

## JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2017 - DISTRICT 1 NEWSLETTER COMMISSIONER BRUCE G. ROBERTS



**It's a New Year!** 2017 is here and I would like to wish you all a happy, healthy and prosperous year. Our District continues to grow with new neighbors, projects and enhancements. We truly appreciate the opportunity to work with and serve you, as we find solutions that will allow the City to remain one of the most beautiful and best cities in which to live, work, play and raise a family. Be safe and let us all welcome 2017 with high spirits, a vision for the future and a pride in our home - Fort Lauderdale!

**POLICE BODY WORN CAMERAS PILOT PROGRAM:** The Body Worn Camera Pilot program working draft policy was presented to the City Commission on December 6, 2016. The Commission provided feedback to continue with outreach efforts but to also move forward with current policy recognizing changes will be made at a later date. The deadline for police body worn camera vendor proposals has passed and the City has received nine responses. The proposals will be distributed for committee review after firms are shortlisted – which will take place within the next 30 days. Recently, the City received a \$600,000 Department of Justice Grant to assist with the implementation of this program.

**FDOT PROJECT:** The SR A1A project is progressing on schedule. Below are updates regarding the work that has been done recently or is scheduled over the next few months:

**-Ongoing/Upcoming Activities:** Currently working on Phase IV drainage improvement on the east side of the road; roadway reconstruction; concrete curb and driveway construction

**-Overall Time Update:** The project is expected to be completed in summer 2017. The contractor is scheduled to be working 10 hours/4 days per week.

**NEW BUILDING PERMIT TRACKER GIS APPLICATION:** The ITS Department just released the new Building Permit Tracker GIS web map application. This tool will be useful in providing easy access by either a desktop or mobile device, to valuable building permit based information such as types of permits, statuses, application dates and much more. Community Builders as well as our neighbors will be able to access permits by searching addresses, permit numbers, parcel ID's, neighborhoods or commission districts to not only view them, but also print maps, measure distances and create spreadsheet reports. It can be accessed through the following web link:

[HTTP://gis.fortlauderdale.gov/BuildingPermitTracker/](http://gis.fortlauderdale.gov/BuildingPermitTracker/)

**INTERIM CHIEF OF POLICE:** In December, Police Chief Frank Adderley resigned to join the Broward Sheriff's Office as a Colonel in charge of community affairs. Chief Adderley has been with the Fort Lauderdale Police Department for 36 years, and felt it was time to move on to a new adventure. We wish him well. At this time, Assistant Chief Rick Maglione will be the interim Chief until the City Manager decides who should permanently fill the position. Rick has served the City of Fort Lauderdale with distinction for 24 years. Since joining the Fort Lauderdale Police Department in 1992, Rick has served in numerous capacities during his rise through the ranks. As an Officer, he served in the Patrol Division and the Special Problems Units of the Police Operations Bureau. Rick's career includes working as a Detective in the Street Narcotics Unit of the Special Investigations Division, working as a Sergeant in both the Patrol Division and the Office of Internal Affairs, and supervising the Alarm Unit and Background Investigations Unit of the Administrative Support Division. As a Captain, Rick served in both the Operations Bureau and the Office of Internal Affairs. In 2011, Rick was appointed Executive Officer to the Chief of Police. He was promoted to the rank of Major in 2014 and to Assistant Chief in 2015. Rick holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from Troy University and is a graduate of the 244th Session of the FBI National Academy. City Manager Feldman does not know if he will promote from within or conduct a national search. I will keep you informed.

**COPS 4 KIDS PROGRAM FEATURED ON CHANNEL 7:** Our Police Department's "Cops 4 Kids" program was recently featured on WSVN Channel 7 News! Officers James McDowell and Lauarenia Fahie are two of the many program participants. The officers regularly visit our local elementary schools to help our students succeed in the classroom while also fostering positive relationships and building trust and respect between law enforcement and our youth. By sharing

their knowledge and experiences with the youngsters, the officers helps instill valuable life lessons, promote positive values, and impart important leadership and character development skills. Through the Cops 4 Kids program, children are interacting more often with police officers, seeing them in a positive light, and discovering all of the ways they can work together to build a strong community. By sharing their knowledge and experiences with the youngsters, the officers helps instill valuable life lessons, promote positive values, and impart important leadership and character development skills. Through the Cops 4 Kids program, children are interacting more often with police officers, seeing them in a positive light, and discovering all of the ways they can work together to build a strong community. Congratulations to our Police Department and keep up the great work!

**PUTTING FINISHING TOUCHES ON BEACH RENOURISHMENT:** In case you have been wondering why there is heavy equipment on the beach around Sunrise Boulevard, the trucks are there to complete Phase II of the Beach Renourishment project. Now that turtle season is over, contractors are able to resume adding sand to our coastline. They have been adding about 180 truckloads of sand, or approximately 4,000 tons to the beach each day between Terramar Street and NE 16th Street in an effort to reconstruct areas of the eroded beach and increase storm protection for our community. Work is expected to be completed by January/February 2017.

**HELLO SUNNY TV NETWORK (Let's you watch Live coverage of Ft. Lauderdale events, on-demand programming and more):** Hello Sunny TV is a new online travel channel dedicated to all that Fort Lauderdale has to offer. The Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention & Visitors Bureau launched the new 24/7 digital TV network in December to coincide with the inaugural Riptide Music Festival on Fort Lauderdale Beach. Hello Sunny provided behind-the-scenes coverage of the alternative music fest featuring artist and audience interviews and more. The digital network is available at Sunny.org/TV on desktop and mobile devices, Smart TVs, and streaming players like Apple TV and, soon, Roku. Viewers can expect livestreams of Greater Fort Lauderdale's beaches, and live coverage of upcoming events such as Art Fort Lauderdale and Underground Lauderdale Fashion Week. Any livestreamed events will simultaneously stream on Facebook Live as well. Launching in 2017, Hello Sunny TV will also air a live weekly show previewing the week's events, arts and culture opportunities, conventions and more. The network also features continuous on-demand content, with episodes on topics like dining, fashion, fitness, and festivals. Select programming is even available in Spanish, Portuguese and Chinese.

**BROWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS (BCPS) TRADITIONAL HIGH SCHOOLS EARN HIGHEST GRADUATION RATE SINCE 2010/2011:** BCPS traditional high schools achieved a graduation rate of 92.2 percent in the 2015/16 school year. This is an increase of 2.6 percent from the 2014/15 school year, according to data released this month by the Florida Department of Education. Among the 33 traditional high schools, the data reflects:

- Overall, the 2015/16 BCPS federal graduation rate is 78.7 percent, which is an increase of 2.1 percentage points from 20/14-15.
- This is the highest graduation rate for BCPS since Florida adopted the Federal Uniform Graduation Rate method in 2010/11.
- 23 traditional high schools had a graduation rate of 90 percent or higher.
- 23 of the 33 traditional high schools improved or maintained their graduation rate.
- Black (70.6 percent), Hispanic (81.3 percent) and White (86.1 percent) students improved their graduation rates. Black students showed a greater improvement in graduation rate, closing the gap with White students by 2.4 percentage points.
- McFatter Technical High School, College Academy @ BC and Pompano Beach High School achieved graduation rates of 100 percent.
- South Broward High School increased its graduation rate by more than five percentage points compared to the 2014/15 school year.

Broward County Public Schools is the sixth largest school district in the nation and the second largest in the state of Florida; is Florida's first fully accredited school system since 1962; has over 271,000 students and approximately 175,000 adult students in 236 schools, centers and technical colleges, and 101 charter schools; and serves a diverse student population, with students representing 208 different countries and 181 different languages.

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In addition to hosting two pre-agenda meetings twice a month, I am also available to attend your HOA meetings to update your neighborhood on what is going on in the City as well as answer any questions/concerns you may have. Please contact Robbi to schedule.

**EMAIL LIST:** If you would like to be on our email list so that you receive information pertaining to the City – especially District 1 (i.e. news releases, meeting notices, events), please let Robbi know and she will add you.