



From the desk of

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Fort Lauderdale Vice Mayor, District 2



Pre-Agenda Meeting Reminder & August 2020 Newsletter

Dear Neighbor,

The City Commission meetings have resumed with our next Commission Meeting tomorrow and our budget hearings on September 3 and September 14 at 5:00PM. In addition, we are working with County officials regarding Cares Act funding to help with small business loans, rental/mortgage assistance, meal distributions and other community programs. Please continue to stay diligent by wearing your mask and following social distancing guidelines.

Reminder: Virtual Pre-Agenda Meeting Tonight! **Monday, August 31 from 5:30 - 7:00PM** **via Webex and Conference Call** *City Hall is Closed*

Please join me via Webex/Conference Call at the District 2 community forum to review the agendas below for the upcoming Fort Lauderdale City Commission Meetings tomorrow. View the agendas and meeting access information below. To read the full agendas, click on each agenda picture.

Note: Two or more Fort Lauderdale City Commissioners or City of Fort Lauderdale advisory board members may be in attendance

City of Fort Lauderdale


CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP

Agenda

*Joint Workshop with Citizens' Police Review Board
City Hall is Closed to the Public.
Tuesday, September 1, 2020 - 11:30 AM*

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City Commission Conference Meeting

Agenda

*City Hall is closed to the Public.
Tuesday, September 1, 2020 - 1:30 PM*

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COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD

Agenda


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Tuesday, September 1, 2020 - 2:30 PM

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City Commission Regular Meeting


Agenda

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Tuesday, September 1, 2020 - 6:00 PM

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Welcome Officer Fairburn to Middle River Terrace

In 1916, a young bride landed in Fort Lauderdale to build a family with her pharmacist husband and ended up building a community. Mrs. Annie Beck was a founder of the All Saints' Episcopal Church, the city's first garden club, the 1919 Study Club and the Fort Lauderdale Historical Society. In 1975, she was named Fort Lauderdale Citizen of the Year. Through efforts from the Broward Trust for Historic Preservation and the Middle River Terrace Neighborhood, her historic 1916 bungalow was, to avoid demolition, transplanted for the second time and moved, where it now sits lovingly, to the Middle River Terrace Park in 2008. A decade later, the neighborhood endured the senseless murder of a young man in the park. The community came together with the vision of housing a Fort Lauderdale police officer at the Annie Beck House in the Middle River Terrace Park.

Just last week, our vision became a reality with the neighborhood welcoming Officer Justin Fairburn to the historic Annie Beck House where he now resides in Middle River Terrace Park. Neighbors walked and drove thru as the kids played and loved the horses Titan and Ash! House and Park look great, families are using it, and everyone feels so much safer. Thank you to everyone who has made this a reality!



The city continues to move forward with the Priorities we established at our 2020 City Commission Goal Setting Workshop this past January. The City Manager has provided the memos below that summarize initiatives including Safety, Smart Growth, and Streetscapes.



Memorandum

Memorandum No: 20-080

Date: August 19, 2020

To: Honorable Mayor and Commissioners

From: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

Re: 2020 City Commission Priorities – Quarterly Progress Report (August 2020)

I am pleased to present the first quarterly report of the 2020 City Commission Priorities. The Commission Priorities are an important short-term component of the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan and Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2024 Strategic Plan*. The Commission Priorities are also a key component of our budget process as we ensure that funding is in place to advance the Commission's priorities (Exhibit 1).

In January 2020, the City Commission met to identify and articulate the organization's highest priorities for the 2020 year. At that juncture, six Top Priority and six Priority projects were identified. Updates to the Top Priority projects are provided monthly to the City Commission and community through the *LauderTrac* newsletters (Exhibit 2). This memo will serve to provide an update to the six Priorities which include Streetscape and Tree Enhancements, Uptown Master Plan, Airport Workforce Training Facility, Safety, Smart Growth, and Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Build Outs.

Streetscape and Tree Enhancements

The focus of this project is to enhance the beauty of the City with well-planned streetscapes. Areas that are included in this project are City entryways, tropical landscaping, and healthy maintained trees. This project also includes the pending proposed new Tree Ordinance.

To date, various community beautification activities have been completed including improved median landscaping throughout the City and the installation of 17 new entryway signs into the City. The Las Olas Corridor Improvements on the Barrier Island are nearly complete and include increased green space, a tree-lined promenade, landscape and streetscape enhancements, two waterfront parks, pedestrian connections, and a state-of-the-art parking facility with 660 spaces. Additionally, the A1A Streetscape Improvements project design is complete. This project will enhance the pedestrian experience and efficiency of the sidewalk by consolidating existing and above ground items such as trees and signage and moving them closer to the curb for increased walkability.

Commission Memo 20-080
Exhibit 1
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**CITY COMMISSION PRIORITIES
FY 2021 Proposed Budget Funding**

TOP PRIORITIES	FUNDED ITEMS (★ Newly funded initiatives)
Homelessness and Housing Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Funding for the Community Court Program in the amount of \$114,866 is included in the General Fund. The Homeless Intervention Administrator position continues to be funded by the City Manager's Office in the amount of \$92,023. Entitlement grant funding will continue to support homelessness initiatives and is managed by the Housing and Community Development Division: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Funding. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding. The Police Department continues the efforts of the Homeless Outreach Unit (approximately \$340,000 in General Funds). The City funds a social contribution to the United Way to address homelessness in Fort Lauderdale in the amount of \$750,000.
Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Stormwater Bond in the amount of \$200 million is planned for issuance in FY 2021 to support improvements in 7 neighborhoods identified as high priority areas. The Water/Sewer Revenue Bond was issued in FY 2018 in the amount of \$200 million to fund priority projects. Many of these projects have a multi-year implementation cycle and are ongoing. The Water/Sewer FY 2021 budget includes approximately \$20 million in cash funded capital projects. The Central Region Wastewater budget includes \$14 million in cash funded capital projects prioritized based upon a renewal and replacement study. The FY 2021 FY 2025 Community Investment Plan includes \$200 million in revenue funded debt to be issued in FY 2023 to fund projects identified in the Water and Sewer Master Plan.
Comprehensive Plan and Downtown Master Plan Implementation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$5,000 is available for the ongoing funding of archeological consulting services. The Department of Sustainable Development operating budget includes \$23,200 for updating the future land use map. ★ \$100,000 for affordable housing consulting services is available with a focus on collecting and monitoring affordable housing data in the Downtown Regional Activity Center (DRAC).
Waterway Quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Parks and Recreation Marine Facilities Division budget includes ongoing funding to maintain public pump out facilities that are accessible to the public free of charge to prevent degradation of the City's water quality. The City recently was awarded a Clean Vessel Act Grant from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) which will provide up to \$64,700 in funding for the repair and renovation of the New River Docking Facility Vessel Sewage Pump out System. Stormwater funds \$47,716 toward Broward County Annual Water Quality Monitoring for the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit.

BUILDING A BRIDGE THROUGH HELP, HOUSING AND HOPE



Sustainable Development Promotes Affordable Housing in the City
 The City of Lauderdale's Development Review Committee (DRC) has processed four projects that will increase the amount of affordable workforce housing in the City of Fort Lauderdale. Two projects have received development approval, one is in the development review process, and one is under construction. In total, these projects will increase the amount of affordable housing units in the City by 333 units.

Case #	Project Name	Applicant	Address	Total Units	Affordable Housing Units	Status	City Incentive	City Commission District
R18078	Seven on Seventh	Broward Partnership for the Homeless	500 NW 7 Avenue	72	72	Under DRC Review	Height bonus	2
R19061	Papicino Crossing	Housing Authority of the City of Fort Lauderdale	1801 SW 1 Avenue	113	113	Approved June 15, 2020	City transferred 2.3 acres to the Housing Authority for the project	4
R19014	The Addressley (F.K.A. West Village)	West Village LLC	501 NW 7 Avenue	455	46	Approved April 19, 2020	Height bonus / \$15 million (Community Redevelopment Agency)	3
R18080	Village View	FV Development LLC	640 N. Andrews Avenue	100	100	Under Construction	Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (Housing and Urban Development)	2



New Affordable Homes Create Path to Homeownership
 The American dream of homeownership became a reality for 11 families in Fort Lauderdale's northwest neighborhood of River Gardens/Sweeting Estate, located in City Commission District 3. To provide new homeownership opportunities and remove pockets of blighted, vacant land, the City of Fort Lauderdale conveyed land to WWA Development LLC to build single-family homes.
 Construction on the housing project began in October 2019 and includes 12 homes with five different three- and four-bedroom models, as well as extensive amenities such as energy-efficient full appliance packages, granite counter tops, and tile roofs. Two of the homes are complete and the remaining 10 are near completion. The City's Community Redevelopment Agency provided \$45,000 in purchase assistance for homebuyers at or below 140 percent of Broward County's median income. The first homeowner to move into one of the homes is a first-time homebuyer. After dedicating years of hard work, sacrifice, and discipline to call a place her own, she is delighted to be living in her new home with her family.



PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE



Progress on our new Soccer stadium: A picture is worth a thousand words!
 As the New York Times has reported, Inter Miami CF, which counts David Beckham, one of its owners, is using private financing to fund the \$60 million, 18,000-seat stadium in Fort Lauderdale.
 While COVID-19 had delayed playing schedules, the new stadium is already an amazing jewel for the City's thriving Uptown area.
 The Inter Miami sporting director, Paul McDonough speaking to the media, as reported, during a behind-the-scenes look at construction of the Inter Miami stadium in Fort Lauderdale. McDonough said, "Our goal is to come in and be a tough team in the Major League Soccer (MLS) and be a very entertaining franchise."
 The new Soccer stadium will join the Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport as major asset anchors for the Uptown area.
 The City Commission has already unanimously approved an ordinance amending the City of Fort Lauderdale Unified Land Development Regulations (ULDR) to establish the new zoning districts for Uptown in order to implement the vision and goals of the Uptown Master Plan and create a more livable urban village that meets the needs of the changing workforce and adds a mix of uses in the area.
 As a part of this amendment, development incentives were created for property owners seeking to rezone their property to the "Uptown Urban Village" zoning district. Incentives include density bonus for Affordable Housing Units and open space requirement reductions for a private amenity decks and adjacent pocket parks or plazas.
 Investors are clearly excited about prospects for the City's enhancements of the zoning district. A proposed development, titled "Fairfield Cypress Creek," at 6000 Cypress Creek is currently under review. The project proposes to include 295 multi-family residential units, 2,323 square feet of retail, 6,850 square feet of restaurant, 21,715 square feet of office, 15,847 square feet of existing office space.



INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE



Water System Modeling Key to Future Planning
 Fort Lauderdale is working with Hazen and Sawyer on a hydraulic model of the City's water distribution system. A water model is a powerful simulation tool that can help analyze a number of factors and conditions affecting the operation of a water system including flow; pressure; pipe size; valve locations; system capacity; and more. Data that will be used to build the model has already been collected and is currently being analyzed as the model is developed. Upon completion, the hydraulic model will help the City evaluate impacts on the water system from proposed developments and new connections. The information will be used to refine procedures for the water capacity allocation process for new developments. Modeling will also be used to help identify any current or potential future deficiencies in water service based on projected demands and system capacity.



Water Valve Maintenance Program Progressing
 An ongoing water valve maintenance program is a key component of a high performing water distribution system. In the event of a water main break, knowing where valves are located, verifying they are in good working condition, and ensuring they are functioning properly, enables crews to quickly isolate water flows, and make fast and efficient repairs with minimal water service disruption. The City currently follows the American Water Works Association's (AWWA) best practices for water valve maintenance, which recommends completing a full cycle of valve inspections and maintenance every five years. Based on these guidelines, the Public Works Utilities Division is in the final stages of developing its own standard operating procedures for this important preventative maintenance program. This calendar year, crews have already inspected and exercised 3,203 (or 20%) of the system's 12,915 valves. They have also collected GPS data on approximately 11,700 valves which will be used as part of the City's mapping process to ensure accurate and precise locations of water valves.



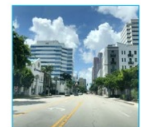
Stormwater Improvements for Edgewood and River Oaks
 More than \$70 million in stormwater infrastructure improvements are coming to Fort Lauderdale's Edgewood and River Oaks neighborhoods. Construction plans are currently being reviewed by Broward County. Once approved, a competitive bidding process will take place, a contractor will be selected, and construction work should begin in early 2021. The combined project scope for both neighborhoods will include: 40,000 linear feet (LF) of new storm sewers; 10,000 LF of storm sewer replacements; 5,500 LF of infiltration trench; 19,000 square yards (SY) of new swales; 35,000 SY of permeable pavement; nine water quality structures and two stormwater pump stations. It is estimated that the projects will be completed in approximately 36 months.



Restoration Set for Hector and Virginia Young Parks
 The restoration of Hector Park and Virginia Young Park is moving forward. In the coming weeks, a contractor will begin mobilizing with materials, equipment, and supplies to prepare the sites for construction. The project scope will feature stormwater improvements that include 19 new drainage structures, 850 linear feet (LF) of new storm trench, and 200 LF of storm sewer drain pipe. A new 8-inch water main will be installed, along with new curbing, concrete gutters, and sidewalks. Streets and roadways will be milled and resurfaced. Restoration efforts in the parks will include removing existing soil and installing new playground equipment, lighting, irrigation, artificial turf and other park amenities. Construction is expected to be substantially completed by November 2020.



A PENNY FOR YOUR COMMUTE



Broward County voters approved the Penny For Transportation in November 2018. This surtax took effect on January 1, 2019, adding a penny to the sales tax over the next 30 years that is dedicated to transportation improvements. Since then, City staff has worked closely with staff from Broward County and the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to identify and advance projects that will help transform our transportation system.

What's New

In June 2020, the Broward County Commission approved funding for the first cycle of municipal-requested projects which included 97 municipal capital projects equalling \$65.7M and 40 municipal rehabilitation & maintenance (R&M) projects equalling \$55.5M for a total of \$121.2M. Fort Lauderdale received nearly \$9.5 million in this initial round of funding.

Capital Projects

- Capital projects are projects that add new elements to the street that alleviate congestion or enhance connectivity. Cycle 1 projects were required to be program-ready this year, meaning they are ready to begin either the planning, design, or construction phase.
- **NW 15th Avenue Improvements from Sunrise Boulevard to Mills Pond Park**
 Consisting of two surtax-funded projects, the improvements in this area were identified as a priority in the City's Connecting the Blocks Transportation Plan and will improve safety for all users. These projects include creating a wide shared use path on the west side of the street for bicyclists and pedestrians, landscaping to shade the path, pedestrian lighting and upgraded roadway lighting, traffic calming, crosswalks, and ADA improvements.
 - **Andrews Avenue and 3rd Avenue One-Way Pairs Study from SE 17th Street to Sunrise Boulevard**
 Consisting of two surtax-funded projects, a one-way pairs feasibility study will reimagine Andrews Avenue and 3rd Avenue in downtown Fort Lauderdale to improve vehicle flow as well as provide space for transit and multimodal accommodations.
 - **New Sidewalks Program (various locations)**
 A surtax-funded project that aims to fill gaps in connectivity and resolve outstanding neighbor sidewalk requests.



Repair & Maintenance Projects

- Funding R&M projects is an important element of the Penny For Transportation program as it enables the City to move forward with ready-for-construction projects without the use of the City's financial resources.
- **South Ocean Drive Bridge Repair**
 - **West Lake Drive Bridge Repair**
 - **Sidewalk Repair Program**
 - **Las Olas Isles Pavement Repair**
- What's Next**
 Staff will continue to work on moving these important projects forward through the reviews and agreements needed. Additional information about each of the projects will be shared in future newsletters and on our website at www.fortlauderdale.gov.



IMPROVING OUR WATERWAYS

Waterway quality was identified as one of the top priorities for the City Commission in 2020. The priority aligns with the City's Five-Year Strategic Plan to build a healthy and engaging community by taking steps to improve our waterways and protect and preserve our natural environment.

City Focused on Algal Bloom Prevention



Algae are a diverse group of aquatic organisms that live in freshwater, saltwater or mixed "brackish" water. They occur naturally in the environment and play an important role in ecosystems, serving as the beginning of the food chain for aquatic life and producing much of the earth's oxygen.

Under certain conditions (high water temperatures, abundant sunlight, and excessive nutrients from stormwater runoff), some species of algae can multiply uncontrollably forming large masses or blooms. Algal blooms can smother the water's surface, block sunlight, and deplete oxygen from the water, harming fish and marine life. In extreme cases (less than one percent), algal blooms can produce toxins that may be potentially harmful to people, pets, and the environment.



Waterways are inspected monthly throughout the year as part of the City's Algal Bloom Monitoring Plan. During peak algal bloom season (July to October), inspections increase to bi-weekly at 14 locations where conditions are typically conducive to algal bloom formation, including sites where algal blooms have previously formed and potential sites which follow the flow of the New River.



If an algal bloom is discovered, the City will conduct weekly inspections and work cooperatively with experts from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) on monitoring, reporting, and mitigation.



The City's ongoing initiatives to prevent algal blooms include identifying and reducing sources of pollutant discharges into local waterways, and educating neighbors about ways to reduce stormwater runoff and nutrient pollution. Neighbors are encouraged to use lawn and garden products sparingly; follow the City Ordinance prohibiting fertilizer use from June 1 - September 30; never dispose of or blow trash, lawn clippings or yard waste into streets, storm drains, or waterways; dispose of household hazardous waste properly; maintain swale areas for proper drainage and retention; sweep paved surfaces instead of hosing them down; vermicompost with native, drought and pest resistant plants; and pick up and properly dispose of pet waste.

Algal blooms may be reported to the FDEP by calling 855-305-3903 or visiting <https://www.fdot.com/AlgalBloom>. For details about stormwater pollution prevention, visit bit.ly/3d88915. For details about Florida-Friendly fertilizer use, visit <https://bit.ly/3d88915>.

CREATING A STRONGER COMMUNITY

Protecting Our Community Assets



Public Works and Information Technology are teaming up to develop a comprehensive inventory of the City's water, sewer, and stormwater assets. Staff are working together to verify the location and assess the condition of assets in each of the City's three utility divisions. Within the water utility, for example, employees have confirmed the location and exercised all the valves associated with the Prospect Wellfield. They are now verifying locations and testing valves associated with the Prele-Dine water plant and accompanying wellfield. Since January, staff has confirmed locations and tested 1,669 valves in the water distribution system. To date, 3,463 of the 12,914 valves have been checked and their locations and status have been entered in the asset management database. Knowing the location and conditions of the utility infrastructure will allow the assets to be easily located, operated, and maintained as needed, so the City can continue to provide quality service to neighbors now and into the future.



Preparing for Emergency Response During COVID

A virtual tabletop exercise was held in June to ensure the City is prepared to quickly and safely respond to an emergency considering challenges posed by COVID-19. Staff worked from numerous locations across the City to coordinate unified response and recovery efforts to a series of emergencies including a hurricane, flood, vehicle accidents, and power outages. The City holds drills at least once a year to ensure we are prepared to respond to our neighbors and get our community back on track as quickly as possible following a hurricane or other emergency. As we get into the height of Hurricane Season, it is also important that our neighbors are prepared and know what to do in the event of a storm. Remember to check your disaster supply kit; have a 3 to 5 day supply of food and water; keep a full tank of gas in your vehicles; know your evacuation routes; make plans to secure homes, pets, and property; check your insurance coverage; secure valuables and important documents; and monitor www.fortlauderdale.gov for important updates.



Investing in Critical Adaptation Strategies

Fort Lauderdale established Adaptation Action Areas (AAA) in 2014 to prioritize infrastructure improvements in places most susceptible to flooding and sea level rise. By elevating seawalls, installing tidal valves, and investing in additional proactive improvements, the City increases its resilience to the effects of climate change. The AAA projects are reviewed and updated annually by staff for inclusion in the five-year Community Investment Plan (CIP) for funding consideration. The FY2020 CIP included 43 projects in 17 AAAs, of which 16 projects have been completed. The proposed 2023 CIP includes 43 AAA projects including stormwater and roadway improvements. Visit www.fortlauderdale.gov to learn more about AAAs and planned improvements.



Helping Homeowners Protect Their Properties

As the City takes steps to strengthen its infrastructure, it also supports programs to help eligible neighbors protect their property. Through its Housing Rehabilitation and Minor Home Repair program, the City offers forgivable loans to homeowners. During the home rehabilitation process, homeowners can install hurricane mitigation protections to improve community resilience. Within the past twelve months, thirteen homes received impact-resistant windows, ten had hurricane-rated exterior doors installed, and nine received new roofs. Going forward, the City will continue to look for ways to partner with neighbors to create a stronger and more resilient Fort Lauderdale for everyone.

Cleaning Our Waterways

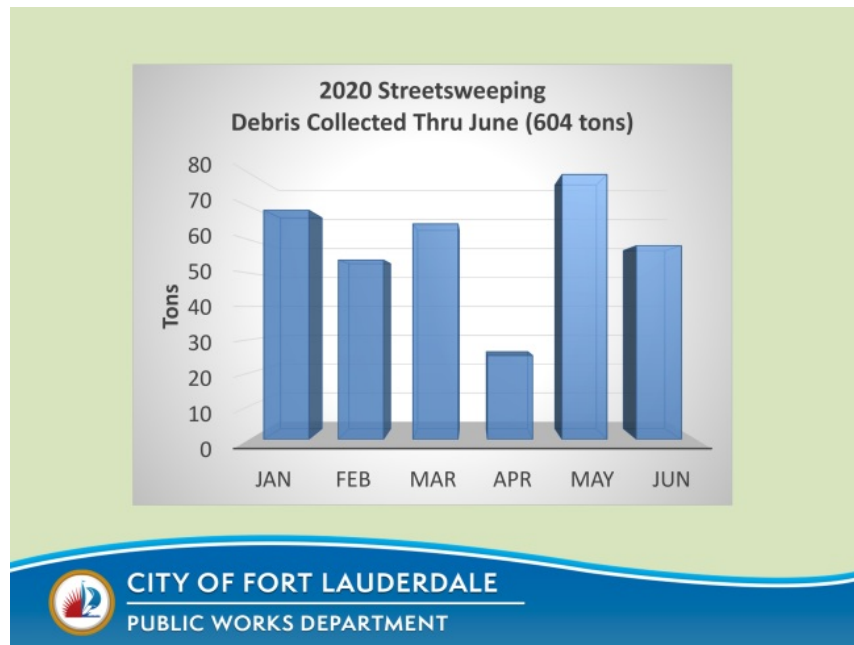
A big thank you to Jeff Maggio (lunkerdog.com) and John Loos III for touring our scenic waterways with Celia Gisleson and me. The education they imparted is most valuable and appreciated. We must do better as we clean this most precious asset and welcome back the wildlife. I was distressed to see the amount of garbage, plastic, and algae.





Click the image below to view the "Removal of Debris from City and Waterway" Charts.

Please be aware that in the first 6 months of 2020, the City removed over 600 tons of roadway debris through street sweeping that would have ended up in our waterway. In addition, during the same time period, catch basin cleaning removed another 455 tons of silt preventing that dirt and debris from entering the waterways. Finally our waterway cleaning contract removed over 27 tons of floating debris during their regular routes this year through June. There is still much more work to be done to keep our waterways clean.



Storm Water Management

The city has undertaken some changes in the stormwater rate structure to make it more equitable to all property owners and to pay for critical stormwater infrastructure improvements.

We are undertaking a major resiliency project to upgrade the stormwater system in low-lying areas that have been very prone to flooding from high tides and heavy rain. The plan is to install tidal control valves, catch basins, drainage pipe and pump stations among a much longer list of improvements. The stormwater management program provides the dual benefits of protecting property from flooding and keeping roads passable.

The new rates provide equitable across single-family homes, multifamily properties and commercial property. Depending on the type of parcel, the fee structure considers total square footage of the parcels or dwelling units and the vehicular trips generated.

A public hearing on the rates will take place at 5 p.m. on September. 14.

Public engagement will consist of mailings, virtual meetings, and educational resources – please see below:

Neighbors can also email their questions or comments to stormwaterrate@fortlauderdale.gov.

<https://www.fortlauderdale.gov/departments/public-works/sustainability-division/stormwater-operations/stormwater-assessment>

Stormwater Management Program

As our community continues to face the impacts of sea level rise and aging infrastructure, we need to make significant investments in our stormwater system to prepare for the future, adapt to changing climate conditions, and ensure we can continue to deliver quality services. The City of Fort Lauderdale is updating its approach to stormwater billing and has developed a new stormwater fee structure to fund major infrastructure improvements and create a stronger, more resilient community.

Proposal to Change Stormwater Fee to Non-Ad Valorem Assessment

Get Frequently Asked Questions Here

Based on a study completed by Stantec Consulting Services, it was recommended and approved by the City Commission, that the stormwater fee be moved from the monthly utility bill to the annual property tax bill, as a Non-Ad Valorem assessment. Using the property tax bill is the most efficient and straightforward method of assessing and collecting stormwater fees, especially in Fort Lauderdale, where many high rises and condos have one utility account for multiple properties. Placing the charges on the property tax bill certifies the billing is coming directly from the City rather than a third party, streamlines the administrative process, provides for better accuracy, and ensures the new fee formula is properly applied to each property. Beginning in October 2020, your stormwater rate will be billed annually on your property tax bill instead of monthly on your utility bill. The stormwater management fee will appear as a stormwater assessment in the Non-Ad Valorem Taxes section of your Property Tax bill.

Proposed Stormwater Fee Structure

In addition to the change in the billing approach, the City has adopted a new stormwater fee structure with a methodology based on equitably recovering costs in proportion to the benefit that each property receives from the stormwater system. Depending on the type of parcel, the stormwater utility fee structure considers total square footage of the parcels or dwelling units and the trips generated by various property types. The City's stormwater management services provide the dual benefits of protecting property from flooding and keeping roads passable. The hybrid rate methodology was presented to the Infrastructure Task Force and the Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Associations, both of which support the program.

Public Hearing September 14, 2020 for Proposed Stormwater Assessment

The City Commission will hold a public hearing to discuss the proposed FY 2021 Non-Ad Valorem Assessment for Stormwater Program Management at 5:01 p.m., Monday, September 14, 2020. On June 16, 2020, the Commission approved an Ordinance establishing procedures and standards for levying assessments to fund the construction, reconstruction, repair, improvement, and extension of stormwater management systems within the City of Fort Lauderdale. If approved, the Stormwater Program Management Assessment will be collected by Broward County's Records, Taxes, and Treasury Division.

New Stormwater Billing Process

If the City Commission approves the new stormwater rate structure, beginning in late October, neighbors will no longer see the stormwater line item on their monthly utility bill. Instead, the stormwater fee will be charged once a year on the annual property tax bill as a Non-Ad Valorem assessment. Depending on your billing cycle, some neighbors may see a stormwater charge on the October utility bill for the period from the last bill date to the end of September.

Interactive GIS Database

The City worked with Stantec to create a new, interactive, database that allows neighbors to enter a property address and view the proposed stormwater assessment for that property.

Access the searchable GIS database here.

For More Information

If you have questions, please call the 24-Neighbor Service Center at 954-828-8000 or

email lauderserv@fortlauderdale.gov.

Learn More at a Virtual Public Meeting

Prior to the September 14, 2020 public hearing, the City will host a series of five informational virtual meetings to explain the proposed assessment. To comply with social distancing guidelines, meetings are being held online.

The next meetings will be held from 6:00 to 7:00 pm on:

September 2, 2020

September 8, 2020

Neighbors are invited to participate in the meetings to learn more and ask questions. Presentations will be recorded and links to the recordings will be posted on this page following each meeting.

Use the links below to join the online meetings. We suggest that you join the meeting at least several minutes before it begins. Before the meeting starts, test the audio capabilities of your computer or smart device (phone or tablet). Users without access to a computer may phone in instead. For technical assistance, please call 954-828-3587.

Meeting #4 - September 2, 2020 - Meeting for Single-Family Properties Meeting

link: https://fortlauderdale.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_I12iPRtnSFakOSqXUhve6Q

Webinar ID: 160 537 9143

Dial In: +1 669 254 5252 or +1 646 828 7666

Password: 1911

Meeting #5 - September 8, 2020 - Meeting for Commercial Properties Meeting

link: https://fortlauderdale.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_TeRPETuyTBu3Rn7WQf_qLQ

Webinar ID: 161 849 3226

Dial In: +1 669 254 5252 or +1 646 828 7666

Password: 1911

FY 2021 Budget Hearings

The first Budget Hearing will take place this upcoming Thursday, September 3 at 5:00PM. The second Budget Hearing will be Monday, September 14 at 5:00PM.

Both meetings will be hosted on a virtual platform. The agenda will be posted prior to each meeting.

[Click here for meeting information](#)

[Click here to view the FY 2021 Proposed Budget and FY 2021 - 2025 Community Investment Plan](#)

Voting Information

Deadline to Register

Eligible individuals can register to vote at any time. The deadline to register to vote is 29 days before the election. The registration deadline to vote in the 2020 General Election is October 5.

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 period for the 2020 General Election is 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 period for the 2020 General Election is September 24 - October 1.

The last day to request a mail in ballot is October 24.

Early Voting Dates & Times

October 19 Through November 1
7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Election Day - November 3
7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Completed mail-in ballots can be dropped off at your precinct on Election Day unless you mean to disposed of the ballot and vote in person.
If you plan to mail your ballot, please do so by the second week of October and check the status of your ballot at browardsoe.org

[Click here to locate an Early Voting Location](#)

[Click here to request your mail-in ballot for the Nov. 3 General Election](#)

Census Ends September 30! Take Action Now!

Attention Neighbors! The U.S. Census Bureau is ending all counting efforts for the 2020 census on September 30, a month earlier than previously announced. That means we all need to work together to take action today! Please help the City of Fort Lauderdale be accurately counted in the 2020 Census.

Currently, Fort Lauderdale's response rate is 53.3%, which is more than 10 percentage points behind the current national response rate of 63.8%, and more than 7 percentage points under the current state of Florida response rate of 60.6%.

Counting every neighbor in our City gives us an opportunity to receive our fair share of more than \$1.5 trillion in federal funding for infrastructure, schools, housing, roads, healthcare, and public service programs. An accurate census count also provides critical funding for hospitals, disaster recovery, and emergency readiness for pandemics like COVID-19.

Please respond to the 2020 Census today! Fill out and mail back the questionnaire sent to your home; complete the census form online www.my2020census.gov; or take the census over the phone by calling 1-844-330-2020



Water Main Repaired and Water Service Restored to Affected Properties on Fort Lauderdale Beach

Precautionary Boil Water Advisory Remains In Effect

Fort Lauderdale, Fla. – Crews have completed repairs to a damaged water main the vicinity of 500 Seabreeze Boulevard on Fort Lauderdale Beach. Water service to affected properties in the area was restored shortly after 5:00 a.m. this morning (Sunday, August 30).

Temporary restoration work will take place today to reopen the southbound lane of Seabreeze Boulevard near SE 5 Street.

A Precautionary Boil Water Advisory **REMAINS IN EFFECT** for the areas highlighted on the map below. The general boundaries of the Precautionary Boil Water Advisory are as follows:

North: Las Olas Boulevard

South: Holiday Drive

East: Northbound A1A

West: The west side of Seabreeze Boulevard from Las Olas Boulevard south to Holiday Drive

The Precautionary Boil Water Advisory will remain in effect until two consecutive days of passing test results are received as per Florida Administrative Code. Day one samples will be taken today with results expected tomorrow (Monday, August 31). Day 2 samples will be taken tomorrow with results expected on Tuesday, September 1.

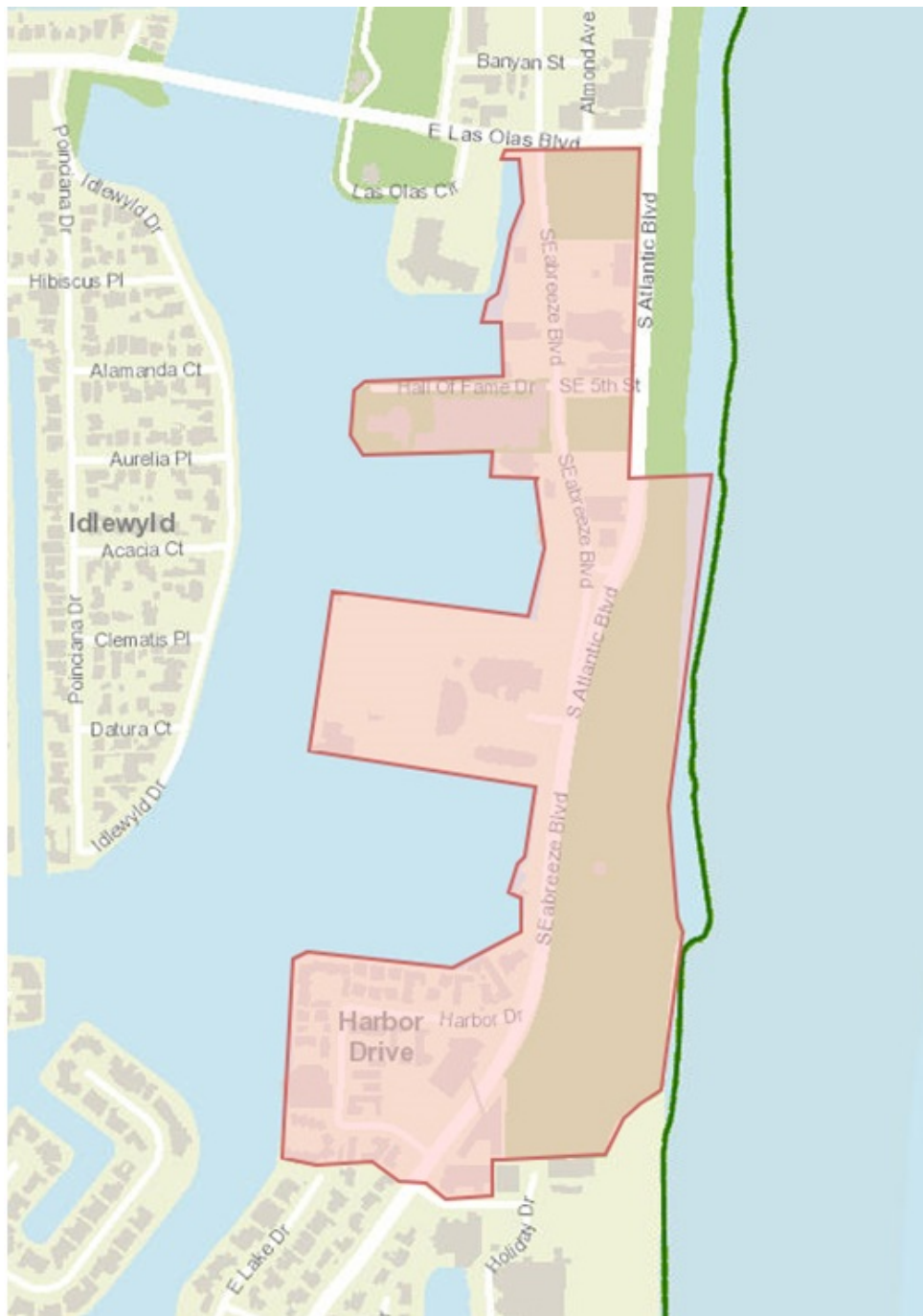
Residents are advised that all water used for drinking, cooking, making ice, brushing teeth, or washing dishes be boiled. A rolling boil of one minute is sufficient. As an alternative, bottled water may be used.

Neighbors with questions may contact the City's 24-Hour Neighbor Call Center at 954-828-8000. To view Frequently Asked Questions about a Precautionary Boil Water Notice, visit <https://bit.ly/2SzfvyM>. To view the announcement on the City's website, visit <https://bit.ly/3lyetCb>.

Stay informed in an emergency! Sign up for Alert FTL. Alert FTL is free to neighbors, simply visit www.fortlauderdale.gov/alertftl or call the City's 24-hour Customer Service Center at 954-828-8000.

Precautionary Boil Water Notice

**REMAINS IN EFFECT
for Properties in Shaded Area on Map Below
August 30, 2020**



Department of Health Information

According to the Florida Department of Health, as of August 28, 2020, the state of Florida had the sixteenth consecutive day below 10% positivity of new cases. Statewide, from approximately 67,578 tests conducted, there were 3,849 new positive COVID-19 cases for a daily positivity rate of 5.7%. There were also 89 reported deaths. In Broward County, from approximately 7,949 tests conducted, there were 387 positive results for a daily positivity rate of 4.87%. In total, results from 495,158 tests administered in Broward County indicated 423,765 negative results; 70,513 positive results; and 880 inconclusive results. To see the latest data from the FDOH, visit bit.ly/2wb29D2.
parkingservices@fortlauderdale.gov.

FLPD Marine Unit Addressing COVID-19 Boating Safety

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department has received concerns regarding boaters who are not abiding by restrictions listed in the Broward County Administrator's [Emergency Order 20-21](#). In response to those concerns, the Fort Lauderdale Police Department Marine Unit will be increasing their enforcement efforts. Among the restrictions included in the order

are:

- Only one vessel per launch ramp at a time is permitted.
- No gathering of more than 10 people permitted at any time. This includes during launch into the water, on-water and when removing vessel from water.
- Boats must remain at least fifty (50) feet apart at all times.
- All forms of rafting up of boats is strictly prohibited.
- Beaching, landing or anchoring on sandbars, islands, or open shorelines is strictly prohibited.

For more details, visit <https://bit.ly/3jnNQxT>. To read the complete list of restrictions for boating and marine activities included in Emergency Order 20-21, visit <https://bit.ly/31E9rwk>.

PARKS & RECREATION
City of Fort Lauderdale

SUPERVISED E-LEARNING

A safe, remote learning environment for children in grades 1-5!
SPACE IS LIMITED. REGISTER TODAY!

MONDAY – FRIDAY
7:30 AM – 6:00 PM
E-Learning from 8 AM – 2 PM
Enrichment Activities from 2 PM – 6 PM

SESSION
September 8 – December 18
Excludes holidays on November 11 and November 26-27.

REGISTRATION INCLUDES
No School Days
(Sept. 28, Oct. 19, Nov. 3, Nov. 23-25)
Early Release Days
(Oct. 16)
Breakfast, Lunch & Snack
Fitness
Swimming
(Carter & Croissant Park only)
Games
Sports Instruction
Visual and Performing Arts
Enrichment Opportunities

LOCATIONS

Carter Park
1450 W. Sunrise Blvd
(954) 828-5411
tbutler@fortlauderdale.gov

Croissant Park
245 W. Park Dr
(954) 828-6154
lthomas@fortlauderdale.gov

Osswald Park
2220 NW 21st Ave
(954) 828-6455
sferguson@fortlauderdale.gov

Warfield Park
1000 N. Andrews Ave
(954) 828-6120
vwright@fortlauderdale.gov

FEE FOR ENTIRE SESSION
Resident \$500, Y.E.S.* \$125
Sibling discounts available.

*The Youth Enrichment Scholarship (Y.E.S.) is available to City of Fort Lauderdale residents. Applicants must bring proof that the child is currently on the School Board's free or reduced lunch program and proof of City residency.

Registration starts Monday, August 31. Register early as space is limited.
Register in person for any of our locations at the sites mentioned above Monday - Friday, 9 AM - 5 PM.

If you would like this publication in an alternative format or if you need reasonable accommodation to participate in this event, please contact (954) 828-PARK (7275) or parksinfo@fortlauderdale.gov.



Attention: Broward County Seniors over the age 60.

If you are in need of food resources
due to the COVID-19 pandemic,
please call the ADRC Helpline at
(954) 745-9779

Please visit our website for information on our programs & services!

www.adrcbroward.org



Area Agency on Aging
of Broward County

Department of
ELDER AFFAIRS
STATE OF FLORIDA



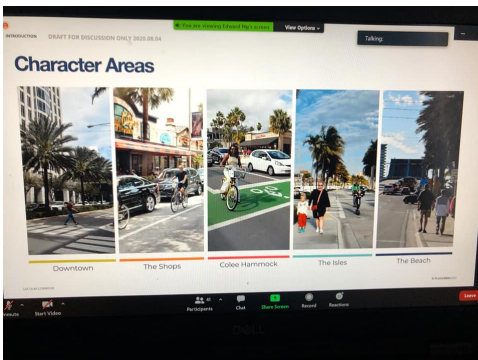
The Las Olas Garage was illuminated in #PurpleAndGold on Wednesday, August 26 as we proudly join the Women's Vote 100 #ForwardIntoLight campaign to amplify the important history of women's fight for the vote and honor the centennial of the 19th Amendment.

Learn more at womensvote100.org



So glad to have joined the Poinsettia Heights Civic Association meeting for an excellent meeting covering many issues in the neighborhood and City. Our neighborhoods have got this Zoom thing down pat!

Excellent turnout at the South Middle River Civic Association meeting. Covered a lot of ground and I want to thank the Board, the membership, and Chief Sousa, Captain Scelfo and their FLPD team for the terrific work and communication.



The Las Olas Mobility Working Group continues the forward momentum. Excellent presentation/video from our consultant - The Corradino Group. Also the usual insightful input from the corridor stakeholders. All posted on City Website. https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=1&v=D6c_tTubSpq&feature=emb_logo

News Articles

Terrified to have a 6-inch swab up your nose? Some COVID-19 testing sites have an alternative — but there's a hitch

Florida's COVID-19 cases now over 621,000 but trending downward

You can buy a piece of the Elbo Room on Fort Lauderdale beach

Florida's COVID-19 cases in children have soared with schools reopening

Downward trend in Florida's COVID-19 crisis continues as state reports 3,197 new cases and 148 new deaths

COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions & Informational Links

[COVID-19 Dashboard](#)

[Baptist Health](#)

[Memorial Health](#)

[Health Information](#)

[City Rules](#)

[Business Assistance](#)

[Broward School Coronavirus Updates](#)

[Broward Food Resources](#)

[Search COVID-19 In Your Area By Zip Code](#)

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

Please do not hesitate to contact our District 2 Outreach Coordinator, Celia Gisleson, with any questions, comments or thoughtful suggestions cgisleson@fortlauderdale.gov or 954-828-5923.

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