Opinion

South Florida 100

The top stories last week

Marty Klein, Broward County Property Appraiser

Before leaving office, President Obama announced that the county’s annual property assessment will be increased for the first time in four years. This increase is due to higher property values and a stronger economy. The property assessment will help fund the county’s budget and improve services. The increase will be distributed evenly across the county and will not affect the property tax rate.

Shanehah Hans, founding editor; Expert; Todd Heflin, Publisher

Some areas of the county, such as Sunrise and Fort Lauderdale, have seen a significant increase in property values. These areas are expected to receive a larger share of the property assessment increase. The increase will also benefit the county’s school district and help improve educational programs.

Joshua Thomason, executive director; Pittinger; Pat Pittinger

The county’s budget will be reviewed by the county commission and will be finalized in the next few weeks. The budget will be presented to the county commission for approval in the next meeting. The budget will also be presented to the state legislature for approval.

Kathie Lanning, president; Executive; President

The county’s budget will include funding for public safety, education, and infrastructure projects. The budget will also include funding for transportation and development projects.

Looking ahead to this week

Mike Soto, Board of Directors

The county will hold a public hearing on the proposed budget on Tuesday. The public is invited to attend and provide input. The budget will also be presented to the state legislature for approval.

Jason Jeffs, business editor; Marketing; Marketing Director

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Tim Ryan, Broward County supervisor

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Sharay Woods, executive director; Florida Association of Counties

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Texting law a matter of money, not lives

It is really disappointing that Kelly Shoobey has to do what he has to do. I think it is a terrible idea. The Florida Legislative should be doing the right thing. If they are not, the public should be allowed to vote on these ideas on their local ballot. If they have been out for a year, they have not passed you. You know what they did. We have a lot of people who need to get their attention. Our legislature is no brain. They are out of the state and have not passed the Florida constitution. This is a terrible idea and I don’t think it is a matter of money, not lives.