

MARCH 2021

Dear Community Members,

Happy Spring! The wonderful months of spring are here! As we get to enjoy this amazing weather, I also believe we are getting closer to the finish line as we continue to get our residents vaccinated. In April, the County Commission plans on discussing reopening efforts on criteria-based decisions. For the latest information on Coronavirus, Vaccines or any other related information please visit, [Broward.org/coronavirus](https://www.broward.org/coronavirus).

Vaccinations Update

Effective Monday, March 15, the following are now eligible for the vaccine.

Effective March 15th

VACCINATION SITES
Open to **Residents age 60+** and **frontline healthcare workers**
Appointments Required
Call 866-201-6313 or visit myvaccine.fl.gov

K-12 school employees, sworn law enforcement officers and firefighters age 50+ only are also currently being vaccinated at private sites

New Vaccination Site: On Wednesday, March 17, the Florida Department of Health in Broward (DOH-Broward) began COVID-19 vaccinations by appointment only at Citi Centre in Pompano Beach, located at 1955 N. Federal Highway. To make an appointment, register online at myvaccine.fl.gov or call 866-201-6313 (TTY 833-476-1526).

Homebound Residents: May request a vaccination at their residence by sending an email to homeboundvaccine@em.myflorida.com

To check availability and schedule an appointment with local pharmacies and retail stores, please visit:

- Walmart and Sam's Club - Walmart.com/COVIDvaccine OR samsclub.com/covid
- Publix registration - Publix.com/covid-vaccine/florida
- CVS registration - Cvs.com/immunizations/covid-19-vaccine
- Winn-Dixie registration - winndixie.com/pharmacy/covid-vaccine

Visit Broward.org/Coronavirus (Vaccination Sites) often for updates.

Beach Renourishment Project Update

As previously reported, in 2021, construction of the Segment II and Segment III Shore Protection Projects (beach nourishment) will begin by the US Army Corps of Engineers contractors. Segment II is expected to begin April on 1st. If you have any questions regarding these projects, please email them to resilience@broward.org. Also, Broward County staff will be holding monthly Q&A sessions throughout the construction period to answer questions that might arise during construction. You can register online (Broward.org/beachrenourishment) for any or all of the dates below:

- March 26, 2021 @ 11 am
- April 30, 2021 @ 11 am
- November 24, 2021 @ 11 am
- December 30, 2021 @ 11 am
- January 28, 2022 @ 11 am
- February 25, 2022 @ 11 am
- March 25, 2022 @ 11 am
- April 29, 2022 @ 11 am



Transportation Surtax Implementation Update



As many already know, Broward County voters approved a 1-cent surtax in November 2018 to be used for transportation projects in our community. The program has made great strides following its inception and there are some wonderful things to look forward to.

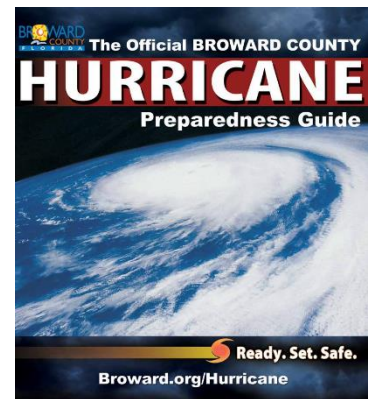
Surtax Accomplishments	What is coming?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Execution of 52 projects in 12 categories, totaling over \$36 million by the County’s Public Works Department • Transit New Purchases: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 147 fixed route buses (65 funded with surtax revenues have improved fuel efficiency) ○ 146 new TOPS paratransit alternative fueled (propane) vehicles • Free Wi-Fi, mobile ticketing, free download of music and books from Broward Libraries, new shelters, and ADA enhancements • TOPS! Paratransit Service per trip subsidy increased from \$15 to \$18 for Rider’s Choice Program (customer benefit) • Transit Systemwide Study, Planning and Preliminary design to study the high-capacity transit needs in the county • All 29 participating municipalities received surtax grant awards in Cycle 1 • 18 Municipal Community Shuttle programs received full funding (capital and operating), with 3 new/expansion under review 	<p>High-Capacity Transit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In January 2021, County Commission approved the Memorandum of Understanding between the Florida Department of Transportation, District 4 (FDOT, 4) and the County defining the roles of each Party related to studying the feasibility of commuter rail on the Florida East Coast tracks. • East West movement is a priority in the MAP Broward 30 Year Program, FDOT is also advancing the study of transit options called “Central Broward East West”. • Preparing to move Port to Airport Connector into the next phases in cooperation with FLL and the Port. • Deployment of Public facing Dashboard • Implementation of branding and promotional strategy • Finalization of Project Funding Agreements with municipalities • Economic Impact and Outreach activities to engage County Business Enterprises



For more information regarding surtax initiatives in your community please visit, broward.org/pennyfortransportation.

Hurricane Season is Almost Here

The 2020 Hurricane season was one for the record books and while Broward County did not have a direct hit, there are predictions that the 2021 season will be another very active and dangerous hurricane season. Hurricane season begins on June 1st, which means now is the time to prepare. Broward County offers several resources, including evacuation information, emergency preparedness resources for residents at risk, guides to help you prepare and recover, County shelter information and so much more.



You can find these resources at Broward.org/hurricane.

Water Matters Month

This year's Water Matters Day is being celebrated all month long with virtual events and activities for children, teens, and adults. This year's theme is "Water Matters – Broward Cares" which is more than just about water conservation. You are not too late; you can still participate or review materials from prior weeks.

For more information, visit Broward.org/waterresources.



Recent County Commission Action at the March 9, 2021 Commission Meeting

- The Board of County Commissioners held a Unified Direct Procurement Authority (UDPA) Meeting with the City of Fort Lauderdale to approve the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for a Public-Private Partnership solicitation for the Joint Government Center Campus (JGCC). The motion passed unanimously by both the County and City Commissioners and I am pleased to see this move forward accordingly. This is step one of a two-step process. Our staff advises that this project should be completed by 2026.
- I was happy to co-sponsor a resolution urging the Florida Legislature to approve Senate Bill 1030 (SB 1030) and House Bill 763 (HB 763), which would repeal the Multi-use Corridors of Regional Economic Significance (M-CORES) Program, urging our Governor and the Florida Legislatures to reallocate funds budgeted for the M-CORES program to the General Fund revenue.
- Additionally, I also co-sponsored a resolution urging the Florida Legislature to reject Senate Bill 86 (SB 86) and any other attempt to impose subject matter limitations on Bright Futures and similar scholarships or to penalize students for dual enrollment or Advanced Study in high school. SB 86 is a threat to the continued availability of these scholarships to deserving and aspiring college students.

To read, watch or join in our County Commission Meetings please visit broward.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=15



I am truly thankful to serve you and Commission District 4. Please remain vigilant during this pandemic. If I can be of any assistance, please contact me at 954-357-7004 or LFisher@broward.org. Also, follow me on Twitter and Facebook.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'L. Fisher', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Lamar P. Fisher
County Commissioner
District 4