



OCTOBER 2022

Dear Community Members,

Happy October! At the very start of the month, Floridians were reminded why hurricane preparedness is vital as we watched Hurricane Ian make its way through southwest and central Florida. Broward County has made tremendous efforts in providing aid to our neighbors, as you will read below. Additionally, [King Tides](#) continue to make an impact on our roads this month, with the next dates predicted for October 25-29. October also brings many festivities, as we wished our Jewish friends an easy fast during Yom Kippur earlier this month. Later this month, we celebrate the spooky season with our children, wishing everyone a safe Halloween. Finally, I am excited to welcome the 63rd annual Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show October 26-30. [Visit Lauderdale's Ultimate Boat Show Guide](#) provides great details of this year's event highlights.

Hurricane Ian Assistance Efforts



Southeast Florida dodged a major catastrophe in late September, but our neighbors to the west and central Florida were not so lucky. The end of hurricane season is November 30 and as we witnessed, there is always an uncertainty of where these storms will make landfall. This is why everyone must be prepared before a major weather storm comes our way. Our County Administrator was in constant communication with administration from the west coast. After assessing that Broward's damage was minimal, we quickly mobilized to send assistance, with the help of Miami-Dade and Palm Beach Counties.

- Approximately 30 Broward personnel embedded with an Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) team headed to Southwest Florida, for a minimum of two weeks as soon as weather permitted.

- Broward County Transit (BCT) was engaged to transport Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) recovery crews back and forth across I-75/Alligator Alley. Commuting was required due to lack of housing for work crews in the affected area.
- Broward County Aviation Department (BCAD) deployed a team to assist Punta Gorda (PGD) Airport in Charlotte County in assessing and repairing damage. BCAD's efforts at the Punta Gorda airport resulted in restoration of approximately 1,000 feet of the airport perimeter fence, a repair required to resume commercial flight operations there.
- Broward County Parks Emergency Operations Manager was deployed to Manatee County with the Southeast Florida Region 7 All Hazards Incident Management Team (AHIMT). Our staff led the 4-person team which included members from Sunrise Fire Rescue, Miami-Dade Police, and Miami-Dade Fire Rescue and provided support with Planning, Operations, Logistics, and Missions.
- A team of Broward County Water & Wastewater Services utility professionals departed for Lee County on Tuesday, October 4, in response to a request for assistance in assessing utility systems and triaging recovery efforts including repairs.
- Broward County provided multiple pallets of water to support patients and staff at an assisted living facility.
- Broward's Traffic Engineering Division is working on a request from FDOT regarding surplus traffic signal equipment to assist in signal restoration efforts in Southwest Florida. The Traffic Engineering team is evaluating current inventory to determine what can be contributed immediately. This is a developing mission.
- Broward County is pre-approving certain employees, as requested, for deployment if and when needed. A Resilient Environment Department, Geographic Information System (GIS) team employee is also a member of the Southeast Florida Region 7 AHIMT, which is assembling a group for deployment. This is also a developing mission.

As South Floridians, we know all too well the major amount of work that takes place after a hurricane to restore the community. I am proud of our County's effort and of the tremendous generosity of Broward County staff as we continue to help our neighbors during this time of distress. For more information on the County's efforts and for vital hurricane preparedness information, visit [Broward.org/Hurricane](https://www.broward.org/Hurricane).



FITCE

Broward County's Office of Economic and Small Business Development (OESBD) will be hosting the 7th Annual Florida International Trade and Cultural Expo (FITCE) October 19 and 20 at the Greater Fort Lauderdale/ Broward County Convention Center. This is a great opportunity for businesses big and small to learn about international trade resources and assistance, engage with leaders from more than 60 countries to sell products or services and learn from special sessions. Online registration is still open and free, visit Broward.org/EconDev for more information.



Project Home Again

With the housing crises continuing to burden our residents in South Florida, Broward County is making a greater effort to invite landlords that have vacant units to participate in the Project Home Again project. Project Home Again is an easy, convenient way for landlords to fill vacant units in Broward County with paying tenants while helping veterans, families and others rebuild their lives. And rent is guaranteed! All tenants are pre-screened, payments are on-time and security is paid up front. As evictions continue to rise, this is a great way for landlords to help us give more residents a place to call home. For more information visit

Broward.org/ProjectHomeAgain.



Public Art Survey

Residents and visitors have an opportunity to provide feedback for Broward Cultural Division's Public Art and Design Program for two bridges in District 4. The Cultural Division is looking for input for the E. Clay Shaw Jr. Bridge, which is often referred to as the 17th Street Causeway Bridge, and the Third Avenue Bridge. Responses for the 17th Street Causeway are due by December 9 and we are looking for distinctive night-time lighting ideas from the community. Responses for the Third Avenue bridge are due by December 31, and we are looking for the public to provide ideas for a light-based artwork on the bridge that will create synergy with the nearby Andrews Avenue

Bridge lighting design. I am excited to see these new public artwork installations in District 4. If interested in participating in the online survey, please click below.

[E. Clay Shaw Jr. Bridge](#)



[Third Avenue Bridge](#)



Recent County Commission Actions

- **Affordable Housing:** at the October 11th County Commission meeting, the Board approved gap financing from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund of \$11.4 million for four projects that will increase affordable housing units by 478 units in the County.
- **Libraries Overdue Fines:** The Board also approved an initiative that has eliminated late fines for library books, DVDs and other materials returned after the due date. Additionally, any existing late fines on current library cardholders accounts were cancelled. For more information visit Broward.org/Library.
- **Solid Waste Discussion:** on October 11, the Board also discussed the future of solid waste and recycling in Broward County. There has been much work done by the Solid Waste Working

Group to come to an agreement with all municipalities on a plan moving forward. Ultimately, since this is a regional effort, the County should continue working with municipalities but should preserve its right to make decisions on key issues since it is the County's statutory responsibility to protect all residents and businesses.

Our next County Commission Meeting is on October 25.

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

Reminders:



PREMO Survey- BCT is developing a Premium Mobility Plan to provide enhanced transit services for residents. Visit Broward.org/BCT/Premo to provide feedback.



Late Shift Connect- BCT's new program provides on demand service for late shift workers when regular transit hours are not available. Visit Broward.org/BCT/LateShiftConnect for more information.

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://facebook.com/ViceMayorLamarFisher)) on Facebook.

Best regards,

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