



From the desk of

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March 2021 Newsletter

Dear Neighbor,

Our community has been tested like never before through this once in a lifetime pandemic. I am pleased to hear that many residents throughout the City have been able to secure their vaccinations. We are moving forward, but please continue to socially distance, wear a mask and remain diligent so we can continue to return to a more normal existence.

Bahia Mar

After requesting that the City Commission be given an update and the ability to discuss our most important public land, I was pleased that last week the Commission deliberated on the future of the City-owned Bahia Mar site. The peninsula is home to the Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show and Bahia Mar-Double Tree by Hilton Hotel, located across the street from the Central Beach Basketball Courts on Fort Lauderdale Beach.

For those of you who might not know, the prior City Commission in December of 2017 approved a new site plan with our tenant Rahn Bahia Mar, but kept the 1995 lease intact. The basis for our discussion on March 16 was a tenant-proposed Amended Master Lease and Phased Lease Agreement predicated mainly on changing the use of the approved 650 multi-family rental units to condominiums. After nearly four and a half hours of tenant presentation, public comment by dozens of citizens and Commission dialogue, the Commission arrived at a consensus on the next steps: doing nothing for the remaining 41 years on the lease is not an option; no condominiums; and keep the lines of communication with the tenant open in order to ensure that the City is no longer stuck with the paltry \$1.5 M annual revenue from the tenant. Renegotiating the lease paves the way for a better deal for rental income, better Boat Show partnership and possibilities, fewer buildings on the site, more open space or even the City buying out the lease. I take the tenant's Counsel seriously when he says, "Everything is on the table."

The discussion also revealed the need for transparency and regular updates from the City Attorney and City Manager regarding major issues such as Bahia Mar and the Boat Show leases and agreements. I want to thank the many people who provided valuable and diverse input on this precious public land. The conversation was most constructive and I am pleased to serve as a liaison with the tenant in reimagining this site and ensuring that the public has abundant access and amenities while the City sees its fair share of revenue from any and all leases. Let's get to work!

Article Below

Fort Lauderdale to Bahia Mar developer: Forget building condos on public land



Site plan approved by former Commission in December, 2017. We need less density, more open space with public access and amenities, and less residential units.

District 2 Office Changes

Pratima Raju started as my Chief of Staff when I was first elected in March 2018 and has been a strong advocate for all our neighborhoods throughout District 2. Her family is relocating to Seattle, Washington and she will be departing our office at the end of April. I cannot tell you how much I will miss Pratima and working with her every day. It has been an absolute pleasure to know her and to witness her intelligence, passion, and overall savvy. We thank her for her service to the City and wish her the best on her new adventure out West.

In addition, **Nancy Fry** will be joining our office this week as the new Chief of Staff. Nancy is a "Double Cane," with a bachelor's degree in Music Business and a master's degree in Arts Presenting from the University of Miami. She began her career working at various theaters and concert halls, including our own Broward Center for the Performing Arts. After spending a few years in Orlando, she moved back to Broward County and focused on non-profit volunteer work and campaign consulting. We are excited to have her join the District 2 Team! She can be reached at nfry@fortlauderdale.gov. Please join Celia and me in welcoming Nancy.





Fort Lauderdale Expands Its Services with Gridics to Launch Interactive 3D Development Projects Module

New 3D Module Enables Users to View Development Review Committee Projects

The City of Fort Lauderdale, in conjunction with Gridics, LLC, has launched the 3D Projects module within the Gridics Municipal Zoning Platform. The updated application includes the City's Code of Ordinances and Unified Land Development Regulations. Citizens will now be able to access an up-to-date and fully digitized version of the code text, plus an interactive 3D zoning map and parcel-specific tools to look up zoning and property record data.

With its unique technology, Gridics gives municipalities the ability to establish a zoning property record data set for every parcel in one comprehensive zoning code management platform. The 3D Projects Module will help City staff and citizens solve common planning and zoning issues by:

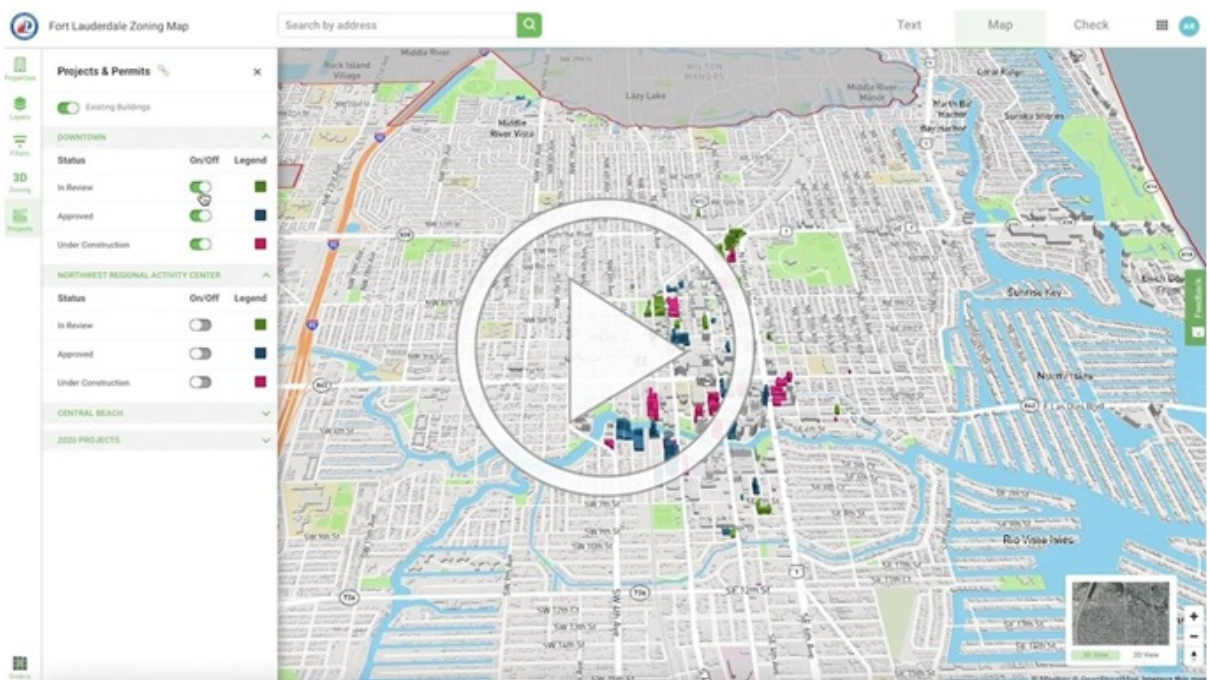
1. Unifying 3D interactive zoning maps and code text in one easy-to-use interface.
2. Providing online citizen self-help tools to reduce front counter zoning inquiries.
3. Allowing municipal staff to quickly view citywide development potential and visualize 3D scenarios.

The Module also allows residents, real estate developers, and other interested parties to view 3D models of development projects that have been submitted to the Fort Lauderdale Development Review Committee. Projects are presented citywide within the 3D zoning map, giving the viewer an understanding of the review and approval status and how the city landscape will change with the addition of new developments.

The combination of Gridics' patented 3D zoning scenario analysis engine and tech-enabled professional services is a natural fit for the City of Fort Lauderdale and supports its ongoing mission of increasing transparency, maximizing efficiency, and delivering forward-looking citizen services.

Learn more on the City's [website](#).

Watch a Video Tutorial to Learn How to Use the 3D Application Map



Sistrunk Marketplace & Brewery to Host Local Artists



The venue will celebrate the Greater Fort Lauderdale arts community during the debut of SMArtWalk on Saturday, March 27. [Read More...](#)



Great news - the Riverwalk Water Trolley has resumed service! This free service runs daily from 10 a.m. – 10 p.m. providing access to 8 stops along the New River:

- Riverwalk Laura Ward Park
- Huizenga Plaza/ Bubier Park
- Riverfront Plaza
- Esplanade Park
- Tarpon River
- New River Yacht Club
- Downtowner Saloon
- Smoker Park

Visit fortlauderdale.gov/watertrolley for more information.



Fort Lauderdale Artwalk
 Saturday, March 27th • Join Us!
 ☐ The Sound of Art ☐
 Join us for an Artwalk full of music!
 Celebrating with Conundrum Stages, Vossae, The Art Root and more.



Sponsored in major part by the businesses along Fort Lauderdale Beach, which make up the BID, families can participate in a variety of safe-distance fun, inclusive, and engaging activities and a little fun in the sun at the inaugural **Spring Fling EGGstravaganza**.

Highlights include a market-wide Egg Hunt, little YOLKS Yoga, a DJ and contests, arts and crafts, selfie stations and a caricature artist, stilt walking balloon artistry, Brunch with

the Easter Bunny experience and special live performance with the Leafy Greens Band. this is a county approved and Covid compliant event with details viewable at: bit.ly/loopeggstraveganza



PENDING CITY APPROVAL
RAIN DATE: 2022

FLORIDA AIDS WALK & MUSIC FESTIVAL

@ THE BEACH
FT. LAUDERDALE

APRIL 24, 2021

PRESENTED BY
AHE PHARMACY



**May
8-9**

The Plane! The Plane!

U.S. Navy Blue Angels flying high!

<https://fortlauderdaleairshow.com/>



Beach Renourishment

In 2021, construction of the Segment II and Segment III Shore Protection Projects (beach nourishment) will begin by the US Army Corps of Engineers contractors. Additionally, construction of the Sand Bypass Project (offshore dredging and beach nourishment) will be completed by a Broward County contractor. Questions regarding these projects can be directed to resilience@broward.org or follow us on Twitter [@BrowardEnv](https://twitter.com/BrowardEnv).

Beach construction access and/or staging will be, at the discretionary needs of the construction vendor, from the following beach access

points:

- NE 30th Street, Fort Lauderdale
- NE 27th Street (Loggerhead Park), Fort Lauderdale
- NE 25th Street, Fort Lauderdale
- NE 18th Street, Fort Lauderdale
- Sunrise Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale

For more information: <https://www.broward.org/BeachRenourishment/Pages/Default.aspx>



Effective March 15th

VACCINATION SITES
Open to **Residents age 60+** and
frontline healthcare workers
Appointments Required
Call **866-201-6313** or visit **myvaccine.fl.gov**

K-12 school employees, sworn law enforcement officers
and firefighters age 50+ only are also currently being
vaccinated at private sites

COVID-19 Vaccinations in Broward County

Who Can Get Vaccinated?

The State is currently prioritizing vaccination for (1) seniors ages 65 and older; (2) long-term care facility residents and staff; (3) health care personnel with direct patient contact; (4) K-12 school employees 50 years of age and older; (5) sworn law enforcement officers 50 years and older; (6) firefighters 50 years of age and older; (7) individuals deemed to be extremely vulnerable to COVID-19 by a physician.

Where Can I Get A Vaccine?

State-Run Appointment System and Locations:

The Florida Division of Emergency Management launched a statewide preregistration system for COVID-19 vaccine appointments. Eligible residents can visit myvaccine.fl.gov to pre-register for vaccine appointments that become available in their area.

Those who have registered will be contacted by phone call, text, or email when appointments become available.

If you would prefer to register for the COVID-19 vaccine in Broward County by phone, please call **866-201-6313** (TTY: 833-476-1526).

For a list of state and county-run vaccine locations, please visit:

<https://www.broward.org/CoronaVirus>

In addition to Department of Health initiatives, numerous hospitals and local pharmacies and retail stores in Broward County are administering the vaccine. Check websites frequently for updates.

Hospitals and Clinic Locations:

- [Broward Health of Corals Springs](#)
- [Broward Health Imperial Point](#)
- [Broward Health Medical Center](#)
- [Broward Health North](#)
- [Cleveland Clinic](#)
- [Florida Medical Center](#)
- [Holy Cross](#)
- [Memorial Hospital Miramar](#)
- [Memorial Hospital Pembroke Pines](#)
- [Memorial Hospital South](#)
- [Memorial Regional Hospital](#)
- [Plantation General Hospital](#)
- [University Hospital](#)
- [Westside Regional Hospital](#)

Local Pharmacies and Retail Stores:

- **Walmart and Sam's Club registration**
Walmart.com/COVIDvaccine or samsclub.com/covid
- **Publix registration**
<https://www.publix.com/covid-vaccine/florida>
- **CVS registration**
<https://www.cvs.com/immunizations/covid-19-vaccine>

Vaccinations are free. Appointments are required at all sites.

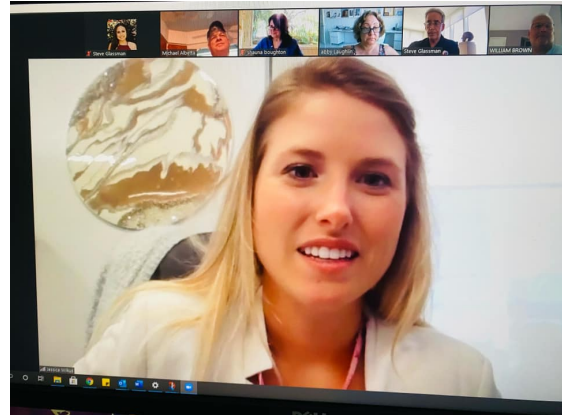


Beautiful day to match the beautiful spirit on 13th Street! Honored to be one of the judges of the Little Free Library Artwalk - fabulous creativity! **Congrats** to Frank Polanco, Colleen Lockwood, and Abby Uhlan Laughlin and the top three selected artists - Ana Andras, Danielle Perry and Lee Brock. Great event in a great neighborhood!

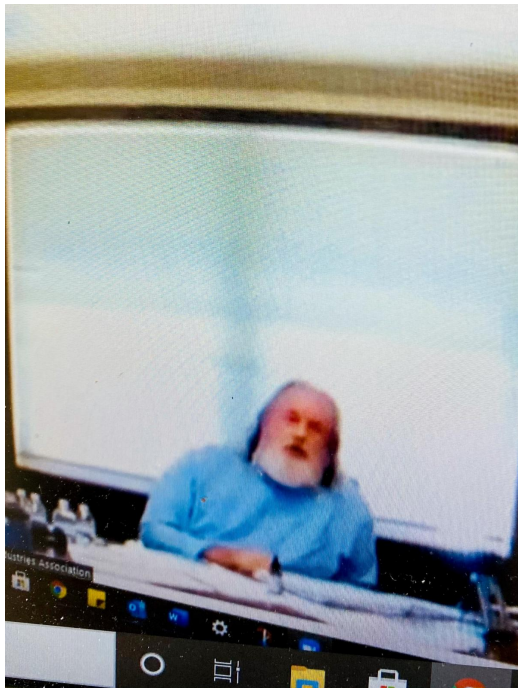


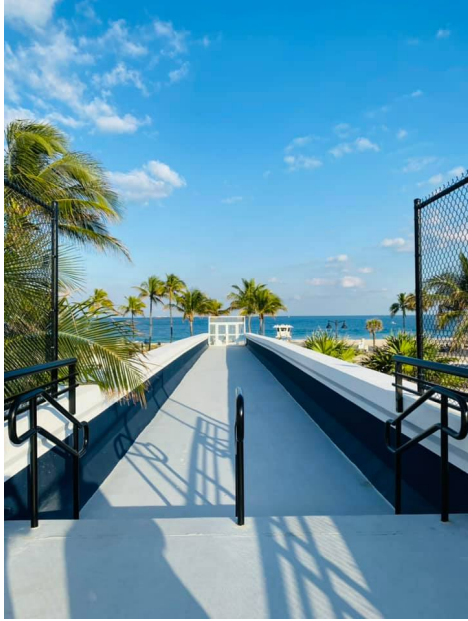
What an amazing 23 participants in the 8th City Neighborhood Leadership Academy. A joy to welcome them and thank them for their service to their neighborhoods and City. Thank you to Jessica Wilkis and all staff in Neighbor Support!

The Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce Beach Council is comprised of members dedicated to a better beach. It has been such a tough year for these businesses, but things are looking up. It was a pleasure to discuss all the beach projects happening now and those to come, Spring Break and citywide happenings.



Tourism and the Marine Industry are our community's biggest economic drivers. We must do all we can to grow and nurture them. That is why it was my pleasure to meet with the Marine Industries Association of South Florida and engage in a meaningful dialogue about issues affecting their business. We touched on topics such as the tunnel(s), joint government campus, Bahia Mar, Las Olas Marina, and more. Thank you for the opportunity to join you!





Finally! After years of crumbling, the Bahia Mar pedestrian bridge is fully restored and reinforced and hotel guests and the public can cross over A1A safely in both directions. This was not an easy task as the City, Bahia Mar and FDOT could not decide who owned the bridge and who was responsible for the repairs. Thus, I want to thank Bahia Mar for stepping up and getting the \$1M job done with no traffic disruption or unsafe areas for pedestrians. Coming soon - public art on the bridge path which will celebrate our natural resources and sea life.



My expectations were exceeded beyond belief when I had the opportunity to tour the progress on the renovated historic Parker Playhouse in Holiday Park - wow! Delivery of the completed project is expected in May and productions will hopefully begin in September. Congrats to President/CEO Kelley Shanley and everyone involved in this amazing transformation!

Fort Lauderdale hoping to avoid Spring Break madness hitting Miami Beach

Florida reports 2,862 new coronavirus cases and another 37 new resident deaths, a clear monthly decline

COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions & Informational Links

[COVID-19 Dashboard](#)

[Baptist Health](#)

[Memorial Health](#)

[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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