



From the desk of

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Fort Lauderdale Vice Mayor, District 2



December 2020 Newsletter

Dear Neighbor,

2020 was a challenging year for our community as we navigated through the COVID-19 pandemic. While we still face uncertainty in the coming days, weeks and months, breakthroughs in a vaccine and treatment give us reason to hope and to know that we will overcome this once-in-a-generation test of our will and grit.

Taking steps to control and eradicate the virus in 2021 creates opportunities to move our City forward and build back a stronger economy than ever. As we plan to kick start local businesses and return to normalcy, we need to continue to diligently wear masks, wash hands often, maintain social distancing, and follow health and safety guidelines until the medical professionals let us know we are in the clear. Vigilance and proper planning will ensure that every neighborhood in the City can find a path forward towards a greater prosperity.

COVID-19 Assistance Roundup

Without question, every resident and business across our City was impacted by COVID-19 this past year. City staff and our partners acted swiftly to set up testing centers, provide food distributions, and housing and business assistance across Fort Lauderdale and our County. Thank you to our staff, partners and volunteers who have worked to help our neighbors and businesses. I would be remiss not to offer a special thanks to the first responders, doctors, nurses and technicians who have sacrificed so much this year, coming face-to-face with the virus on a day-to-day basis.

The efforts of the last year include*:

- **114,000+ COVID-19 tests administered** at Holiday and Mills Pond Parks
- **33-plus weeks of Thursday Food Distributions** at Mills Pond Park totaling **more than 28,500 grocery kits**
- **Prevented 440-plus households from experiencing homelessness** through ongoing housing assistance by providing **more than 1,130 units of financial assistance** which includes multiple months of rent, mortgage and utility payments
- **Nearly \$300,000 in COVID grants** to businesses within the Central City and Northwest Progresso Flagler Heights Community Redevelopment Agency
- **\$13 million-plus in Cares Act Funding** was allocated to Fort Lauderdale as a subrecipient from Broward County

*Numbers as of November/December 2020

If you or a business needs assistance, please visit [FortLauderdale.gov](https://www.fortlauderdale.gov) and click the red banner on the homepage, [Broward.org/coronavirus](https://www.broward.org/coronavirus), or our office.

Planning for the Future – Commission Goals and Priorities

With the commencement of the new year, the Commission convenes for our annual Goal Setting and Prioritization Workshop on Friday, Jan. 29. The workshop allows for discussion regarding critical issues and outcome-based objectives that help facilitate the Commission's goals and priorities for fiscal year 2021. I will continue to advocate for funding and policies that will build on last year's progress, keep everyone healthy, and help relaunch Fort Lauderdale. Please visit www.fortlauderdale.gov/LauderTrac to view our progress on the 2020 Commission Priorities and email me your suggestions for our priorities workshop — sglassman@fortlauderdale.gov. I congratulate my colleagues on our recent swearing-in for another term in office and look forward to working together in moving our City forward.



**Happy Holidays District 2 from Vice Mayor Steve, Celia, and Pratima!
Have a safe, healthy, and happy New Year!**



Click on the image above to watch Vice Mayor Glassman's holiday message!

Updates from Yesterday's City Commission Meetings

In case you missed them, following are highlights from the Fort Lauderdale City Commission meetings on Tuesday, December 15, 2020. The videos are available at youtube.com/cityoffortlauderdale and the vote summary will be available within the next week at bit.ly/ftlccagendas.

UNIFIED DIRECT PROCUREMENT AUTHORITY (UDPA) MEETING

Joint Government Center Campus Project Moves Forward with P3 Approach

The City Commission met with the Broward County Commission to discuss the Joint Government Center Campus (JGCC) that will be the site of offices and Commission Chambers for both the City and County. The group considered delivery options for the project and unanimously approved moving forward with developing and publishing the solicitation under the Public Private Partnership (P3) statute seeking proposals to design, build, finance, operate, and maintain the JGCC project. The group expects to reconvene by the end of February 2021 to review the solicitation for this unique project that is expected to be a signature feature in the City of Fort Lauderdale. For details, visit bit.ly/3mvXzDP.

CITY COMMISSION CONFERENCE MEETING

Update on Henry E. Kinney Tunnel Top Park Design

The Director of the City's Transportation and Mobility Department together with a

representative from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) provided an update to the City Commission on the design of the upcoming Henry E. Kinney Tunnel Top Park Project. Discussion topics included pedestrian safety features, extending work hours to accelerate completion of the project, and a recommendation to reconfigure westbound Las Olas Boulevard to a single lane at SE 6 Avenue to allow for an expanded pedestrian area. For details, visit, bit.ly/3qUDBWu.

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD MEETING

CRA Board Approves Forgivable Loan for Omegas In Broward, Inc.

The City Commission, acting as the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Board of Commissioners, approved a forgivable loan totaling \$350,000 for Omegas In Broward, Inc. for the renovation, modernization, and build-out of their existing community center located at 1108 Sistrunk Boulevard. The modernized structure will offer a large meeting area for events, new accessible restrooms, an outdoor seating area, and office and storage space. For details, visit bit.ly/2LBUmpf.

CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

Fort Lauderdale Recognized for Efforts to Enhance Employee Well-Being

The City of Fort Lauderdale was recognized as the recipient of the 2020 Cigna Well-Being Award for Outstanding Culture of Well-Being. This honor reflects the City's dedication to the health and overall well-being of its employees and specifically the commitment of staff in the City's Human Resources Department who provide numerous opportunities for employees to engage in their health. To view the presentation of the award, visit bit.ly/34fesfs.

City Commission Reimagines Riverwalk Center

The City Commission discussed their vision for the future of the city-owned property known as the Riverwalk Center located at 100 SE 1st Street and 155 SE 2nd Street. Earlier this year, the City Commission accepted a bid by Stiles Corporation to lease the property for up to 55 years and improve it through updates to the garage as well as the opportunity to activate the ground floor and a portion of the rooftop. The City Commission is open to feedback from stakeholders as the City explores creatively reimagining this property in Downtown. For details, visit bit.ly/3qXJQsG.

Change Order Approved for River Oaks Stormwater Park Project

The City Commission approved a change order in the amount of \$90,213.65 for the River Oaks Stormwater Park Project along with an extension of the contract with Continental Construction USA, LLC by 70 calendar days. This change order accounts for additional construction services Continental Construction USA, LLC will need to perform including the installation of sod in upland areas to prevent growth of exotic ground cover and hand-clearing of exotic species within Tree Preservation Area. For details, visit bit.ly/38bY68u.

Water Storage Tank at Fiveash Water Treatment Plant to be Refurbished

The City Commission approved a \$923,000 agreement with Southern Road & Bridge, LLC for the refurbishment of a five-million-gallon steel storage tank at the Fiveash Water Treatment Plant. The tank is one of three that is used to store finished water on-site prior to distribution to customers. It is in sound operating condition, but requires repair and rehabilitation to maintain its proper condition. For details, visit bit.ly/3nq7Pym.

City Commission Approves Design-Build Agreement for Coral Shores Small Water Mains Improvements

The City Commission approve a \$1,280,000 design-build agreement with David Mancini & Sons, Inc. for the Coral Shores Small Water Mains Improvements Project. This project includes the replacement of approximately 6,200 linear feet of aging and deteriorated 6-inch cast iron pipes that were installed as early as 1947. For details, visit bit.ly/37p7Mh0. Signage Replacement Project Coming to Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport

The City Commission approved a \$901,087 agreement with Southeast Site Services, LLC for the Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport (FXE) Airfield Signage Replacement Project, continuing the incremental transition from incandescent to light emitting diode (LED) technology that began at FXE in 2010. As part of this project, the existing airfield guidance signs south of Runway 9-27 at FXE will be replaced with new LED guidance signs with benefits including energy savings, product longevity, and reduced maintenance. For details, visit bit.ly/3aelzaF.

City Commission Adopts Amended Procurement Ordinance

The City Commission adopted an ordinance on first reading amending Chapter 2 entitled “Administration” of the City’s Code of Ordinances relating to Procurement. The proposed ordinance includes the establishment of definitions of “disadvantaged business enterprise” and “small business” as well as revisions to the Chief Procurement Officer’s duties, responsibilities, and authorizations. For details, visit bit.ly/3gSck2l.

More Information

For more information on items on the December 15, 2020 Commission Meeting agendas, visit the City website at fortlauderdale.legistar.com/calendar.

Next City Commission Meetings on January 5, 2021

The next City Commission meetings are scheduled for Tuesday, January 5. The public can listen to and view the meetings on [FLTV](#), [YouTube](#), Zoom, Comcast Channel 78, and AT&T U-verse Channel 99. To learn more about City Commission meetings, including how to view agendas and sign up to speak, visit fortlauderdale.gov/vcmeetings.

For More Information

The City of Fort Lauderdale offers numerous ways for neighbors to receive important information and updates:

- Monitor the City website at www.fortlauderdale.gov
- Register for Alert FTL at <https://www.fortlauderdale.gov/alertftl>
- If you live in Fort Lauderdale, join NextDoor at www.nextdoor.com
- Follow us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/FTLCityNews
- Like us on Facebook www.facebook.com/CityofFortLauderdale
- Follow us on Instagram at www.instagram.com/CityofFortLauderdale
- Get E-news delivered to your inbox www.fortlauderdale.gov/enews
- Subscribe to our YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/CityofFortLauderdale
- Download the Lauderserv App on your smartphone or tablet at www.fortlauderdale.gov/lauderserv
- Contact our 24-hour Customer Service Center at 954-828-8000

To view LauderBriefs on the City’s website, visit fortlauderdale.gov/lauderbriefs.

Applications for Non-Profit Funding Requests for Fiscal Year 2022 Available January 3

The City of Fort Lauderdale is proud to invest in a variety of local non-profit organizations that provide essential services to our community.

New for the 2022 fiscal year, the City will accept applications for non-profit program and initiative funding requests in January 2021. A comprehensive review of all requests for the 2022 fiscal year will help ensure that City resources are allocated in a manner that aligns with the highest priorities and greatest need.

Applications will be evaluated for their value to the community, budget, implementation plan, and strength of outcomes. The Budget Advisory Board will review the applications and provide their recommendations to the City Manager for consideration. The City Manager will incorporate final recommendations into the FY 2022 proposed budget, which will be presented to the City Commission in July 2021.

Funding applications for the 2022 fiscal year, which runs from October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022, will be available from January 3 to January 25, 2021.

[Click here for more information](#), including a list of Frequently Asked Questions.

A Fort Lauderdale Holiday Tradition!
HISTORIC STRANAHAN HOUSE MUSEUM
Victorian Holiday Tours
DECEMBER 11 THRU 23, 2020
ADVANCE REGISTRATION REQUIRED
\$25 PER PERSON
tinyurl.com/StranahanHoliday

954-524-4736
 HISTORIC STRANAHAN HOUSE MUSEUM
 335 SE 6th Avenue IN FORT LAUDERDALE
PARKING AVAILABLE ON LAS OLAS OR AT THE RIVERSIDE HOTEL GARAGE

Everyone has traditions they celebrate and enjoy during the Christmas Season. Travel back in time to the Victorian era in the elegantly decorated Historic Stranahan House Museum and find out how many of these traditions started and where they came from. Nighttime tours include costumed docents, music, gift shop, and a sweet treat from the Georgia Pig!



**BONNET HOUSE HOLIDAY
 EVENING TOURS &
 HOLIDAY DECORATIONS
 FOR SALE**

**Wednesday, Thursday & Friday
 December 16, 17 & 18
 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm**

Guests will enjoy a self-guided tour experience with trees, wreaths and centerpieces in the exhibit rooms and holiday music playing in the background. Broward Center Spotlights are scheduled to perform Thursday evening 6:30-7:00pm and 7:15 -7:45pm. Be sure to buy your tickets today.

Many of the decorations are available for purchase with 100% of the proceeds benefiting Bonnet House. Click on link below to view some of the items for sale.

[Bonnet House Holiday Evening Tours](#)

[Bonnet House Holiday Decor Items](#)

NSU ART MUSEUM FORT LAUDERDALE FORT LAUDERDALE NEIGHBOR DAY

Free Admission to NSU Art Museum

Fort Lauderdale residents receive free admission to NSU Art Museum on Fort Lauderdale Neighbor Days. The museum is open with new [health and safety guidelines](#) in place.

For free admission, residents must show a photo ID, driver's license or residential utility bill with proof of Fort Lauderdale address. Upcoming Fort Lauderdale Neighbor Days are Sunday, Dec. 27; Sunday, Jan. 21; and Sunday, Feb. 28.



THANK YOU!

MODS HONORS OUR COMMUNITY'S HEROES*

FREE Admission Now Through January 31!

The Museum of Discover and Science is proud to offer military personnel, first responders and their families FREE admission! From now through January 31, active military and reserves, first responders (doctors, nurses, hospital workers, police, EMTs and fire fighters) and up to five family members can enjoy MODS exhibits free of charge. This program has been made possible through support from CSX, Florida Blue Foundation and Christine and M. Austin Forman.

[Click here for more information](#)

TRIANGLE SERVICES AVIATION
Positions available in Dade & Broward County

JOBS



NOW HIRING

RAMP AGENT

Job Description

- Able to lift 70 pounds
- Able to perform the job outdoors and in confined spaces
- Driving in the airport ramp
- Offload and loads bags and cargo
- Maintains the ground equipment in neat conditions
- Able to work as a team player
- Excellent safety driving practices.
- No criminal record within the last 10 years.
- Able to pass a pre-employment drug test.
- Able to pass a fingerprint check and custom clearance (Total cost of the application \$58).
- Employee must pass airport required trainings.
- Fluent in the english language. Spanish will be a plus.
- Able to work holidays and weekends (day, night or extend shift)
- Flexible schedule
- Able to stand for long periods of time.

Qualifications

- Resident located in Fort Lauderdale CRA
- High school diploma
- Legal to work in the United States
- Valid Florida Driver License, no driving violation within the last 3 years (applicant must have at least two years driving experience).

**For more information contact
Thomasina Turner Diggs
(954) 828-4617**

**City of Fort Lauderdale
Community Redevelopment Agency
914 NW Sistrunk Boulevard
Fort Lauderdale , FL 33311**

Florida Department of Health COVID-19 Test Sites in Fort Lauderdale

The Florida Department of Health is operating free, drive-thru COVID-19 test sites at Fort Lauderdale's Mills Pond Park and Holiday Park. Face masks are required at both sites. No appointment is necessary. Vehicles must have windows that fully open and close.

Test options:

- A rapid, or antigen, test is processed on-site and results are usually available the same day.
- A PCR, or molecular, test is processed in a lab and results are typically available in several days.

Know before you go:

If you need a test for a specific reason, such as to return to work or for travel,

be sure to know in advance which type of test is required.

Holiday Park: Rapid (Antigen) and PCR (Molecular) Test

1150 G. Harold Martin Dr. | 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Tuesday through Saturday (closed Sunday and Monday)

Please note that due to increased demand for testing, this site has recently reached capacity by mid-morning. If you do not need a rapid test, consider visiting Mills Pond Park or an alternate site listed below.

- All ages can be tested.
- Face masks are required.
- No appointment necessary.



Mills Pond Park: PCR (Molecular) Test Only

2201 N.W. 9 Ave. | 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday (closed Thursday and Sunday)



- All ages can be tested.
- Face masks are required.
- No appointment necessary.
- Rapid (antigen) testing is not available at this site.

Please plan for extended waiting times.

- Make sure you have a full tank of gas.
- Use the restroom before coming to the sites.
- Bring any necessary food, fluids, and medication.

Alternate testing sites:

Please note that you may be tested at any site, regardless of which county or city you live in. A few sites are listed below, or you may also visit floridahealthcovid19.gov/testing-sites or floridadisaster.org/covid19/testing-sites to find a site near you.

- C.B. Smith Park (9 a.m. - 5 p.m., 7 days a week) - [900 N. Flamingo Rd., Pembroke Pines, FL 33028](https://www.google.com/maps/place/C.B.+Smith+Park/@26.0144444,-80.1444444,15z)
- Hard Rock Stadium (Rapid (antigen) testing available. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., 7 days a week) - [347 Don Shula Dr., Miami Gardens, FL 33056](https://www.google.com/maps/place/Hard+Rock+Stadium/@25.7616778,-80.1811111,15z)

- Miami Beach Convention Center (Rapid (antigen) testing available. Schedule an appointment at curative.com) - 1700 Convention Center Dr., Miami Beach, FL 33139

More information about testing:

- Contact the Florida Department of Health in Broward County at 954-412-7300.
- Visit bit.ly/flcovid19testing for the latest updates on the testing sites at Holiday Park and Mills Pond Park.
- Visit floridahealth.gov/covid19.
- Visit floridadisaster.org/covid19.



It is such an honor and privilege to serve as a Commissioner and Vice Mayor of our beautiful City. Congratulations to my colleagues for being sworn-in to another term and I look forward to the next four years of accomplishments.



Could not have had a more perfect night for the City's first Menorah Lighting Celebration at Las Olas Oceanside Park. Thank you to City of Fort Lauderdale Parks and Recreation- those were the best jelly donuts ever! And thank you to our special guests from Chabad Lubavitch of Fort Lauderdale, Downtown Jewish Center Chabad, and Temple Bat Yahm. Happy Hanukkah!

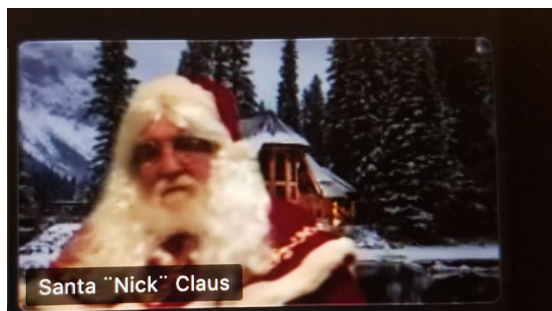
Great day for D2 neighborhoods! Miracle on 13th Street Holiday Social continues the passion on that corridor. It has been a tough year for our small businesses and that is why we have to do all we can to assist and support them. Congrats to The Central City Alliance for all your community spirit and work!



Don't you love the vibe in D2's MASS District?! Fun to celebrate the one-year anniversary of the Sunny Side Up Market. It's every second Sunday of the month from noon-4pm and don't forget the Artwalk every last Saturday evening of the month. Congrats to Dylan Lagi, Shay Walsh and all involved!



All the creatures were stirring! Bravo to the Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Associations for a fun-filled meeting! Hats off to all the costumed members led by president Colleen Lockwood, District 2 rep Michael Albetta, Santa Claus Luis R Castillo-Olivera, and Mrs. Claus Mary Carlisle Peloquin. Terrific!



Always a pleasure, especially during these times, to join Mayor Trantalis and cut the ribbon and welcome a new business to D2



In a very low-key fashion, the City got lit for the holidays. A pleasure joining Mayor Dean Trantalis and Santa Claus at the Las Olas

and the City. Congrats to Marc Falsetto, Pat Marzano and the entire team at Tacocraft, 510 N. Federal Hwy.!

Oceanside Park (LOOP) and Downtown on Las Olas. Although our celebrations will be different this year, our spirit and hope will not be diminished.



The overwhelming goodness of our community was on full display at the 5th Annual Unity in the Community Grocery and Turkey Giveaway at Sanctuary Church. Although the event did not begin until 9am, cars were lined up on Federal Hwy at 4am. Thousands drove through with many telling us what a blessing it was to receive food this week. At this time of year, it is so important to think of those less fortunate than ourselves and to give our thanks to the incredible volunteers, sponsors, and donors who make events such as this possible. It was an honor to present the proclamation to Michael Albetta and all those who gave of themselves so unselfishly.

News Articles

New COVID-19 curfews are in effect for Miami and the town of Palm Beach. Could more cities follow?

COVID-19 in Florida: 9,411 new cases and 79 additional deaths

COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions & Informational Links

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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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