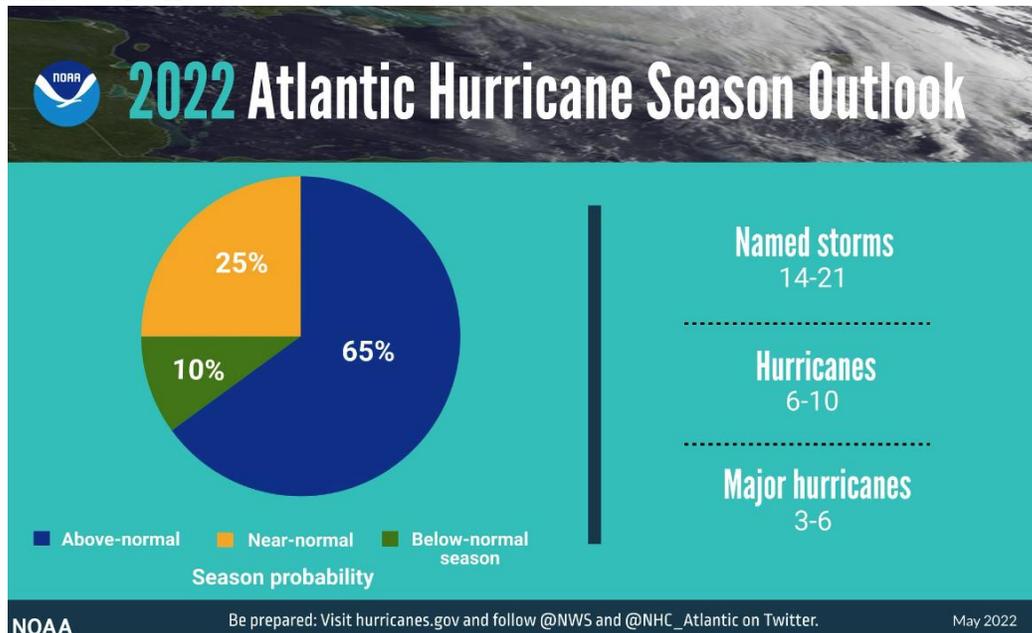


**MAY/JUNE
2022**

Dear Community Members,

Summertime is quickly approaching, and we can already feel the heat! Graduations are taking place, summer vacations are starting, and grills are getting ready for pool/beach days. As we spend time with our families, I urge residents to stay safe from the brutal south Florida heat, stay ready for major weather events or heavy rainfalls and check in and help your elderly neighbors this summer.

Hurricane Season



Hurricane season is here, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) predicts a very active season. You should be close to ready on your home and family’s preparedness plan. There is still time to take advantage of the 2022 Disaster

Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday which ends Friday, June 10th. For a list of qualifying items, visit floridarevenue.com/DisasterPrep.



DISASTER PREPAREDNESS SALES TAX HOLIDAY | May 28 - June 10, 2022

Purchase qualifying disaster preparedness supplies tax-free

\$20 OR LESS	\$50 OR LESS	\$100 OR LESS
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Reusable iceLeashes, collars and muzzles for petsPet pads	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Portable self-powered radios, two-way radios or weather-band radiosGas or diesel fuel tanksBatteries, including rechargeable batteries:<ul style="list-style-type: none">AA-cellAAA-cellC-cellD-cell6-volt9-volt	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Tarpaulins or other flexible waterproof sheetingGround anchor systemsPortable pet kennels
\$40 OR LESS		\$1,000 OR LESS
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Portable self-powered light sourcesPet beds		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Portable generators used to provide light or communications or to preserve food in a power outage

Find a full list of tax-free items at FloridaRevenue.com/DisasterPrep and a complete disaster supply kit checklist at FloridaDisaster.org/Kit

Additionally, if you have not done so, I urge you to visit Broward.org/Hurricane to sign up to receive the AlertBroward Emergency Notifications. Make sure to check out the [Broward County Preparedness Guide](#) that provides emergency checklists, information on safeguarding your home and much more, helping you stay safe before, during and after a hurricane.



American Red Cross
Broward County

The American Red Cross Broward Chapter has been working closely with the Broward County Emergency Management Department offering support before and after a tropical storm or hurricane. The Red Cross has a hurricane app that can be downloaded free to your mobile device. The app sends location-based weather alerts, includes tips on how to assemble an emergency kit in the event of a power outage or evacuation, and a real-time map to help find the location of shelters. The app can be found in smartphone app stores by searching for American Red Cross, texting 'EMERGENCY' to 90999, or by going to redcross.org/apps. For more information, please visit redcross.org/southflorida.

E911 Regional Communications Update

The Broward County Commission, County Administration and the Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO) held several lengthy discussions about the issues and possible solutions for the E911 Regional Communication System. BSO advised the Board that the main issue at the call centers is the need for more staffing. At the May 24th County Commission meeting the Board approved an item to ensure that BSO has the sufficient funds to raise the salaries of the call intake employees. The raises will provide BSO with a competitive edge compared to the salaries in neighboring counties.

Additionally, BSO assured that they are preparing a major recruitment effort in order to fill the current vacant positions. On a parallel track, County Administration is also working with the County's consultant to review the effectiveness of regional communication system in the upcoming months as BSO makes the necessary changes for improvement.

As we continue to monitor, I will keep you informed of any new information.



The graphic features the Broward County Sheriff's Office logo with the name 'Sheriff Gregory Tony' below it. To the right, the text 'BSO REGIONAL COMMUNICATIONS' is displayed in large, bold, green letters. Below this, a photograph shows a person wearing a headset working at a computer workstation. To the right of the photo, the word 'OBJECTIVE' is followed by the text: 'Provide countywide emergency and non-emergency communications services for law enforcement and fire rescue response'. A callout box contains the text: 'The largest Regional Communications operation in the State of Florida'. Below this, the heading 'SERVICE AREAS' is followed by a bulleted list: 'All unincorporated areas of Broward County', '29 law enforcement municipalities', '28 fire rescue municipalities', 'Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport', 'Port Everglades', 'Court Services', and 'BSO Department of Detention'.

Broward County's Rental Assistance Program (ERAP)



EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE

Broward County has received an additional \$22 million in funding to continue assisting renters in our community. Nearly 5,000 households

have already received \$53 million from the first round of U.S Treasury emergency assistance funding in Broward. Adjustments have also been made to make qualifying and applying for funding even easier. As new applications come in, Broward County's Family Success Division will also be reviewing previously denied applications to see if applicants meet the new requirements. For detailed information about requirements, a link to apply, or to check the status of an existing application, visit Broward.org/RentAssistance. If you have additional questions, call 954-831-ERAP (3727).

Mosquito Control Services

Summer brings heavy rain, and we all know that once the rain settles, we can expect mosquitoes lurking all around. Broward County's Mosquito Control Division provides services to Broward County residents by evaluating the needs of your area and providing a home inspection. For more information and/or to request services, visit Broward.org/Mosquito.



Sea Turtle Nesting Program Returns



Sea turtle nesting season is in full swing. As of late May, there were already a total of 645 turtle nests counted on our beaches! The season began on March 1st and runs thru October 31 annually. Broward County's Park and Recreation Division holds a 'Sea Turtles and Their Babies' program which runs Wednesdays and Fridays, starting July 6 through August 31. You can

get a firsthand look at this incredible life moment for sea turtles. After a presentation at Anne Kolb Nature Center, participants will accompany a naturalist on a hatchling release (pending hatchling availability, which is not guaranteed) at nearby Hollywood North Beach Park. You will also learn about sea turtle habitat, breeding and nesting, identification of crawls and nests, conservation efforts and more. For more information contact the Anne Kolb Nature Center Park at 954-357-5161, press 0 for operators or visit [Broward County Parks Event](#) page to register.

Performing Arts Center

A gem in our backyard, the Broward Center for the Performing Arts is an incredible organization making a tremendous impact in our community. As many know, the Center generates a tremendous amount of tourism with the amazing lineup of Broadway shows featured. Most exciting is the community engagement component, reaching students in the Broward County Public school system, engaging with more than 90 local programs and more than 1,200 volunteers who donate their time annually to the Center. Check out [BrowardCenter.org](#) for more information.



Resources/Reminders

- COVID-19 Resources: [Broward.org/Coronavirus](#)
- Business Resources: [Broward.org/EconDev](#)
- Broward County Libraries: [Broward.org/Library](#)
- Broward County Parks: [Broward.org/Parks](#)
- Pet Adoptions: [Broward.org/Animal](#)

The events that have transpired over the past couple of weeks have been horrifying. My heart is with all the communities affected. If you or someone you know is

overwhelmed with all that is happening and want to talk to someone or need resources, please call 2-1-1 for guidance.

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

Best regards,



Lamar P. Fisher
Broward County Vice Mayor
Commission District 4