

# From the desk of STEVEN GLASSMAN

Fort Lauderdale City Commissioner, District 2



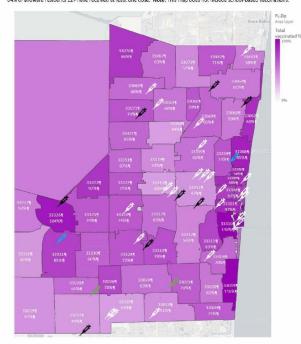
July 2021 Newsletter

Dear Neighbor,

Summer is here, and with that comes our Commission break until when meetings resume on August 17th. However, we know that the City doesn't stop during the summer, so my staff is still available to help you in any way we can. Please feel free to email Nancy Fry at <u>nfry@fortlauderdale.gov</u> or Celia Gisleson at <u>cgisleson@fortlauderdale.gov</u> if you need any assistance. Please have a safe and enjoyable summer!



Broward County Percent of Residents Vaccinated by Zip Code Map shows the percentage of Broward County residents 12 and over who received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine by zip code as of Tuesday, June 22, 2021. Current and future vaccination sites are overlayed and represented by a syring k con. Overall, 45% of Broward residents 12+ have received at least one dose. Note: This map does not include school-based vaccinations.



# **COVID-19 & Delta Variant**

As we continue to make strides toward returning to normal life, please still be vigilant, even if you are vaccinated. The Delta variant is spreading quickly, is quite dangerous, and the number of cases nationwide is increasing significantly. On Friday, the Florida Department of Health announced 45,449 new resident cases of COVID-19 since July 9, nearly double the level of new statewide cases from the previous week and more than four times the levels of mid-June. While 64% of Broward residents that are eligible to be vaccinated have received at least one dose, it takes both doses to be most effective, and we must consider that children under 12 as well as those that cannot receive the vaccine due to health reasons are still very much at risk. The more of us that receive the vaccine, the less that COVID can travel and mutate, and the safer we all will be. Please read some of the articles below in our

News section about the risk you take by not vaccinating and keep this in mind: In the month of June, nearly 10,000 people in the United States died from COVID-19, and, of those deaths, 99.2% were unvaccinated. Nationwide, new infections are spiking 70%, hospitalizations are up 36%, and deaths have risen 26%. The CDC Director said, "This is becoming a pandemic of the unvaccinated." Last week, four states accounted for 40% of new infections with one in five coming from Florida.

# Bahia Mar

As a follow-up to the March 2021 City Commission Workshop, on July 6th, the leaseholders of the Bahia Mar property shared with the Commission an updated site plan to redevelop the site that includes residences, green open space, a multi-purpose promenade, and a world-class resort and marina. The City Commission's priorities for this public property include ensuring that there are public-use opportunities and that the Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show (FLIBS) can continue to thrive at the site. The City Commission plans to come together for another workshop following the summer break to include representatives from FLIBS and to review the financial details as presented by the City Attorney and City Auditor.

When the City Commission requested in March that I begin meeting with our tenants on the site, my goals included:

- significantly reducing the number of residential units and commercial space on the site and basically discarding the previously approved (2017) site plan
- eliminating at least four buildings
- opening up the view corridors from the Intracoastal to the Ocean
- doubling the open, greenspace including a park on the western, Intracoastal side of the peninsula
- resiliency with regard to sea level rise because if we do nothing on this peninsula for the remaining 41 years on the lease, then we are probably looking at no peninsula left at all
- significantly increase revenues for the City
- the ability for the public to thoroughly enjoy this gem of a site all of it! Walk lushly landscaped grounds, grab a coffee, have a meal and a drink, or just sit and watch the boats and water at a 5-Star resort and marina

Next steps must include the tenant/leaseholder meeting with neighbors to solicit further input before the site plan makes its way through the typical development and public process (DRC, Planning and Zoning, and Commission). For details, visit <u>ftlcity.info/2TyZBut</u>.

# **Boring Company Tunnel Project**

On June 21, 2021, the City received an unsolicited proposal to design, construct, operate, and maintain a subsurface public transportation system connecting downtown Fort Lauderdale with Fort Lauderdale Beach. The City Commission approved a resolution on July 6th providing notice of intent to enter into a Comprehensive Agreement for the project and notice of intent to accept other proposals for the same project within 45 days. I voted in favor of moving this forward as I am keeping an open mind. There is still much to learn and many questions to be answered regarding geotechnical studies, the water table, technical aspects, safety, waterproofing, and impacts of future seal level rise. I am pursuing those answers now and look forward to a robust discussion when this proposal comes back to the Commission. One thing is for sure – safety is paramount and demonstrating that this will alleviate traffic is of major concern. In fact, if this project moves forward, it cannot be the end of it for I see it as just a beginning where we are eventually able to connect the airport to the seaport to the beach and even west on Sunrise Blvd and north to the stadium at Lockhart Park. Time will tell and funding sources will be crucial. Bottom line: I am not interested in building a novelty that is nothing more than a joy ride. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3hJPB9p.

# FY 2022 Proposed Budget

The City Commission is currently in the process of working on our FY 2022 budget to begin October 1st. The good news is that we are looking at a proposed balanced budget for another year without an increase to the millage rate (15 years in a row). Additionally, we have a new tool, our Balancing Act simulator, which allows you to go in and play with the numbers in our budget to see if you can create a balanced budget, and it allows you to submit to the city YOUR priorities for this coming year. Public hearings to adopt the budget will be on September 8th and September 13th. I want to thank the City Manager and Staff as well as the Budget Advisory Board for all the work that went into this budget. This was a most difficult year which makes their work even more extraordinary. Fort Lauderdale continues to have the lowest millage rate in the entire County.

# **Budget Calendar**

July

#### January

Workshop

February

March

requests

 Prepare training documents used for budget development
 Operating Budget and Community Investment

Commission Prioritization and Goal Setting

Office of Management and Budget (OMB)

Departments prepare Budget and CIP

Plan (CIP) Kickoff Presentation

CIP software open for data entry

Department completes Business Plans

staff facilitates Budget and CIP training

· Completion of proposed budget balancing

the property tax roll on July 1

 City Manager presents the proposed budget, CIP, and five-year financial forecast to the City Commission

Broward County Property Appraiser certifies

 City Commission adopts a maximum millage rate and non-ad valorem assessment rates to be advertised in the Truth in Millage (TRIM) notice

#### August

- Certification of Proposed Millage and non-ad valorem fees to the Property Appraiser
- Property Appraiser distributes TRIM notices to all property owners
- Prepare for two (2) public hearings

#### September

- City Commission holds 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> (final) public hearings to adopt the millage and the budget
- Certification of the non-ad valorem assessments to the Property Appraiser
- Certification of the final millage with the Property Appraiser and State of Florida Department of Revenue within three (3) days of final adoption

#### October

- Beginning of a new Fiscal Year
- Prepare TRIM compliance packet for Florida Department of Revenue
- Review Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) requirements for submission for the budget awards
- Prepare Adopted Budget Document

#### November

Publish Adopted Budget Document

#### December

 Submit Adopted Budget to Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA)

 OMB provides ongoing budget preparation assistance to departments

Accounting software open for data entry

- Departments submit budget requests
- Budget requests, CIP applications, all funds revenue, and estimates for all funds due
- Community Survey Results/Workshop
- Budget and CIP Departmental Budget Reviews
   Revenue Estimating Conference Committee review meetings with departments
- Accounting and CIP software closed

#### April

 City Manager Budget and CIP Review with departments

#### May

 Departmental Budget Request Presentations to the Budget Advisory Board

#### June

- Broward County Property Appraiser provides preliminary property valuation
- City Commission/Budget Advisory Board Joint Workshop recommendation of Millage and Non–Ad Valorem Rate
- City Commission and Executive Strategy Team receive the Preliminary Budget

| TOP PRIORITIES                               | FUNDED ITEMS (* Newly funded initiatives)   |
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| Homelessness<br>and Housing<br>Opportunities | The Neighbor Support budget includes \$124,240 for the continuation of the Community Court<br>Program. In addition, the State of Florida's FY 2021 - FY 2022 budget includes \$88,000 for<br>Community Court.   |
|  | The Homeless Intervention Administrator position continues to be funded by the City Manager's<br>Office in the amount of \$96,555.  |
|  | Entitlement grant funding will continue to support homelessness initiatives and is managed by<br>the Housing and Community Development Division:  |
|  | <ul> <li>HOME Investment Partnerships funding will provide \$642,917 to be used in part to support<br/>affordable housing initiatives.</li> </ul>   |
|  | <ul> <li>Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding will provide \$508,315 to support<br/>local organizations' homelessness assistance and prevention programs.</li> </ul>  |
|  | <ul> <li>Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) funding will provide \$5.9 million to<br/>assist with facility-based housing, various rent programs, mortgage assistance, and<br/>utilities.</li> </ul>  |
|  | <ul> <li>HOME Investment Partnerships - American Rescue Plan funding will provide \$2.6 million<br/>to be used in part to assist those experiencing homelessness and to prevent homelessness.</li> </ul>  |
|  | <ul> <li>State Housing Initiative Partnership funding will provide \$1.2 million to be used in part to<br/>assist to those experiencing homelessness and to prevent homelessness.</li> </ul>  |
|  | The Police Department continues the efforts of the Homeless Outreach Unit funded through<br>approximately \$500,000 in General Funds.   |
| Infrastructure                               | The Water/Sewer Revenue Bond was issued in FY 2018 in the amount of \$200 million to fund<br>priority projects. Many of these projects have a multi-year implementation cycle and are<br>ongoing. The Community Investment Plan (CIP) includes re-appropriation of approximately \$84<br>million in unspent project balances.   |
|  | The CIP Water/Sewer Master Plan includes approximately \$14.3 million in new cash funded<br>capital projects in addition to the re-appropriation of approximately \$61 million in unspent<br>project balances. The Central Region Wastewater budget includes \$15.3 million in new cash<br>funded capital projects prioritized based upon a renewal and replacement study in addition to<br>the re-appropriation of approximately \$51.4 million in unspent project balances. |
|  | The CIP includes \$30 million in debt funded advanced metering infrastructure implementation.   |
|  | The CIP includes \$2.5 million for the repair and replacement of roadways and sidewalks.  |
|  | The CIP includes \$3.5 million for bridge repairs and replacements.   |
|  | The CIP includes \$900,000 for the new pumping station in Flagler Village from the Sewer<br>Expansion/Impact Fee Fund.  |
| Public Places                                | The first \$80 million of the voter approved \$200 million in General Obligation Bonds for<br>improvements to the City's Parks and Recreation system have been issued and projects are<br>underway in parks throughout the City.  |
|  | The CIP includes re-appropriation of approximately \$19 million in unspent funds for the Aquatic<br>Complex and Swimming Hall of Fame Renovation Project, including the replacement of the south<br>building.   |
|  | The General Fund CIP includes \$600,000 in funding for the Parker Playhouse renovation.   |
|  | The CIP includes the re-appropriation of \$800,000 pursuant to a grant agreement with War<br>Memorial Benefit Corporation (WMBC) for capital improvements made to War Memorial<br>Auditorium.   |
|  | The CIP includes \$2 million for repair and maintenance of City-owned facilities.   |
|  | ★ The Parks and Recreation Department's Operating Budget includes \$96,755 in new funding for<br>security services for shared use playgrounds based upon an agreement with the Broward<br>County School Board.  |

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| PRIORITIES  | FUNDED ITEMS (* Newly funded initiatives)   |
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| Airport<br>Workforce<br>Training<br>Opportunities | ★ Neighbor Support's budget includes \$100,000 in funding for the Phase 2 Airport Workforce<br>Training Facility project planning efforts.  |
| COVID-19<br>Recovery                              | If received, the \$906,510 Community Development Block Grant - Coronavirus Relief Funding<br>(CDBG-CV) will be recommended to be allocated primarily toward broadband access for low-<br>income areas and education enrichment activities to assist students in recovering academically<br>from time spent away from the classroom. |
|   | The Northwest-Progresso-Flagler Heights (NPF) Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) budget<br>includes \$1 million for a loan to support the Broward College Project Free Community Workforce<br>Education and Training at the YMCA Multi-Use Facility.  |
| Safety  | The Southeast Emergency Medical Services (EMS) sub-station (Fire Station 88) project is ongoing.<br>Land for this facility has been purchased. The CIP includes approximately \$1.8 million to be re-<br>appropriated to continue the design for the new facility.  |
|   | ★ The Police Department's budget includes \$192,350 for replacement equipment.  |
|   | $\bigstar$ The Police Department's budget includes \$516,000 for new and replacement license plate readers.   |
|   | ★ The Fire Rescue Department's budget includes \$1.9 million in funding for replacement EMS<br>Equipment.   |
|   | ★ The Operating Budget includes \$1.1 million for three (3) Type 1 Rescue Units to increase the City's ambulance inventory.   |
|   | The Police Department's budget includes \$195,000 for the continuation of the ShotSpotter<br>Program.   |
|   | The CIP includes \$100 million in voter approved bonds for the Police Headquarters replacement<br>project.  |
|   | The CIP includes \$3.9 million in funding for Fire Station 13 from the General Fund to supplement the \$4.7 million originally funded through the Fire Rescue Bond.   |
|   | The Parks and Recreation Department's budget includes \$719,070 to improve lighting citywide.   |
|   | Staffing of the Real Time Crime Center will be implemented in FY 2022 through the<br>reclassification of existing vacant positions.   |
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| Smart Growth                                      | Development Services Department's budget includes \$48,000 for 3-D development<br>mapping.  |
|   | The NPF CRA's \$3 million forgivable loan to Wright Dynasty, LLC. to support the construction of<br>a mixed-use development on Sistrunk Boulevard.  |
| Uptown<br>Master Plan<br>South                    | The Development Services Department conducted a preliminary study and will implement the<br>recommendations from the study.   |

\*Some of these projects have elements that are components of other programs and initiatives, as such the funding identified above may extend to other Commission Priorities.

The Community Investment Plan (CIP) is a planning document that sets forth the City's capital improvements and capital maintenance projects over a span of years and is approved with the budget each year. I am pleased to report to you the hundreds of District 2 projects as outlined in the five-year CIP (FY 2022-FY 2026):

# Community Investment Plan District 2 Project List

# CALL TO ARTISTS!

The City of Fort Lauderdale's Transportation and Mobility Department and MASS District are soliciting proposals to design/lead the installation of two painted intersections in Flagler Village as part of Unilever's *Degree* deodorant and Blue Zones, LLC, *Made to Move*<sup>™</sup> grant program:

- □ Flagler Drive and NE 4th Avenue
- □ Flagler Drive and NE 2nd Avenue

The goal of the grant project is to improve connectivity between the business districts along the Flagler Greenway through both hardscape improvements of raised intersections and new crosswalks and creative placemaking of painted intersections that will help identify the Music and Arts South of Sunrise District (MASS District) as a unique and creative destination while connecting it to the future citywide trail system being developed through LauderTrail.

Learn more about this opportunity and submit your proposal by August 6 at <u>ftlcity.info/madetomoveart</u>.



It's officially hurricane season and school is out for summer! Broward Cultural Division has gathered resources for you in case of a storm, and compiled more events to keep you busy this season.

# Get ahead of the storm. Fast and easy actions from Broward County that you can do now to prepare:

- Subscribe to <u>AlertBroward</u> to receive emergency notifications like evacuations, curfews, etc. You can also subscribe by texting "AlertBroward" to 888777 to receive emergency notifications via text only.
- <u>Click here</u> for Arts Preparedness and Recovery Resources compiled by the <u>Florida Division of Cultural Affairs</u>.
- Visit the <u>County's Hurricane portal</u> for everything from <u>shelter options</u> to <u>preparedness shopping guides</u>.
- Visit Craft Emergency Relief Fund <u>CERF+</u> to access a <u>Studio Safety</u> <u>Guide</u> and find disaster relief funding options for artists in all disciplines.

Visit <u>ArtsCalendar.com/Hurricane-Season</u> for a complete list of resources and steps you can take now to protect you and your artwork.

# **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 import 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 5day 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 <u>www.fortlauderdale.gov/alertftl</u> to sign up to receive emergency alerts from the city and check our website at <u>www.fortlauderdale.gov/hurricane</u> for more preparation tips and additional ways to stay in touch.



# **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS** *QUICK TIPS GUIDE*







# 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)



**JUNE 18** Motown Magic (Motown)



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



JULY 2 Smooth STB (Santana Tribute)



JULY 9 Mikey's Hotswing Latin Band (Latin)





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

**JULY 16** 

JULY 23

(Country)

(R&B)

Valerie Tyson Band

Andrew Morris Band



AUGUST 6 Shane Duncan Band (Ultimate Party Band)

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 Board of Adjustment Central City Redevelopment Advisory Board Community Appearance Board Community Services Board (must be employed by the public housing authority) **Education Advisory Board** Infrastructure Task Force **Insurance Advisory Board** Invest Fort Lauderdale, Inc Board of Directors Northwest Progresso Flagler Heights

## Nuisance Abatement Board

Boards and Committees Information





Fort Lauderdale reached another milestone as we will once again retain our position atop the worlds of swimming and diving. Excitement was in the air (literally!) as we held the dedication ceremony for the 27-Meter Dive Tower at the Aquatic Center and watched that last piece of concrete get hoisted into place! Congrats to all!

The creativity and vision of District 2 is about to explode yet again with a new exciting destination - THRIVE Progresso! Kudos to Abraham and Jonathan Fish who have assembled more than 5 acres along NW 5th Ave south of Sunrise to create something spectacular where once there were rag shops and an environment considered very tough. Toured with them to see the area now that all of the 80,000+ square feet of bays are empty and to discuss the project's next steps and future. Get ready, Fort Lauderdale!





I presented a proclamation declaring July 10, 2021 as FlockFest Day in the City of #FortLauderdale. Celebrating its 7th year, FlockFest is an annual beach party fundraiser that benefits LGBTQ+ non-profits in greater Fort Lauderdale. Their innovative mission makes them stand out among other organizations as their work is guided by the motto "a charity that supports other charities." Since 2017, #FlockFest has raised more than \$87K for local non-profits, including \$20K in the last quarter of 2020 and \$21K in the first quarter of 2021. the Hilton Fort Lauderdale Beach Resort - one of our five beach vaccination pop-ups! It is vital that everyone get vaccinated in order to protect themselves and everyone around them. Grateful to the resorts and how wonderful to see so many hotel employees getting vaccinated!

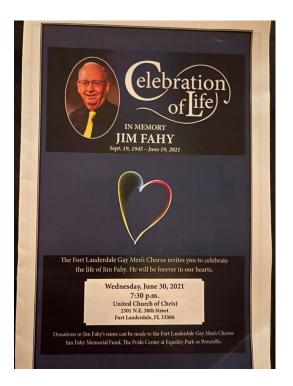




I am continually encouraged by the positive indicators and bullish optimism for our City and region. This was again reinforced today at the "Invest: Greater Fort Lauderdale 2021" conference. Thank you to the panelists for the look at our recovery and innovative practices this past year and into the future!



So terrific to see spectacular fireworks return to Fort Lauderdale Beach! What a show! G-d Bless America!



Jim Fahy's life was celebrated in beautiful fashion. What a dignified service in the truly spectacular United Church of Christ Fort Lauderdale. Rest In Peace and thank you for all the good deeds throughout a life well lived and so giving to others.

### **News Articles**

New COVID cases shoot up in Florida

South Florida school districts reviewing new CDC mask guidelines

Is your insurance good enough if your condo collapses? Here's why

New Florida law disallows anonymous code enforcement complaints

24-year-old who needed double lung transplant wishes he'd been vaccinated for COVID-19

Young, unvaccinated people are being hospitalized with Covid-19 as delta variant spreads, officials warn

Child tax credit payments started hitting bank accounts today. Here's what you need to know.

Pool for the stars: New Hall of Fame complex on the way with dive tower to the sky

New COVID cases nearly double in Florida — the worst in the nation

Florida tax holiday: How to save money on back-to-school supplies

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.

