

**JUNE 2021**

Dear Community Members,

As we enter summer, I look back on last year and I am so thankful for where we are now. Thank you to everyone, as it took the efforts of each of us get us this far. We looked out for our neighbors, communities, and County as a whole. Although the need for assistance is still front and center, I am hopeful from the compassion we showed, and the lessons learned, we will continue to be there for each other. Enjoy the summer, and for those that are traveling, safe travels and hurry back to beautiful Broward County.

### **Vaccination Sites Update**

Broward County in coordination with the Florida Department of Health of Broward County is starting to close several mass vaccination sites but many pop-up locations are coming in the coming weeks. If you have not been vaccinated, you can visit [Broward.org/coronavirus](https://www.broward.org/coronavirus) for a full list of vaccination sites and some vaccination incentives.



### **Broward County Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Budget**

The Broward County Commission is currently in the middle of our annual budget discussions for FY 2022. The pandemic has had a profound impact on Broward County's economy and people as well as our Broward County Budget. Fortunately, the federal government has aided counties and cities to assist us in continuing all our services as well as provide further assistance for members of our community. This year, my goal is to not raise your millage rate and continue to serve our residents with this year's tax roll as well as the federal aid.

I have consistently advocated for the funding needs for affordable housing, homelessness, traffic improvements and most recently increased funding for our Animal Care Center. At our June 17<sup>th</sup> Budget Workshop, I was pleased that our County Administrator recommended to increase the funding for Affordable housing this year.

During the summer, the County Administrator will provide her final recommendation for the FY2022 budget. Stay tuned for more information. In August, the Board will meet again to discuss several outstanding issues. Our Budget Public Hearings are scheduled for September 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:01pm and September 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:01pm. To learn more about the County's budget process, please visit [Broward.org/Budget](https://www.broward.org/Budget).

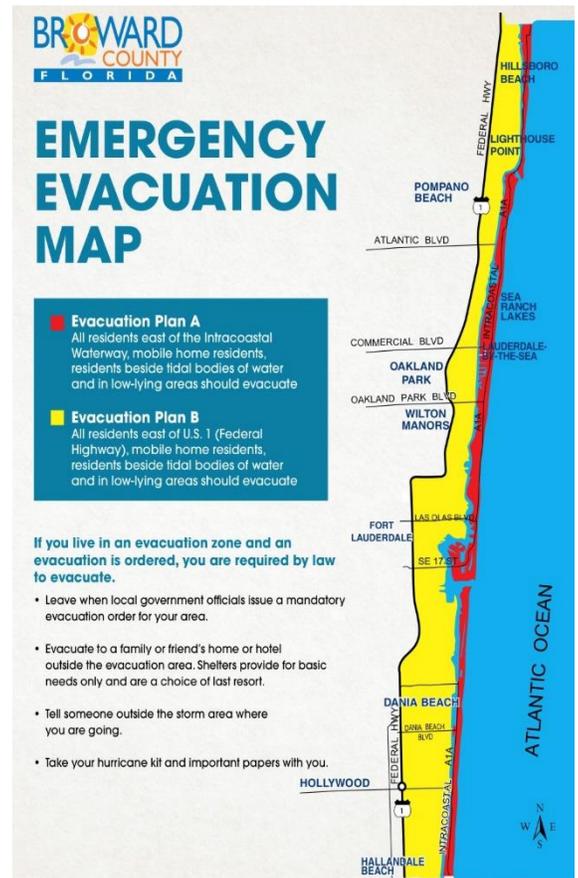
## Hurricane Preparedness

We are in the midst of what is projected to be an active hurricane season. The time to prepare is now! I would like to remind all those living on the coast that you are in an evacuation area and therefore it is vital for you to have a plan of action if local government officials issue a mandatory evacuation order for your area.

## Important Resources for Hurricanes

### Broward County:

- Website: [Broward.org/hurricane](http://Broward.org/hurricane)
- Emergency Hotline at 311 or 954-831-4000
- ALERT!Broward: [Sign up Here](#)
- Or Text "AlertBroward" to 888777 to receive Emergency Notifications only (zip code is required).



## Flood Conditions

During these past couple weeks, we have seen an increase in storm events and heavy rainfall in our community. The rainy season in South Florida usually lasts from May-October where we receive 2/3 (41 inches) of our yearly average rainfall (57 inches.). The [National Weather Service](#) and the [American Red Cross](#) provide several tips on what to do before, during and after a flooding event to keep you, your family and your property safe. Broward County's Water Resources provides even more insight into flood conditions in Broward County. For more helpful resources, please visit [Broward.org/waterresources](http://Broward.org/waterresources).



## Mosquito Season



Heavy rainfall also means that mosquito season is back! Broward County's Mosquito Control Section encourages residents and business owners to survey their property frequently to remove any standing water in common mosquito habitats. If you are experiencing mosquito problems, contact Broward County Mosquito Control Section for a free inspection by calling 3-1-1 or fill out a [Mosquito Service Request Form online](#).

For more information, please visit [Broward.org/mosquito](http://Broward.org/mosquito).

## County Resources

- **Rental Assistance:** [Broward.org/RentAssistance](http://Broward.org/RentAssistance) or call 888-692-7203
  - Three service locations have opened for those needing assistance with the application process. To schedule an appointment at an in-person service center, call 800-204-0557. Locations for in-person assistance include:
    - Housing Foundation of America  
2400 N. University Drive, Suite 200  
Pembroke Pines, FL 33024
    - Housing Foundation of America  
1773 State Road 7, Suite 101-D  
Lauderhill, FL 33313
    - Crisis Housing Solutions (at the Northwest Family Success Center)  
10077 NW 29th St.  
Coral Springs, FL 33065
- **Business Programs/Events:** Please visit our Office of Economic and Small Business Development website a Broward County small business assistance guide with information on training and workshops, business resources, Broward County agencies, federal and state agencies, local and national organizations and much more! [Broward.org/EconDev](http://Broward.org/EconDev)
- **Libraries:** Our Broward County Libraries have many resources for you and your kids. From exciting events, online resources, movies/music and so much more. This summer make sure you and your kids find some time to visit one of the branches or go online to check out all the amazing services our libraries have to offer. [Broward.org/Library](http://Broward.org/Library).
- **Traveling resources:**
  - Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport-[FLL.net](http://FLL.net)
  - Port Everglades-[PortEverglades.net](http://PortEverglades.net)
  - Visit Lauderdale: Everyone Under the Sun- [Sunny.org](http://Sunny.org)



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### COVID-19 EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**  
A rental household meeting the following:

- At least one individual in the household qualifies for unemployment or has reduced income, significant costs or financial hardship due to COVID-19.
- Risk of homelessness or housing instability.
- Household income at or below 80% of area median income (AMI). Visit this page [for an income breakdown](#).
- Must be a renter/landlord in Broward County.

**AVAILABLE ASSISTANCE**  
Eligible households may receive up to 12 months of rental and utility or energy costs arrears (in addition to or separate from rental assistance), plus an additional three months if needed to ensure housing stability and if program funds are available.

**APPLICATION PROCESS**  
Applications may be submitted by either an eligible tenant or by a landlord on behalf of an eligible tenant.

**PAYMENT**  
Rental assistance funds will be paid directly to the landlord/property management company or utility company on the tenant's behalf.

CHECK OUT THE LINK BELOW FOR ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES AND TO APPLY.  
[WWW.BROWARD.ORG/RENTASSISTANCE](http://WWW.BROWARD.ORG/RENTASSISTANCE)  
OR CALL 888-692-7203

## Out in the Community

1. Commission supports SEIU (06/15/21)
2. City of Deerfield Beach's Juneteenth Parade (06/19/21)
3. City of Oakland Park's Groundbreaking Ceremony for City Park Phase 1 (06/11/21)
4. Proclamation Presentation to the Boys & Girls Club of Broward County (06/15/21)



5. War Memorial Revitalization Ceremony in the City of Fort Lauderdale (05/25/21)

6. Sea turtle season is here! This planting was photographed near Admiralty Towers in the City of Pompano Beach (06/12/2021)



7. Economic Engine Performance Report by the Port Everglades Association (06/04/2021)

8. Pio Ieraci's Bench Dedication (05/05/21)

Wishing you and your family a safe and Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend. I am truly thankful to serve you and Commission District 4. 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.

Best regards,

A blue ink signature of Lamar P. Fisher.

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