Today, I toured Full Sail University Orlando Health Fortress—home to the largest collegiate esports arena in the country, to learn more about the university and its tremendous impact within the esports landscape. There is no doubt esports is a rapidly growing industry, with numerous recreational opportunities for all ages. High school leagues, adult leagues, and even intergenerational leagues come together to compete and connect in person and around the world. Providing recreation and a place of belonging is integral to a thriving community and I believe building a 15,000 square foot esports arena, holding about 500 people, on the second floor of the proposed community center at Lockhart Park, is the right fit for our city.

Investing in innovative ideas is not just about creating a hub for recreation and cutting-edge businesses. It's also about cultivating the next generation of entrepreneurs and innovators. I have been working with the Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance to further support Broward County's standing as a longtime tech hub. Building an esports arena would be an additional asset in achieving this goal. Bringing an esports and gaming arena to Lockhart Park would service South Florida and provide another option outside of Central Florida, but more importantly, help us provide endless programs for the youth in our city.

Another exciting possibility would be to connect Brightline

to Lockhart Park with a Boring Company Tunnel to transport people to the esport arena for tournaments and the Inter Miami CF Stadium on game day. Talk about bringing together multiple sectors! After seeing the arena at Full Sail University and touring the Boring Company Las Vegas Loop, I have no doubt we can achieve these goals right here in Fort Lauderdale.

I will bring this topic to the City Commission on Tuesday,

August 17 and I hope the commission supports bringing an esports arena to Lockhart Park! Please email any questions or comments to HMoraitis@fortlauderdale.gov. I also look forward to hosting a zoom meeting in September to discuss this project with you!

Sincerely,





Out and About in the Community



celebrating Christmas in July!

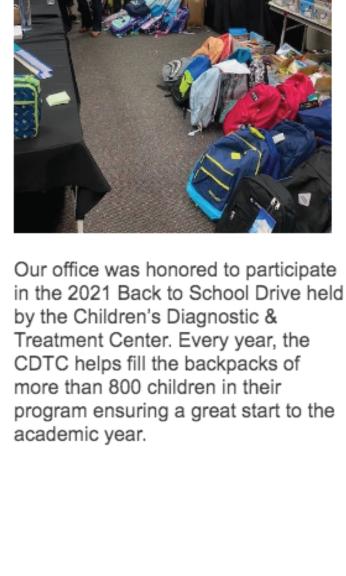
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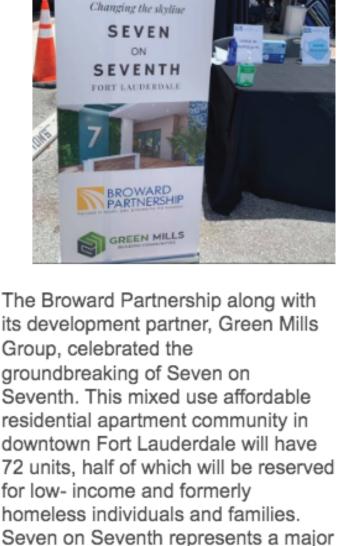


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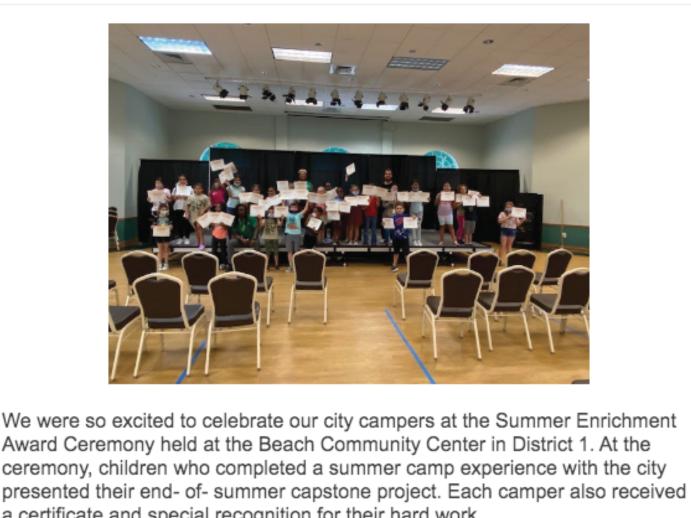


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