



From the desk of

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Fort Lauderdale Vice Mayor, District 2



## November 2020 Newsletter



Dear Neighbor,

We have experienced many water-related concerns this past year from the sewer main breaks almost a year ago to our most recent flooding from extreme rainfall. With each event, the City continues to take swift and meaningful action through the expedited redundant sewer force main project to investing \$200M in our most flood-impacted neighborhoods which include District 2's Progresso Village and Victoria Park. Much of this work is long overdue and necessary to improve our

water infrastructure across the City.

Before these water events, residents raised concerns about testing of the waterways and this was brought to the forefront this past year. During our last budget hearings, I advocated that we include \$100,000 for independent water testing at ten recreational sites throughout the City. We recently signed an agreement with Miami Waterkeeper, a South Florida-based non-profit and leader in clean water advocacy, to perform weekly water quality tests throughout the City and results will be posted online at [www.theswimguide.org](http://www.theswimguide.org), using an easy-to-understand method. Weekly reports will follow the same format and criteria scheme used by the Florida Healthy Beaches program to assess recreational water quality. There are a variety of bacterial factors that impact our 165 miles of waterways including wildlife, stormwater runoff, pet waste, landscaping debris, homeless populations, septic tanks and boat discharges. Our waterways are vital to our marine industry and our iconic water activities and this independent water testing will provide more transparency and insight in keeping our waterways clean and safe.

Please view by clicking the LauderTrac Brief below regarding Water Quality and our other 2020 Commission Priorities.



**IMPROVING OUR WATERWAYS**

**Miami Waterkeeper  
 Water Quality Monitoring**

As Fort Lauderdale continues a path of building a healthy community and improving water quality, the City recently committed to a water quality monitoring service agreement with Miami Waterkeeper, a South Florida-based non-profit and leader in clean water advocacy. The agreement requires Miami Waterkeeper to perform weekly water quality testing across key waterway recreational areas over a 12-month period. Weekly results will be posted online at [www.theswimguide.org](http://www.theswimguide.org), using an easy-to-understand method. Results may also be downloaded via the program's mobile device app.



Photo from Miami Waterkeeper

Weekly reports will follow the same format and criteria scheme used by the Florida Healthy Beaches program to assess recreational water quality ([www.floridahealth.gov/environmental-health/beach-water-quality/index.html](http://www.floridahealth.gov/environmental-health/beach-water-quality/index.html)):

<span style="color: green;">●</span> Good ("green")	= 0-35 Enterococci per 100 milliliters of marine water (0-35 MPN – most probable number)
<span style="color: yellow;">●</span> Moderate ("yellow")	= 36-70 Enterococci per 100 milliliters of marine water (36-70 MPN)
<span style="color: red;">●</span> Poor ("red")	= 71 or greater Enterococci per 100 milliliters of marine water (>71 MPN)

The most probable (MPN) unit of measure is a statistical method used to estimate the viable numbers of bacteria in a sample and estimates bacterial cells in water.

Miami Waterkeeper uses the described criteria as a reporting standard to gauge risk of exposure to water while swimming and recreating. Weekly sampling is expected to take place at each of the City's designated Watersports Activity Areas and six additional sites on other water bodies used for recreational purposes. Samples will be collected and processed each Tuesday and posted online the very next day. Sampling is expected to begin in December 2020.

**Proposed Water Sampling Sites**

1. Sand Bar (Sampled from SE 10 Street)
2. Lake Sylvia (Sampled from parking area at the end of Harbor Beach Parkway)
3. Middle River (Sampled at George English Park kayak launch)
4. Sunrise Bay (Sampled from Birch State Park)
5. Sweeting Park (North Fork of the New River)
6. Coontie Hatchee Park (South Fork of the New River)
7. Tarpon River (Sampled at SE 9 Avenue Bridge or from an alternative (ALT) sampling location at South Rio Vista Boulevard)
8. Himmarshee Canal (Sampled at Las Olas Boulevard)
9. Royal Palm Drive (Sampled at Las Olas Boulevard)
10. Annie Beck Park (Sampled at the waterway stairs)



**City to Offer Small Business, Non-Profit and Residential Grants Through CARES Act Assistance Programs**

The City of Fort Lauderdale is committed to helping our residents and businesses throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. The City recognizes that this pandemic has caused extreme hardship for many of the City's residents and business and continues to leverage resources and partnerships to assist those in need.



The City, in partnership with Broward County, is receiving nearly \$4 million of the \$30 million in federal funding the Board of County Commissioners allocated to support the [Broward County CARES Act Small Business and Non-Profit Assistance Grant Program](#). **The City will be awarding a total of \$2.3 million in small business grants through the program, which is being administered by the County's [Office of Economic and Small Business Development](#).**

**Eligible Fort Lauderdale businesses with 20 employees or less and non-profits with 25 employees or less can apply for up to \$5,000, \$10,000 and \$15,000 in one-time grants for costs incurred as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. These funds are not a loan and do not have to be paid back.**

According to Sandy-Michael McDonald, Director of Office of Economic and Small Business Development, "For the profit businesses, priority will be given to small businesses located in six of the County's most economically distressed zip codes and businesses that have not previously received any federal COVID-19-related business assistance funding, such as the Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL), CARES Act Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), or the State of Florida Small Business Emergency Bridge Loan." For non-profits, priority will be given to those that have also not received

prior COVID-19-related financial assistance and have tried to continue providing services during the pandemic.

**The application deadline has been extended through December 2nd at 10PM.**

Interested business owners and non-profits are encouraged to visit the County's website at [Broward.org/cares](http://Broward.org/cares) to learn more about the grant program, eligibility criteria, application requirements, the selection and award process, and free technical assistance.

**Residential Grants**

The City will also be awarding \$1.6 million in residential grants through the Broward CARES Act. The residential component of the CARES Act program is being administered by [Broward County's Family Success Centers](#).

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**Free Drive-Thru COVID-19 Testing at  
Mills Pond Park and Holiday Park**

The Florida Department of Health is operating drive-thru COVID-19 testing sites at Fort Lauderdale's Mills Pond Park, located at 2201 NW 9 Avenue, and Holiday Park, located 1150 G. Harold Martin Dr. (US 1 and N.E. 8th Street just south of Sunrise Boulevard inside Holiday Park). Please remember to wear a face covering.

For more information, contact the Florida Department of Health in Broward County at 954-412-7300.

**Mills Pond Park - PCR Swab Testing Only**

- LOCATION: Mills Pond Park
- ADDRESS: 2201 N.W. 9 Avenue
- HOURS: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- DAYS: Monday through Wednesday and Friday and Saturday (closed Thursday and Sunday)
- SERVICES:
  - Drive-thru testing is available for all ages. Face masks are required.
  - No appointment necessary
  - Rapid (antigen) testing is not available at this site.
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**Holiday Park Rapid (Antigen) and PCR Swab Testing**

- LOCATION: Holiday Park
  - ADDRESS: 1150 G. Harold Martin Dr. (U.S. 1 and N.E. 8th Street, just south of Sunrise Boulevard)
  - HOURS: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
  - DAYS: Tuesday through Saturday (closed Sunday and Monday)
  - SERVICES:
    - Drive-thru testing rapid testing and PCR swab testing is available for all ages. Face masks are required.
    - No appointment necessary.
    - Same-day test results for the rapid (antigen) test.
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Wayne Barton Study Center's  
Good News of Christ Ministries in partnership with the  
City of Fort Lauderdale



In Memoriam  
**Dr. Arthur**



*\*No Walk-Ups*

**"Feed my Children"**

*\*While Supplies Last*

**Saturday, November 21, 2020 · 9:00am till 12:00pm**

**The Sanctuary Church**

**1400 N Federal Hwy., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33304**

Thank you to the City of Fort Lauderdale, Mayor Dean Trantalis, Vice Mayor Steve Glassman of District 2, Fort Lauderdale Police Department, and Fort Lauderdale Fire & Rescue.



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### Fort Lauderdale Air Show

This Saturday and Sunday, November 21-22, 2020 on Fort Lauderdale Beach  
Flown from Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport

[Click here to visit the Fort Lauderdale Air Show website](#)



**LAS OLAS OCEANSIDE PARK MARKET**  
FARMERS | ANTIQUES | ARTISANS

3000 E. LAS OLAS BLVD • FORT LAUDERDALE • *Saturdays* 9AM-4PM

The Las Olas Oceanside Park Farmers, Antiques and Artisan Market returns to its beachside home at Las Olas Boulevard and A1A, every Saturday from 9

am-4 pm.

Located at Las Olas Oceanside Park, 3000 E. Las Olas Boulevard, the Market features an eclectic array of traditional market fare, including a fine selection of fresh organic produce, cheese, baked items, handmade goods, apothecary, jewelry and more. Guests attending are advised to follow safety guidelines organizers have put in place to create a safe and enjoyable experience for all, including mask free dining zones, sanitizer stations and ground markers to maintain distancing.

\*\*\* MORE AT THE MARKET \*\*\*

Every Saturday from 10:30 - 11:30 leading Yoga Educator, Lisa Pumper of the Yoga Community of Florida will host a Yoga Fusion drop in class on the main lawn for \$10.

Additionally, throughout the year, The LOOP Market will feature monthly themed pop up activities. In November and early December, Winterfest Boat Parade will be onsite spreading holiday cheer, with Santa Sightings, Story time and other activities taking place on Saturday, November 28, December 5 and December 12.

For details and updated list of weekly vendors, visit

[www.facebook.com/oceansideparkmarket](http://www.facebook.com/oceansideparkmarket)

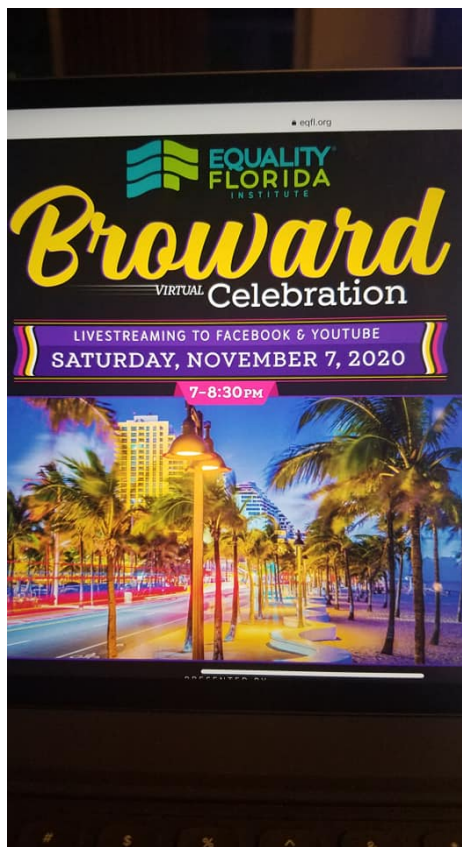


Your input will help shape the experiences and activities our local residents and global visitors will enjoy over the 2021/2022 season at Las Olas Oceanside Park, the Intracoastal Promenade and Sunset Terrace atop the Las Olas Beach Garage. Please complete the following questionnaire by clicking the button below as we begin to finalize our calendar and program schedule for The LOOP: Fort Lauderdale Beach.

[Click here to take the survey!](#)

Congratulations to Tim Schiavone and Joe O'Donnell on a Happy 50th Anniversary of the World Famous Parrot Lounge!





The Annual Equality Florida Broward Celebration is always a terrific event; alas, this year we could not gather together but the virtual gala kept everyone connected. And a special night it was! Thank you, Equality Florida, for the amazing work that you do every day!



Congrats to the Victoria Park Civic Association on its Halloween vehicle parade and virtual costume contest! The neighborhood did a fantastic job in adjusting from its usual neighborhood party to a safe and fun event.



Attending the annual Broward County Cultural Forum always takes me back and I loved seeing so many familiar names and faces at the 2020 event. Every great city in the world understands the importance of arts and culture and how the creative economy affects quality of life. Thank you to the

Broward Cultural Council and Division for all you do to enrich our lives. It is so sad to see the devastation that COVID-19 has brought upon the creative economy, but one day, we will get to the other side.

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### News Articles

[Florida tops 900,000 COVID-19 cases](#)

[How COVID is going to change the way you experience this weekend's Fort Lauderdale Air Show](#)

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### COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions & Informational Links

[COVID-19 Dashboard](#)

[Baptist Health](#)

[Memorial Health](#)

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[City Rules](#)

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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](mailto:cgisleson@fortlauderdale.gov) or 954-828-5923.**

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