

### 2026 CAC Hurricane Season Names

• ARTHUR	• HANNA	• OMAR
• HANNA	• ISAIAS	• PAULETTE
• OMAR	• JOSEPHINE	• RENE
• BERTHA	• KYLE	• SALLY
• ISAIAS	• LEAH	• TEDDY
• PAULETTE	• MARCO	• VICKY
• CRISTOBAL	• NANA	• WILFRED

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The names for the 2026 hurricane season were released, which will be used in alphabetical order as storms are formed.

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from A1 kinds that can spin up very quickly.”

There is also concern an unusually wet season in June over Africa might create favorable conditions for an early season storm.

Heavy rainfall over Africa decreases the amount of dust in the air. Dust helps prevent storm formation, so when African rainstorms are pushed over the Atlantic Ocean, they can grow to hurricane strength more easily.

Forecasts are not concrete and could change, especially if the shift in the planet’s climate conditions comes earlier than expected.

### WHAT IS EL NIÑO AND WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

The La Niña season, a cycle in the planet’s climate most favorable to hurricane formation, is expected to end soon and evolve to the lesser hurricane-heavy cycle called El Niño.

Bunting has projected there are nearly equal chances (25%) of a very strong, strong or moderate strength El Niño by next January.

El Niño season offers a lot of benefits to suppressing hurricane creation, like increased wind shear, which which disrupts storm formation, essentially slowing down the speed of winds in the eye of the hurricane.

Bunting forecasts El Niño to become strong

over the U.S. during peak hurricane season, September, bringing above-average rainfall.

However, the Gulf is forecasted to be below average in moisture levels at the same time — conditions Bunting said remind him of how Milton was formed.

While El Niño seasons usually produce fewer hurricanes than La Niña, said Bunting, rapidly warming ocean temperatures raise the chance of major hurricanes, even when only a small number of storms are forecasted.

### WHAT CREATES A HURRICANE?

The CAC measures a variety of factors when creating its annual hurricane forecast, including warming sea surface temperatures, high pressure systems like the Bermuda high, Saharan dust and below average rainfall.

While some contradict each other and not all are needed for a hurricane to form, only a couple of conditions are needed to create “hotspots” for storm development.

One example was last year’s Hurricane Erin, which formed the fastest rapid intensification ever recorded, said Bunting, growing to a Category 5 by gaining 85 mph in wind speeds in just 24 hours to 160 mph.

“The right ingredients have to happen,” Bunting said.

Even in a quieter season,

local officials stress that storm surge remains one of the deadliest threats and preparation now can make the difference when storms develop quickly.

### COUNTY PUTS OUT STORM SURGE POLES

On Thursday, Sarasota County announced it installed two colorful poles on Siesta and Manasota beaches with displays that educate people on storm surge.

The displays give information about how each color aligns with the National Hurricane Center’s storm risk map system, each color representing three feet of water above ground level.

- Red: Greater than 9 feet above ground
- Orange: 6-9 feet above ground
- Yellow: 3-6 feet above ground
- Blue: 1-3 feet above ground

A third pole is planned for North Jetty Beach this spring, according to a news release.

Storm surge is one of the most dangerous elements of hurricanes and can create life-threatening conditions past beachfront areas and into inland areas.

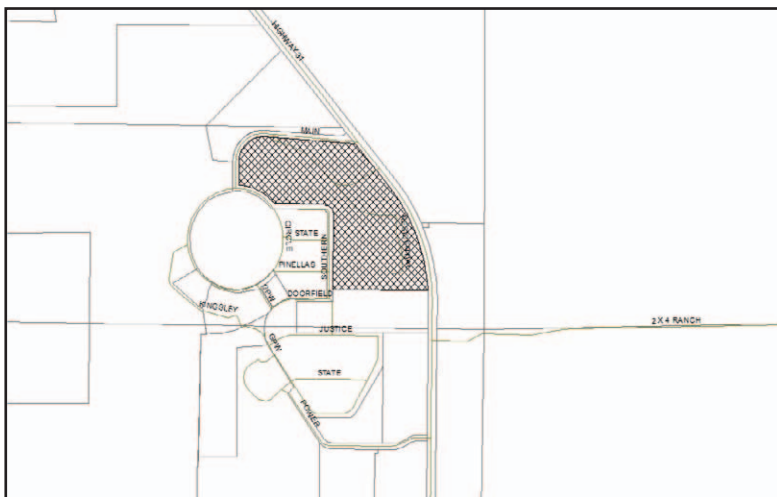
“We hope these poles help residents and visitors better understand the dangers of storm surge and make decisions for their loved ones,” Sarasota County Emergency Services Director Rich Collins stated.

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

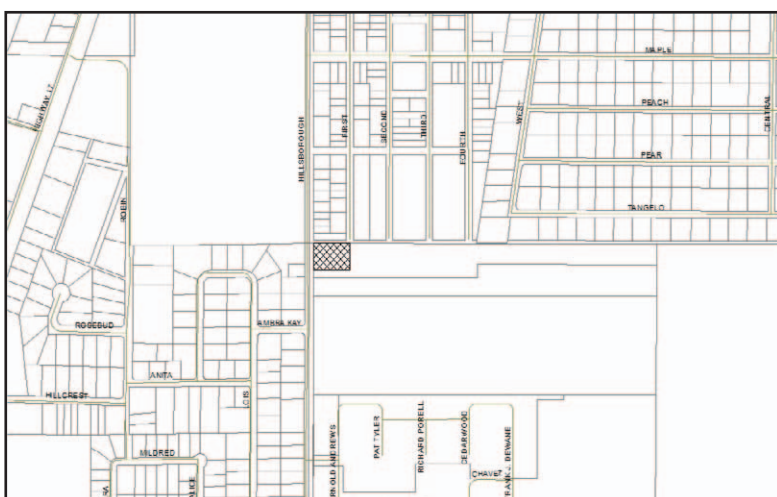
Notice is hereby given that the below ordinance(s)/resolution(s) will be considered at the regularly scheduled Public Hearings/Meetings of the **PLANNING COMMISSION** (“PC”), sitting as the Local Planning Agency, on **Tuesday, May 5, 2026, at 5:30 PM**, or as soon thereafter, as they may be heard on those dates. All public hearings will be held in the County Commission Meeting **Room 103, Administration Building, 201 E. Oak Street, Arcadia, Florida**. Copies of the applications and staff reports are available at the Development Department Room 204, Administration Building, 201 E. Oak Street, Arcadia, Florida five days prior to the meeting dates and are available on the County’s website at [www.desotobocc.com](http://www.desotobocc.com) under Department News and News & announcements. Members of the public may appear and be heard on the matters to be considered. Pursuant to Section 286.0105, F.S., if you want to appeal any decision of the Planning Commission, you will need a record of the proceedings, and for such purpose, you may need to arrange for a verbatim transcript to be prepared.

### PLANNING COMMISSION: (PC) Tuesday, May 5, 2026, at 5:30 PM

- Ordinance, Maria’s Rentals LLC, Rezone (RZNE-0046-2023)**  
AN ORDINANCE OF THE DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING ATLAS IDENTIFIED IN LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS ARTICLE 2, ZONING DISTRICTS AND REQUIREMENTS, SECTION 20-31, ESTABLISHMENT OF ZONING DISTRICTS; GRANTING TO THE APPLICANT, MARIA’S RENTALS LLC, AN OFFICIAL ZONING DISTRICT ATLAS AMENDMENT (RZNE-0046-2023) BY CHANGING THE ZONING DISTRICT OF +/- 41.08 ACRES FROM PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD) TO RESIDENTIAL MULTI-FAMILY -8 (RMF-8) ON PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED IN CENTRAL DESOTO COUNTY, AT 5906 SE RESIDENTIAL WAY; THE PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER BEING 27-38-25-0000-0072-0000; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



- Ordinance, Debra Brantley, Rezone (RZNE-0082-2026)**  
AN ORDINANCE OF THE DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING ATLAS IDENTIFIED IN LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS ARTICLE 2, ZONING DISTRICTS AND REQUIREMENTS, SECTION 20-31, ESTABLISHMENT OF ZONING DISTRICTS; GRANTING TO THE APPLICANT, DEBRA BRANTLEY, AN OFFICIAL ZONING DISTRICT ATLAS AMENDMENT (RZNE-0082-2026) BY CHANGING THE ZONING DISTRICT OF +/- 1.13 ACRES FROM AGRICULTURAL - 5 (A-5) TO RESIDENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY-1 (RSF-1) FOR PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED IN CENTRAL DESOTO COUNTY, 2038 SE HILLSBOROUGH AVENUE, THE PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER BEING 07-38-25-0000-0674-0000; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.





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## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE OF INTENT TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF CITY OF NORTH PORT ORDINANCE NO. 2026-14

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida will hold a public hearing beginning at **10:00 a.m.** or shortly thereafter, on **Tuesday, May 5, 2026** in the City Chambers located at 4970 City Hall Boulevard, North Port, Florida to consider and act upon the adoption of the following proposed City

**Ordinance No. 2026-14:**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE NON-DISTRICT BUDGET AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 TO INCREASE PARK IMPACT FEE FUNDED PROJECT P24LTC LEGACY TRAIL CONNECTION TO WARM MINERAL SPRINGS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$125,000; PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS; PROVIDING FOR POSTING; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

The proposed Ordinance is on file in the Office of the City Clerk for inspection by the public between the hours of 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

All interested parties may attend the meeting and be heard with respect to the proposed Ordinances.

This public hearing may be continued from time to time.

No stenographic record by a certified court reporter is made of these meetings. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the City Commission with respect to any matter considered at the meeting(s) or hearing(s) noticed herein, he/she will need a record of the proceedings, and for such purpose may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

The North Port City Hall is accessible in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Designated, accessible parking is available on the west side of City Hall, with building access from the parking area. Any person requiring a reasonable accommodation to participate in this meeting is asked to contact the City Clerk’s Office at least 48 hours in advance by email at [cityclerk@northportfl.gov](mailto:cityclerk@northportfl.gov) or by telephone at (941) 429-7270. Persons using TTY/TDD may access this number via the Florida Relay Service by dialing 711. Accommodations are provided at no cost. Translation services are available at no cost. We ask that requests be made at least 48 hours in advance by email at [cityclerk@northportfl.gov](mailto:cityclerk@northportfl.gov) or by telephone at (941) 429-7270. lay Service at 711).

/s/  
Heather Faust, MMC  
City Clerk

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