



From the desk of

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Fort Lauderdale Vice Mayor, District 2



January 2021 Newsletter

Dear Neighbor,

I want to wish everyone a safe, Happy and Healthy 2021!

With a new year comes an opportunity to review and assess our progress, and plan for the following fiscal year. Below is our latest LauderTrac that provides updates on our 2020 priorities which include: Infrastructure, Waterway Quality, Resiliency, Homelessness and Housing Opportunities, Transportation and Traffic, and the Implementation of the Comprehensive Plan and the Downtown Plan MasterPlan.

This Friday, January 29, the Commission will convene for our Annual Commission Prioritization Workshop beginning at 9:00AM and it will be available to view from our City Website. 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. If you have any suggestions please feel free to email our office.

Meeting Agenda

9:00 am: Mayor's Welcome and Introduction

9:10 am: 2020 Commission Priorities accomplishments/successes

9:30 am: Challenges and opportunities for the upcoming year

10:00 am: Break

10:10 am: Identify 2021 Commission Priorities

Noon Break

12:15 pm Working Lunch: Align Nonprofit Organization Grant Program Target Areas with Commission Priorities

1:00 pm Adjourn meeting

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LAUDERTRAC FORT LAUDERDALE

Tracking Progress on Commission Priorities for 2020

The December 2020 LauderTrac Newsletter is out! Please take a moment to review updates on the City Commission's top priorities for 2020, which include:

- Infrastructure
- Waterway Quality

- Resiliency
- Homelessness and Housing Opportunities
- Transportation and Traffic
- Comprehensive Plan and Downtown Master Plan Implementation

Visit the City's [LauderTrac](http://bit.ly/fllaudertrac) webpage at bit.ly/fllaudertrac or click on the images below for the latest updates and information on progress in each area.



December 2020

INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE

Throughout 2020 the City made significant progress on a variety of infrastructure improvements designed to improve the services we provide to our neighbors. From water and sewer projects to bridges and seawalls, the City has over 150 infrastructure projects in the active stages of planning, design, bidding and construction. This year the Public Works Department completed 25 projects, representing more than \$32 million in improvements. See a brief overview of some projects below. To learn more, visit www.fortlauderdale.gov/laudernet.



Redundant Sewer Line Reaches Sixty Percent Completion

The most notable project to get underway in 2020 was the installation of the 7-mile redundant sewer force main line. The City has committed \$65 million to construct a new service line from the lift station at the Canal Ridge Country Club on Northeast 37 Street south to the George T. Lohmeyer Wastewater Treatment Plant on Southeast 17 Street.

Determined to complete the project as quickly as possible, the City hired two contractors to work simultaneously. Murphy Pipeline is installing the northern portion of the line from Northeast 8 Street to Northeast 37 Street. David Mancini & Sons is installing the southern portion of the line, from the treatment plant to Northeast 8 Street.

The new line is made of high-density polyethylene pipe (HDPE). Crews are installing the pipe using a process called underground directional drilling. The trenchless method is more efficient than traditional open cut construction and is helping to expedite the project. Directional drilling also reduces the need for digging, so there is less disruption to roads and less restoration work. They're using HDPE pipe because it is more resistant to corrosion than iron. It has fewer mechanical joints and is more flexible than traditional ductile pipe, which will reduce maintenance needs and improve the infrastructure's resilience to rising groundwater tables and sea level rise. Fewer repairs and greater longevity equate to more reliable service and resident quality of life.

A 1.5-mile section of the line, from downtown Fort Lauderdale south to the wastewater treatment plant on Southeast 17 Street was activated in October. Once the entire seven-mile line is activated, the concurrent existing line will be taken out of service, rehabilitated and maintained, resulting in two wastewater transmission lines. The secondary line will create a truly redundant system that will enable the City to use either line as needed, which will minimize interruptions to service.



Investing in Stormwater Improvements

The City will invest \$200 million over the next five years into critical stormwater master plan projects in our most vulnerable areas throughout the city. More than \$70 million in stormwater infrastructure improvements are planned for the Edgewood and River Oaks neighborhoods.

Earlier this year construction plans were submitted to Broward County for approval. In the coming months the City will initiate a bidding process, hire a contractor, and begin construction. The project for both neighborhoods will take about 36 months and will include: 40,000 linear feet (LF) of new storm sewers; 10,000 LF of storm sewer replacement; 5,000 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.



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IMPROVING OUR WATERWAYS



Protecting Waterways from Pollutants

The City of Fort Lauderdale has taken great strides to improve our waterways and protect and preserve our natural environment. One of our primary goals is to prevent pollution and algal blooms through education and enforcement. The City participates in the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit program and operates an aggressive erosion and sediment control program. Some of the actions taken include regular inspections of construction sites for compliance with erosion and sediment control best management practices and prohibiting the use of fertilizer from June 1st to September 30th each year. Neighbors are also educated to never dispose of or blow trash, tires, yard, or lawn clippings in streets, storm drains, or waterways to prevent nutrients that feed the algal blooms from entering waterways. In addition, the City is reviewing a pilot study plan for algae prevention that will help find innovative ways to keep our waterways clean.

Stormwater Improvements

The City of Fort Lauderdale is implementing a stormwater management program through the stormwater master planning effort to address chronic flooding and other stormwater management issues including water quality. Over the past year, the City's Stormwater Operations team took proactive steps to keep our waterways clean by reducing nonpoint-source (NPS) pollution from stormwater runoff. Catch basin cleaning and street sweeping prevented more than 1,000 tons of debris from entering our waterways. Over 30 tons of waste were collected from our waterways and disposed of properly through the City's curbside cleaning program. Furthermore, a new initiative was implemented to install 37 SNOOUT™ pollution prevention devices. The SNOOUT™ devices act as a filter for trash, sediment, leaves, and other debris in the existing catch basins. The devices keep oil and trash on the surface of the water while heavy sediment sinks to the bottom, letting cleaner water flow through the outlet. They remove up to 75 percent of stormwater pollutants and prevent them from entering the waterways.

New Water Monitoring Program

The City established a bacteria monitoring program to ensure waterways are safe for neighbors and visitors enjoying recreational activities. A monitoring service agreement with Miami Waterkeeper will provide the City with weekly water quality testing results across key waterway recreational areas over a 12-month period. Monitoring is scheduled to begin in January 2021. The up-to-date water quality status will be available to the public on www.thewaterguide.org or the program's mobile device app "Swim Guide" that is available to download from the App Store or Google Play.

Additionally, environmental assessments of George English Lake and Tarpon River have been completed in response to the sewer main breaks that occurred starting in December 2019. Sediment removal plans and permits are in process and work is expected to begin in 2021. An environmental assessment is also occurring on the Himmarshee Canal which should be completed in early 2021. The quality of our 165 miles of waterways is critical to our way of life with its beautiful views, marine commerce, habitat for wildlife, and recreational opportunities. The City is dedicated to protecting its waterways as it is the "Venice of America".



December 2020

CREATING A STRONGER COMMUNITY

Throughout 2020 the City made significant progress on a variety of initiatives designed for becoming a stronger and more resilient Fort Lauderdale. The projects will help Fort Lauderdale prepare and adapt to changing climate conditions to create a safe and livable coastal community.



Isle of Palms Seawall Completed

Earlier this year, the City completed a 900-foot seawall on Isle of Palms, which was identified as a high priority project in the Seawall Master Plan. The seawall will protect the road and adjacent property during high tides, preserve roadway access properties on this Isle and make the area less vulnerable to long-term impacts of sea level rise. Total project cost was \$2.4 million.



Progress Continues on Cordova Road Seawall

The City is replacing 2,500 feet of the publicly owned portion of the Cordova Road seawall between SE 7 Street and SE 12 Street to minimize roadway flooding caused by sea level rise, and strengthen community resilience. The seawall is on track to be completed at the end of the month. Additional drainage improvements were recently added to the project scope. Those designs are complete and permit modifications should be approved by regulatory agencies in February 2021. All improvements and road restoration work are scheduled to be completed in April 2021.



Asset Management System Nearing Implementation

Fort Lauderdale partnered with Cityworks to create a system to track its water, stormwater, and wastewater infrastructure. Cityworks integrates with the City's Geographic Information System to map critical underground infrastructure such as pipes, valves, and meters. The new system is capable of tracking conditions, repairs, inspections, and costs of infrastructure features. System information will provide critical details for assessing equipment and maintenance needs in real-time. Cityworks will also allow staff to proactively plan and allocate funding and resources for future infrastructure maintenance and improvements. A phased rollout of the new system will launch in March 2021.

Other key milestones achieved in 2020 to strengthen community resilience include:

- Adopted the 2019 Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact's Unified Sea Level Rise Projections to guide future planning and adaptation efforts.
- Conducted Repetitive Loss Area Analysis of locations that experienced past flooding impacts on private property and presented findings to neighborhood stakeholders.
- Began revisions to the Flood Plain Management Ordinance to set higher standards to protect properties from flooding.
- Designated sustainability and resilience of new facilities as main objective for Parks Bond Initiative.
- Started to analyze elevations of roads that may be threatened by sea level rise.
- Initiated working on project to underground electrical, cable, and phone service in Las Olas Isles.
- Utilized grant funding to retrofit 16 homes with impact windows, 14 homes with secured roofs, and 16 homes with hurricane doors to increase storm readiness.
- Initiated design for back-up generators for stormwater pumps at downtown Storm Stations 1 and 2.
- Ordered 18 high-clearance vehicles for public safety use and operations. Added IIR kits to select first responder vehicles to increase the number of super-high clearance vehicles available.
- Actively participated in the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce Resiliency Committee monthly meetings; and
- Conducted a Hurricane Exercise and mock activation of the Emergency Operations Center to coordinate emergency response efforts.

For more information on resiliency efforts, visit gyr.fortlauderdale.gov



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BUILDING A BRIDGE THROUGH HELP, HOUSING AND HOPE



Affordable Housing Policy Progress

The collaborative efforts of City departments have made progress in multiple ways toward addressing Homelessness and Housing Opportunities throughout the 2020 year. Listed are some of the most significant outcomes of this year.

In mid-2018, the Department of Sustainable Development (DSD) was tasked with developing an affordable housing policy. The goal was to encourage the inclusion of affordable housing in residential and mixed-use development projects by way of providing development incentives (such as additional height and density as well as through the allocation of residential fee units). Since the initiative's inception, DSD has conducted significant research, met with the City's Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC), presented ideas and received feedback during City Commission workshops and conference meetings, and engaged community stakeholders. A draft policy has been developed that provides a path to add affordable housing units within the City's Unified Flex Zone, Regional Activity Centers (RAC), and Transit Oriented Development (TOD) corridors to those whose household income is between 60% and 120% of the median family income for Broward County. Staff is in the process of presenting the draft policy to various stakeholders and intends to bring the policy before the Planning and Zoning Board and the City Commission in 2021.

To further promote affordable workforce housing, multiple projects were approved in 2020. In the central neighborhood of Flagler Village, 100 affordable housing units are currently under construction. Other central and southern region neighborhoods will have an additional 231 units once construction begins. The Housing and Community Development Division (HCD) and the Community Redevelopment Agency together fulfilled an additional 37 units in the northwest neighborhood of River Gardens/ Sweeting Estate. Partnering with the Fort Lauderdale Community Development Corporation (CDC) for property located at 1425 Northwest 3rd Street in the Dorsey Riverbend neighborhood, a property was repurposed to provide a new affordable home with energy efficiency objectives. The home was completed with solar panels and other energy saving technology to relieve future homeowner concerns of rising utility costs (estimated reduction of \$100 per month) while decreasing the carbon footprint of the community. This project is one of many to come to Fort Lauderdale in the upcoming years.

Listed below is a summary of ongoing Housing Projects reviewed by the Development Review Committee:

| Project Name | Address | Affordable Housing Units | Status | City Incentive | City Commission District |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|--|---|--------------------------|
| Poinciana Crossing | 1901 S.W. 1 Avenue | 113 | Approved June 15, 2020 | City transferred 2.3 acres to the Housing Authority for the project | 4 |
| The Addressy (F.K.A. West Village) | 501 N.W. 7 Avenue | 46 | Approved April 19, 2020 | Affordable housing height bonus | 3 |
| Seven on Seventh | 920 N.W. 7 Avenue | 72 | Under DRC Review | Affordable housing height bonus | 2 |
| Village View | 640 N. Andrews Avenue | 100 | Approved October 16, 2019 Under Construction | Low-income Housing Tax Credit (Housing and Urban Development) | 2 |



CRUISING INTO 2021

As 2020 comes to an end, the Fort Lauderdale's Transportation and Mobility (TAM) Department continues to make progress on numerous projects throughout the City that will lead to improved traffic flow and accommodations for transit, bicyclists, and pedestrians. To create a transportation network that is accessible and convenient for all users, we are collaborating with our partners in the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), Broward County, and Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to implement more than 50 projects across the City that will bring us closer to realizing the vision of Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 to have a connected, multimodal community. While, transportation projects are often costly and take many years to complete, the TAM team remains vigilant about ensuring that projects move forward in order to accomplish the goals of our residents.

Made to Move – The City received one of only five *Made to Move* Grants from a collaboration between Unilever and Blue Zones, aimed at increasing accessibility to active transportation. The City is using grant funds to connect the Flagler Greenway to the business areas in the MASS District of the Flagler Village neighborhood, add bike parking, and add creative placemaking through painted intersections. Work has begun on the bike parking and design of the crossings and will be implemented in the coming year.

Las Olas Mobility – Vice Mayor Glassman and Commissioner Sorensen are leading the Las Olas Working Group through a visioning process of what the future Las Olas Boulevard could be with a focus on improving pedestrian, bike, and vehicle accommodations with a consistent branding of the entire corridor. Over this year, significant public input from stakeholders along the corridor has helped shape how the Boulevard is reimagined. The final vision for Las Olas Boulevard will be presented to the City Commission in spring of 2021.

Mobility Hubs – The Downtown Mobility Hub spans across a multi-block area and connects various transportation choices including express, local, and shuttle bus services; Tri-Rail; and Brightline. As construction on the Downtown Mobility Hub nears completion, we are looking ahead to the next mobility hub project on Cypress Creek Boulevard that is currently being designed. The Cypress Creek Mobility Hub will include improvements along Cypress Creek Road from Powerline Road to Dixie Highway such as 10-foot-wide shared use paths and landscaping, new pedestrian accommodations at NW 59th Court and Andrews Way, and enhanced multimodal access to the Cypress Creek Tri-Rail Station.

LauderTrail – LauderTrail is a City Commission-led initiative to create a continuous and comprehensive network of connected urban trail facilities. The trail is expected to connect 17 neighborhoods, 26 parks, 11 K-12 schools, 7 entertainment districts, 14 government services, 3 higher education centers, over 30 cultural centers, 30% of City jobs, and 30% of City residents. In December 2020, City staff identified the PATH Foundation as the not-for-profit trail organization to lead the City's trail masterplan process. The masterplan is scheduled to start in February 2021 and is expected to take 8-10 months to complete.



New bike parking facilities along the Flagler Greenway



Downtown Mobility Hub

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE



Comprehensive Plan

The Comprehensive Plan was adopted on November 17, 2020 following extensive outreach efforts to ensure future development within the City aligns with the needs and interests of our community. Following widespread feedback from stakeholders, the Advance Fort Lauderdale Comprehensive Plan was finalized. The adopted plan consists of 16 elements which includes; future land use, housing, transportation, infrastructure, water supply, coastal management, community health and safety, conservation, parks and recreation, historic preservation, public school facilities, intergovernmental coordination and capital improvements. The updated document contains a concise, user-friendly format that matches the structure of the City's "Fast Forward" Vision Plan and the "Press Play" Strategic Plan. Specifically, each element is comprised of a series of goals, objectives and policies that are aligned with the six focus areas and eight goals of the 2024 Strategic Plan as illustrated to the right.

The Department of Sustainable Development administers the Plan, but its success relies on collaborative cross-departmental efforts and initiatives. This year, your City Commission prioritized numerous advancements initiated in 2020, including:

- ▶ Infrastructure improvements related to transportation and mobility, climate change, solid waste management and sanitary sewer and stormwater elements incorporating:
 - Real-time feedback on traffic volume and speeds at specific locations resulting from the Department of Transportation and Mobility's leveraging BlueTOAD technology
 - Implementation of a leak detection program by the Department of Public Works to mitigate breaks by proactively identifying and repairing leaks
 - Climate change improvements were focused on sea level rise mitigation strategies and seawall improvements along Cordova Road and Isle of Palms
 - The issuance of a \$200 million bond to address wastewater collection and treatment to ensure current and future needs.
- ▶ Progress made on conservation efforts as evidenced by the Public Works' Stormwater Operations Team's comprehensive inspection of the City's catch basin inventory. This project is one of several water quality and flood mitigation strategies that Public Works is pursuing.
- ▶ The Department of Sustainable Development authored policy revisions in an effort to continue to promote affordable housing incentives. Additionally, over 300 affordable housing units were approved for construction in 2020, with additional units under DRG review.

NEIGHBORHOOD ENHANCEMENT

- ▶ FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT
- ▶ URBAN DESIGN ELEMENT
- ▶ HOUSING ELEMENT
- ▶ HISTORIC PRESERVATION ELEMENT
- ▶ CONSERVATION ELEMENT
- ▶ INFRASTRUCTURE
 - ▶ CLIMATE CHANGE ELEMENT
 - ▶ TRANSPORTATION & MOBILITY ELEMENT
 - ▶ SANITARY SEWER, WASTE, & STORMWATER ELEMENT
 - ▶ SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ELEMENT
- ▶ BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT
 - ▶ ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ELEMENT
 - ▶ EDUCATION ELEMENT
- ▶ PUBLIC PLACES
 - ▶ PARKS, RECREATION, AND OPEN SPACE ELEMENT
- ▶ PUBLIC SAFETY
 - ▶ COASTAL MANAGEMENT, COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY ELEMENT
- ▶ INTERNAL SUPPORT
 - ▶ INFILTRATION ELEMENT
 - ▶ CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ELEMENT
 - ▶ INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION ELEMENT

Click on the PDF below to read about the community vaccination site at InterMiami CF Stadium



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

BROWARD HEALTH TO OPEN COMMUNITY VACCINATION SITE AT INTER MIAMI CF STADIUM ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 12

Patients Must Pre-Register Via BrowardHealth.org; No Walk-ups to be Accepted

Fort Lauderdale, Florida – In partnership with the City of Fort Lauderdale and Inter Miami CF, Broward Health will begin COVID-19 vaccinations at its new community stand-up site at Inter Miami CF Stadium at Lockhart Park on Tuesday, January 12, 2021. The site will be open Monday through Friday and expects to vaccinate up to 500 pre-registered patients a day. Patients must meet the following criteria and pre-register to be eligible for vaccination:

- People ages 65 and over.
- Office staff of Broward Health's credentialed physicians.
- EMS.
- Non-credentialed community healthcare providers who do not have access to the vaccine, as well as their office staff.

WHAT: A press conference will be held to discuss the partnership and site details.

WHEN: Tuesday, January 12, 2021, at 2 p.m.

WHERE: Inter Miami CF Stadium at Lockhart Park
1350 NW 55th St., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309

*Media can stage in the designated media area in the gravel lot on the south side of the stadium.

**Pending weather, the press conference will be held on the south side of the stadium in the Fan Zone, located directly across from the media staging area.

WHO: City of Fort Lauderdale Mayor Dean Trantalis
Broward Health Medical Director of Ambulatory Services Aldo Calvo, D.O.
(bilingual)

VACCINATION SITE AT HOLIDAY PARK RELOCATES TO SNYDER PARK

The Florida Department of Health (FDOH) in Broward County vaccination site, operated in partnership with the City of Fort Lauderdale, at Holiday Park will move to a new location beginning next week.

Starting Tuesday, January 26, 2021, COVID-19 vaccines will be administered at Snyder Park, 3299 SW 4th Ave., by appointment only. Holiday Park will no longer serve as a vaccination site after Saturday, January 23, 2021. Specimen collection for COVID-19 testing will not resume at Holiday Park at this time. The transition to the new location will enhance service and traffic flow.

State Surgeon General Dr. Scott Rivkees issued a Public Health Advisory on January 21, 2021, prioritizing Florida residents for COVID-19 vaccinations given in Florida. Residents who meet the criteria of being age 65 or older, or frontline healthcare workers, can request to make an appointment by calling 866-201-6313 or TTY at 833-476-1526. People who received their first COVID-19 vaccine at Holiday Park before January 22, 2021 should go to Snyder Park to receive their second dose, 21 days later, on the date written on their

appointment card at the time they arrived for their first dose. These individuals don't need to make a new appointment.

Holiday Park will resume normal park operations and access by January 26. For all inquiries about testing and vaccinations, FDOH has a COVID-19 Call Center that can be contacted 24/7 at 866-779-6121 or by email at COVID-19@flhealth.gov. For more information, please visit www.CDC.gov and www.floridahealth.gov.

DOH-BROWARD IS NOW INCLUDED IN THE NEW STATE COVID-19 VACCINE APPOINTMENT SCHEDULING SYSTEM

The Florida Department of Health in Broward County (DOH-Broward) is now included in the new State COVID-19 vaccine appointment scheduling system. Appointments for DOH-Broward COVID-19 vaccination sites can be scheduled using the system starting immediately. Seniors ages 65 and older, and frontline healthcare workers, can call (866) 201-6313 to request an appointment. For those requiring TTY access, the phone number is (833) 476-1526.

When people call the appointment number, they will be asked through an automated system to enter information using their telephone keypad. Live agents will call people back to make appointments until all current appointments are filled.

People who receive their first dose of COVID-19 vaccine at DOH-Broward sites through this new appointment system will be asked to schedule their second dose through this new system.

People who received their first dose of vaccine at a DOH-Broward site without making an appointment in this new appointment system do not need to make an appointment for their second dose. They should return to the same site on the date written on their vaccination card at the same time as they arrived for their first dose. Other than these individuals receiving their second dose, no one will be served without an appointment.

"So far, of the 100,090 doses of COVID-19 vaccine provided in Broward County, 53,295 have been provided at DOH-Broward managed sites in partnership with Broward County, municipalities, BSO, and municipal law enforcement and EMS/Fire Rescue. We are looking forward to continuing to serve and protect our seniors and frontline healthcare workers via the new State appointment scheduling system," said Dr. Paula Thaqi, Director of DOH-Broward.

For information about DOH-Broward, go to <http://broward.floridahealth.gov>.

For more information about the Florida Department of Health please visit www.FloridaHealth.gov.

Volunteers Needed

Broward County Department of Health has begun COVID vaccinations for the residents in our community. If you would like to volunteer to help us please register at: BrowardMRU.com

Medical training is useful but is not required to volunteer. Thank you.

Warren Sturman, MD
Unit Leader
Broward Medical Reserve Corps



GRANT APPLICATION PORTAL NOW AVAILABLE

Visit bit.ly/ftlnonprofitapp for details!

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

The City is accepting applications for nonprofit program and initiative funding requests through **Today, Monday, January 25, 2021**. A comprehensive review of all requests for the 2022 fiscal year, which runs from October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022, will help ensure that City resources are allocated in a manner that aligns with the City's highest priorities.

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

[Click here for more information](#), including a list of frequently asked questions.



Paycheck Protection Program

Reopened: January 11, 2021


The Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) has re-opened for new borrowers and certain existing PPP borrowers. Up to \$284 billion is available for job retention and certain other expenses through March 31, 2021.

Key Updates:

- PPP borrowers can set their PPP loan's covered period to be any length between 8 and 24 weeks to best meet their business needs;
- PPP loans will cover additional expenses, including operations expenditures, property damage costs, supplier costs, and worker protection expenditures;
- The Program's eligibility is expanded to include 501(c)(6)s, housing cooperatives, destination marketing organizations, among other types of organizations;
- The PPP provides greater flexibility for seasonal employees;
- Certain existing PPP borrowers can request to modify their First Draw PPP Loan amount; and
- Certain existing PPP borrowers are now eligible to apply for a Second Draw PPP Loan.

A borrower is generally eligible for a Second Draw PPP Loan if the borrower:

- Previously received a First Draw PPP Loan and will or has used the full amount only for authorized uses;
- Has no more than 300 employees; and
- Can demonstrate at least a 25% reduction in gross receipts between comparable quarters in 2019 and 2020.

Visit the SBA's website for additional information, including new guidance -  SBA.Gov

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The Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), a vital lifeline that helped keep some pandemic-ravaged small businesses afloat, during the early days of COVID, reopened to applicants on Monday, January 11th, with several key changes to advantage small businesses, especially our women and minority owned small businesses.

Although the federal government backs the loans, the money is issued by financial institutions such as banks, credit unions and community lenders. Most lenders that participated in the earlier rounds are expected to do so again. There will be lenders who you currently do not have a relationship with, that will be able to assist you.

Some immediate keys to getting a loan include:

- Showing your business has had revenue decline by at least 25% in any quarter of 2020 compared with its corresponding quarter of 2019.
- Having no more than 300 employees at a physical location.
- Additional expenses covered, including operations expenditures, property

damage costs, supplier costs, and worker protection expenditures.

The program is expected to close to all borrowers on March 31st.

[Learn More](#)

Fort Lauderdale Chosen by EPA as WIFIA Loan Applicant

City seeks funding through federal loan program for infrastructure improvements

The City of Fort Lauderdale has been invited to apply for a Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) loan administered by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). If approved, the WIFIA loan would partially fund stormwater improvements in seven Fort Lauderdale neighborhoods that were identified as vulnerable to flooding in the City's 2018

Stormwater Master Plan:

- Historic Dorsey-Riverbend
 - Durrs
 - Edgewood
- Progresso Village
 - River Oaks
- Southeast Isles (several neighborhoods in Las Olas Isles area)
 - Victoria Park

The City is issuing \$200 million in bonds to cover the costs of projects in these neighborhoods that will bring new stormwater management infrastructure including seawalls, swales, new pipes, and pump systems over a five-year period. A WIFIA loan would provide financing for up to 49% of the total project cost, at a lower interest cost than traditional bonds, resulting in a significant savings to rate payers.

Fort Lauderdale's proposal is one of 55 chosen by the WIFIA Selection Committee to move forward in the application process. This preliminary approval reflects the value these improvements will bring not only to the neighborhoods in which they are located but also to the City's stormwater system in general. The City of Fort Lauderdale remains steadfast in our commitment to upgrade our infrastructure while reducing the cost that is associated with bringing such large-scale projects to completion and we will continue to pursue innovative funding opportunities. Staff from the City's Finance Department and Public Works Department are working closely on this initiative. A response from the EPA is expected later this year.

To read the EPA's announcement, visit www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-invites-55-new-projects-apply-wifia-loans-improve-water-quality

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, beginning on Tuesday, January 12. Weekly results will be posted online at www.theswimguide.org,

using an easy-to-understand method. Results may also be downloaded via the program's mobile device app. Weekly reports will follow the same format and criteria scheme used by the [Florida Healthy Beaches](#) program to assess recreational water quality:

| | | |
|-----------------------|---|--|
| ● Good ("green") | = | 0-35 Enterococci per 100 milliliters of marine water (0-35 MPN – most probable number) |
| ● Moderate ("yellow") | = | 36-70 Enterococci per 100 milliliters of marine water (36-70 MPN) |
| ● 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.

Water Sampling Sites:

- [George English Park \(Middle River\)](#)
- [Sunrise Bay \(Hugh Taylor State Park\)](#)
- [Lake Sylvia](#)
- [Royal Palm Drive](#)
- [Himmarshee Canal](#)
- [Annie Beck Park](#)
- [Tarpon River](#)
- [SE 10th Street Sandbar](#)
- [Coontie Hatchee Park Kayak Area](#)
- [Sweeting Park](#)

Parks Bond Expenditures



What are my expenses?

| Description | Category | Date of PRBAB Approval | Date of City Commission Approval | Budgeted Expenses | BOND BALANCE |
|------------------------------|------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 4201 N. Ocean Blvd. Property | Land Acquisition | 10/23/2019 | 4/7/2020 | \$ 1,095,696.00 | \$ 198,904,304.00 |
| Tunnel Top Park | New Parks | 1/22/2020 | 9/15/2020 | \$ 10,650,000.00 | \$ 188,254,304.00 |
| Laudertrail | Other | 1/22/2020 | 7/7/2020 | \$ 5,000,000.00 | \$ 183,254,304.00 |
| FLAC | Park Renovations | 2/26/2020 | 7/7/2020 | \$ 7,000,000.00 | \$ 176,254,304.00 |
| Coontie Hatchee Playground | Park Renovations | 5/11/2020 | 6/2/2020 | \$ 337,840.00 | \$ 175,916,464.00 |
| Hortt Park Playground | Park Renovations | 5/11/2020 | 6/2/2020 | \$ 393,901.00 | \$ 175,522,563.00 |
| 1016 Waverly Road Property | Land Acquisition | 5/11/2020 | 7/7/2020 | \$ 2,625,000.00 | \$ 172,897,563.00 |
| Virginia S. Young Park | Park Renovations | 5/27/2020 | 7/7/2020 | \$ 331,500.00 | \$ 172,566,063.00 |
| Hector Park | Park Renovations | 5/27/2020 | 7/7/2020 | \$ 74,500.00 | \$ 172,491,563.00 |
| SW 5 CT and SW 12 Ave. | Land Acquisition | 8/26/2020 | 11/17/2020 | \$ 4,009,229.00 | \$ 168,482,334.00 |



City's Park Bond Website Now Live

Last week, the City of Fort Lauderdale launched a [new website](#) to follow the progress of the bond program and allow for public participation in the decision-making process.

Learn about the bond program with links to the proposed improvements for each individual park as well as an opportunity to provide your ideas on improvements. Visit www.ftlparksprojects.com to learn more.

[Click here](#) to view a video message from Mayor Dean Trantalis on the City's Parks Bond Program and how you can get involved.

Click on the PDF below to read the Update on Revision of the Landscape and Tree Ordinance



Memorandum

Memorandum No: 20-121

Date: December 15, 2020
To: Honorable Mayor and Commissioners
From: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager
Re: Update on Revision of ULDR Section 47-21
Landscape and Tree Preservation Ordinance

Since Fall 2019, City staff have been working on revising ULDR Section 47-21 Landscape & Tree Preservation Ordinance. The goal of the revision is to strengthen tree preservation within the ULDR and have a more streamlined and consistent application of the City's tree and landscaping regulations.

Staff released the first revised draft ordinance to the public on June 22, 2020. Since that time, staff has made 19 presentations to over 24 internal and external stakeholder groups, seeking input. The feedback deadline for comments was extended twice to ensure ample time was given for thorough stakeholder review and comments. In the most recent feedback deadline of October 22, 2020, there was substantial number of comments from interested parties, including a group of local landscape architects, and the Florida Nursery Growers and Landscape Association (FNGLA). Wherever possible, staff attempted to incorporate all stakeholder comments into the proposed ordinance revision that are consistent with the scope and goals of the revisions, and comply with relevant City, County, State, and Federal regulations. However, in some cases where suggested changes did not meet the criteria, staff recommended alternative changes or deferring the changes to a later process.

The attached Table 1 highlights and summarizes the most significant outstanding topics from the October 22, 2020 feedback received. While staff has incorporated most of the feedback received, the following outstanding unresolved issues are not recommended for revision or for an alternative revision because of the following reasons:

- Lack of compliance with other regulations or requirements;
- Substantial expansion of the scope and/or timeline of the revisions; and
- Lack of alignment with the goals of the revision.

Table 1: Outstanding Topics in Proposed Landscape & Tree Preservation Ordinance Revisions

| Outstanding Topics from October 22 feedback | Stakeholder Comments Received | Staff Recommendation | Status (Addressed, Pending) |
|---|---|---|---|
| Re-Ordering Section 47-21. | Recommend reordering of Section 47-21 for a more logical and efficient sequence of parts and topics. | In the interest of finalizing the current scope of revisions, staff does not recommend this action at this time. This would require substantially greater amount of time and effort by staff and City Attorney's Office to accommodate. May require revision of other Sections of ULDR that reference 47-21. Could be considered as a next step for future revisions. | Pending but Staff is not recommending pursuing at this time |
| Extensive revision of entirety of Section 47-21. | Recommend a comprehensive review of entirety of Section 47-21. Offered to form stakeholder working group to assist. | In the interest of finalizing the current scope of revisions, staff does not recommend this action at this time. This would expand scope and timeline well beyond current direction. Could be considered as a next step for future revisions. | Pending but Staff is not recommending pursuing at this time |
| Landscape Designer vs Landscape Architect | Allow Landscape Plans to be prepared by Landscape Designer in addition to Landscape Architects. | Revise to mirror County language which references Florida State Statute requirements for landscape plans. | Addressed |
| Tree Canopy Trust Fund (TCTF) usage | Concerned with any TCTF usage other than planting trees. | Keep language as proposed to maximize the beneficial uses of the fund to plan for and enhance the tree canopy while reducing the amount of unspent funds. | Addressed |
| Florida Friendly Landscaping (FFL) vs. Native landscaping <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why the 50% limit • Why the limit of sod areas | Concerned with ANY percentage requirements for sod, native materials or FFL. | Revise FFL and native requirement language to match County and State requirements and to be consistent with the City's Consumptive Use Permit. Revise sod language to exclude non-irrigated, drought-tolerant sod species installed in retention areas from the sod calculation | Addressed |



FALL IN LOVE, ON FORT LAUDERDALE BEACH

The best Valentine's Day gifts won't be found in a box this year. From yoga at sunset to playing with man's best friend, cooking demonstrations and getting married renewing one's vows under the stars, Fort Lauderdale Beach was made for love - after all, it's where the water kisses the shore. Visit myfortlauderdalebeach.com for upcoming Cupid-approved Events over Valentine's Weekend and Beyond.



LIVE OPTIMAL / OWN POSSIBLE & LET'S GET FIT, LAUDERDALE

Starting February 3 there will be a half dozen donation-based or low-cost fitness classes under the new LO/OP Fit Program at Las Olas Oceanside Park and the Terrace at the Las Olas Beach Garage.

Classes range from Low-Impact Yoga to a challenging Animal Flow, two Sunrise Kettlebell Classes, and a morning and early evening H.I.I.T. workout for every fitness level.

Providing access to a variety of outdoor group fitness classes in a safe and welcoming outdoor setting, each of the LO/OP FIT classes and certified, licensed, and insured training professionals have been added explicitly to the schedule based on their individual areas of expertise. They possess a contagious enthusiasm, desire for you to meet your fitness goals, and believe you can Live Optimal / Own Possible when your mind, body, and spirit lift. To view the upcoming schedule and #stayintheloop on additional classes, including the launch of a new walking club in March, visit

www.theLOOPflb.com

<https://www.facebook.com/theloopflb/events>

The next cycle for the Neighbor Leadership Academy has begun!

Recently we launched the application for the next cohort of the Neighbor Leadership Academy. This will be our 8th class, taking place in March. The class will begin Wednesday, March 3rd and end March 31st.

This class will be completely virtual as we are continuing to take an abundance of precaution with the COVID-19 pandemic still impacting social gatherings.

The deadline to apply is Saturday, Feb 13th, and the application is available here: <https://www.fortlauderdale.gov/departments/city-manager-s-office/office-of-neighbor-support/neighbor-leadership-academy>

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2. Schedule an electronics pick-up (Scheduling required)
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City of Fort Lauderdale residents can conveniently and safely dispose of home electronics curbside on the same day as their scheduled blue cart recycling!

Residents can schedule a pick-up by 4 p.m. on the day before their regularly scheduled recycling day (blue cart) by completing an online form at [fortlauderdale.gov/epickup](https://www.fortlauderdale.gov/epickup) or by calling the City of Fort Lauderdale's 24-Hour Customer Service Center at 954-828-8000.

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, Jan. 21 and Sunday, Feb. 28.



THANK YOU!

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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.

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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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