



City of Mexico Beach

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Weekly Report June 5, 2026



National Donut Day Edition (Donut let this day pass without a smile!)

CITY ADMINISTRATOR Mell Smigielski

Upcoming Meetings

Tuesday	June 9	9:00 am	City Council
Tuesday	June 23	9:00 am	City Council

15th Street Pedestrian Bridge

Final pay app from Gortemoller is being reviewed. We do need the as-built plans before close out.

Boat ramp

Anchor sent recommendation of award letter for the June 9th council meeting. Army Corps is reviewing the revised permit drawings.

Sunstop

The annexation of the Sunstop convenience store is moving forward. Ordinances have been prepared and scheduled for the P & Z on June 1 and City Council on June 9 (first reading) and June 23 (second reading). The three ordinances address 1) the actual annexation 2) changing the future land use map to reflect SunStop zoning changing to commercial 3) changing the zoning map to reflect SunStop zoning changing to commercial.

Lift Station Bypass Pump Project

Mainline is finalizing piping scope at LS 9. Will move to LS 11 & 13 next for piping install. Razorback sent final pay applications and Anchor is reviewing. You can see from the photos this is a massive undertaking.



Beach Testing

Bay County Health Department received funds from the State for their Healthy Beaches Program. First Street, Eighth Street, Sunset Park and 37th Street are the monitoring locations and are tested weekly. Signs have been installed at the four locations that indicate the testing results. Testing this week is all clear.

Police/Fire/Civic Center

The 60% plans were previously sent to FEMA. FEMA's initial comments were what we expected. The buttresses of the bridge are in the 500-year floodplain, but the H & H study revealed indicated minimal or no impact to the floodplain. FEMA sent their written comments just a couple of days ago; our consultants are reviewing so we can regroup next week.

Dune Walkovers at 7th and Sunset Park

FDEP provided a two-week modified permit allowing work during turtle nesting season for 7th Street, but not Sunset Park. Neither Anchor nor the city received a copy of the permit, so the two-week window has passed. We have requested FDEP reopen the two-week window for both sites so MKM can mobilize and get piles in the ground for both walkovers.

Nanook and 14th Street Lift Stations

14th Street – Startup completed on May 12th. Mainline will send report and final closeout documentation for the project. Bypass pump/piping start up scheduled for June 3rd.

Dune Walkover #3

Survey crew is finishing this week. Anchor is hoping to have the survey next week. FDEP & FWC are reviewing conceptual layouts.

Amphitheater

BGN was delayed due to needing to order a specialty drill bit to attach the grade beams to the piles. Once BGN gets an ETA on the drill bit delivery, they will provide an updated schedule. This is not the fault of BGN because the plans did not specify how beams were to be attached to the piles.

Pier

No real update since last week.

Jetty

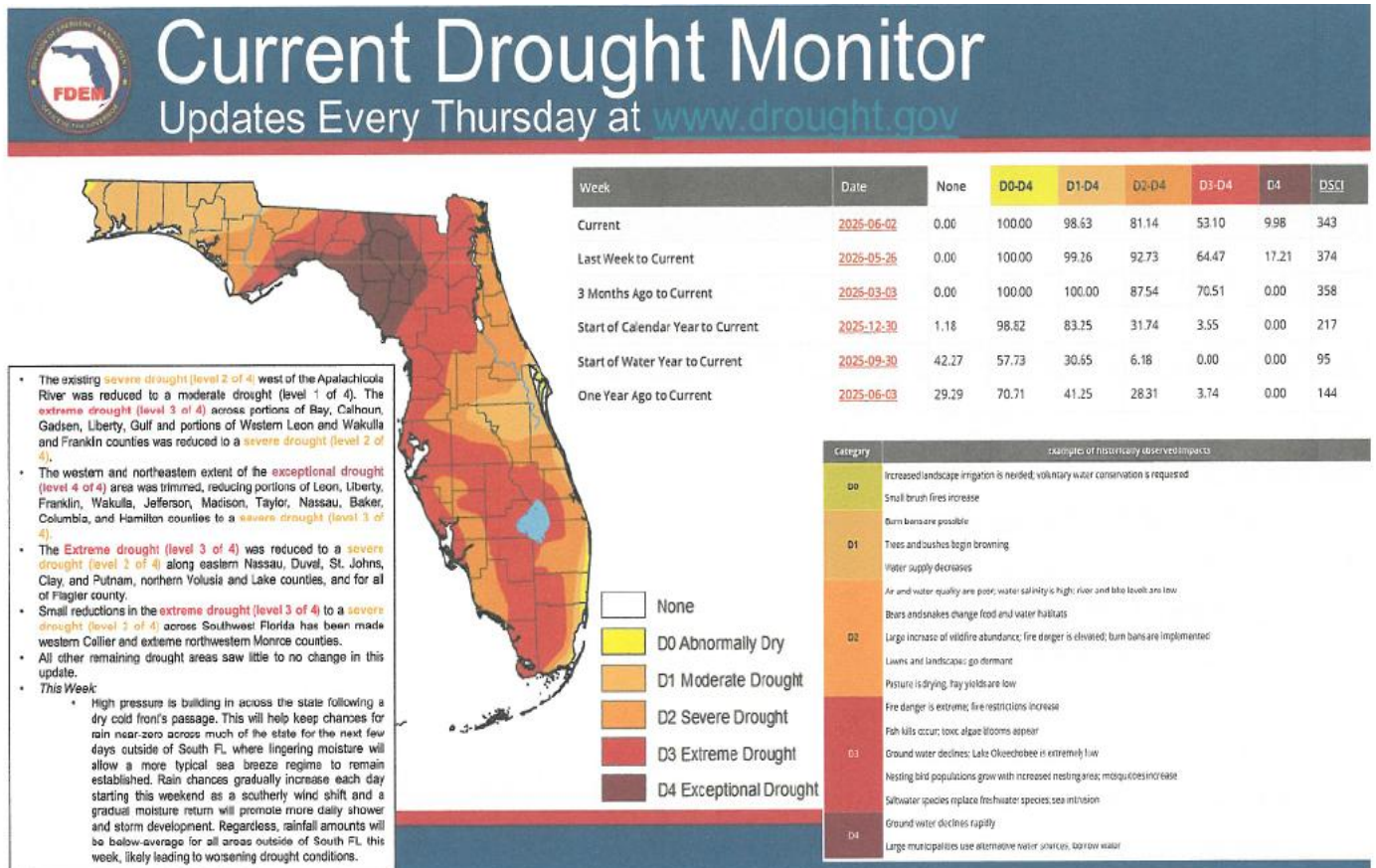
No substantial update except the contractor is forming a plan for materials storage, site access and how materials will be distributed in the work area. Once that plan is complete, we will schedule a pre-construction meeting with the contractor and FDEP, which must take place at least 45 days in advance of the start of construction.

1100 HWY 98 Development Order Application

Applicant's engineer called Anchor's office to discuss review comments, and he will be revising the civil drawings per comment.

Drought

Hard to read the wording and details, but the map shows improvement in the panhandle, but still a ways to go.



Message from Duke Energy

It's officially hurricane season again.

The 2024 storm season tested us in ways that few could have anticipated. Since then, we have continued meaningful investments in grid hardening efforts. From strengthening critical infrastructure to continuing investments in self-healing technology, we are better prepared today. These improvements are not just technical; they represent our commitment to the communities we serve.

Since 2021 we've upgraded more than 16,000 poles across our distribution and transmission systems, and we have grid hardening projects at 38 substations with more than 30 additional sites in development. In fact, following the 2024 storm season, zero hardened poles were reported as damaged. Approximately 60% of the company's transmission poles were upgraded over the last five years, with a completion target of 2028.

We're also expanding automation— more than 80% of our 2 million customers benefit from self-healing technology. Much like GPS re-routes you around a traffic

accident, self-healing technology avoids problems along power lines and keeps the lights on for our customers.

While we have strengthened our infrastructure – and continue to do so – storm preparedness starts at home. I encourage each of you to take time now to review your personal storm plans, gather supplies and ensure your families are ready. You can visit our Duke Energy storm brochure by visiting this [link](#).

I have full confidence in our team. Their dedication, resilience and professionalism are what power our ability to respond, no matter what this season brings.

Electric bills will decrease again by approximately \$6 in the month of June.

In the first quarter of 2026, we announced a bill decrease of approximately \$33 for [early removal](#) of the storm cost recovery charge and a decrease of approximately \$11 that we implement every March through November to help customers during times when energy use is typically higher.

We are pleased to announce that customers will notice another decrease in their power bill of approximately \$6 beginning in June. This decrease reflects the difference between the storm cost recovery amount collected and the actual amount we incurred (effective through September 2026).

In total, bills will be approximately \$50 lower beginning in June for residential customers using 1,000 kilowatt-hours (kWh) of electricity per month due to our rate reductions.

Our commercial and industrial customers will also see a decrease ranging from 3.3% to 7.4% in June, compared to their March through May bills, depending on several factors.

Our rate reductions are part of the standard true-up process, overseen by the Florida Public Service Commission, that ensures all investor-owned utility customers only pay for the actual costs associated with the company's storm response.

Of course, we remain committed to supporting customers by offering several assistance programs and resources, including flexible payment plans and the Share the Light Fund. To learn more, they can call the Customer Care phone number listed on their bills or visit duke-energy.com/HereToHelp.

Thank you for your ongoing collaboration and the important work you do in our communities every day. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me directly.

Sincerely,

Scott Mixon

Scott Mixon, Duke Energy Florida Government & Community Relations Manager-
North Florida

PUBLIC WORKS

Sam Buccieri

- Installation of the rope fence between North 26th Street and North 27th Street is scheduled for next week.
- Completed the planting of approximately 1,500 sea oats on the dunes between 6th Street and 7th Street. This dune restoration effort supports erosion control, dune stabilization, and coastal habitat preservation.

UTILITY DEPARTMENT

Garrett Garland

14th Street Lift Station – Bypass Pump Startup

- Startup of the bypass pump at the 14th Street Lift Station was successfully completed on Tuesday.
- During installation, crews encountered piping configuration issues that required adjustments to ensure proper pump operation. The necessary modifications were completed, and the system is now functioning as intended.

Sugar Sands Lift Station Improvements

- Installation of the Temperature Control Unit (TCU) systems is scheduled for June 4–5, 2026.
- These upgrades will enhance equipment reliability and operational performance at the facility.

Electric Meter and Antenna Installation

- Staff continues to coordinate with Duke Energy to facilitate installation of the electric meter box required for the meter-reading antenna system.
- Once the meter is in place, the antenna installation can proceed, improving utility monitoring capabilities.

Air Relief Valve Project

- A quote of \$12,000 was received from Mainline to purchase and install the air relief valve.
- Due to delays in obtaining additional vendor quotes, staff is evaluating the option of purchasing the necessary components directly and completing the installation with City personnel. This approach may reduce project costs and expedite completion.

Backflow Prevention Program Software

- Three software proposals were reviewed, and staff selected iWorQ Systems for the City's backflow prevention tracking program.
- The new system will improve management of backflow testing records, accelerate notification and compliance letter distribution, and reduce paper usage, resulting in greater efficiency and improved recordkeeping.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Issued Permits

Permit Issued Date: 05/29/2026 - 06/04/2026

Permit Issued Date	Property Address	Permit Number	Contractor	Category	Valuation	Subdivision
Permit Type			Demolition			
06/04/2026	211 CAROLINA DR, Mexico Beach	26MB-DEM0001		One Stop		MEXICO BEACH UNIT 12
Count: 1			Total:			
Permit Type			Detached Single Family			
06/02/2026	120 PALM ST, Mexico Beach	26MB-RB0049		Residential New	\$995,081.27	MEXICO BEACH UNIT #11
Count: 1			Total: \$995,081.27			
Permit Type			Electric Permit			
06/02/2026	1100 HWY 98, Mexico Beach	26MB-E0055		One Stop	\$2,000.00	MEXICO BEACH BUSINESS CENTER
Count: 1			Total: \$2,000.00			
Permit Status			In Progress			
06/03/2026	216 KIM KOVE, Mexico Beach	26MB-E0056		One Stop	\$94,600.00	GRAND ISLE UNIT 15
06/02/2026	109 27TH ST S, Mexico Beach	26MB-E0053		One Stop	\$1,828,000.00	MEXICO BEACH UNIT 4 235C2
06/02/2026	136 CANAL PKWY, Mexico Beach	26MB-E0054	POWER HOUSE ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS	One Stop	\$600,000.00	MEXICO BEACH UNIT #7
05/29/2026	410 Colorado Drive, Mexico Beach	26MB-E0052	A+ ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS OF PANAMA CITY LLC	One Stop	\$907,167.85	
Count: 5			Total: \$3,431,767.85			
Permit Type			Hurricane Shutter			
05/29/2026	308 HATLEY DR, Mexico Beach	26MB-HS00001	Storm Force Shutter Solutions - SCC131154160	One Stop	\$9,650.00	NORTH LAKE ESTATES 235D3
Count: 1			Total: \$9,650.00			
Permit Type			Mechanical Permit			
06/02/2026	106 OCEAN PLANTATION CIR, Mexico Beach	26MB-M0051		One Stop	\$5,800.00	OCEAN PLANTATION
Count: 1			Total: \$5,800.00			
Permit Type			Patio Enclosure			
05/29/2026	102 28TH ST S, Mexico Beach	26MB-RB0052		Residential Alteration	\$17,500.00	MEXICO BEACH UNIT 4 235C2
Count: 1			Total: \$17,500.00			
Permit Type			Plumbing Permit			
06/03/2026	136 CANAL PKWY, Mexico Beach	26MB-P0037		One Stop	\$600,000.00	MEXICO BEACH UNIT #7
Count: 1			Total: \$600,000.00			
Permit Type			Pool / Hot Tub (Residential Alteration)			
06/01/2026	611 MARYLAND BLVD, MEXICO BEACH	26MB-RB0051	Cox Pools - CPC1459628	Residential Alteration	\$58,450.00	
Count: 1			Total: \$58,450.00			
Permit Type			Residential New Roof			
06/02/2026	136 CANAL PKWY, Mexico Beach	26MB-RR0042		One Stop	\$600,000.00	MEXICO BEACH UNIT #7
06/04/2026	111 38TH ST S UNIT 7, Mexico Beach	26MB-RR0044		One Stop	\$600,000.00	MEXICO BEACH UNIT 5(6.01)
06/04/2026	111 38TH ST S UNIT 8, Mexico Beach	26MB-RR0043		One Stop	\$600,000.00	MEXICO BEACH UNIT 5(6.01)
Count: 3			Total: \$1,800,000.00			
Total Permits: 15			Valuation Total: \$6,918,249.12			