

**FEBRUARY 2021**

Dear Community Members,

As the month of February comes to an end, I am reminded of this time almost one year ago when we were all witnessing the first COVID-19 cases in the United States and just a couple of weeks later the first case in Broward County. We have lost many in our community to the pandemic this past year, but I am optimistic that there the end is near. The vaccination program is helping our senior residents have more confidence and live safely. The County continues to work with our partners at the Florida Department of Health in Broward County and municipalities for a more efficient distribution process. Additionally, I continue express my concerns of the lack of a vaccination site on the east side of Broward County and the extreme need as we have many seniors in District 4. As of this week, the County Administrator is also aware of the need and is working on it.

### **County's Vaccination Efforts**

Broward County recently approved an agreement with the State of Florida, Department of Health (FDOH), for COVID-19 Vaccination Services at specified locations. This provides the County Administrator the ability to engage FDOH to operate at least eight vaccination sites. In addition to providing supplementary locations for vaccinations to individuals determined to be eligible by the Governor, utilizing the existing reservation system administered by FDOH, this agreement provides additional County-administered access to eligible individuals requiring accommodations due to a disability or others who are on the County's special needs shelter list.

Eligible residents are still encouraged to register online or by phone. You can register for vaccine appointments online at [myvaccine.fl.gov](https://myvaccine.fl.gov) or by calling 866-201-6313 (TTY 833-476-1526). Eligible individuals who register will be contacted when

**VACCINATIONS**  
Open to residents **age 65+** and  
**frontline healthcare** workers only

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or visit [myvaccine.fl.gov](https://myvaccine.fl.gov)

an appointment is available for them.

### Rental Assistance Program Update (CARES Act II)



On February 9, 2021, the Board of County Commissioners approved a budget resolution in the amount of \$59 million to appropriate the direct federal assistance from the Treasury Department to Broward County for the emergency rental assistance program in response to the public health emergency. The County has partnered with the court system to prioritize those tenants and landlords that are already in the eviction process to prevent

imminent homelessness. These cases will be diverted from court to mediation and if both parties agree to the terms of the program as outlined by the treasury department and County policy, we will cover rent arrearages and keep the families housed. Additionally, a general program is also being planned.

This program will assist households that are unable to pay rent and utilities due to a direct or indirect loss associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. Eligible households may receive up to 12 months of assistance, to ensure housing stability. Funds must be expended by December 31, 2021 and cannot be reallocated for any other purpose.

**Please stay tuned for more information on the application process.**

### Segment II Shore Protection Project Update

The United States Army Core of Engineers (USACE) awarded the Segment II project construction contract to Eastman Aggregates Enterprise for about \$11M on January 11, 2021, at 100% federal cost. Approximately 390,000 cubic yards of beach quality sand will be placed on beaches extending from the Hillsboro Inlet south to Fort Lauderdale. Construction is permitted to occur outside of sea turtle nesting season and is anticipated to begin in November 2021. Broward County staff will host a public webinar with the latest project schedule and details on February 26, 2021.

Registration is available online at [broward.org/Beachrenourishment](http://broward.org/Beachrenourishment).

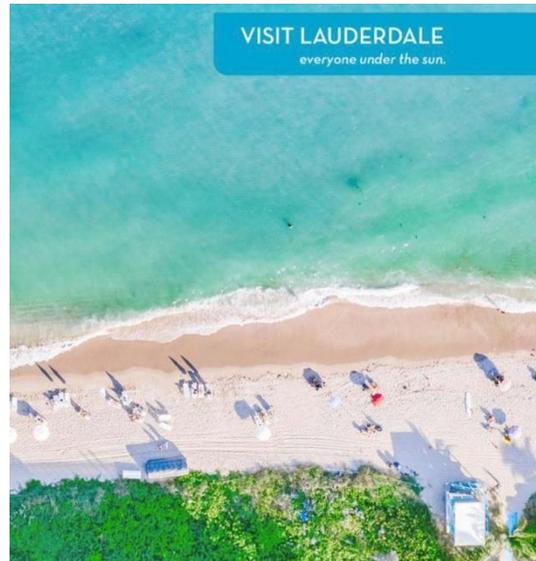
A graphic for the Broward County Beach Project Update. It features a blue background with the text "BROWARD COUNTY BEACH PROJECT UPDATE" in yellow. Below this, there is a smaller version of the Broward County logo. To the right, there are three small images: a beach with a building, a beach with a dune, and a construction site. At the bottom, there is a blue box with the text "PUBLIC WEBINAR" in yellow, followed by "Friday, February 26 @ 11 am - 12:30 pm" and "Register today!" in white.

QUESTIONS? EMAIL [RESILIENCE@BROWARD.ORG](mailto:RESILIENCE@BROWARD.ORG)

## CVB Unveils New Branding Campaign

On January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at the County Commission meeting, Stacy Ritter, President of the Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention & Visitors Bureau (GFLCVB) announced the launch of a brand-new marketing campaign for the destination. The new campaign is community driven, diverse, inclusive, invigorating and inviting. I am excited to see the promotions that have been developed with a clear, concise, and engaging message now titled, Visit Lauderdale 'everyone under the sun'. Check out the link below for an incredible advertisement piece showcasing our amazing community!

Link to "The Story of Greater Fort Lauderdale video (2:38 in length)  
<https://youtu.be/tQumhpoldi8>



## Recent County Commission Action

- On February 23, 2021, I sponsored a resolution urging the Florida Legislature to expand the qualifying improvements that are eligible for Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) financing to include the construction, repairs and replacement of seawalls and the replacement of septic tanks system with sanitary sewer. These projects are costly, and I believe residents should have the option to use PACE at their discretion.
- On January 26, 2021, I sponsored a resolution urging the full funding of Visit Florida by the Florida Legislature as part of the 2021 State Budget. The tourism industry was one of the industries hardest hit by the COVID-19 public health emergency. For Broward County's and the State of Florida's economy to recover, our travel and tourism industries must receive as much support as possible.
- On January 26, 2021, I was happy to co-sponsor a resolution supporting Florida Senate Bill 588 and Florida House Bill 217 designating the Southeast Florida Coral Reef Ecosystem Conservation Area as the Kristin Jacobs Coral Reef Ecosystem Conservation Area. The late former County Commissioner and Mayor devoted her life to protecting and preserving Florida's environmental resources.



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### Out in the Community (Safely)



1. The Unveiling of the Inclusive Street Sign in Oakland Park
2. Galt Mile Association Advisory Board and Presidents Council Zoom Meeting
3. Groundbreaking of the Moran Teen Center at the Jim & Jam Moran Boys & Girls Club
4. Presentation to Cypress Elementary 5<sup>th</sup> Graders

I am truly thankful to serve you and Commission District 4. Please remain vigilant with COVID-19. Each one of us can do a small part, which helps us get through this pandemic. If I can be of any assistance, please contact me at 954-357-7004 or [LFisher@broward.org](mailto:LFisher@broward.org). Also, follow me on Twitter and Facebook.

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Best regards,

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District 4