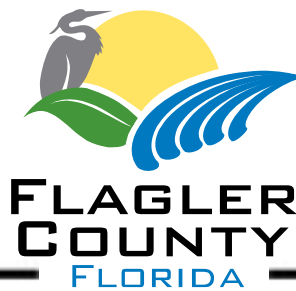


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## Free housing fair, financial wellness clinic on April 14

**April 4, 2018** – Residents are invited to attend a free housing fair and financial wellness clinic to learn about various programs available for down payment assistance, owner-occupied rehabilitation, mortgage products and strategies to avoid foreclosure.

The 2018 Housing Fair – hosted by Flagler County, the City of Palm Coast, Flagler County Association of Realtors, and the Mid-Florida Housing Partnership – will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 14 at the Community Wing of the Palm Coast City Hall, 160 Lake Avenue. Though held annually during Fair Housing Month, this year’s event is held in observance of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the passage of the Fair Housing Act.

“SHIP (State Housing Initiatives Partnerships) offers down payment assistance, and closing cost assistance, through local governments as an incentive to create and preserve affordable home ownership and multi-family housing,” said Flagler County SHIP Administrator Ralston Reodica.

Potential homebuyers can learn about the home buying process, evaluate their mortgage readiness and learn about new mortgage loan products.

Information will be presented to homeowners about refinance opportunities, owner-occupied rehab programs and foreclosure avoidance strategies.

Credit counseling will be provided by HUD Housing Counselors. Everyone is invited to get a free credit report, compliments of Fifth-Third Bank Financial Services.

Additionally, representatives from Palm Coast, Flagler County, the Flagler County Association of Realtors, area mortgage lenders and other housing professionals will provide information and answer questions.

For additional information, please contact Lydia Gregg at the Mid-Florida Housing Partnership at 386-274-4441, extension 304, or at [lgregg@bellsouth.net](mailto:lgregg@bellsouth.net).

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