



DECEMBER 2021

Dear Community Members,

Holiday season is here and there are many wonderful events in our community for all to enjoy. I hope everyone stays safe and healthy this season as we gather with family and friends. Additionally, I encourage everyone to shop local this holiday season, let's help keep our small businesses alive!

Port Everglades Officially Welcomes Disney

On December 14th, the Broward County Commission officially welcomed Disney Cruise Lines to Port Everglades with Line President Thomas Mazloum and Capt. Minnie Mouse. As I've reported before the County has been in negotiations with Disney for several months and the County Commission officially approved a 15-year lease for Disney to begin cruising from Port Everglades. This is a major milestone for our community as Port Everglades will now be Disney's second year-round homeport! The agreement provides for one ship to be homeported in Port Everglades year-round beginning fall 2023, joined by a second, seasonal ship in 2025.

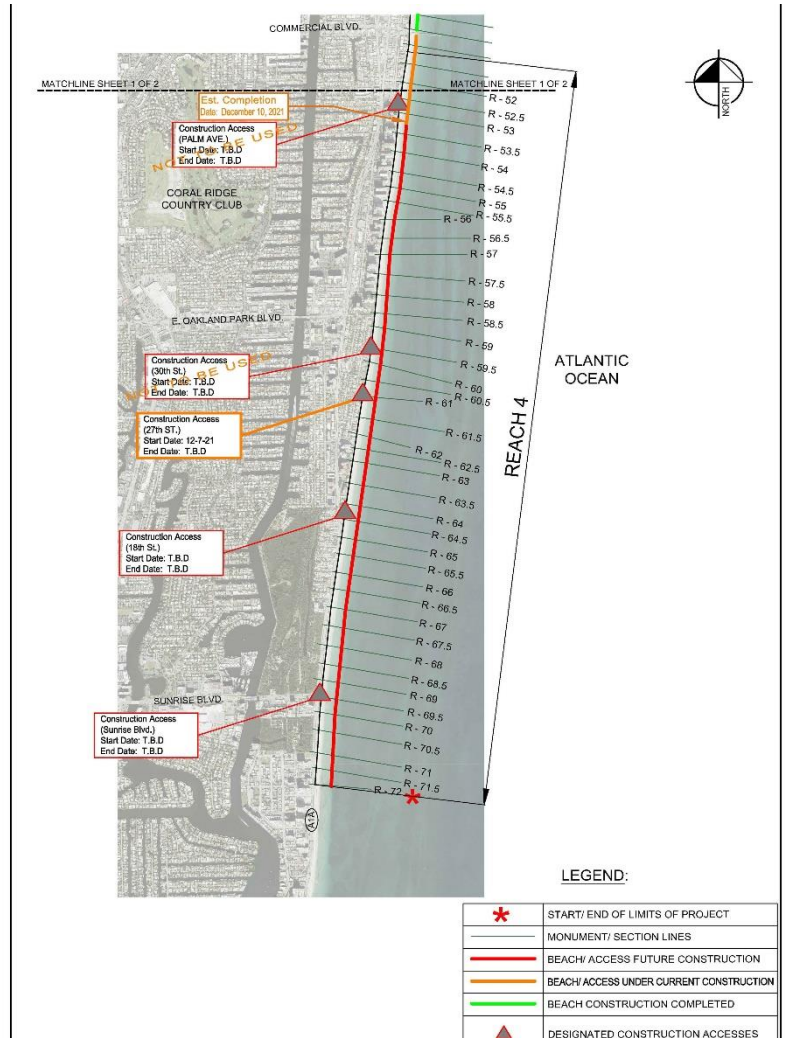


Cruise Line President Mazloum eagerly stated that a major attraction to Broward County is the Port's proximity to our Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport (FLL) and the expansion/hotel project for our Convention Center. This major addition to our Port will bring a minimum of 10.6 million passengers through our community, which means more tourism, more jobs, and a whole lot of magic to Broward County!

Beach Renourishment Update

The Segment II Beach Renourishment Project is moving faster than expected due to our beach's dynamic environment and a very quiet hurricane season. This means that not as much sand is needed and therefore the project can move faster down the coast of Broward County. As previously reported, the current schedule calls for work to be conducted Monday through Friday, however, weekend work may occur if required to stay on schedule. No work is currently planned on major holidays like Christmas, and New Year's.

Questions regarding these projects can be directed to resilience@broward.org. For specific updates visit Broward.org/BeachRenourishment.



Film Industry

Broward County has embarked on a mission to attract more of the film and television industry to our community. Most recently, the County has hired Sandy Lighterman as the County's Film Commissioner. Establishing a Film Commission Office, hiring a new Film Commissioner, and offering incentives to filmmakers will help our County to attract film,



television and streaming entertainment industry, creating economic growth, jobs and new opportunities for small businesses and members of our community. Broward County has a lot to offer, from our beautiful scenery to our diverse community. I know we have a great deal of opportunity for the entertainment industry.

Nancy J. Cotterman Center Foundation Celebration

Earlier this month, I participated in the Foundation Celebration for the Nancy J. Cotterman Center (NJCC). The NJCC is Broward County's only Certified Rape Crisis Center and Accredited Children's Advocacy Center that helps those in our community who have experienced sexual violence, child abuse and human trafficking since 1977. The much-anticipated new building will continue to provide these services to our community in a 2-story 28,000 square-foot sustainable building which is expected to be completed in early 2023. The emotional celebration included family members of Nancy J. Cotterman and emotional speeches on the important work that NJCC staff does day in and day out to help victims overcome traumatic events. For more information or if you or anyone you know needs assistance, visit Broward.org/NancyJCottermanCenter.



Recent County Commission Action

- **FLL Intermodal Center:** On December 14th, the Broward County Commission (Board) approved a Memorandum of Understanding regarding three stand-alone projects at Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport (FLL), Port Everglades and the Broward County Convention Center. The project segment includes the future anticipated FLL Automated People Mover, the Intermodal Center, and the Airport/Seaport/Convention Center Connector.
- **Convention Center:** The Board heard an update about the Convention Center Expansion Project from the County Administrator. The west expansion opened on time, and we are now in the process of building the east expansion. Additionally, the Board approved a fourth amendment with Matthews Holdings Southwest which will help move this tremendous project forward.
- **Broward County Transit's (BCT) New Programs:** On December 7th, the Board approved two transportation pilot programs that will be funded through the Transportation Surtax Fund. (1) The Community Microtransit Pilot Program will provide service to five communities that typically have lower ridership but certainly have a direct need for smaller more efficient vehicles that will also use technological solutions for customer convenience. (2) the Late-Shift Connect Pilot Program will

provide late-night workers a method to get to and from work during the times when the regular BCT schedule is not in service, especially for those needing a last-mile service.

- **Redistricting:** On December 7th, the Board approved map C for the new County Commission Districts. A full review of the new District 4 Map will be included in the January Newsletter once the Map has been officially finalized.



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Broward County Resources

- Vaccination Information: Broward.org/Coronavirus
- Emergency Rental Assistance: Broward.org/RentAssistance
- Broward County Libraries: Broward.org/Library
- Broward County Parks: Broward.org/Parks
- Pet Adoptions: Broward.org/Animal

Happy Holidays and I wish everyone a very Happy New Year!

I am truly thankful to serve you and Commission District 4 and to serve everyone in Broward County as your new Vice-Mayor. If I can be of any assistance, please contact me at 954-357-7004 or LFisher@broward.org. Also, follow me (@LamarPFisher) on Twitter and Facebook ([@ViceMayorLamarFisher](https://www.facebook.com/ViceMayorLamarFisher)).

Best regards,



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