



NOVEMBER

Dear Community Members,

Winter in South Florida is quite wonderful! I'm hopeful everyone is enjoying the weather and taking the holidays to come together with family, friends, and the community. Many municipalities hold free community events throughout the holidays for residents and visitors. Visit [Broward.org/Commission/District4](https://www.broward.org/Commission/District4) and select your city's website to checkout any upcoming events in your area.

State of the County

On November 28, I presented the State of the County Address as my final official action as your County Mayor. We've made some great progress this year in all areas of our community. I'm most proud of being able to implement my 3 C's Plan: Communication, Collaboration and Community. I was able to visit all 31 municipalities to ensure that each commission is aware that the County is here to help as we work together on many regional issues. The Board passed an \$8.6 billion budget without raising the millage rate. This budget meets the Commission's priorities like public safety, affordable housing, economic development and continuing to provide the many services the County is proud to deliver to those most in need. Additionally, the Board named Senator Nan Rich as Broward County Mayor for the 2023-2024 term as well as Commissioner Beam Furr as Vice Mayor for the upcoming year. To view my State of the County Address please visit [Broward.org/Commission/District4](https://www.broward.org/Commission/District4).

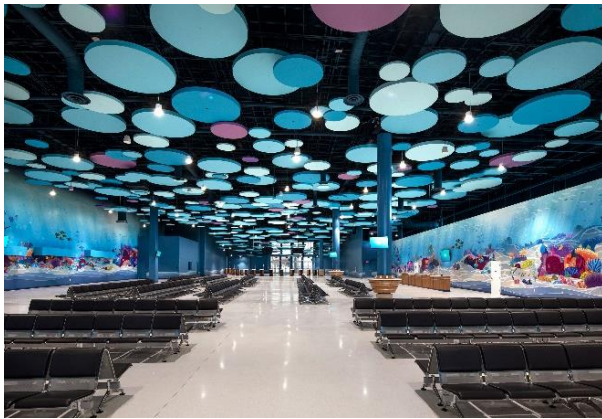


Disney Cruise Lines at Port Everglades

Port Everglades alongside Disney Cruise Lines held a grand opening ceremony for the new dedicated Terminal 4. Guests arriving at Terminal 4 will now embark on their voyage and "dive" into the world of Disney and Pixar's film, "Finding Nemo," with some of their favorite friends



from the film displayed on colorful murals. The more than 104,000-square foot terminal was reimagined by Walt Disney Imagineering exclusively for Disney Cruise Line guests to provide a seamless embarkation experience.



On November 20, the Disney Dream began sailing from Port Everglades and will be followed by the Disney Magic on May 9, 2024, offering guests the opportunity to sail on a mix of three-, four- and five-night cruises to tropical destinations in the Bahamas and Caribbean. The addition of Disney Cruise Line in our community provides travelers with more vacation options at Port Everglades, while boosting our local economy and creating more than 1,100 direct local jobs. For more information, visit PortEverglades.net.



Broward County's New Government Center Update

On November 14, the County Commission heard from County Administration and our consultant on the options for the site location for the new County Government Center. The three sites in review are all located in the downtown Fort Lauderdale area and include 201

W. Broward Blvd site (recently acquired by the County), the existing Governmental Center site and the Broward Bus Terminal site. The Commission had a lengthy discussion and ultimately decided that the site at 201 W. Broward Blvd. is best. Stay tuned for more information.



Record Sea Turtle Season



Sea turtle season runs from March 1- October 31 and this year we are happy to report that preliminary counts from the Broward County Sea Turtle Conservation Program (BCSTCP) revealed a record year. There have been an astonishing 4,328 nests documented. Even more exciting, 2023 was the first time in the history of the BCSTCP that record-breaking numbers were recorded for all three species that nest in Broward County. Among the total nests were 3,445 loggerhead, 798 green turtle and 85 leatherbacks. I believe this success is due to residents, visitors, and businesses’

great effort to reduce lighting impacts on our beaches and I thank you for your efforts in protecting the wildlife in our community.

Reminders:



Manatee Season runs from November 15- March 31. As part of the [County's Manatee Conservation Program](#), the Natural Resources Division reminds boaters to look out for manatees on County waterways (including the Intracoastal Waterway and side canals).



NatureScape Broward is now accepting **2024 NatureScape Emerald Award applications** for businesses, municipalities, schools, government facilities and homeowners which have demonstrated extraordinary efforts to promote or implement environmentally friendly landscape programs and practices. Applications are due by Friday, January 5, 2024. For more information, visit Broward.org/NatureScape.



Consumer Alert: In response to concerns and confusion regarding Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program financing and its association with governmental or County services, the County has initiated a public outreach campaign to raise awareness. Potential PACE customers should beware of false advertising by contractors. For more information, visit Broward.org/Sustainability/Pages/PACE.



Broward County's Natural Resources Division, in collaboration with the Broward Water Partnership, has increased the **Conservation Pays Toilet Rebate program** from \$100 to \$125. For more information, visit ConservationPays.com.

As always, I am truly thankful to serve you and Commission District 4. If I can ever be of assistance, please contact me at 954-357-7004 or LFisher@broward.org. Also, follow me [@LamarPFisher](#) on X (Twitter) and on [Facebook](#).

Best regards,

Lamar P. Fisher
Broward County
Commissioner
District 4

Additional Resources:

- Libraries: Broward.org/Library
- Parks: Broward.org/Parks
- Business Assistance: Broward.org/EconDev
- Mosquito Control Services: Broward.org/Mosquito
- Fort Lauderdale International Airport: Broward.org/Airport
- Port Everglades: PortEverglades.net