



## DISTRICT #3 NEWS

### A Message from Vice Mayor Beasley-Pittman

Happy New Year! As we embark on another year together, I am looking forward to working with district residents to tackle the many issues to which I am tasked. Some of my priorities for the year ahead are addressing food insecurities in the district, finding solutions to combat gun violence, improving broadband connectivity, introducing our youth to unexplored career opportunities, and encouraging them to be involved with our local government.



### Pre-Agenda Meetings

We invite you to attend our PRE-AGENDA meetings that take place Mondays before each Commission meeting. Come out and join us to learn more about your city government.

#### Carter Park Community Center - 1st Monday

1450 W. Sunrise Blvd.  
Mon. 02/05/24 - 6PM  
Mon. 03/04/24 - 6PM  
Mon. 04/01/24 - 6PM  
Mon. 05/06/24 - 6PM  
Mon. 06/03/24 - 6PM

#### Riverland Park Community Center - 3rd Monday

950 SW 27 Avenue  
Mon. 02/19/24 - **NO MEETING**  
Mon. 03/18/24 - 6PM  
Mon. 04/15/24 - 6PM  
Mon. 05/20/24 - 6PM  
Mon. 06/17/24 - 6PM

**NOTE: PRE-AGENDA meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Mondays (Except for summer recess & holiday observances)**

### Meeting Notifications

Scan QR code to sign up for our mailing list.



Yes,  
I have an email address.



No,  
I don't have an email address.

### DISTRICT HAPPENINGS

#### NW 21<sup>ST</sup> AVENUE STORMWATER IMPROVEMENT

The City of Fort Lauderdale is working with David Mancini & Sons, Inc. to make improvements to the stormwater system on NW 21st Avenue in the historic Dorsey Riverbend neighborhood to enhance its efficiency and reliability. This project includes:

- Installing new catch basins, new drainage pipes and repairing existing drainage pipes
- Reconstructing swale areas and Resurfacing pavement.

#### UPCOMING DURRS STORMWATER IMPROVEMENT

The City of Fort Lauderdale will be working on improvements to the stormwater system in the Durrs neighborhood to enhance its efficiency and reliability.

#### MILLS POND PARK MURAL UNVEILING

On January 11, 2024, a new mural was unveiled in Mills Pond Park – created by DJ Cherry, locally known as DJ the Artiste'. This sports mural was greatly anticipated by the city and the community.

#### FORT LAUDERDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT FRONT PORCH ROLE CALL

- Rock Island HOA – 03/02/24
- Officers who patrol this area will come out and engage with residents. Residents will have an opportunity to get answers to their questions regarding current crime trends and engage with their neighbors.

#### INFINITE SCHOLAR PROGRAM

A free Scholarship fair was held at the L.A. Lee/YMCA this month.

- Students were provided with the opportunity to participate in a college and career readiness fair.
- Some students were awarded 4-year scholarships.
- **\$16.1 million** was given out to students to assist with funds for college.

#### REIMAGINING CITYHALL & SIDEWALK MASTER PLAN SURVEYS

City of Fort Lauderdale disseminated surveys throughout the city to get feedback on the sidewalk plan and reimagining city hall.

- **Sidewalk Master Plan** – Residents shared what they would like to see included in the overall sidewalk plan. **This survey ended on January 31<sup>st</sup>.**
- **Reimagining City Hall** – There are 5 workshops where residents can share what they envision for the new City Hall. Two workshops have been complete and there are three to go. Please come out and share your vision. **All workshops begin at 9 am**
  - Workshop #3 - **02/17/24** – Holiday Park Social Center
  - Two more: Workshops:
    - #4 - **03/16/24** Beach Community Center
    - #5 - **04/20/24** - Holiday Park Social Center



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### Report Street Light Outages

[fortlauderdale.gov/lauderserv](http://fortlauderdale.gov/lauderserv)

Or call: (954) 828-8000

### Frequently Called Numbers

#### Customer Service

954-828-8000

#### Building Services

954-828-6520

#### Code Compliance

954-828-5207

#### Police non-emergency

954-764-4357

Report Animal Issues:

954-359-1313



Reminder

Renew your request to vote-by-mail ballot (it is now required yearly)

### GOOD JOBS GREAT CITIES ACADEMY

On March 25, 2023, I attended the National League of Cities, and advocated for the opportunity for our city to become a part of Good Jobs, Great Cities. I am excited that the City of Fort Lauderdale is one of the 16 cities chosen to participate in this program. Good Jobs, Great Cities will address the following: **Infrastructure and resilience** as one of its top priorities. Investments in infrastructure and resilience in Fort Lauderdale will create job opportunities through construction projects, maintenance, the development of sustainable solutions, and so much more, ultimately contributing to the concept of "Good Jobs, Great Cities" by bolstering the city's economic growth and job market.

### BLACK HISTORY MONTH - HONORING OUR PAST LOCAL HISTORY MAKERS

We would like to recognize and acknowledge our Districts most well-known notable pioneers and their contributions to our history. We have more pioneers to add to our list, stay tuned:

- **Dr. James F. Sistrunk** – first black doctor, a portion of 6<sup>th</sup> street renamed after him and co-founder of the Provident Hospital
- **Dr. Calvin H. Shirley**- was a gynecologist/obstetrician by specialty. delivering over 6,000 babies and treated many other patients with different illnesses.
- **Eula G. Johnson** – In 1961 while serving as the President of the NAACP she organized the "wade-ins" that integrated Fort Lauderdale Beach
- **Dr. Von D. Mizell** – first black surgeon in Florida, cofounder of the Provident Hospital

### UNSUNG LOCAL HISTORY MAKERS



**Mackinley Smith**– was the first Black Sergeant and then the first Black Captain in the City of Fort Lauderdale. Mayor Dean Trantalis declared February 6, 2024, Mackinley Smith Day.



**Chasity Roker** - Seventeen-year-old Roker is a senior at Dillard High School. She is a proud member of the National Honor Society, the debate team, and the JROTC program and who hopes to join the United States Air Force to serve our country. Being a catalyst for change she, along with two other Dillard students, advocated for the Learning with Dignity Act. A bill aimed at alleviating period stigma and helping ensure students have access to products on campus for free.

### 2024 DISTRICT 3 EVENTS – PAST AND UPCOMING

- MLK Day Parade - 01/15/24
- Commission Prioritization Workshop - 01/19/24
- Remembering Our Roots – Honoring Black History Month – 02/03/24
- Crossing the Waters – Documentary of Bahamian Pioneers – 02/03/24
- Neighbor Support Night 2024 – **02/15/24**
- Kijiji Moji – **02/17/24**
- Sistrunk Parade and Festival – **02/24/24**
- Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training **02/24 & 03/2/24**  
Sign up to become a *community first responder* for your neighborhood.  
[www.fortlauderdale.gov/Calendar](http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/Calendar) click on 02/24 cert training on the calendar to register for the classes.