt" (E) status during the tax-free period.

GREAT FLORIDA TREASURE HUNT



If you have ever lived in Florida, there is a chance that the state is holding unclaimed property for you. Currently, the Department of Financial Services holds unclaimed property valued at more than \$1 Billion. These unclaimed accounts come mostly from:

Dormant Accounts in:

- Financial Institutions
- Insurance & Utility Companies
- Securities & Trust Holdings

Tangible Property, such as:

- Jewelry
- Coins & Currency
- Stamps & Other Historical Items

Any unclaimed money is deposited into the state school fund and used for public education. However, citizens have the right to claim their property at any time at no cost, and there is no statute of limitations. For more information about this unclaimed property, please visit www.fltreasurehunt.org. On the website, click on the "Search Unclaimed Property" tab, where you will be taken to a form where you may search the database. Or, you may call the Florida Department of Financial Services at **1-888-258-2253** and request to be mailed a claim form.

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Important Dates

2012 Primary Election

EARLY VOTING is from August 4th–11th:

Visit your early voting sites starting *this Saturday* between 8AM–4PM

- **Indian River County:**
Supervisor of Elections Office, Indian River Main County Library, Sebastian City Hall.
- **St Lucie County:**
Supervisor of Elections Office, Morningside Branch Library, PSL City Hall, Zora Neale Hurston Library

ABSENTEE BALLOTS must be submitted by August 8 at 5PM.

SATELLITE OFFICE HOURS:

My office is hosting monthly satellite office hours at the North County Library in Sebastian on Monday, **August 6**, from **10AM–Noon**.

Technology Corner:

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VISIT FROM GRAY SWOOPE

District 80 was fortunate to have Secretary of Commerce Gray Swoope visit last Thursday. Secretary Swoope attended an economic development luncheon sponsored by the Indian River County Chamber of Commerce and Seacoast Bank where he spoke with local industry leaders and shared his thoughts on economic development for the State and the region. As the current President/CEO of Enterprise Florida, he works through a public/private partnership in a collective effort to attract companies to do business in our State. He stressed the importance of market growth while urging all of our community leaders to lessen unnecessary regulatory requirements.



Rep Mayfield and Gray Swoope tour Piper

I share with Secretary Swoope this vision of economic opportunities. The most successful tool that we have in our efforts to reduce unemployment rates in our State will always be to attract employers. I look forward to working with him and the licensing arms of the State to assist in eradicating burdensome regulations and in streamlining the licensing process that is required to do business in Florida.

DISTRICT MEETINGS

The summer has provided me with opportunities to have district meetings with several constituents throughout the district. Last week, I met with Maryellen Quinn-Lunny and Rebecca Lucas Everett, representing Florida Atlantic University's Center for Autism Related Disabilities (CARD). Ms. Everett also created a Vero Beach support group called "Puzzled Families." If you or anyone you know is affected by autism or related disabilities, please utilize these resources. For more information about CARD, please visit their [website](#). For the support group, email Rebecca at rebecca623@comcast.net.

I also had the opportunity to meet with Jeri Francoeur and Stephanie Steele of Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure. Komen is the world's largest grassroots network of breast cancer survivors and activists. I am looking forward to working with them this session on efforts to improve the quality of care that chemotherapy patients receive. For more information, please visit their website, www.komen.org.



Ms. Francoeur & Ms. Steele meet with Rep Mayfield

I want to thank these passionate women for visiting with me—I am always pleased to hear from my constituents!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE IRC HEALTH DEPT

Recently, Florida Department of Health recognized the Indian River County Health Department as *Number One* according to a ranking system that included customer satisfaction, financial strength, and leadership. I would like to **congratulate** Miranda Hawker and her staff for impressing the State with such a positive image of our local Department. Please read the article [here](#).