



SEPTEMBER 2022

Dear Community Members,

Autumn is here! While for south Floridians that does not mean much of a change in weather it is refreshing to see everyone back in motion. From students returning to school to our commission and staff busy with budgetary decisions and more. At the beginning of September, we celebrated the hard-working members of our community with Labor Day and took a moment to remember the tragedy of 9/11. As the month continues, we're joining our Hispanic and Latin American community in recognizing National Hispanic Heritage Month and we wish our Jewish friends a blessed Rosh Hashanah. Happy fall to all!

King Tides

It is that time of year again, higher tides are expected more often through December and may contribute to coastal flooding. Residents and visitors are encouraged to monitor conditions and stay alert during these high tide times. Residents living near the water or in low-lying areas are encouraged to evaluate their property's readiness, prepare with flood protection measures, and review their flood insurance policy. Broward County invites residents to share your flood experience via flooding.broward.org to help create awareness of the impacts county-wide. Future expected King Tide dates have been predicted for October 8-11, October 25-27, October 28-29, and November 24-26.



For more information, please visit [Broward.org/resilience/localconditions](https://www.broward.org/resilience/localconditions).

Broward County's FY23 Budget

With the approval of Broward County's Budget, the Board of County Commissioners has kept the County millage rate the same as in previous years, at 5.6690. Some key highlights of the approved budget include:

- \$14 million from the general fund is appropriated to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund
- Funding of \$1 million in FY23 for a new Strategic Job Creation Incentive program to focus on high-wage job development
- Creating a new Housing Options, Solutions and Supports Division to coordinate all services for those residents at risk of facing homelessness
- Funding for a pilot contracted street outreach team that targets individuals experiencing homelessness on major corridors
- Increase funding for the Elderly Housing First Initiative and funding for the continuation of feeding programs for the elderly
- Adding positions at the Animal Care Division to increase services for intake, adoption customer service and the rabies tag program
- Adding positions to assist with the workload in the Professional Standard/Human Rights Section
- Added funding in the Transportation Department to expand electric charging infrastructure for both buses and the County's overall vehicle fleet, and to provide support positions for this infrastructure

For more information on the budget, visit [Broward.org/Budget](https://www.broward.org/Budget).

New Public Speaking System at Commission Meetings

Broward County has launched a new all-digital way to register to speak at Commission meetings. Anyone wishing to speak to the commission must fill out an online form and must appear in person. A QR code is posted in various locations inside and outside the Commission Chambers for anyone to register on a mobile phone. Anyone having trouble registering digitally can get help in County Administration office on the 4th floor. For more information, visit

[RegisterToSpeak.Broward.org](https://www.broward.org/RegisterToSpeak).



NEW AND IMPROVED
COMMISSION MEETING SPEAKER SIGN-UP

Register to speak on a Commission agenda item by scanning this QR code on your mobile device



A registration form must be completed for each item you wish to speak on.

If you have trouble registering digitally, visit County Administration on the 4th floor for assistance.

All speakers must appear in person. No further speaker sign-ups will be accepted after an item has been called.



Electric Buses

Broward County Transit (BCT) was recently awarded \$7.8 million toward the purchase of 26 new electric transit buses by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP). BCT was the first transit agency in South Florida to deploy electric buses and currently operates 12 all-electric buses and 46 hybrid electric buses out of its fleet of 413 vehicles. From this award, \$300,000 will be applied to each of the 26 new electric buses purchased, with the remaining funding coming from the Surtax and Federal Transit Administration grant funding. I am happy to see BCT's fleet is making this tremendous change that provides an effective way to reduce harmful emissions and continues to improve Broward County's air quality.



For more information on BCT, visit Broward.org/BCT.

PREMO Plan

BCT is also developing a new plan that will transform the transit services in our community. The Premium Mobility Plan (PREMO) will define premium transit projects that are more frequent, modern, convenient, safe and especially more reliable. Residents and visitors are encouraged to provide comments and feedback as the plan is being developed. There is a [survey](#) that anyone can take as well as an

interactive map that provides the opportunity for residents to add direct comments and suggestions on the county's most frequently traveled roads. For more information on the PREMO plan or view the interactive map, visit Premo.Broward.Org.



September is Hunger Action Month

There are more than 210,000 people in Broward County who face food instability, with 80,000 of them being children. This September, if you are able to donate, we urge everyone to donate what they can to help those in need. Residents can drop off donations at Government Center East and West or see the list of other donation locations by visiting Broward.org/fooddrive.



Help fill our collection boxes.
Please donate today!

- Canned goods
- Toiletries
- Baby Food or Formula

Recent County Commission Actions

- **Broward Commuter Rail:** On August 25, the Board approved to move forward with the south portion of the Broward Commuter Rail (BCR), which is from Aventura to a location near the hospital south of the New River. This will allow staff to apply for federal funding. At the September 8 meeting we also moved forward to continue to work with the city of Fort Lauderdale to jointly plan, fund and carry out an updated assessment for the purpose of building consensus on a cost-effective alternative for the New River crossing. Additionally, the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization endorsed the County Commission's plan at their September 8 meeting
- **New Government Center Project:** At the August 25 commission meeting, we heard from staff regarding feasible sites to relocate the Broward County Governmental Center East. There was consensus from the Board that the Government Center should stay in Downtown Fort Lauderdale
- **Juneteenth:** On September 8, the board unanimously passed a resolution designating June 19 as an official holiday for County employees
- **Small Precinct Changes:** On September 8, the Board approved the Supervisor of Elections recommendation of additional small revisions to the voting precincts. The revised precincts will be utilized beginning with the November 2022 General Election. More information can be found at BrowardVotes.gov

Our next County Commission Meeting is on October 11.

To read, watch or join in our County Commission Meetings please visit
broward.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=15

Broward County Resources

- Business Resources: Broward.org/EconDev
- Broward County Libraries: Broward.org/Library
- Broward County Parks: Broward.org/Parks
- Hurricane Resources: Broward.org/Hurricane
- Mosquito Control Services: Broward.org/Mosquito

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,



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Broward County Vice Mayor
Commission District 4