

For the past three years, I have been working with city staff and neighbors on ways to reduce your water bills. On July 6th, the City Commission voted on a new ordinance to amend the City's Code of Ordinances related to credits for water leaks and unexplained usage in an attempt to simplify the process for utility billing customers and provide meaningful credits to neighbors who experience billing irregularities.

The structure and process for requesting credits and the calculation of the credit amount is complex for staff and can be difficult to explain to impacted neighbors. In an effort to assist our impacted neighbors, staff is proposing changes which include reducing the number of applicable sections in the Code of Ordinances from twelve to seven, providing more consistency between these sections and changing the structure regarding how water leak and unexplained usage credits are processed.

In the proposed ordinance, unexplained usage credits would be available after completion of an application within 60 days of the bill in question. In addition, a meter test and plumber certification that no leak exists is required. This credit (up to two months) is limited to one time during the life of an account. Leak credits would be available after completion of an application within 60 days of the bill in question. In addition, a plumber certification of leak repair is required. Monthly usage must exceed two times the average for the past year to be eligible for the credit. The current ordinance provides credit based on the neighbor's average rate tier in the system. The proposed ordinance will provide the credit at the lowest tiered rate, allowing for more meaningful credits.

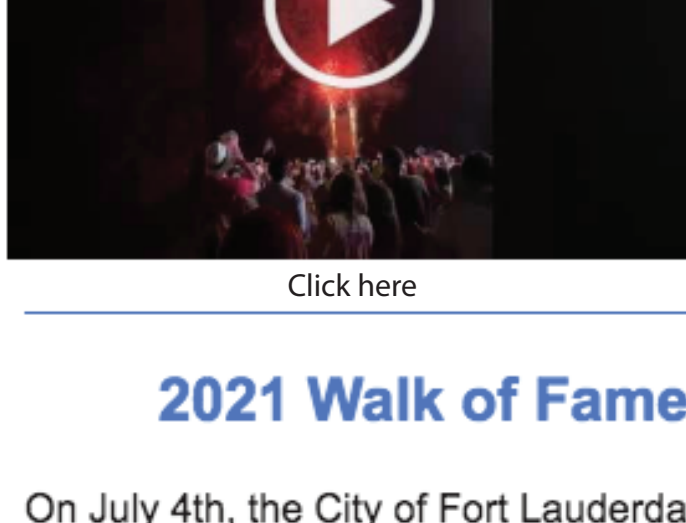
In an effort to substantially reduce the frequency of unexplained water usage and water leaks, the City is implementing the use of AMI digital meter software. AMI has the potential to eliminate manual meter reads, provide neighbors with leak detection alerts, and improve overall accuracy of the system among other benefits. Beginning in July, the City will deploy over 100 new water meters throughout Fort Lauderdale in order to evaluate products from six providers as part of a \$55,000 pilot project. Based on the results of the pilot program, staff will develop specifications for a citywide installation of AMI. Once the procurement process is complete, deployment of 64,000 meters to all of the City's customers is estimated to take 24 months at a cost of \$30 million. The City will seek opportunities available for alternative funding sources such as grants or federal subsidies to help offset the cost of citywide implementation. For details, visit [flicity.info/3wNvD3v](http://flicity.info/3wNvD3v).

Sincerely,

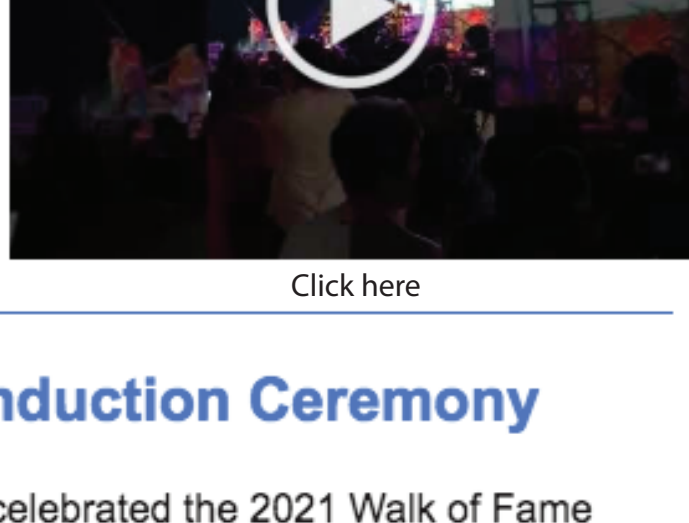
*Heather Moraitis*

## Celebrating our Country's Independence

This year's City of Fort Lauderdale 4th of July Spectacular featured the Beach Boys along with an amazing fireworks display over the Atlantic Ocean. Thank you to all the neighbors who came out to help us celebrate!



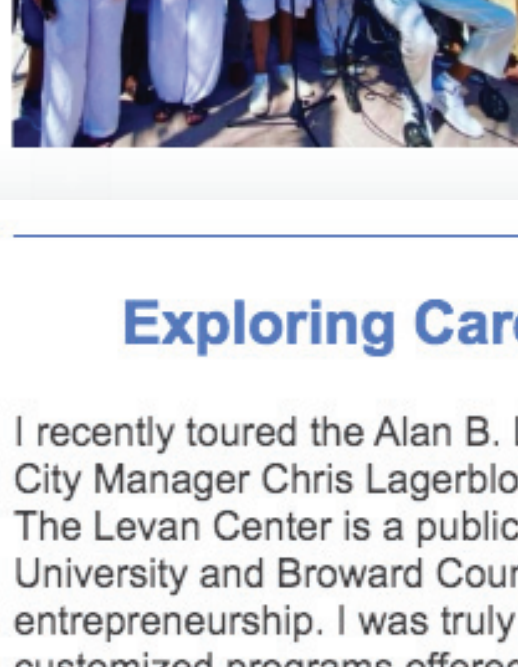
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## 2021 Walk of Fame Induction Ceremony

On July 4th, the City of Fort Lauderdale celebrated the 2021 Walk of Fame honorees. Those selected to be on the Walk of Fame are recognized for distinguishing themselves in their respective fields while making lifelong, positive contributions to Fort Lauderdale. As part of the awards program, each honoree receives a commemorative marble paver that is placed in the Walk of Fame to memorialize their outstanding accomplishments. Congratulations to all those recognized!



### 2019 Honorees

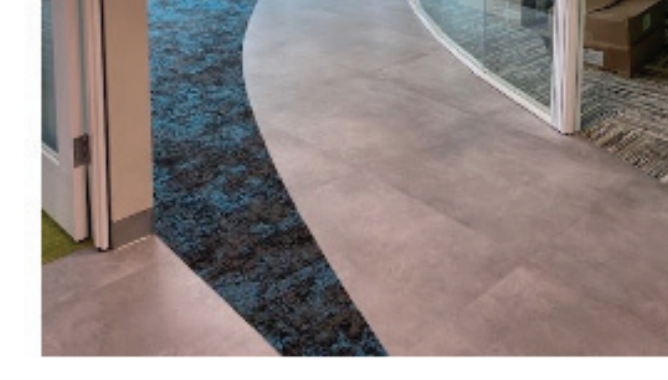
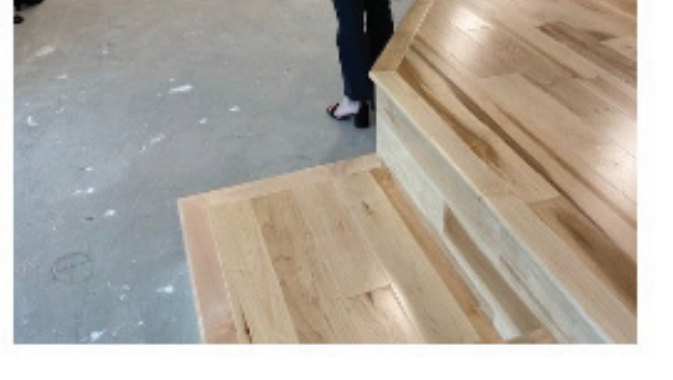
- Walter Banks**  
President, Lego Mar Beach Resort and Club  
His family-owned business has been a Fort Lauderdale Beach staple since the 1950s. His involvement in tourism and other community efforts made Fort Lauderdale a premiere destination.
- Levi Henry, Jr.**  
Founder, *Womble Gazette Newspaper*  
Facing personal discrimination to equal opportunities and having no voice, he founded a newspaper, giving voice to Black Broward County for positive change.
- The Perry Family**  
Building a Beach Legacy  
They dedicated their lives to making Fort Lauderdale a tourism success through their vision of providing a first-class beach experience for visitors and the community.
- Stanford "Stan" Smoker**  
Visionary, Developer and Preservationist  
He had a developer's eye, historian heart and a pioneer spirit in his vision for downtown Fort Lauderdale and the beautiful blue line.

### 2021 Honorees

- Sylvia Aldridge**  
Guardian Champion  
Through her entrepreneurial spirit, and civic and religious contributions to the Black community, she was an angel to the residents of Fort Lauderdale.
- Eugenia Duncan Ellis**  
President and CEO, *Broward*  
She has played a pivotal role in helping to showcase the City's natural beauty, strengthen the growth of the burgeoning downtown, and emphasize the impact of parks in Fort Lauderdale.
- Michael E. Hurst**  
Restaurant, Educator and Hospitality Legend  
His lifelong passion for marketing continues to inspire generations. "We're Glad You're Here."
- John D. MacDonald**  
Author and Environmentalist  
He was a prolific writer whose Doris McOwen novels brought positive recognition to a vibrant Fort Lauderdale and its beautiful natural environment.

## Exploring Career Technical Opportunities

I recently toured the Alan B. Levan NSU Broward Innovation Center with our City Manager Chris Lagerbloom and Chief Education Officer Zoie Saunders. The Levan Center is a public-private partnership between Nova Southeastern University and Broward County that is focused on innovation, technology and entrepreneurship. I was truly amazed at the different levels new technology, customized programs offered and the unique scaling of early stage and young start up companies. Complete with a final stop at the "Pitch Room", a start up company's growth and development can be completely be cultivated from the early stages, to its full potential at the Levan Center.



## Out and About in the Community



Congratulations on the grand reopening of Dunkin' Donuts at 1070 West Commercial Boulevard in Fort Lauderdale!



Congratulations to Keller Williams Realty Professionals on their newest location in Fort Lauderdale at 2419 East Commercial Boulevard and welcome to District 1!



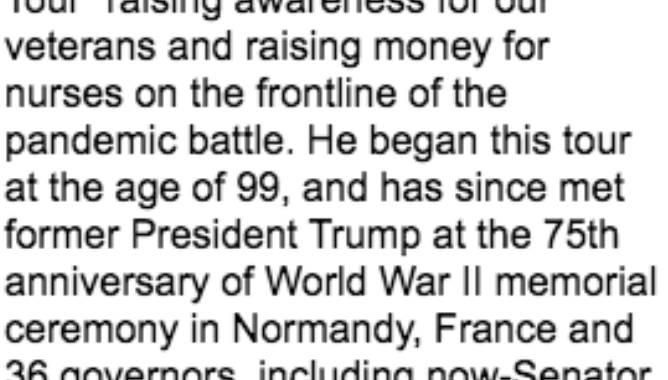
The City Commission presented an award to representatives from Broward Health and Inter Miami CF in appreciation of their partnership to establish the COVID-19 vaccination site at Lockhart Park where over 68,000 individuals were vaccinated. We appreciate their commitment to the health and well-being of our neighbors!



I was honored to meet 102-year-old WWII veteran Sidney Walton. Mr. Walton is on his 50 state "No Regrets Tour" raising awareness for our veterans and raising money for nurses on the frontline of the pandemic battle. He began this tour at the age of 99, and has since met former President Trump at the 75th anniversary of World War II memorial ceremony in Normandy, France and 36 governors, including now-Senator Rick Scott!



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To discuss any issues in your neighborhood, please join our District 1 meeting. Please contact District 1 Assistant Melissa Coningsby, [mconingsby@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:mconingsby@fortlauderdale.gov) or 954-828-5033, for any questions or to schedule an appointment.

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