



From the desk of

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June 2021 Newsletter

Dear Neighbor,

On Tuesday, the City Commission set a record by holding six different meetings in one day. I want to focus on agenda items from the two workshops and the regular meeting: the proposed FY 2022 Budget and the Las Olas Conceptual Design Vision.

Las Olas Conceptual Design Vision



Las Olas Boulevard is arguably our city's iconic, premier street. Over the years, plans have surfaced for improvements in certain sections that did not take everyone into consideration. Thus, Commissioner Ben Sorensen and I convened the Las Olas Mobility Working Group to study holistically the entire stretch of road from Andrews Avenue to A1A. The agreed upon mission: "connecting residents, businesses and visitors of Fort Lauderdale through the enhancement of this iconic boulevard representing our history and future".

After two and a half years of planning, public input, and revisions, a resolution to accept the Las Olas Conceptual Design Vision was unanimously passed by the Fort Lauderdale City Commission. As I like to remind everyone, there is still much work left ahead of us since we have only accepted a vision of what we would like - we have not adopted a plan or begun the design phase. This is a guidepost for moving us forward. We will continue to flesh out more details as we proceed, and, as always, we will continue to invite public input along the way.

Taking into account all of the comments and discussion from our June 1st Commission meeting, we divided the Vision into Eastern and Western Corridors to allow for changes to be implemented more easily. The Western Corridor, from Andrews Avenue to SE 12th Avenue, was accepted after some modifications were recommended at the last Commission meeting. The Eastern Corridor, from SE 12th Avenue to the Beach, received some final edits at the Workshop earlier Tuesday.



Invaluable feedback was provided by the residents and businesses all along Las Olas Boulevard which led to some important revisions such as ensuring a comprehensive traffic study will extend from SE 12th Avenue to SE 17th Avenue. Also, we will not be taking any land on SE 15th Avenue, nor will we reduce any parking. Language was added to the plan to cover engineering and infrastructure along the corridor. Future consideration must take into account how the proposed tunnel from the downtown Brightline station to the Beach will impact traffic on Las Olas, and we also need to examine the sightline conditions of the bridges on the north side of Las Olas Isles.



As we know, a plan will take some time to design and implement, so I have advocated for moving forward now on two issues: street markings and lane modifications on SE 15th Avenue to improve traffic flow between Las Olas Boulevard and Broward Boulevard and crosswalks for safety on the Las Olas Isles. Working with the Director of Transportation and Mobility and the City Manager, funds have been identified in the FY 2022 Budget for up to two crosswalks with manual signalization.

Many hours, blood, sweat, and tears went into this Vision Plan. When trying to improve a nearly 2.5 mile street with five distinct sections, there will be a lot of passion from everyone involved as well as a divergence of opinion at times. Many thanks to our Director of Transportation and Mobility, Ben Rogers, as well as his staff, and the Corradino Group for all of their efforts in bringing this vision to fruition. In addition, thank you to the many stakeholders of the Las Olas Mobility Working Group who, over two and a half years, gave of their time, knowledge, and dedication.

Please feel free to read the accepted conceptual design vision for both the [Eastern Corridor](#) and [Western Corridor](#).

Budget Workshop

Less glamorous, but just as essential, was the joint meeting between the City Commission and the Budget Advisory Board on Tuesday. The City Manager presented us with a proposed balanced budget for the 2022 Fiscal Year, and the best news is that it comes without an increase to the millage rate for taxpayers (please note below the millage rate chart of Broward County cities and how Fort Lauderdale consistently taxes its citizens at a much lower rate). This is in part thanks to funding from the CARES Act and other Federal dollars as well as the excellent work of the City Manager and the Budget Advisory Board in aligning our budget to Commission goals.

While the budget cover the entire city, there are items of note in District 2:

- Re-appropriation of \$19 Million for Swimming Hall of Fame renovations
- \$600,000 for Parker Playhouse renovations
- \$800,000 in capital improvements for War Memorial Auditorium
- \$5 Million for the ongoing Breakers Avenue and Birch Road Improvements Community Investment Plan (CIP) project
- \$11 Million for the ongoing A1A Streetscape Improvements CIP project supported by the Central Beach Community Redevelopment (CRA) Fund and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)
- \$300,000 in the CIP for Las Olas Isles signalized crosswalks
- \$1 Million in the Northwest-Progresso-Flagler Heights CRA budget for a loan to support the Broward College Project Free Community Workforce Education and Training
- Ongoing infrastructure projects dealing with water, stormwater, wastewater

Historical Millage Rate Adjustments in Broward County

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Cumulative % Change (14 Years)
Broward County	1.3215	1.5235	1.7670	2.0000	2.0000	2.0000	2.0000	2.3900	2.3900	2.3900	2.3900	3.3464	3.3464	3.3464	153.2%
Weston	4.7340	5.0646	5.9574	5.9574	6.8198	7.4198	7.3698	7.3698	7.5898	7.5898	7.5898	7.9898	8.9898	8.4898	79.3%
Lauderhill	3.3651	3.3651	3.8866	4.3559	4.3939	4.5697	4.5697	4.7982	4.7982	4.7982	5.8732	5.8732	5.8732	5.8732	74.5%
Coral Springs	2.1938	2.6121	2.9600	3.3900	3.3900	3.3900	3.3900	3.9000	3.5000	3.5000	3.5000	3.5000	3.5000	3.5000	59.5%
Hillsboro Beach	5.4309	5.7622	6.5500	7.0000	9.5000	9.5000	9.5000	8.9500	8.5000	8.5000	8.5000	8.6000	8.6000	8.6000	58.4%
Lauderdale Lakes	3.2788	3.4861	4.0652	4.4077	4.7027	4.9700	4.8712	4.7470	4.9865	4.8252	4.9865	5.1361	5.1875	5.1875	58.2%
Pompano Beach	4.3796	4.8869	5.6837	6.4036	6.3857	6.3250	6.3250	6.2301	6.1803	6.1370	6.5378	6.5378	6.5378	6.5378	49.3%
Coconut Creek	3.9155	4.0925	4.5142	4.5142	4.6142	5.6142	5.6142	5.7500	5.9000	5.9000	5.7500	5.8000	5.8000	5.8000	48.1%
Plantation	5.0496	5.3215	5.9999	6.5000	6.6850	7.2899	7.2899	7.2899	7.2899	7.2899	7.2899	7.2899	7.2899	7.2899	44.4%
Tamarac	4.9818	4.9818	5.9000	5.9000	5.9000	5.6833	5.6833	5.1918	5.1918	5.1918	5.3093	6.3191	7.4074	7.0000	40.5%
Hallandale Beach	4.1215	4.2456	4.8124	4.8124	4.8124	4.8122	5.0829	5.0829	5.0819	5.0799	5.3220	5.6270	5.6270	5.6270	36.5%
Davie	4.1725	4.4312	5.1249	5.6880	5.6368	5.6368	5.6368	5.6368	5.6368	5.6736	5.6736	5.6736	5.6736	5.6736	36.0%
Miramar	5.2975	5.4797	6.4654	6.4654	6.4654	6.4654	6.4654	6.7654	6.7654	6.7654	6.7654	7.1172	7.1172	7.1172	34.4%
North Lauderdale	5.5307	6.1875	6.9185	6.9185	7.4066	7.6078	7.6078	7.5000	7.5000	7.5000	7.4000	7.4000	7.4000	7.4000	33.8%
Cooper City	4.7704	4.7704	4.7704	5.0479	5.0526	5.6866	5.7087	5.7202	5.9293	6.3847	7.1347	7.1347	6.9258	6.2280	30.6%
West Park	6.5239	6.5239	7.5697	8.5000	8.9900	9.4200	9.4200	9.2000	8.6500	8.6500	8.6500	8.6500	8.5500	8.5000	30.3%
Hollywood	5.7380	5.6900	6.0456	6.7100	7.4479	7.4479	7.4479	7.4479	7.4479	7.4479	7.4479	7.4665	7.4665	7.4665	30.1%
Margate	5.5591	6.7500	7.7500	7.7500	7.7500	7.5000	7.3300	6.2761	6.3402	6.4554	6.5183	6.5594	7.1171	7.1171	28.0%
Parkland	3.4083	3.4083	4.0198	4.0198	4.0198	3.9999	3.9900	3.9890	3.9870	3.9800	3.9780	4.4000	4.4000	4.2979	26.1%
Oakland Park	4.7662	5.1041	5.7252	5.7252	6.0138	6.3142	6.3995	6.2744	6.1995	6.1555	6.0985	5.9985	6.0880	5.8910	23.6%
Deerfield Beach	4.9537	4.9072	5.3499	6.2482	5.1865	5.1856	6.2317	6.2745	6.1949	6.0493	6.0981	6.1267	6.0018	6.0018	21.2%
Sunrise	5.1232	5.4397	6.0543	6.0543	6.0543	6.0543	6.0543	6.0543	6.0543	6.0543	6.0543	6.0543	6.0543	6.0543	18.2%
Lighthouse Point	3.0887	3.2822	3.6188	3.6188	3.5893	3.5893	3.5893	3.5893	3.5893	3.5893	3.5893	3.5893	3.5893	3.5893	16.2%
Wilton Manors	5.1340	5.3122	5.8000	6.0855	6.2068	6.2068	6.2166	6.0683	6.0683	5.9900	5.9837	5.9587	5.9587	5.9000	14.9%
Dania Beach	5.4044	5.4044	5.8579	5.9998	5.9998	5.9998	5.9998	5.9998	5.9998	5.9998	5.9998	5.9998	5.9998	5.9998	11.0%
Fort Lauderdale	4.1193	4.1193	4.1193	4.1193	4.1193	4.1193	4.1193	4.1193	4.1193	4.1193	4.1193	4.1193	4.1193	4.1193	0.0%
Average Millage Rate	4.4755	4.6982	5.2802	5.5458	5.7362	5.8772	5.9197	5.8306	5.8419	5.8468	5.9446	6.0872	6.1777	6.1003	36%



This Saturday, June 19, is Juneteenth, the day commemorating the end of slavery in the United States. The holiday originated in Galveston, Texas and marks the date in 1865 when the enslaved people of Texas learned, nearly two and a half years after the Emancipation Proclamation, that they were finally free.

This week, the United States Senate unanimously passed a resolution establishing June 19 as “Juneteenth National Independence Day” in the U.S.

There are several Juneteenth celebrations happening in Fort Lauderdale this week. Here are some highlights:

Celebrating Juneteenth: Say Hello to Freedom’s Hand
Virtual Event

Hosted by Broward County Main Library
Thursday, June 17
2 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Juneteenth Celebration 2021
Virtual Event

Sponsored by Broward County Library Foundation
Friday, June 18
3 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Juneteenth Freedom Day Celebration

Saturday, June 19
11 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Old Dillard Museum
1009 NW 4th Ave.

Black Art Brunch
Saturday, June 19
12 p.m. – 4p.m.
C&I Studios
541 NW First Ave.

Looking Forward, Looking Back: Freedom, Afrofuturism and Reflections Juneteenth
Virtual Event

Hosted by NSU Art Museum
Saturday, June 19
3 p.m.

SUNNY SIDE UP MARKET

Plant & Vintage Market

Vintage Finds!
Plants Galore!
15+ Vendors!
Live Jazz!
Food Trucks!
Wine Samples!

This Saturday!!!

June 19th
4-8 PM

HISTORIC STRANAHAN HOUSE
HISTORY MUSEUM

335 SE 6th Ave
Fort Lauderdale, FL

@stranahanhouse

FREE ENTRY

FREE SNEAK PEAK TOURS



THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE PRESENTS

4TH of JULY

Spectacular!

2021

★★★ *Free all day celebration!* ★★★

FORT LAUDERDALE BEACH ★ NOON - 9:30 PM

A1A and Las Olas Boulevard

THIS YEAR'S HEADLINER

FEATURING



NOON - 1 PM ★ PATRIOTIC CONCERT

NOON - 5:00 PM ★ FAMILY ZONE

DJ, Water Slides, Arts & Crafts,
Face Painting, Games & Contests

2:00 - 3:15 PM ★ 4:30 - 6:45 PM

Miami Sound-Byte Band ★ Big City Dogs

★ **7:30 - 9:00 PM** ★
THE BEACH BOYS

9:00 PM ★ FIREWORKS SHOW

MORE DETAILS ON REVERSE!

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EVENT SCHEDULE*

- ★ **NOON - 5 PM** ★
 Family Zone: Water Slides
 Fort Lauderdale Beach South of Las Olas
 - ★ **NOON - 5 PM** ★
 Family Zone: DJ, Face Painting,
 Arts & Crafts, Games, & Contests
 Las Olas Oceanside Park
 - ★ **NOON - 1 PM** ★
 Patriotic Concert
 Las Olas Oceanside Park
 - ★ **2:00 - 3:15 PM** ★
 Miami Sound-Byte Band
 Las Olas Oceanside Park
 - ★ **3:30 - 4:00 PM** ★
 Walk of Fame Induction Ceremony
 Las Olas Oceanside Park
 - ★ **4:00 - 4:30 PM** ★
 Eating Contests
 Las Olas Oceanside Park
 - ★ **4:30 - 6:45 PM** ★
 Big City Dogs
 Fort Lauderdale Beach South of Las Olas
 - ★ **7:30 - 9:00 PM** ★
THE BEACH BOYS
 Fort Lauderdale Beach Stage
 - ★ **9:00 PM** ★
FIREWORKS SHOW
 Fort Lauderdale Beach Over the Atlantic Ocean
- *Schedule subject to change.*

EVENT MAP



Hurricane Preparedness

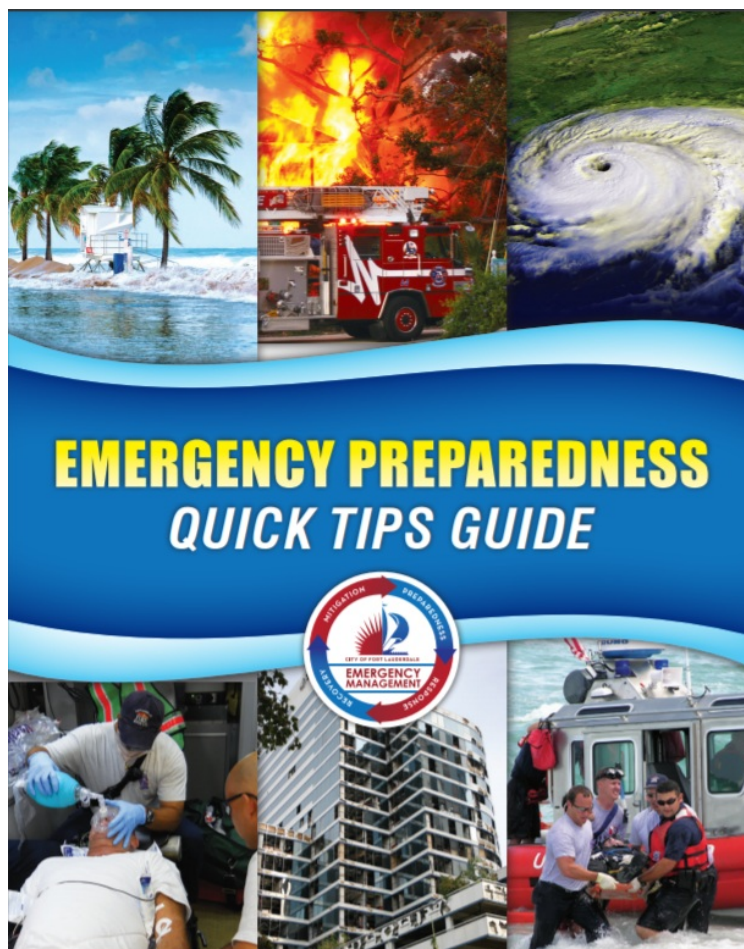
June 1st marked the beginning of the Atlantic hurricane season and based on information from the National Weather Service, 2021 will be very active. There will likely be a range of 13 to 20 named storms (winds of 39 mph or higher). The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) expects that 6 to 10 could become hurricanes (winds of 74 mph or higher), of which 3 to 5 may be major hurricanes (category 3, 4 or 5; with winds of 111 mph or higher). NOAA provides these ranges with 70% confidence. The Atlantic hurricane season extends from June 1 through November 30, so NOW is the time to begin preparing.

We avoided direct impact for the 2020 season which could have resulted in catastrophic damage to our area. During each hurricane season, the identification of storm activity in the Atlantic Ocean is stressful. However, Floridians know the most important thing that can mitigate a catastrophe is being

prepared. While there were a few glancing blows in 2020, we never let our guard down.

As a reminder, please check your disaster supply kits. Ensure you have at least a 3 to 5-day supply of non-perishable items and water. Prevent potential difficulties by keeping a full tank of gas in your vehicle, familiarizing yourself evacuation routes, and securing homes and/or property. Locate and review your insurance coverage, secure valuables, and other important documents.

Constantly monitor local media for important updates. Along with these recommendations, remember we are in this together. Please reach out to your neighbors to determine if they need any special assistance or help with their preparations. Please visit www.fortlauderdale.gov/alertftl to sign up to receive emergency alerts from the city and check our website at www.fortlauderdale.gov/hurricane for more preparation tips and additional ways to stay in touch.





Aloha MASS District! ☐

Join us Saturday, June 26th @ 6pm as the streets of MASS transform into a Hawaiian Night Luau!

Check out details for Artwalk here [via Eventbrite](#) and [@ftlartwalk @massdistrict](#) on social media.

Starlight Musical

CELEBRATING 42 YEARS!

FRIDAYS, 7 - 10 P.M. | JUNE 11 - AUGUST 13
Holiday Park | E. Sunrise Boulevard and Federal Highway



JUNE 11
Caribbean Chillers
(Tropical Rock & Jimmy Buffett)



JULY 16
Valerie Tyson Band
(R&B)



JUNE 18
Motown Magic
(Motown)



JULY 23
Andrew Morris Band
(Country)



JUNE 25 (6:45 PM Start)
Irish Evening (U2byUV, Fineans,
Police Pipe & Drums, Irish Dancers)



JULY 30
Miami Sound-Byte Band
(Rock, Pop, Funk, & Motown)



JULY 2
Smooth STB
(Santana Tribute)



AUGUST 6
Shane Duncan Band
(Ultimate Party Band)



JULY 9
Mikey's Hotswing Latin Band
(Latin)



AUGUST 13
Southern Blood
(Southern Rock)

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We have the following Board Vacancies below. Please email Nancy Fry nfry@fortlauderdale.gov if you are interested in serving on a Fort Lauderdale City Board.

- Aviation Advisory Board
- Community Appearance Board
- Infrastructure Task Force Committee
- Invest Fort Lauderdale, Inc Board of Directors
- Northwest Progresso Flagler Heights
- Central City Redevelopment Advisory Board
- Community Services Board (*must be employed by the public housing authority*)
- Insurance Advisory Board (*must be a resident of the City of Fort Lauderdale*)
- Nuisance Abatement Board (*must be a resident of the City of Fort Lauderdale*)



Get ready world - Fort Lauderdale is about to take its place again as a leader in competitive swimming and diving! Topping off ceremony for the 27-meter diving platform (only one of its kind in the Western Hemisphere!) is set for July 1.



I actually became “farklept” as I approached The Great American Beach Party on Fort Lauderdale Beach. Seeing so many smiling faces, children playing in the splash pad at the Las Olas Oceanside Park, with Mayor Trantalis welcoming the SOCOM Para-Commandos as they landed on the sand, hearing the great music, and once again seeing our community come together on a glorious day - does not get better than this. As we gathered, we remembered those who sacrificed their life for our freedom.



As the mosaic mural at the Sandy Ninger memorial on the Riverwalk says, “Let Us Not Forget.”



Very proud to have presented the Proclamation in recognition of June 2021 as LGBTQ+ Pride Month in the City of Fort Lauderdale to Pride Fort Lauderdale and



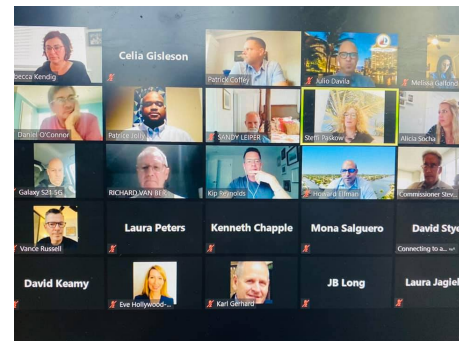
South Florida Afro Pride Federation Inc. The Rainbow Flag flies above City Hall and takes its place in the Commission Chambers. Contrast this with the Governor's signing into law the transgender student athlete ban on the first day of Pride Month.

Gotta love the District 2 Neighborhood Presidents and Board members! An incredibly passionate and engaged group and I so enjoy our quarterly Neighborhood Presidents' Roundtable. Thank you Daphnee Sainvil and Porshia Williams for joining us!



Terrific Riverwalk Tribute evening honoring Beverly Raphael Altman! She is a remarkable woman with remarkable accomplishments and so deserving of the City Proclamation declaring it her day. Thank you to the Riverwalk Board for all you do.

Happy to be with the Victoria Park Civic Association. Great turnout for June and such a dynamic energy. Great working committees, terrific ideas to engage neighbors, lots of social activities, and a very positive, can-do attitude which produces fantastic results.



News Articles

Black man Rubin Stacy was lynched in Fort Lauderdale in 1935. Now street signs may bear his name

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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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