

## Tuesday, October 6, 2026

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**Maya:** Good morning, Sarasota, and happy Tuesday. It's October sixth, twenty twenty-six, and this is your Sarasota Morning Briefing.

**Devon:** Morning, everyone. I'm Devon.

**Maya:** And I'm Maya. We've got a wet week ahead, a developing story in the Gulf, and a weekend of art and jazz. Let's get into it.

**Devon:** Starting with the week ahead. Today is the template for the next several days. We woke up to light rain, and the high only reaches eighty-four, with humidity in the eighties and a seventy percent chance of thundershowers. Expect around an inch and a half of rain.

**Maya:** Wednesday is soggy. High of eighty-two, seventy percent chance of storms, with more than an inch of rain possible. Thursday is the soggiest day of the week: high eighty-three, ninety percent chance of thunderstorms. Friday and Saturday stay stormy, eighty percent chance each day, highs around eighty-six and eighty-seven. Sunday finally eases up, with only a fifty percent chance of storms. And the best-looking day is Monday of next week: partly cloudy, high eighty-seven, rain chance down to twenty percent.

**Devon:** Heat indexes stay in the low nineties, so it feels hotter than it sounds. Keep the umbrella handy through the weekend.

**Maya:** Now the tides. Good news here: tides are within the normal range all week. Nothing flagged at or above three feet.

**Devon:** On the bay side, at Sarasota, high water today is two point two feet at nine thirty-seven A M, and the low is zero point four feet at five thirty-four P M. On the Gulf side, at Hayden Roberts Bay, it's nearly identical: high of two point two feet at nine thirty-two A M, low at five oh seven P M. And the range stays normal all the way through the weekend, building just slightly toward next week.

**Maya:** One story to watch in the tropics. The National Hurricane Center is tracking a disturbance called Invest ninety-two L in the southwestern Gulf. As of last night, it had a sixty percent chance of developing within two days and an eighty percent chance over the next seven days. The Hurricane Center says a tropical depression is expected to form by the middle of the week, and if it gets a name, it would be Isaias. It's expected to drift east, then turn north toward the northern Gulf Coast.

**Devon:** For Sarasota, there's no direct threat right now, but that tropical moisture is one reason the whole week is so wet. We'll keep watching it and update you every morning.

next Monday. As for golf news: honestly, it's thin this week. The quietest golf news week we've had in a while. One local note, though: Sarasota High's boys team is rebuilding around its freshmen after losing three seniors. Freshman Braden Fernandez de Castro shot an even par seventy-two in his eighteen-hole debut back in August, and the Sailors are leaning on the young guys this season.

**Devon:** The moon is a waning crescent tonight, only about eighteen percent lit, and it doesn't rise until around three twenty A M. That means dark evening skies all week into Saturday's new moon. Great conditions, if the clouds cooperate.

**Maya:** Saturn is the star of the evening sky. It's just past opposition, so it's up all night and at its brightest of the year. Look east after sunset for that steady golden glow. And before dawn, Jupiter is brilliant in the morning sky. If you were up very early this morning, you might have caught the moon passing in front of Jupiter, a rare lunar occultation.

**Devon:** One more thing to mark: the Draconid meteor shower peaks Thursday into Friday night. It's not a huge shower, but with the new moon coming, the sky will be dark. That's all assuming the storms break. Clouds may wash the whole show out.

**Maya:** Time for arts and entertainment. Three highlights this week.

**Devon:** Thursday evening, the Art Center Sarasota holds a free opening reception from five to seven P M, with four galleries opening at once, including Karina Yanes and a juried show called Strange Weather.

**Maya:** Also Thursday, it's Jazz Thursday at the Sarasota Art Museum, five thirty to eight P M with guitarist LaRue Nickelson, co-hosted by the Jazz Club of Sarasota.

**Devon:** And Friday, the Sarasota Orchestra closes its Young Person's Concerts week with a public family concert at seven P M at the Van Wezel. The program is The Conductor's Magical Book, a great introduction to orchestral music for kids.

**Maya:** Three local stories now. First: Governor Ron DeSantis held a news conference in Sarasota Monday morning, signing bills to protect commercial and hotel owners against squatting. He also said Florida is preparing for storm season whether or not the federal government steps up.

**Devon:** Second: Sarasota's city commission reversed the extended parking hours after strong pushback from downtown residents and businesses. Free parking on Sundays is back, and paid parking ends at eight P M during the week. The higher citation fines, though, stay in place.

**Maya:** Third: Sarasota County is committing twenty-five million dollars to restore Alligator Creek, a big flood-resilience and water-quality investment after the punishing storms of the past couple of years.

**Devon:** That's your Tuesday briefing. Sarasota. Stay dry out there, watch the Gulf, and