

Representing: Fort Lauderdale (part), Hillsboro Beach, Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, Lazy Lake, Lighthouse Point, Oakland Park (part), Pompano Beach (part), Sea Ranch Lakes, and Wilton Manors (part)

FEBRUARY 2024

Dear Community Members,

This month, we celebrate love, compassion, and friendship but in our community, we also remember those who tragically lost their lives in the Marjory Stoneman Douglas school shooting in parkland in 2018. February is also a time to honor the rich black culture embedded in Broward County as we celebrate Black History Month. Learn more about the history at <u>Broward.org/BlackHistory</u>.

Broward Heart Project

As this month comes to an end, I would like to remind everyone that it is American Heart Month, a time to consider our cardiovascular health. The Broward Heart Project is an initiative funded by the Broward County Commission that encourages Broward residents to see if they are eligible for this free non-invasive test. Some prerequisites include being 45 to 70 years old with active health insurance, a family history of heart disease or have been



diagnosed with high blood pressure and/or high cholesterol. Learn more and apply at <u>Broward.org/TakeHeartTest</u>.

Homelessness Efforts at Broward County Bus Terminals

Broward County's Transit Department has partnered with the Human Services Department, Housing Options, Solutions, and Supports Division (HOSS-D) to address the issues of unsheltered people at bus terminals, bus stops and on certain routes. This pilot project provides a dedicated team of street outreach workers, including a licensed clinical practitioner to begin engaging, assessing, and providing shelter and housing referrals to those experiencing homelessness at these key locations. One such effort took place on February 21 at the Main Bus Terminal in downtown Fort Lauderdale where approximately 15 individuals were helped.

Broward County, along with its partners, will continue to implement the pilot program at other locations, ensuring the humane and dignified delivery of services to those

experiencing homelessness. The program will also help ensure the public transit system is safe for all Broward County residents. If you or anybody you know are experiencing homelessness, please call the Homeless Helpline at 954-563-4357, Monday through Friday, 8AM to 5PM.

Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport (FLL) receives \$50 Million from Federal Government



The Broward County Aviation Division recently received notification from the Federal Aviation Administration that a \$50 million grant has been awarded to FLL. The grant will fund a portion of FLL's Terminal Connectors project, which consists of the construction of enclosed post-security walkways between Terminals 1 and 2 and Terminals 2 and 3. The project also

includes modifications to existing terminals, such as enhanced security checkpoints, an upgraded luggage hall, an expanded passenger gate-area, and more retail concessions. For more information on everything happening at our airport, visit <u>Broward.org/Airport</u>.

Penny for Transportation Projects in District 4

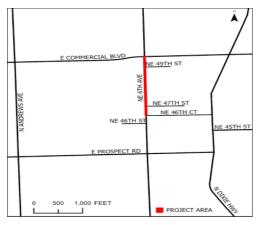
Broward County's Penny for Transportation Program has already made major investments in our community. More than 300 projects have been funded through the Penny Surtax that Broward County residents voted for in 2018. Below are only two examples of projects in District 4.

Intersection of State Road 84 and Federal Highway in Fort Lauderdale

The County's Highway Construction and Engineering Division (HCED) began construction at the intersection of State Road 84 and Federal Highway in Fort Lauderdale. The project is expected to be completed by May 2024, barring any unforeseen conditions or weather delays. The project includes drainage improvements, concrete pavement widening and new ADA-compliant pedestrian ramps and pedestrian signals. New roadway signs and pavement markings will be installed, and the pavement will also be resurfaced. For more information, contact HCED at 954-577-4633.



Drainage Improvement in Oakland Park



The Highway and Bridge Maintenance Division (HBMD) will be conducting phase one of two for the NE 6th Avenue drainage improvements project. The project will comprise of upgrading the existing drainage system, installing ADA-accessible pedestrian ramps, and resurfacing on NE 6th Avenue from NE 46th Court to Commercial Boulevard in Oakland Park. The work is expected to be completed in June 2024, barring any unforeseen conditions and/or weather delays. For more information, contact HBMD at 954-357-6040.

To find projects near you, visit <u>MapBroward.Broward.org</u> and view the Dashboard on the right.



Update from the Office of Economic and Small Business Development (OESBD)

Broward County's Office of Economic and Small Business Development continues to provide a multitude of services throughout the year for small businesses in our community. In March, OESBD will host a three-part webinar series detailing a look at the programs, processes and people involved in County contracting. For more information and an incredible list of events for small business owners, visit <u>Broward.org/EconDev</u>.



- March 11th: 11 AM to 12:30 PM
 March 12th: 11 AM to 12:30 PM
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 March 13th: 11 AM to 12:30 PM





Additionally, OESBD has opened registration for Broward & Beyond Business Conference taking place Friday, May 3 at the Broward County Convention Center. This is another great opportunity for businesses, big and small, to network, explore and discover tremendous opportunities right here in

Broward County. To register or for more information on this event, visit <u>Broward.org/BizBeyond</u>.

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

Best regards,

Lamar P. Fisher Broward County Commissioner District 4

Additional Resources:

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