

May 2023 Newsletter

Dear Community Members,

As we say goodbye to the month of May, we remember and honor those who sacrificed their lives for our nation with moving Memorial Day ceremonies held yesterday throughout Broward County. Moving into June, I'd like to remind everyone about the County's helpful hurricane preparedness resources. We expect a very active hurricane season, and the summer months also bring much rain to our area. The time to take a deep dive into all your needs during a hurricane/stormwater event is now. Make sure to visit Broward.org/Hurricane for all your hurricane preparedness needs.

Film Lauderdale

Broward County recently unveiled a new Film Lauderdale website to support the work that is being done by our Film Commission. Broward County's Film Commission provides locations and logistics assistance, issues film permits for 26 municipalities, coordinates with State and Federal entities, offers referral resources, and more. As you may remember, the Board



created the Film Lauderdale Program, launched in 2021, which provides rebates to film and television productions that meet special criteria involving local spend, cast, and crew hires and on location filming. To date, 11 projects have been contracted with combined budgets of over \$8.1 million, eight of which have completed filming. The new website showcases our beautiful community and provides a multitude of resources for those in the film industry. I'm excited for our community, as we welcome the film industry, creating economic growth, high wage paying jobs and many new opportunities for small businesses in our area. Check out the website at <u>FilmLauderdale.org</u>.

Solid Waste Update

The County Commission has taken the biggest step towards addressing the issue of solid waste and recycling in Broward County. This month, the Board of County Commissioners voted to approve an interlocal agreement that would formally create the Broward County Solid Waste and Recycling Authority. The Authority would be able to do everything from building facilities to running educational campaigns on recycling. This comes after three years of hard work by the Solid Waste Working Group, which brings together Broward County and all 31 municipalities to address this crucial environmental and economic issue.

South Florida Anchor Alliance Initiative

Broward County joined the South Florida Anchor Alliances (SFAA) in celebration of Small Business Month, with the assistance of Broward's Office of Economic and Small Business Development (OESBD). SFAA is a partnership of 11 influential institutions to participate in a Regional Marketplace. It's an innovative, AI-powered tech platform intended to create a free, streamlined "one-stop shop" for Broward and Miami-Dade County small businesses to scale their operations through easier and greater access to procurement opportunities. Local businesses interested in general information about SFAA, can visit southfloridaanchoralliance.org.



Additionally, our OESBD is hosting its annual Broward and Beyond Business Conference on Friday, June 2nd starting at 8:30am. The conference is a great opportunity for businesses of all sizes to network, gain insightful information on opportunities provided by the County and more. Visit <u>Broward.org/bizbeyond</u> for more information.



Broward's Sea Turtles Make National News

We are still in the midst of sea turtle season and our very own Broward County Resilience Department recently made national news talking about the Sea Turtle Conservation Program, what to expect this season and a quick look at the Sargassum that our coastline's have been experiencing lately. Check out the news story below.

<u>Conservation teams survey Florida beaches for sea turtle nests | Latest Weather Clips | FOX</u> <u>Weather</u>

PREMO Plan Launch

Broward County Transit (BCT) has officially launched its multi-billiondollar Premium Mobility Plan (PREMO) which will forever improve the transportation landscape in Broward County. This transformational initiative will add over 200 miles of new premium transit services to its existing service network. The PREMO plan includes 11.5 miles of Commuter Rail, 23.3 miles of Light Rail Transit, 76 miles of Bus Rapid Transit, and 100 miles of High Frequency Bus Service with eight east/west corridors and six north/south corridors. Our team has worked hard to put this plan together, but it is not final just yet as we want to get as much feedback as possible from everyone in our community. The plan can be viewed at PREMO.Broward.org and everyone is encouraged to provide feedback.

Premium Mobility Plan "PREMO" by Broward County Transit - YouTube



Reminders/Upcoming Events:



Hurricane Season starts June 1st. Visit <u>Broward.org/Hurricane</u> to sign up for alerts, get helpful preparedness tips, learn about evacuation zones and more.



Residents, renters and business owners who sustained flood losses can apply for assistance at <u>DisasterAssistance.gov</u>. Those impacted are encouraged to visit <u>Broward.org/flood</u> for the most up to date resources and information.



Christmas in July is an annual initiative to help homeless children in our community. You can support the cause by donating much-needed NEW items (toiletries, clothing, shoes, diapers, underwear and school supplies). Visit <u>Broward.org/christmasinjuly</u> for a full list of donations locations and appropriate items.

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 <u>LFisher@broward.org</u>. Also, follow me (<u>@LamarPFisher</u>) on Twitter and on Facebook.

Best regards,

Lamar P. Fisher Broward County Mayor Commission District 4

Additional Resources:

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