



**DECEMBER 2022**

**Dear Community Members,**

It is my favorite time of year, a time to gather with our friends, family and neighbors. As I visit several neighborhood holidays events this month, I'm filled with gratitude and hope for the new year. Residents are encouraged to check out your municipality's website for holiday events in your community. Additionally, if you are looking for an extra holiday event for you and your family, Broward County's Holiday Fantasy of Lights at Tradewinds Park & Stables is running nightly through January 1. Visit [Broward.org/Parks](http://Broward.org/Parks) for details.



**Broward County's Regional Communication System (911) Update**

On Tuesday, December 6, the County Commission discussed the issues with the Regional 911 system. During the discussions we confirmed that we are committed to make the necessary adaptations as recommended by the draft FITCH report. As you may recall, earlier this year the County allocated extra funding to the Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO) for the purpose of hiring additional call takers. The sheriff has advised that the vacancy rate has decreased dramatically, and that the newly hired call takers are going through a rigorous training process. The draft FITCH report provides for areas of improvement and our staff are in the process of implementing these recommendations. My colleagues, administration and I are fully committed to working with BSO to enhance the regional system and enhance public safety.

**In non-emergency situations contact:**

The BROWARD COUNTY REGIONAL  
COMMUNICATIONS NON-EMERGENCY NUMBER at:  
**(954) 764-HELP (4357)**

**In any life threatening  
situation dial 9-1-1.**

## **Fort Lauderdale International Airport (FLL) Update and Traveling Tips**

FLL passenger traffic is nearing pre-pandemic levels. This month, Norse Atlantic Airways added nonstop service between FLL and Berlin, Germany. New dining and shopping options also opened earlier this year, including the Kona Big Wave Bar in Terminal 1 and 3Sixty Duty Free & More in Terminal 3. Additionally, you might hear a friendly voice over the speaker when walking through FLL. As I assumed my mayoral duties earlier this month, I was able to record the Airport message for travelers and visitors. A tremendous thank you to Mr. Alfonso Walker, a Broward County Aviation Department (BCAD) employee and veteran, who assisted me in the recording process.



If you are flying, BCAD encourages travelers and visitors to be prepared this holiday season. Roads, parking, valet services and the airport itself will receive an influx of visitors this month. FLL recommends travelers (1) make contingency plans for getting to/from airport, (2) allow more time to complete check-in and security screening, (3) arrive at least 2 hours before domestic flights or 3 hours for international flights, and most importantly (4) pack your patience and be kind. For any and all information about FLL, visit [Broward.org/Airport](http://Broward.org/Airport).

## **Port Everglades Update**



Port Everglades cargo volumes fell one day short of breaking its own annual record by just 919 containers! Although the Port did not break its own record, we are still proud of the successes we have been able to make this year. Port Everglades moved a total of 1,107,546 TEUs (20-foot equivalent units, the standard measurement for container volumes) in FY2022, up 7% from FY2021. The

Port's energy sector also celebrated its second-best year, with a 12% increase in petroleum volumes. A near record of 126,502,464 barrels of petroleum (5.3 billion gallons), mostly gasoline, diesel and jet fuel, were distributed by the privately owned energy companies that operate from Port Everglades.

Additionally, the Port was recently awarded a \$19 million federal grant by the U.S. Department of Transportation under the Port Infrastructure Development Program, to modernize several cargo docks and ensure efficient operations over the next 75 years. This is the Port's first large federal infrastructure grant award in recent history.

For more news about Port Everglades, visit [Porteverglades.net](http://Porteverglades.net).

**Apply or Nominate for an Emerald Award by December 31, 2022**



Broward County's NatureScape Emerald Awards recognize homeowners, businesses, municipalities, schools and government facilities (excluding Broward County agencies) that have created and maintained model Florida-friendly landscapes or completed exceptional projects that demonstrate visible

ecological practices. NatureScape Broward is accepting 2023 Emerald Award applications through December 31. Projects may include the overall design, plant selection, curb appeal, tree canopy, wildlife habitat or a special feature such as smart irrigation. For more information and access to the application, visit [broward.org/NatureScape/EmeraldAward](http://broward.org/NatureScape/EmeraldAward).

**IGNITE Broward**

Broward County Cultural Division presents the third annual art and light festival, IGNITE Broward, January 26-29, 2023. The family-friendly immersive art experience features exciting interactive video and light installations created by leading contemporary artists and designers. For more information and a list of special events, visit [IgniteBroward.com](http://IgniteBroward.com).



**Reminders:**



**Coastal Dune Grant Program** is now accepting applications for new dune restoration and enhancement projects visit [CoastalDunes.Broward.org](http://CoastalDunes.Broward.org). Applications will be accepted through January 31, 2023.



**Public Art Survey** -Third Avenue Bridge- Due by December 31. Email me at [LFisher@Broward.org](mailto:LFisher@Broward.org) for access to the survey link.



**PREMO Survey-** BCT is developing a Premium Mobility Plan to provide enhanced transit services for residents. Visit [Broward.org/BCT/Premo](http://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](http://Broward.org/BCT/LateShiftConnect) for more information.

**Resources:**

- Business Resources: [Broward.org/EconDev](http://Broward.org/EconDev)
- Broward County Libraries: [Broward.org/Library](http://Broward.org/Library)
- Broward County Parks: [Broward.org/Parks](http://Broward.org/Parks)
- Mosquito Control Services: [Broward.org/Mosquito](http://Broward.org/Mosquito)

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

**Happy Holidays from the District 4 team to you and your family!**

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'L. Fisher'.

Lamar P. Fisher  
Broward County Mayor  
Commission District 4

