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Paul Tsongas

Please check out my Realtor Facebook page

In an effort to keep the information flowing throughout the month, I've added a Realtor Facebook page. I hope you will "like" the page and check often for updates. <https://www.facebook.com/aliceoldfordrealtor>



Recent Florida Government action:

Remedies to open and expired permits — Open and expired permits can delay a closing, and, in some cases, kill a deal because of the uncertainty associated with them. To address the problem, HB 447 allows local governments to close a permit six years after its issuance as long as no apparent safety hazards exist. It also prevents local governments from penalizing property owners for an open permit that was applied for by a previous owner. Effective: October 1, 2019.



Fighting red tide through research and technology — [SB 1552](#) establishes the Florida Red Tide Mitigation and Technology Development Initiative, a partnership between the state and Mote Marine Laboratory to develop technologies that can control and mitigate red tide and its impact. Lawmakers appropriated \$3 million a year for the next six years to fund the initiative. Effective: July 1, 2019.

Banning local governments from restricting vegetable gardens — [SB 82](#) prevents local governments from regulating homeowners' vegetable gardens. The issue stemmed from a couple in Miami Shores who had to uproot their vegetable garden due to a local ordinance. This does not apply to homeowners associations (HOAs). Effective: July 1, 2019.

Age Friendly Florida



AARP has announced that Florida has been designated an Age-Friendly state, the 4th state to join the AARP network of Age-Friendly states, Governor DeSantis says "As our state continues to grow, we must ensure that we do all that we can to meet the needs of our residents. I am proud that Florida is leading by becoming the largest state to commit to this important effort."

Mark Twain said “Buy land they aren’t making it anymore.”

Good advice. Are you dreaming about building a home or perhaps an investment opportunity?

475 SR 70 E \$299,900 — currently zone agriculture awaiting its future. Location, location. Could be a mobile home park.

3203 Lake June Blvd \$10,500 — wooded corner lot in Leisure Lakes. Area amenities.

2207 Lantana Ave, Sebring \$26,000—imagine 1 ac in Orange Blossom Estates.

2208 Lantana Ave, Sebring \$26,00 —1 ac in rural Orange Blossom Estates. Possibilities

1817 Nectar Ave, Sebring \$10,500 — Be the first in the neighborhood. No HOA

1224 Duane Palmer Blvd, Sebring \$16,500 —Golf anyone? Spring Lake Village V.

825 Woodside Pl, Sebring \$16,500 — Build your dream home in Spring Lake Village V.

Envision your future.