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Dear Community Members,

Spring is in full swing in South Florida and while we get to enjoy this beautiful weather, I'm even more excited that I get to meet and see many community members in person once again. Last week we celebrated Earth Day and there were many wonderful activities in our community from beach cleanups to dune plantings. I commend all volunteers who took the time to help our planet. As April comes to an end and we jump into May, there are two great events starting this weekend. The Fort Lauderdale Air Show runs April 30- May 1 and Fleet Week Port Everglades runs May 1-8, two wonderful events for the entire family.

Plastics Ordinance

Broward County recently passed an ordinance banning single use plastic straws and stirrers on County property. We know the harmful effects of these products on our environment, from the impacts to our waterways to the major impacts on the ecosystem. It is certainly in the best interest of the health and wellbeing of all in our community to assist in the reduction of litter. The County's ordinance essentially states that polystyrene products, single-use plastic beverage straws, and single-use plastic stirrers may not be i) purchased by the County or used by individuals on County property, ii) used or provided by temporary vendors on County property, or iii) used or provided by entities engaged in a contractual relationship with the County for the provision of goods or services on County property. Additionally, confetti and sky lanterns are also not allowed on

County property as they can be mistakenly ingested by wildlife. The intent of this action is to convey to the public how dangerous these items can be in our environment. While this is



the first step for our County, I'm hopeful that we are taking the right steps for our environment.

Affordable Housing Update

Recently, I sponsored an item that was unanimously approved by the County Commission, in which we accepted the City of Fort Lauderdale's Downtown Center Affordable Housing Implementation Plan. As we all know, housing affordability in our community is at its worst. The City's plan proposes more than 750 affordable housing units within the Greater Downtown Regional Activity Center Area. While this is not nearly as much of what is needed, I commend the City and its partners for working together to find a sensible way of making these units a possibility.



Speaking of housing issues, the Board recently took action to assist renters in Broward County. The ordinance approved by the Board this week requires that landlords provide a 60-day notice of termination to tenants or for rent increases more than 5% of the current rate. I'm hopeful this measure will assist renters who are struggling with the astronomical rent increases in South Florida.

Resilience News

Broward County's Resilient Environment Department recently announced a two-year countywide planning effort focused on building community resilience to the impacts of climate change predicted over the next half-century. This much-needed planning effort will be designed to address flood mitigation needs across the Broward landscape. Municipal partners, private sector stakeholders, water managers, the public and more will be vital to its success, which will provide the basis for a multi-decade resilient infrastructure and redevelopment plan to serve all of Broward County. For more information, visit Broward.org/resiliency.





Additionally, I want to congratulate the Natural Resources Division under the Resilient Environment Department as they've announced that Broward County is one of the first two counties in the nation to be certified as a National Wildlife Federation (NWF) Community Wildlife Habitat™ for

NatureScape Broward. As of January 1, 2022 there are 5,189 NatureScape gardens in Broward County and 98.7% of urban Broward County is either registered or certified. For more information, visit Broward.org/NatureScape.

Disney Terminal Design Contract



There is much conversation about Disney these days, and although Broward County is not specifically involved in that discussion, we are still excited to bring Disney Cruise Line to our very own Port Everglades. Recently the Board of County Commissioners approved the Disney terminal design contract to transform Port Everglades Cruise Terminal 4 into a second home for Disney Cruise Line. We are excited to see the creativity and magic that this will bring to our very own Port as County staff works closely with teams of Imagineers and other creative groups to design a terminal that will truly be spectacular. The entire project must be completed by the Fall of 2023 when Disney Cruise Line sails for the first time from Port Everglades. For more information on this and all the exciting things

happening at the Port visit, PortEverglades.net.

2022 Broward and Beyond Business Conference

Broward County's Office of Economic and Business Development will be holding the 2022 Broward and Beyond Business Conference on Friday, May 6 from 8AM to 4:30PM. This free event will highlight new programs and profitable business opportunities that Broward-based businesses can access. This is a great opportunity for business owners and professionals to explore these opportunities while engaging with industry leaders and connecting with peers across a multitude of disciplines. To register to attend or for more information, visit Broward.org/BizBeyond.



Resources/Reminders

- Hurricane Season Resources: Broward.org/Hurricane
- COVID-19 Resources: 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

Out in the Community

1. Port Everglades Association
2. Everglades Holiday Park
3. Spirit of Care at Broward Health Coral Spring
4. Lighthouse Point Keepers Day Parade



5. Wilton Manors 1st Public Outreach Meeting for Redesign of NE 26th Street Project
6. Grand Opening of Alan B. Levan NSU Broward Center of Innovation
7. Groundbreaking for Aloft Hotel in Fort Lauderdale
8. Medal of Valor and Proclamation presentation to Bus driver Gwendolyn Whitfield



I am truly thankful to serve you and Commission District 4 and to serve everyone in Broward County as your Vice

Mayor. If I can be of any assistance, please contact me at 954-357-7004 or LFisher@broward.org. Also, follow me ([@LamarPFisher](https://twitter.com/LamarPFisher)) on Twitter and Facebook ([@ViceMayorLamarFisher](https://www.facebook.com/ViceMayorLamarFisher)).

Best regards,

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 Commission District 4