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FORT LAUDERDALE CITY COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 1



Greetings, Neighbors! I sincerely hope the new year brings happiness and prosperity to you and your loved ones. As we settle in to 2024, I'd like to take a moment to discuss topics that present challenges and opportunities to District 1 and to the City as a whole. From parks to trains, I am staying on top of issues that matter most to residents and I am committed to common sense solutions.

#### **Dottie Mancini Park**

The recent closure of the park has been a major concern for many of you that utilize the space for health and wellbeing. I understand the particular importance of the park to the Imperial Point community. My direction to the City Manager's office has been to continue negotiations with Broward Health in order to maintain the park space. I appreciate all of the community's input and public participation in this matter. You have spoken up and have been heard.

#### **Bridge Vs. Tunnel**

As the debate for a bridge or a tunnel continues, my stance remains that a light rail crossing is necessary for the City's growth in the next hundred years. Current trends include population growth, increased rent and home values, traffic increases, and a national push towards less vehicle emissions. The best way to prepare for the impacts to the City from these forces is to start with light rail and continue building the community with transit oriented design.

While we continue to review the costs and feasibility of each option, we must also understand that our partnership with Broward County is vital for rail completion. I will continue to listen to the desire of residents, while also working with Broward County to bring rail across the New River.

#### **Upcoming Beach Park Workshops**

In response to the neighborhood's desire for a park at the Beach Community Center, we will be holding a series of public participation workshops to discuss potential ideas. It is important to me that our winter residents also have a voice in the design and implementation of this project. Stay tuned for upcoming workshop dates!

Thank you for a great 2023! Here's looking forward to building community in the new year!

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## **Prospect Lake Clean Water Center Groundbreaking Ceremony**

The ground has been broken & construction on the Prospect Lake Clean Water Center has officially started!



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## **Help Us Report Streetlight Outages**

The City of Fort Lauderdale, Broward County, and FPL share responsibility for maintaining our streetlight system. The City of Fort Lauderdale is requesting your help in monitoring the streetlight system by reporting outages to our customer service team.

Two Ways to Report Outages:

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