



## Vice Mayor Heather Moraitis

As we look to 2022, helping our homeless population continues to be a priority for me. The City of Fort Lauderdale is taking a comprehensive approach to assisting the homeless, by working with numerous agencies, non-profit, charitable, medical, and faith-based organizations that are dedicated to addressing this complex and important issue. Our overarching goal is to provide a long-term comprehensive solution for the homeless population. While aiming for that goal, we are concurrently working to protect public safety and maintain quality of life for our neighbors, businesses, and visitors.

The City of Fort Lauderdale Police Department (FLPD) continues to support the City's homeless neighbors through a variety of efforts. The Reunification Program assisted a total of 29 individuals and three families to return to their relatives outside the City. As of November, the Unit has contacted 1,112 homeless neighbors this year. In conjunction with the Task Force for Ending Homelessness, the FLPD Homeless Outreach Officers made a total of 9,056 contacts which resulted in an additional 1,333 placements in 2021. The Unit is also developing an officer training program to increase support for the homeless. Partnering with the City's Neighbor Support (NS) Division, this program is an innovative approach to handling certain low-level misdemeanor crimes and violations of municipal ordinances.

The FLPD Homeless Outreach Unit supports the Community Court's weekly efforts to offer individuals experiencing homelessness a chance to engage in treatment and social services. The 17th Judicial Circuit Community Court at Fort Lauderdale City Hall is a program that addresses the needs of at-large, homeless, petty crime and municipal ordinance offenders and focuses on the root causes of each defendant's issues. During 2021, the Broward County Clerk of Courts reported 58 cases filed through the Community Court. In addition to those with court cases, the Community Court Program served approximately 137 walk-in clients. The network provided about 670 onsite goods and services, including meals, haircuts, hygiene kits, clothing, bus passes, masks, and other items. In addition to the needed onsite services, approximately 291 referrals to community services and treatment providers, such as mental health, housing, substance abuse, employment, and skills training were provided to those seeking assistance.

Along with the City, Broward County has numerous resources available for people experiencing homelessness including three Homeless Assistance Centers (HAC) located in Fort Lauderdale, Pompano and Hollywood. Services include emergency housing, food, clothing, intensive case management and timely access to mental health and substance abuse treatment; education and job training; social skills development; health care; counseling; and other support services.

The Broward Partnership for the Homeless is expanding its operations in our city. Currently, they are constructing a 72 unit development called Seven on Seventh. This development will be a mixed use affordable residential apartment community, on their campus in downtown Fort Lauderdale, specifically designed for low-income and formerly homeless individuals and families. The Broward County Continuum of Care (CoC) is a collaborative network of organizations, advocates, community residents, and businesses that plan programs with the primary goal of alleviating homelessness in all areas of Broward County. To attend a CoC public meeting, please access the following link: <https://www.broward.org/Homeless/Pages/CoC.aspx>

If you see an individual struggling with homelessness please contact the City of Fort Lauderdale 24-Hour Customer Service Center at (954) 828-8000 or online at: [www.fortlauderdale.gov/lauderserv](http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/lauderserv). Together, we can help all of our neighbors, while providing a safe community.

Sincerely,



Youth Impact Center is now open at 909 East Cypress Creek road in Fort Lauderdale! The mission of YIC is to provide FREE quality sports, education, and spiritual development programs to serve youth ages 6-18. For more information, or to register your child, visit their website at: [www.youthimpactcenters.org](http://www.youthimpactcenters.org)

## YIC YOUTH IMPACT CENTER

Where Young People Meet & Thrive at the Heart of Your Community

Imagine a place where young people can congregate and have all their needs met, academically, athletically, socially, and personally. Would you call that place school? Home? Church? Here in the community of Fort Lauderdale, we call that place Youth Impact Center—or YIC. Welcome to our thriving community.

WRESTLING | TUTORING | FITNESS | MENTORING | MMA | SOCIAL HUB

YIC now offers the Enrichment Center and Athletics Center at 909 & 947 East Cypress Creek Road in Pinecrest Square!

**Extended Hours**  
Monday-Friday, 2-8pm  
Saturday, 12-4pm

**We Rise By Lifting Others.**

Modern Facilities

Safe & Fun Environment

100% FREE

Wide-Ranging, No-Cost Programs

Visit [www.youthimpactcenters.org](http://www.youthimpactcenters.org) OR call at 954-928-0027 OR visit in person to register youth from ages 6-18 to our no-cost programs.

**YOUTH IMPACT CENTER**  
909 & 947 EAST CYPRESS CREEK ROAD  
IN THE PINECREST SQUARE

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## Progress Report & Strategic Plan: Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2024

2021 Progress Report

**PRESS PLAY**  
**FORT LAUDERDALE**  
*Our City, Our Strategic Plan 2024*

View the 2021 Progress Report

## Learn More About the New Tri-County Commuter Rail Proposal

**Florida Department of Transportation**  
3401 West Commercial Boulevard  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309

RON DESANTIS  
GOVERNOR
KEVIN J. TIBBALT, P.E.  
SECRETARY

January 4, 2022

Dear Elected Official:

**RE: Alternatives Public Workshop  
Broward Commuter Rail (BCR)  
Project Development & Environment Study (PD&E)  
Broward County and Miami-Dade County, Florida  
Financial Project ID Number: 448942-1  
Efficient Transportation Decision Making (ETDM) No. 14474**

On behalf of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District Four and Broward County, you and your staff are invited to attend the Alternatives Public Workshop for the BCR PD&E Study, which runs from Deerfield Beach to Hollywood, including six stations, a new crossing over the New River, and a connection to the Miami Central Station. A PD&E study is FDOT's process to evaluate the social, economic, and environmental benefits and impacts associated with a planned transportation improvement project. The objective of the BCR PD&E Study is to develop and analyze alternatives that integrate passenger rail and freight rail service along the Florida EastCoast (FEC) Railway. The project team is planning to present a recommendation to the Broward County Commission of a Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) in the spring, which will identify the general station locations and the recommended alternative for the crossing of the New River. A decision on an LPA is necessary to move into the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Project Development process which will allow the project to compete for federal funds through the FTA Capital Improvement Grant program.

The FDOT will host three Alternatives Public Workshops (two virtual and one in-person) to encourage as much participation as possible from our community. Registration for all workshops is available at [www.browardcountymailroom.com](http://www.browardcountymailroom.com). Below are the times, dates, locations and information for those that wish to join by phone.

- Thursday, January 27, 2022, beginning at 3 p.m. to be held virtually. To attend by phone call toll free 1-877-309-2074, access code 146-171-718.
- Thursday, January 27, 2022, beginning at 6:30 p.m. to be held virtually. To attend by phone call toll free 1-877-309-2074, access code 125-404-365.
- Monday, January 31, 2022, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The In-Person Alternatives Public Workshop will be held at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts, 201 SW 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312.
  - Parking is available at no charge in the public garage located at the corner of SW 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and SW 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, across from the Performing Arts Center.
  - The latest social distancing requirements will be followed.

*Improve Safety, Enhance Mobility, Inspire Innovation*  
[www.fdot.gov](http://www.fdot.gov)

## The City of Lauderdale Lakes, in collaboration with the cities of Fort Lauderdale, Lauderdale Hills, Oakland Park, Tamarac, Pompano Beach and McNab Road. Please share what's important to you for the NW 31st Avenue in the below survey.

Access the survey by scanning the QR code with your mobile device.

Community Outreach Meeting  
Date: January 27, 2022  
Location: Educational & Cultural Center  
3880 W. Oakland Park Blvd., Lauderdale Lakes, FL 33311

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Place Your Order for Free At-Home COVID-19 Tests

Residential households in the U.S. can order one set of 4 free at-home tests from USPS.com. Here's what you need to know about your order:

- Limit of one order per residential address
- One order includes 4 individual rapid antigen COVID-19 tests
- Orders will ship three starting in late January

Fill in this form with your contact and shipping information to order your tests.

## NEWS RELEASE

A SERVICE OF THE BROWARD COUNTY COMMISSION

### Monoclonal Antibody Treatment Now Available at Two Broward Parks BROWARD COUNTY, FL

Monoclonal antibody treatment for people who've contracted COVID-19 is now available at two Broward County Parks. The antibody therapy treatment is being provided by the State of Florida through the Florida Department of Health and is meant for people 12 years and older who are at high risk for severe illness.

The treatment is available at these Broward County parks:

- C.B. Smith Park, 900 N. Flamingo Rd., Pembroke Pines, 33028, Monday - Sunday, 9AM to 5PM, by appointment only. This site is administered by CDR Health.

#### Make Appointment

- Markham Park & Target Range, 16001 W. State Road 84, Sunrise, 33326, Monday - Sunday, 8AM to 5PM, by appointment only. This site is administered by AshBritt-IEM Health through the Florida Department of Emergency Management. **Make Appointment**

Health officials say monoclonal antibodies help the immune system recognize and respond effectively to the COVID-19 virus and can prevent severe illness, hospitalization and death in high-risk patients who have contracted the virus. A full list of state-supported or previously state-supported operational monoclonal antibody therapy sites can be found by visiting: [floridahealthcovid19.gov/treatments/treatmentlocator](http://floridahealthcovid19.gov/treatments/treatmentlocator).

## CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE Notice: Upcoming Improvements

### FORT LAUDERDALE BEACH CONSTRUCTION ADVISORY FOR BEACH IMPROVEMENTS

Fort Lauderdale's six-mile-long beach is about to be renewed and revitalized. This project is part of a long-term partnership between the city and Broward County that has been protecting our beaches for more than half a decade. This new \$29.5 million federally funded project will replace about 388,000 cubic yards of sand along the county shoreline that has been lost to Hurricane Irma and erosion, dramatically increasing the beach's width in most areas.

Beach renourishment in Fort Lauderdale will begin on December 3rd, 2021, and last until April 30th, 2022. These dates were chosen to minimize the impact to turtle nesting and wildlife. Under supervision of the Army Corps of Engineers, crews will be working during daylight hours from approximately 7 am to 6 pm, Monday through Friday. There is no work planned on weekends or major holidays.

Work will begin at the northern part of the beach and progress south. Access to the vast majority of the beach will be available during this project, with small limitations at construction staging areas and each day's 500-foot work zone (see map).

To learn more, visit [www.broward.gov/BeachRenourishment](http://www.broward.gov/BeachRenourishment).

For more information or questions, contact:  
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954-828-7807 or [thiteshev@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:thiteshev@fortlauderdale.gov)  
Sean Kemurli, Eastman Aggregate Enterprises, LLC  
954-328-0808 or [sean@eastmanagg.com](mailto:sean@eastmanagg.com)  
City of Fort Lauderdale 24-Hour Neighbor Service Center  
954-828-8000 or [louderserv@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:louderserv@fortlauderdale.gov)



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### BAYVIEW DRIVE SEWER REPAIR PROJECT IN CORAL RIDGE COUNTRY CLUB ESTATES

The City of Fort Lauderdale and Lanzo Construction Co. will be making repairs to the sewer system along Bayview Drive between NE 36 Street and NE 40 Street in the Coral Ridge Country Club Estates neighborhood. The improvements being made as part of this project will increase the reliability of the sewer system and prevent future breakdowns. The work includes:

- taking video to assess the condition of the existing pipes\*
  - cleaning and lining the pipes
  - reestablishing individual customer connections (laterals) and lining and repairing them as needed, and
  - roadway reconstruction including paving and site restoration.
- Construction will begin on Monday, January 10, 2022, and is expected to be completed by spring 2022. Work will take place Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. as crews move from south to north within the project limits.



\* If the video inspections reveal collapsed pipe(s), excavation will be required to replace the damaged sections of pipe, even though the City's right-of-way. In this case, the overall project duration may be extended by a few weeks.

**TRAFFIC IMPACTS**  
One lane in each direction of Bayview Drive will be closed during construction. Traffic control personnel will direct traffic through the work zone. Access to driveways will be maintained. Please follow posted signs and drive with caution in the area.

We apologize in advance for any inconvenience and thank our neighbors for their continued patience as we work to upgrade our sewer system as quickly as possible.

For more information or questions, contact:  
**Steve Hillberg, P.E., Senior Project Manager**  
Office: 954-828-5076, Mobile: 954-336-6970, or [shillberg@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:shillberg@fortlauderdale.gov)  
City of Fort Lauderdale 24-Hour Neighbor Service Center  
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## CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF EVENT

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 22, 2022 | 9 A.M. - 2 P.M.**  
Mills Pond Park, 2201 NW 9th Avenue

**REGISTRATION IS NOW REQUIRED!**  
Fort Lauderdale Residents **MUST** register for this event online by Noon, January 21, 2022  
**REGISTER NOW:** [www.fortlauderdale.gov/hhwregister](http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/hhwregister)

Proof of residence required (Driver's license, tax bill or utility bill).  
Containers may not exceed five gallons; limit 25 gallons  
Materials for drop-off will only be collected from trunks and the bed of trucks.

**PROHIBITED ITEMS**  
Explosives | Flares | Trash & Debris | Appliances | Ammunition  
**NO WASTE FROM COMMERCIAL VEHICLES OR TRAILERS WILL BE ACCEPTED**

**NOW AVAILABLE**  
No need to load up electronics for this or future events. Fort Lauderdale residents can conveniently and safely dispose of home electronics curbside. Visit [www.fortlauderdale.gov/epickup](http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/epickup) for details.

For drop-off guidelines, visit [www.fortlauderdale.gov/hhw](http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/hhw) or contact City of Fort Lauderdale 24-Hour Neighbor Call Center at 954-828-8000.

High traffic volumes are anticipated. Visitors' patience is appreciated. Please also note that inclement weather conditions could affect the hours of this event.

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## CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE Action For Literacy Day

**January 22, 2022 • 10 AM - 1 PM**  
Carter Park • 1450 W. Sunrise Boulevard

**Fun Activities for Kids and Parents!**  
Treasure Hunt • Human Scrabble • Little Free Library Decorating  
Food • Raffles • Arts & Crafts • Local Authors Reading Corner

For more information, please contact Jorg Hruschka, Chief Service Officer, at (954) 828-5568 or via email at [jhruschka@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:jhruschka@fortlauderdale.gov).



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

STAY CONNECTED

