



From the desk of
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Fort Lauderdale City Commissioner, District 2



November 2021 Newsletter

Dear Neighbors,

The holidays are upon us, and, as we continue to return to our familiar way of life in Fort Lauderdale, we are enjoying the opportunity to see each other in person again instead of just on a screen or over the phone. The City of Fort Lauderdale has already begun celebrating with the first two "Light Up" events Downtown and at the Galt Ocean Mile, both of which saw fantastic community spirit and wonderful festivities.



Kicking off the holiday season downtown at Light Up Lauderdale with Commissioner Robert McKinzie, Mayor Dean Trantalis, and Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus!

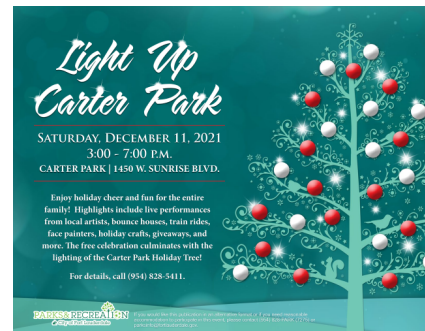


Light Up the Galt with Vice Mayor Heather Moraitis!

Coming up next are even more holiday events! Join us while we Light Up the Beach, Sistrunk, and Carter Park as well as a special Chanukah Menorah

lighting at the LOOP. See the flyers below for details and click for more information.

Light Up the Beach is Tonight!



As we reflect on the holiday season, it is essential that we remember what's important and what we have to be grateful for. We certainly had the opportunity to appreciate what we have during the 6th Annual Grocery and Turkey Giveaway, where over 2,500 turkeys were given to people facing food insecurity and 4,900 people in need were served with groceries to help them prepare for Thanksgiving.



Our first team photo!

It is also essential that we recognize the diversity found throughout our city. During "Pride Fort Lauderdale", members of the LGBTQ+ community from the

City of Fort Lauderdale, Broward County, and beyond joined with allies, including so many elected officials, and all marched together in the spirit of unity.



Marching in the Pride Parade with Mayor Dean Trantalis and Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz!

On Thursday, families and friends will gather together for the first time in a while to celebrate Thanksgiving. At this same time, we must acknowledge, honor, and respect our Native American compatriots who have contributed so much to this nation. Let us be thankful for our friends and loved ones and appreciate the chance to spend extra time with them and enjoy a meal together. It is imperative that we recognize our shared humanity and that we can only move forward by working together and respecting one another. I hope that this coming year will be one of cooperation and civility as we all try our best to make Fort Lauderdale an even greater city in 2022 and beyond.

Nancy, Ashley and I wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving; enjoy every day, be safe, and stay healthy. And please get vaccinated and get your booster. Additionally, to our Jewish friends and neighbors, we wish you a joyous Chanukah which starts in November this year!



Click the image below to read an interesting article about the History of the Las Olas Isles

URBAN DESIGN AND PLANNING

A CENTURY OF ISLAND LIFE IN LAUDERDALE

BELIEVE IT OR NOT, THERE IS A FASCINATING history to this place — a place we are lucky enough to call home. However, in contrast to cities like Boston, which various institutions have meticulously dissected, chronicled and archived every detail for some 290 years, Fort Lauderdale's history is sometimes harder to pin down. The rich, interwoven stories about its dramatic development in the 20th century rest with a few knowledgeable authors and the richer than you might imagine collections of the Fort Lauderdale Historical Society, also known by its newer moniker, History Fort Lauderdale.

We've always been fascinated by this history, and have spent many an hour poring over 100 year old Sanborn Fire Insurance maps to find early street names. We've dug through 300 folders containing the occasional newspaper clipping or developer advertisements from the first set of boom years, the 1920s. We've even donned title white cotton gloves to handle negatives from the Gene Hyde photography collection at History Fort Lauderdale to find a glimpse of buildings long lost to the wrecker's ball. Through reading and digging, we've been able to see how the development of Fort Lauderdale, during that first Florida land boom, may have been inspired by the successes of Coral Gables to the south and Palm Beach, to the north. But more importantly we learned the complex story that makes the hundreds of miles of romantic waterfront the heart and soul of today's Fort Lauderdale.

On the following eight pages is a little of that history, cobbled together for your perusal, along with James Dix of Sublime Imagery's breathtaking photography of the islands and peninsulas that have become the fabric of this city and the key to what sets it apart. We find, whether on a yacht, water taxi or paddleboard, this city has always been, and will always be, best experienced from the water.



LAS OLAS ASSOCIATION
Presents
59th CHRISTMAS ON LAS OLAS
Tuesday November 30, 2021
5pm - 10pm

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LAUDER NIGHT MARKET

EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT
PETER FELDMAN PARK • 5:30PM - 9:30PM

HANDMADE • HOMEMADE • REMADE • MUSIC

Construction is progressing quickly at War Memorial Auditorium in Holiday Park



Powerline Road and Sunrise Boulevard Improvements
 Click on the image below to view the presentation.

Broward Commuter Rail and New River Crossing
 (Click the images below to view the presentations)

Aesthetics Presentation

Connectivity Presentation

New River Crossing Workshop Multi-Modal Connectivity



□ The purpose of this breakout session is to provide information and details of how roadway connectivity, pedestrians and bicycle facilities may be affected by the four New River Bridge Crossing alternatives.

1. Low Level
2. Mid Level
3. High Level
4. Tunnel

Navigation Presentation

New River Bridge Clearances & Restrictions

Crossing Location	Vertical Clearance	Year Built	Crossing Location	Vertical Clearance	Year Built
1 SE 17th Street Bridge	55 ft	2002	3 NW 7th Avenue Bridge	25 ft	1984
2 US 19 Avenue Bridge	15 ft	1969	4 Ocean Boulevard Bridge	21 ft	1969
3 Andrews Avenue Bridge	21 ft	1981	5 US Highway	15 ft	1988
4 FEC Ave Bridge	4 ft	1978	6 NW 11th Avenue Bridge	4 ft	1969/2002
5 Pompano Lake	0 ft		7 Bonnard Boulevard Bridge	3 ft	1979/2010

Additional Information

General Information Session Agenda

Session Goal
Learn & discuss about project topics not covered in the breakout sessions. Participants are encouraged to ask questions or provide input on any topics regarding the project.

- Traffic Considerations
- Noise and Quiet Zones
- Environmental Considerations
- Right of Way Considerations
- Project Funding Considerations
- Capital Improvement Grant (CIG) Program

- FDOT PD&E Process
- Project Schedule
- Project Approach
- New River Crossing Alternatives Overview
- New River Crossing Preliminary Cost Estimates
- New River Crossing Alternatives Summary

Looking for ways to personalize your stay on Fort Lauderdale Beach? The MyFTLB Insiders Guide features articles on things to do and tips from locals in the know plus specialized articles for the foodie, nature love, spa-seeker and more.



Hands-Only CPR Classes

2 STEPS TO SAVE A LIFE



[Hands-Only CPR: Learn Hands-Only CPR and the two simple steps you need to know to save a life!](#)



Learn how to help save a life using hands-only CPR. Bystander hands-only CPR can increase the chances of survival for someone experiencing heart issues when combined with calling 911. About 90 percent of people who experience an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest die. If performed immediately, CPR can double or triple the chance of survival from an out of hospital cardiac arrest. Instruction led by Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue. Class is for ages 14 and older.

Sign up

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
- Civil Service Board
- Community Appearance Board
- Community Services Board
- Insurance Advisory Board
- Nuisance Abatement Board
- Sustainability Advisory Board

Boards and Committees Information

Fort Lauderdale is a tourist mecca and a City that is booming in so many ways. That is why it is so easy to not notice the less fortunate among us - folks who have a hard time putting together a meal, especially during the holidays. On Saturday, Mayor Dean Trantalis and I were once again blown away by the spirit and generosity of our neighbors as thousands lined up at the Grocery and Turkey Giveaway Food Distribution at Sanctuary Church (one of my favorite, coolest buildings in the city). Cars stretched south on Federal around Sunrise to



Left to right: Michael Albetta, Mayor Dean Trantalis, and Commissioner Steven Glassman

the east to the Galleria Mall! Hundreds of volunteers pitched in supplied by the sponsors listed on the flyer. A debt of gratitude to Michael Albetta, Broward County Property Appraiser Marty Kiar and his staff, Wayne Barton, St. Anthony's Church, Pastor Black and Sanctuary Church, Ray Rapaglia and James Club, Police, Fire, and so many more. A beautiful show of love and caring on a beautiful day; I love this town!



Quite the weekend in District 2! Left the Thanksgiving grocery giveaway and headed for the beach to walk in the 2021 Pride Fort Lauderdale Parade! So proud to have joined Mayor Dean Trantalis and so many elected officials from Broward County, Consul Generals from Canada and Germany as well as countless others. It was a truly joyous 2-day festival. The City of Fort Lauderdale is amazing!

The town is certainly coming back to life! On Friday, I joined Mayor Dean Trantalis at the ribbon cutting for the reimagined YOLO on Las Olas. Stunning renovation and open for business! Congrats to Tim Petrillo and the team at The Restaurant People.



Great turnout at the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce Beach Council meeting on Friday. Always a pleasure to join and present a City of Fort Lauderdale update. This is a most dedicated group whose passion and commitment to our beach is unparalleled.

News Articles

Bahia Mar drama: Will condos squeeze boat show in another giveaway deal?

James Beard-nominated chef Timon Balloo opening The Katherine restaurant in Fort Lauderdale

This hidden Fort Lauderdale beach hotel restaurant is sandy and sun-kissed | Let's Go, South Florida

The greatness of our community starts with passionate citizens like you.

Please do not hesitate to contact our Outreach Coordinator, Ashley Cacicedo, with any questions, comments or thoughtful suggestions acacicedo@fortlauderdale.gov or 954-828-5923.

Fort Lauderdale City Calendar

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