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Florida Matters gets an update on the Tampa Bay region’s water quality
June 28, 2022
It’s not all bad news with the area’s waterways. This week on Florida Matters, we get an update on water quality in the Tampa Bay region. (Environment, water issues, government, marine life)

St. Petersburg Mayor Ken Welch discusses his first-term goals
June 21, 2022
Florida Matters met with the mayor in his St. Pete City Hall office, where he discussed topics including the Rays and Tropicana Field redevelopment. (business, transportation, housing, minority affairs)

After becoming a federal holiday last year, Juneteenth in Tampa Bay takes on a new significance
June 14, 2022
Even though June 19 is the date of the federal holiday, Florida’s emancipation day is celebrated on May 20. (Minority affairs, history, government)

Tampa Bay area law enforcement and residents weigh the future of Florida’s gun laws
June 7, 2022
There’s renewed focus on Florida's red flag law but Second Amendment advocates and some law enforcement officials oppose the measure. (Law and order, government)

Florida Matters highlights a recent WUSF series featuring Tampa Bay area teachers
Florida’s public school teachers already face a tough job. And with new laws around teaching and schools created this year, their work is even tougher now. (Education, public schools)

Florida Matters gets a refresher on hurricane preparedness
May 24, 2022
Whether you’re a multi-generational Floridian or a brand new arrival to the Sunshine State — the key is to be prepared. (Emergency preparedness, government)

State lawmakers hold second special session to work on Florida’s property insurance troubles
May 17, 2022
Homeowners are paying more for less coverage as insurance companies ditch customers. Others have gone out of business. (Business, government, housing)

New Florida law allows families back into assisted living facilities, even during a health emergency
May 10, 2022
Governor Ron DeSantis signed the "No Patient Left Alone" act into law in early April. It takes effect on July 1. (Government, politics, health care)

After a slew of controversial new laws, we look at DeSantis’ approach to leadership
May 3, 2022
His priorities during the latest legislative session have put him at the leading edge of the country’s “culture war.” (Government, politics, business)

We break down what Florida’s new congressional map means for voters
April 26, 2022
Last week, lawmakers voted along party lines to approve maps proposed by Gov. Ron DeSantis. (Government, voting, politics)

Report details climate change's imminent impact to Tampa Bay, says cost of doing nothing is dire
April 19, 2022
Sea-level rise threatens the more than three million people who live in Tampa, St. Petersburg and Clearwater metro areas — nearly five million in the entire region. (Environment, housing, climate change)

A new Tampa Bay History Center exhibit explores Tampa's ties to Cuba
April 12, 2022
It explores a relationship that started almost 500 years before South Florida's better-known tie to the island. (International relations, Hispanics, history)
Longboat Key's Democratic and Republican clubs want to change the conversation around politics
April 5, 2022
They call the exercise "Miracle on the Key." We talk with members of two Sarasota County political clubs who want to change how Democrats and Republicans converse. (Politics, governance, voting rights)