



**NOVEMBER 2022**

**Dear Community Members,**

Today is officially the last day of hurricane season. Broward County was blessed not to experience a major weather event during this very active season. Unfortunately, other communities in the state of Florida were not as lucky and further showed us the importance of being prepared during the season. As we enter the final days of the year, I hope everyone can get in the holiday spirit, and spend time with family, friends, and neighbors. I hope you'll kindle those holiday vibes, spread kindness through your neighborhoods and if you're able, find ways to help those less fortunate. For some, the holiday season can be a bit overwhelming as well and that is ok. I encourage you all to take time to work on your mental wellness. If at any point you are feeling down, please don't hesitate to contact 211 or 988 for assistance.

**Broward County's New Mayor & Vice-Mayor**



On Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, I was sworn in as Broward County's new Mayor and Senator Nan Rich has been sworn in as the Vice Mayor. I'm honored to take on this role and I look forward to continuing working with my colleagues and County Administration to move the County forward. The mayor's functions include serving as presiding officer, and as the

County's official representative. Although, I'm taking on this role, I will continue to represent residents of District 4. One of my main goals this year is to build on the relationship between the County and all the municipalities. As County commissioners, we represent residents of all across the County and there are many issues that both the County and cities must work on hand-in-hand to provide the very best for all in our community. Some of these issues include housing affordability, transportation, solid waste, homelessness and more.

Additionally, the outgoing Mayor (Mayor Michael Udine) made the annual [State of the County](#) presentation. Our County is currently at a very strong point with all our economic engines regaining momentum as we come out of the pandemic. Tourism is at an all-time high, our unemployment rate is below the national average, and businesses continue to move to Broward County for all the greatness we have to offer. I look forward to continuing to build on this and more. To watch the State of the County address and the reorganization meeting, visit [County Commission Meeting- November 29, 2022](#).



### **Manatee Season**



Manatee season started November 15 and runs through March 31. During this time, the County's Natural Resources Division implements the County's Manatee Conservation Program and cautions boaters to be on the lookout for greater numbers of manatees throughout the County's waterways. We encourage boaters and visitors to help keep these gentle giants safe

by reporting sightings through the 'I Spy a Manatee' mobile app. Additionally, the app provides maps of the County's state-regulated manatee protection and boating safety zones while you are out on the water. For more information, please visit [Broward.org/Manatees](http://Broward.org/Manatees).

### **U.S. Flag Disposal Program**

Broward County participates in the national campaign to support flag etiquette with the U.S. flag disposal program. The County's flag disposal program provides designated boxes at several locations for residents to drop off American flags so that they are properly disposed of. When a flag is worn, tattered, ripped, or soiled beyond repair, it is no longer fit to serve as a symbol of our country and should be retired. American flags should be folded appropriately before being placed in the box. To find a list of locations please visit, [Broward.org/FlagDisposal](http://Broward.org/FlagDisposal).



## Climate Summit

This year, Broward County is excited to host the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Summit, a major regional event. The summit is a great opportunity to hear from leaders of government, businesses, nonprofits and more from Broward, Miami-Dade, Palm Beach, and Monroe counties. This year's theme, "Connect. Commit. Act." focuses on the collaboration, shared goals, and significant efforts needed to develop climate and energy solutions, adapt to climate impacts and build broad-based resilience across our communities. I look forward to welcoming everyone to Broward County. For more information, visit [Broward.org/Climate/Summit2022](https://Broward.org/Climate/Summit2022).



## Small Business Saturday- Holiday Season Edition

Saturday, November 26 was Small Business Saturday, a great day to support small businesses in our community. While Small Business Saturday has passed, I encourage all to continue to support our small businesses throughout this holiday season. You can find great one of kind unique gifts for family and friends. To find a list of participating small businesses in your area, visit [SBA.Gov](https://SBA.Gov).

## Coastal Dunes

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



## REMINDERS:



**Public Art Survey -E. Clay Shaw Jr. Bridge (17<sup>th</sup> Street Causeway)-** Due by December 9. Email me at [LFisher@Broward.org](mailto:LFisher@Broward.org) for access to the survey link.



**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.

### **Broward County 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)
- Hurricane Resources: [Broward.org/Hurricane](http://Broward.org/Hurricane)
- 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/lamarfisher).

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lamar P. Fisher".

Lamar P. Fisher  
Broward County Mayor  
Commission District 4