# **February 2020 Newsletter**

# 2021 Prioritization and Budget

Each year, the City Commission convenes at the Fort Lauderdale Woman's Club for a Workshop to set our top priorities for the upcoming fiscal year. In previous years, the workshops were held over two days, but this year we condensed the workshop to a five-hour session. The Mayor and Commissioners shared and discussed their top concerns, producing the list below:

## **Our Top Priorities**

## Infrastructure

Sewer Mains, Water Mains, Stormwater, Seawalls

# **Transportation and Traffic**

**Affordable Housing and Homelessness** 

# **Downtown Masterplan and Comprehensive Plan Implementation**

**Water Quality of our Waterways** 

# **Sea-Level Rise and Resiliency**

My recommendations were based on input from the community, through the accumulation of thousands of emails, letters, calls and conversations with residents over the year. Many of these initiatives were also the result of longer detailed discussions with District 2 Neighborhood Presidents, who provide an excellent grassroots perspective on how we can best move forward as a City. Throughout our discussions in District 2, we were able to prioritize several other goals, which I will advocate throughout the rest of the year:

# Safety

Improving EMS response times and addressing streetlight outages (the number one complaint we receive) to ensure our communities are safe and secure.

## **Enforcement**

From trash and broken fences to parking under "no parking signs" and liveaboards dumping into our canals, we need a better handle on enforcement to maintain clean and safe neighborhoods across the City. If we clean up our streets and treat our community with respect, our City will be something we can be proud of for generations to come.

### Communications

We must continue to improve our communication efforts regarding City Projects and Budgets to provide transparency and information that is easy to digest on all of our initiatives. Without input from people like you, our City Hall staff would not know how to prioritize their time, and what challenges we need to tackle together. The Goal Setting Workshop is just the "Kick-Off" to our Annual Budget Process where we will strive to align spending with our designated priorities. Below is a timeline of the budget planning process between now and September 2020, when the City Commission will vote to adopt the FY 2021 Budget. I would invite everyone to come join us, as the contributions of the community are the most important ingredient in bringing meaningful change to City Hall.

# **Key Meetings regarding the 2021 Budget Process**

Joint Budget Advisory Board and City Commission Workshop: Tuesday, March 3

Revenue Estimating Conference Committee Meetings – Wednesdays, March 25, April 1, April 8, and April 15

Department Budget Presentations to the Budget Advisory Board: Wednesdays, May 6, May 13, and May 20 (See schedule below)

Joint Budget Advisory Board and City Commission Workshop: - Tuesday, June 16

Proposed Budget Submitted to City Commission – Tuesday, July 7

City Commission sets the maximum millage rate and non-ad valorem assessment rates to be sent by first class mail by the Broward County Property Appraiser on the TRIM notice – Tuesday, July 7

Joint Budget Advisory Board and City Commission Workshop – Tuesday, August 18

Two Public Hearings and the Adoption of the City Budget: September – dates to be determined and approved by the Commission based upon dates set by the School Board and Broward County.

# City Hall, 100 North Andrews Avenue, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301 Meeting Time: 6:00 – 8:00pm

Date	Department
Wednesday, May 6, 2020	Finance Presentation
	BAB Questions
	Human Resources Presentation
	BAB Questions
	Information Technology Presentation
	BAB Questions
Wednesday, May 13, 2020	Public Works Presentation
	BAB Questions
	Transportation and Mobility Presentation
	BAB Questions
	Sustainable Development Presentation
	BAB Questions
Wednesday, May 20, 2020	Fire-Rescue Presentation
	BAB Questions
	Police Presentation
	BAB Questions
	Parks and Recreation Presentation
	BAB Questions

Note: Schedule is subject to change.

PLEASE NOTE THAT AS MEMBERS OF THE BUDGET ADVISORY BOARD, TWO-WAY COMMUNICATION BETWEEN MEMBERS IS PROHIBITED BY SUNSHINE LAW. DO NOT REPLY TO ANY BOARD OR COMMITTEE MEMBER. DISCUSSION SHOULD TAKE PLACE AT THE SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING.

PURPOSE: To Provide the City with input regarding the taxpayers' perspective in the development of the annual operating budget; to review projections and estimates from the City Manager regarding revenues and expenditures for upcoming fiscal year; to advise the City Commission on service levels and priorities and fiscal solvency; and to submit recommendations to the City Commission no later than August 15 of each year regarding a budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

Note: Two or more City of Fort Lauderdale Commissioners or members of a Fort Lauderdale Advisory Board or Committee may attend this meeting. If a person decides to appeal any decision made with respect to any matter considered at this public meeting or hearing, he/she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. If you desire auxiliary services to assist in viewing or hearing the meeting or reading agendas and minutes for the meetings, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 954-828-5002 and arrangements will be made to provide these services to you.

PLEASE NOTE: Florida has a very broad public records law. Most written communications to or from city officials regarding City business are public records available to the public and media upon request. Your e-mail communications may be subject to public disclosure.

As of: January 15, 2020

## Two Great Traditions Return to Fort Lauderdale on March 14!

St. Patrick's Celebration and Debut of Pro Soccer Highlight March

On Saturday, March 14, Fort Lauderdale celebrates the return of a legendary tradition – the St. Patrick's Parade and Festival and the home debut of Inter Miami CF, David Beckham's new Major League Soccer team!

The pageantry and excitement begins bright and early when thousands will gather at Huizenga Plaza (Las Olas and Andrews Avenue) at 7 a.m. for the annual Shamrock Run. Festivities will continue throughout the morning with live music and entertainment, and then, it's time for the largest St. Patrick's Parade in South Florida.

The St. Patrick's Parade begins at 11:00 a.m. this year and travels west along Las Olas

Boulevard from S.E. 5 Avenue through the heart of downtown Fort Lauderdale. The colorful parade will feature more than 100 decorative floats, pipe and drum corps, classic automobiles, bagpipers, marching bands, Irish dancers, street performers, scout troops, local sports teams, Veterans groups, and more.

Following the parade, don't miss the St. Patrick's Festival, which runs until 7 p.m. at Huizenga Plaza and along the Riverwalk. Highlights will include live bands, interactive entertainment, cultural attractions, a Kids Zone, and an exclusive performance by U2BYUV, the ultimate U2 tribute band. For more information about the St. Patrick's Parade and Festival, visit www.stpatsftl.com.

Saturday, March 14 also marks the opening of Major League Soccer (MLS) in Fort Lauderdale! At 2:30 p.m., Inter Miami CF will take the field for its inaugural home opener at the brand new, 18,000-seat professional soccer stadium located on the former site of Lockhart Stadium.

The historic game will match Inter Miami against the L.A. Galaxy, which happens to be David Beckham's former team. Beckham played for the Galaxy from 2007 - 2012, leading the club to back-to-back MLS Cup Championships in 2011 and 2012. The opening matchup should prove to be an exciting contest as Inter Miami boasts a host of talented young players led by a trio of 19-year-olds that includes Argentine midfielder Matías Pellegrini and forward Julián Carrranza, along with Venezuelan defender Christian Makoun.

Inter Miami's debut marks a major milestone in the public/private partnership between the City of Fort Lauderdale and the Beckham group. Under the agreement, the Beckham group is investing \$60 million to transform the 64-acre Lockhart Stadium property into a soccer-centric community destination. In addition to the new soccer stadium, the complex will include a 50,000 square foot state-of-the-art soccer training center and seven professional fields. The facility will be home to Inter Miami's United Soccer League (USL) team and the Academy. It will also host international clubs, tournaments and local high school sporting events.

At the same time, exciting plans are moving forward for a signature community park that is also being funded and constructed by the Beckham group. The community destination will feature public gathering areas, open green space, shade structures, a dog park, playgrounds, multi-purpose fields, a walking/jogging/fitness trail, along with other amenities and ancillary facilities all for use by our community.

The City's partnership with the Beckham group breathes new life into this landmark property. It brings professional soccer back to our community; provides our youth with opportunities for expert coaching, training, and instruction; gives our City much-needed new parks and recreation areas, athletic fields, and stadium access; and ushers in the return of high school games and athletic events.

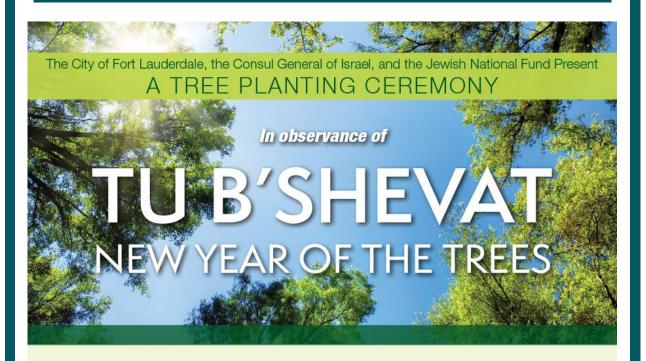
I'm excited to see the tremendous progress being made on this game-changing initiative that fulfills our shared vision of expanding green space and promoting active healthy lifestyles. It is truly a transformative project that will redefine the Uptown area of Fort Lauderdale and make a lasting impact on our community for generations to come.

See you at both amazing events on Saturday, March 14.





# PLEASE CLICK ON ALL IMAGES BELOW FOR MORE INFORMATION REGARDING EACH EVENT



# WEDNESDAY | FEBRUARY 12, 2020 | 4:00 PM

Sistrunk Park | 200 Sistrunk Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311

Tu B'Shevat is a Jewish holiday that marks the beginning of the "New Year for Trees." During this season, the earliest-blooming trees in Israel emerge from their winter dormancy and begin a new fruit-bearing cycle. Tu B'Shevat is traditionally celebrated by eating fruit, particularly, those praised in the Torah such as grapes, figs, pomegranates, olives and dates. Today, the holiday is also observed by planting trees to raise ecological awareness.



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NEIGHBOR SUPPORT NIGHT | FEBRUARY 13, 2020 | FORT LAUDERDALE, FL

# Get to Know Your Neighbors and Your City!

Thursday, February 13, 2020 | 5:30 PM - 8 PM | Fort Lauderdale City Hall | 100 N. Andrews Avenue

Neighbor Support Night is a free, family-friendly event where neighbors join together with their city to strengthen community ties, elevate public spirit, and build civic awareness.

Meet City officials, staff, and neighbors.

Learn about City departments, programs, and services.

Play fun games with your kids.

Climb aboard emergency response and utilities vehicles.

Meet firefighters, police officers, and mounted patrol horses.

Explore job and volunteer opportunities.

Enjoy live entertainment and refreshments from local restaurants and businesses.



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# A Day of Honor in Service & Love

Moment of Silence on Friday, February 14, 2020 at 10:17 a.m.

Join the City of Fort Lauderdale on Friday, February 14, 2020, at 10:17 a.m., as we show our support for Broward County Public Schools by observing a district-wide moment of silence to honor those whose lives were lost and remember all those affected by the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School tragedy.



# You're invited to a reception!



Broward Art Guild Celebrating





An Art Around Town Exhibit

Fort Lauderdale City Hall, Lobby 100 North Andrews Avenue

Thursday, February 20, 6:00-8:30 pm

Light refreshments will be served

Exhibit runs February 4-28

RSVP: 954-537-3370 or info@BrowardArtGuild.org

# SISTRUNK PARADE & FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2020 ALONG FORT LAUDERDALE'S HISTORIC SISTRUNK BOULEVARD

# SISTRUNKFESTIVAL.ORG







The Sistrunk 5K is an exciting race near downtown Fort Lauderdale on Historic Sistrunk Boulevard. Come run or walk through history and have a great time. Register at www.sistrunk5krun.com

# PARADE 9:00 AM

The parade begins at Lincoln Park (Sistrunk Boulevard and NW 19 Avenue) and travels east down Sistrunk Boulevard to NW 10 Avenue with marching bands, step teams, classic cars, decorative floats, and more!

# FESTIVAL 10:30 AM - 7:00 PM

The Sistrunk Festival takes place from 10:30 AM - 7:00 PM along Sistrunk Boulevard from NW 9 Avenue to NW 12 Avenue featuring live bands, a kids zone, family activities, merchandise, food vendors, and more!

























# Information for Election Day(s)

A Presidential Primary Election is held on the third Tuesday of March in a presidential election year. The Primary Election is held 11 weeks before the General Election for purposes of nominating party nominees to be voted for in the General Election to fill a national, state, county, or district office. A General Election is held in November of every even-numbered year. The election dates for 2020 are:

- Presidential Preference Primary Election: March 17
- Primary Election: August 18
- General Election: November 3

Note: Special elections may be called at any time during the year. Local elections may also be held throughout the year. Check the Local Elections Database which contain dates as

reported by the county for elections (county-specific, municipal, special district, or other local election) scheduled within one county. Contact your <u>county Supervisor of</u> Elections for the most up-to-date information.

# **Deadline to Register (Book Closing)**

Eligible individuals can register to vote at any time. The deadline to register in order to participate in an upcoming election is 29 days before the election. The registration deadlines for 2020 are:

- Presidential Preference Primary Election: February 18\*
- Primary Election: July 20
- General Election: October 5
- \*Federal holiday moves the deadline to the next business day

# Vote-by-Mail Ballot 'Send' Deadline

For vote-by-mail ballot requests on record, state law requires that the ballots be sent during specified timeframes.

For absent stateside and overseas uniformed service member and overseas civilian voters (also known as UOCAVA voters), Supervisors of Elections send the ballots no later than 45 days before an election. The send periods for 2020 are:

- Presidential Preference Primary Election: February 1
- Primary Election: July 4
- General Election: September 19

For domestic voters, Supervisors of Elections send the ballots during a 7-day window between 40 and 33 days before an election. The send periods for 2020 are:

- Presidential Preference Primary Election: February 6 13
- Primary Election: July 9 July 16
- General Election: September 24 October 1

# **Early Voting Period**

Broward County Early voting begins March 7th and ends March 15th. Voting is between the hours of 10am and 6pm.



# SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS WWW.BROWARDSOE.ORG

# EARLY VOTING SCHEDULE PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY ELECTION

MARCH 7, 2020 through MARCH 15, 2020 • 10am-6pm

2020 EARLY VOTING SITES		
African-American Research Library	North Regional Library/BC	
2650 Sistrunk Boulevard (NW 6th St.)	1100 Coconut Creek Boulevard	
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33311	Coconut Creek, FL 33066	
Broward Health North (Conference Room) 201 E. Sample Road Deerfield Beach, FL 33064	Northwest Regional Library 3151 University Drive Coral Springs, FL 33065	
Coral Ridge Mall	Nova Southeastern University	
(North or Northwest Entrance)	(Huizenga College of Business)	
3200 N. Federal Highway	3301 College Ave. Room 1048 & 1049	
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33306	Davie, FL 33311	
Davie/Cooper City Branch Library	Pine Trails Park Amphitheater	
4600 SW 82nd Avenue	10555 Trails End	
Davie, FL 33328	Parkland, FL 33076	
E Pat Larkins Community Center	SOE at Lauderhill Mall *	
520 Martin Luther King Boulevard	1519 NW 40th Ave	
Pompano Beach, FL 33060	Lauderhill, FL 33313	
Emma Lou Olson Civic Center	South Regional Library/BC	
1801 NE 6th St.	7300 Pines Boulevard	
Pompano Beach, FL 33060	Pembroke Pines, FL 33024	
Ft. Lauderdale Branch Library/Art Serve	Southwest Regional Library	
1350 E. Sunrise Boulevard Room 130	16835 Sheridan Street	
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33304	Pembroke Pines, FL 33331	
Hallandale Beach Cultural Community Center	Tamarac Branch Library	
410 SE 3rd Street	8701 W. Commercial Boulevard	
Hallandale Beach, FL 33009	Tamarac, FL 33321	
Hollywood Branch Library	West Regional Library	
2600 Hollywood Boulevard	8601 W. Broward Boulevard	
Hollywood, FL 33020	Plantation, FL 33324	
Miramar Branch Library	Weston Branch Library	
2050 Civic Center Place	4205 Bonaventure Boulevard	
Miramar, FL 33025	Weston, FL 33332	
Nob Hill Soccer Club	Wilton Manors City Hall	
10200 Sunset Strip	2020 Wilton Drive	
Sunrise, FL 33322	Wilton Manors, FL 33305	



The City's Comprehensive Plan provides the blueprint for orderly and sustainable land development over the next decade and beyond. It provides

the City with long-term direction through goals, objectives, and policies for future land use and serves as the basis for the City's zoning and land development regulations. An important component of the Comprehensive Plan is identifying the infrastructure and growth demands needed to support existing needs and future growth. The Comprehensive Plan contains elements that address future land use, housing, transportation, infrastructure, water supply, coastal management, conservation, parks and recreation, historic preservation, public school facilities, intergovernmental coordination, and capital improvements, and includes objectives and policies formulated to preserve and enhance community character.

At the January 21st Conference Meeting, the Urban Design and Planning Division of the Department of Sustainable Development provided a presentation to the City Commission with an overview of proposed amendments to the City's Comprehensive Plan Update "Advance Fort Lauderdale" and obtain City Commission comments and feedback. The next public hearing will be held during the February 18th City Commission Meeting.

# CAN THE GREASE

Pouring cooking oil down the drain can lead to smelly and costly troubles ahead





Fats, oils and greases are the leading cause of sewer line clogs and sewer main overflows in Fort Lauderdale. Clogged sewer lines can back-up into houses, spill onto roadways and into our waterways, creating hazards for humans, fish and wildlife.

With improper disposal down the kitchen drain, greasy leftovers can quickly turn foul, leading to disruptive and smelly back-ups in the sanitary wastewater system.

## PREVENT COSTLY PLUMBING REPAIRS:

- Pour cooking oils into old cans, milk containers or other packages and dispose in your black garbage cart.
- Use a paper towel to wipe dishes and pots to remove grease prior to washing.
- Place fat trimmings from meat in your black trash cart, not your garbage disposal.

If you observe a sewer spill from the City's sanitary wastewater system, report it immediately by calling 954-828-8000.

For more information on how you can "Green Your Routine" visit: www.fortlauderdale.gov/GYR



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# NEVER FLUSH these items down the toilet:

- · Tampons and other feminine hygiene products
- Baby Wipes/Wet Wipes/Cleaning Pads
- Dental Floss
- Q-tips/Cotton Balls
- Diapers
- Paper Towels/Tissues
- Hair
- Cigarette butts
- Condoms
- Kitty Litter





















When flushed down the toilet, these items bind together and may cause sewage backups in homes, manhole overflows and failures at sewage pumping stations, costing thousands of dollars to repair.

Only human waste and tollet paper should be flushed. Even though some products such as wipes and baby diapers may claim to be flushable, they are not.

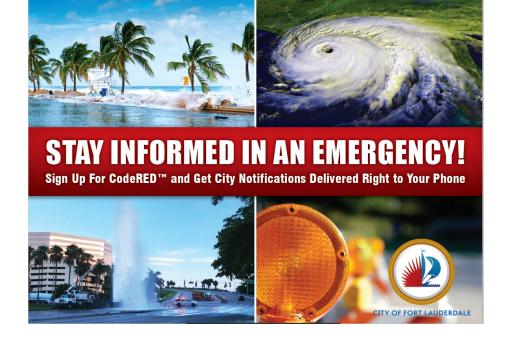
Everyone can be a potential contributor to sewer problems and a potential victim of those problems.

If you see a sewer overflow, contact the City of Fort Lauderdale's 24-Hour Neighbor Call Center at 954-828-8000 or visit the Lauderserv page on the City website at www.fortlauderdale.gov/lauderserv to submit a service request.





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# Sign Up for CodeRED Stay Informed!

The City of Fort Lauderdale uses <u>CodeRED</u>, a high-speed telephone notification system, to send mass notifications by phone, email and text to keep citizens informed. In the event of an evacuation, utility outage, water main break, fire or flood, chemical spill, or other emergency situation, the City may activate CodeRED to send emergency notifications to registered subscribers. The City may also use CodeRED to communicate non-life safety matters, such as planned road closures, water main repairs, water service interruptions, etc.

More Information

Sign Up for CodeRed

**Neighbors can now report FPL Power Outages** 

# Customers can report street light outages via different methods

# **Reporting Street Light outages**

- · Report online at FPL.com
- Call customer service at 1-800-40UTAGE (1-800-468-8243)
- Local City Government offices



## Information Needed When Reporting Street Light Outages

- · Location details of the light
  - Front, side or rear of the address
  - One light or multiple lights in a row
  - Number on the pole (if available)



- Type Problem with the light
  - Turns on and off (flickering)
  - Light is on during the day



Click Here to Report a Power Outage



The U.S. Census Bureau is recruiting to fill hundreds of thousands of temporary positions across the country to assist with the 2020 Census count! The U.S. Census Bureau is recruiting some 500,000 workers nationwide, including more than 14,500 in South Florida. Hiring for the Census begins in January. South Florida census takers will be paid \$17.50 an hour, the Census organization says. The Census is especially looking to recruit bilingual speakers in Palm Beach, Broward and Miami-Dade counties. The organization also needs clerical workers and field supervisors. For those hired, paid training begins in March and April. The actual door-to-door Census taking begins in early May, and is expected to conclude by early July.

To find out more information and how to apply, please click on the buttons below.

Census Website

SunSentinel Article



On January 31, the City Commission met for our Annual Goal Setting Workshop. Excellent discussion as we formulated our Top Priorities, Priorities, and continued Management In Process issues. Staff will consolidate a report and identify deliverables and milestones. Lots of work to do, and we will do it.



Serving on the County Solid Waste and Recycling Working Group, I faced a learning curve so I joined City Staff for Waste Management's Recycling and Landfill Disposal Presentation at its Monarch Hill Landfill in Pompano Beach. Thank you to the WM Staff for a most informative and educational afternoon!

District 2 Neighborhood Association Presidents' Roundtable - love this group! So involved, so intelligent, so committed! Great turnout and many thanks to Deputy City Manager Rob Hernandez and History Fort Lauderdale Executive Director Patricia Coyle Zeiler for joining us.





So pleased to welcome more than 50 high school students to City Hall as part of #GovChatFTL - Engaging Youth Leaders. The students learned about City government, a variety of local agencies, and participated in roundtable discussions. Congrats to our Neighbor Leadership team and Education Officer, Zoie Saunders. Great new program for our youth!

What better way to welcome the Chinese New Year than to cut the ribbon on the kickoff of #Artwalk2020?! Love the energy and the arts in MASS District, Flagler Village, and FAT Villlage. Artwalk is all about creating interactive and memorymaking arts experiences for our City throughout the year! Congrats to all who make this happen.



Terrific to be part of the King Holiday Celebration for MLK Day. Great parade along Sistrunk, Avenue of the Arts, and SW 2nd St. to Esplanade Park for the festival.



South Middle River Civic Association had its first meeting of the new year on January 28. Prior to the membership meeting was a code meeting with staff and excellent attendance at both. Lots of issues and we will continue to address them all in working together with the neighborhood. Congrats to the newly seated Board of Directors!



Las Olas Mobility Working Group continued to make progress with a presentation from our consultant, Corradino Group. Great dialogue, excellent questions and exchange of ideas. Timeline was reviewed and next steps include walking tours, surveys, and compilation of research as we formulate a plan by year's end.

The work and the mission continue; we still have a long way to go.





A very special honor to present a proclamation in recognition of International Holocaust Remembrance Day - January 27th- on the 75th Anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz concentration camp. Thank you to all the Rabbis in attendance as well as their congregants and County Commissioner Lamar Fisher. I was particularly moved by the presence of the Holocaust survivors and their children. Their strength and spirit are a joy to behold.

The following Advisory Boards are available to serve on for District 2 and Consensus:

Central City Redevelopment Advisory Board
Complete Count Advisory Committee
Community Appearance Board
Fire Rescue Bond Committee
Nuisance Abatement Board

If you are interested, please apply online.

Feel free to contact District 2 Commission assistant, Pratima Raju at praju@fortlauderdale.gov or 954-828-5923 if you have any questions.

Please visit the Fort Lauderdale Calendar for a complete list of events and details.

Fort Lauderdale City Calendar

City News Center

# Steve Glassman Fort Lauderdale City Commissioner, District 2

The greatness of our community starts with passionate citizens like you.

Please do not hesitate to contact our District 2 Commission assistant, Pratima Raju, with any questions, comments or thoughtful suggestions at <a href="mailto:praju@fortlauderdale.gov">praju@fortlauderdale.gov</a> or 954-828-5923.

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