



April 2023 Newsletter

Dear Community Members,

As our community recovers from the recent historical weather event, I would like to personally thank each and every resident in Broward County for the tremendous neighborly efforts that I have witnessed throughout the County. We are quickly approaching hurricane season and the recent rainfall event reminds us of the importance of being prepared. Broward County Emergency Management Division offers several resources to help you and your families stay prepared for this year's Hurricane Season. Please visit [Broward.org/Hurricane](https://www.broward.org/Hurricane) for more information.

Broward County Storm Recovery Update

Broward County continues working with municipalities and state officials in the recovery efforts. Most recently, representatives from FEMA are in our community assessing the damage. Additionally, I have sent a letter to President Biden thanking him for his initial offer of assistance and requesting that FEMA provide the much-needed support to our residents. In order to get this federal assistance, residents and businesses that have been impacted must report the damage. Below are several links for resources and the most up to date information.



Storm Related Resources

Broward County: Broward.org/flood

- Residents can report flooding at Flooding.Broward.org and can include photos. View flooding reports at Crowdsourcing.Broward.org.
- [Request mosquito service online](#) or contact Mosquito Control by dialing 311 on a mobile device or 954-765-4062 from a landline.

Find your municipality's website here:

Broward.org/Residents/Pages/BrowardCountyMunicipalities.aspx

[State of Florida Division of Emergency Management News Alerts](#)

[State of Florida Department of Economic Opportunity \(Business Assistance\)](#)

Although we are over a month away from Hurricane Season, this historical rainfall event has provided us insight in some of the areas in our community that need extra attention, should another unfortunate weather event occur. Broward County's Emergency Management team is in full gear preparing for this hurricane season as well as assisting municipalities in their preparation. Preparation is key to successfully recovery from any type of weather event that affects our community.



Port Everglades Storm Update

As many of you know, Port Everglades provides fuel for all of the southeast region of Florida. Due to last week's unpredictable rain event, several terminals, which are managed by private fuel companies, were damaged during the storm. Although there is enough fuel on site and is continuously arriving by ships, the closure of these terminals, as repairs continued contributed to the shortage of fuel at the gas stations. The Port, in collaboration with its partners, is already looking at ways to make sure this does not happen again.



Fort Lauderdale- Hollywood International Airport (FLL) Storm Update

FLL received the most rain last week, which shut down our airport for hours. Our Broward County Aviation team, with the assistance from state partners, worked continuously to remove the standing water and clear all debris from our runways. As of last week, both runways are fully operational and open for flights. Our airport team is also identifying infrastructure enhancements to help mitigate storm water impacts and enhance resiliency efforts through FLL's Master Plan development.



Broward County Resilience Efforts

Severe rainfall and flood events, such as that which we experienced last week, reinforce the importance and positive direction of the County's overall approach to resilience planning for our community. During this last decade we have focused intently on updating design standards for infrastructure to better protect against and mitigate flood risk with rainfall intensification, sea level rise, and related factors (such as storm surge and king tides). This work has resulted in new design standards for drainage systems, building elevations, and sea walls. While these standards help ensure resilience as part of new projects, we also recognize the need for mitigation of flood risk within our existing environment.



Today we are halfway through a two-year project to develop a County-wide resilience plan to inform infrastructure investments and redevelopment strategies needed to mitigate for future flood risk through the year 2070. This plan, in addition to accounting for sea level rise, king tides, and storm surge, includes a 20% increase in rainfall estimates (adjusted upward from 13%, as used in our most recent work). Although this project isn't designed to assess, our approach in accounting for the combination of flood factors that intensify flooding will support planning for extreme conditions. And while we cannot transform our landscape overnight, our intent is to produce a County-wide plan that will guide coordinated investments across the County over the next decade and beyond, to mitigate flood risk and reduce the personal losses and economic impacts associated with this type of extreme event. In the meantime, Broward County's Resilient Environment Department continues to work with both the state and federal agencies to advance similar improvements as part of the regional flood control system, just as critical to what we implement locally. To learn more about the County's resilience efforts, visit Broward.org/EnvironmentAndGrowth.

911 Regional Communications Update

On March 31, 2023, the Broward Sheriff's Office and County Administration came to an agreement on a terms sheet for a continued relationship with the Regional 911 System. The County is continuing to negotiate in the areas of call-taking, dispatch, and teletype services for Broward County. This lays the groundwork for a stable, long-term relationship that delivers the critical public safety services our community expects and demands from Broward County and the Regional Communications System. BSO has and will continue to operate the County's 911 Call Center under the terms already in place.

Reminders/Upcoming Events:



Earth Day is observed on April 22 and our Parks Department is hosting two special Earth Day events on 4/22. There are several other earth-friendly activities throughout the month of April. Visit Broward.org/Parks for more information.



Fleet Week returns to Port Everglades April 23-30 featuring several U.S. Navy ships. Visit BrowardNavyDaysInc.org for events details. Additionally, the **Fort Lauderdale Air Show** returns April 29-30. FortLauderdaleairshow.com



The Office of Economic and Small Business Development is hosting a Business **Hurricane Preparedness Webinar** on April 27 2-4pm. Visit Broward.org/EconDev for more information on upcoming events.



National Hurricane Preparedness week is April 30-May 6. Broward County is hosting a **Hurricane Preparedness Open House** on Saturday, May 6. Broward.org/Hurricane

As always, I am truly thankful to serve you, 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. Also, follow me ([@LamarPFisher](https://twitter.com/LamarPFisher)) on Twitter and on [Facebook](#).

Best regards,



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Additional Resources:

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