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COMMISSION DISTRICT 4

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)

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Dear Community Members,

A year ago, this month, Broward County suffered through a thousand-year flooding event that devastated our community. From this unfortunate event, there were many lessons learned. As we approach the rainy season in South Florida, I do believe we are better prepared for larger amounts of rain. The County has made significant investments at the Port, Airport and several unincorporated communities that were mostly affected. This is also a good time to start thinking about Hurricane Season. Although the start of Hurricane Season is about a month away, it is never too early to begin preparing your home and family for any major weather event that may come our way.

Port Everglades Update:

Port Everglades has some exciting projects coming up. The Port Sand Bypass Project and the Port Bypass Road Project will both commence this year.

- **Port Sand Bypass Project-** More than 30 years in the making, the Port Sand Bypass Project is finally coming to fruition with a start date of September 2024. The County Commission recently approved several agreements, and this project is expected to be completed in late 2025. The project will create a sustainable beach renourishment strategy, providing a renewable local sand source by creating a "trap" north of the inlet to collect sand that would otherwise be lost to erosion and transport. Accumulated sand can be harvested for placement on the beach to the south which will provide 50% of sand needed for renourishment in Segment III (South Broward beaches). The total estimated cost of the project, which includes dredging, jetty work, reef mitigation and rubble removal is about $77M with $58M coming from the County and the rest from the State.

- **Port Bypass Road Project-** A groundbreaking ceremony for the Port Bypass Road project will be held Monday, April 29. Another long-awaited project scheduled to be substantially completed in late 2025, will provide much-needed traffic relief on 17th Street and US 1. The project includes a new two-lane road with security fencing, a bridge with barrier wall, a roundabout to facilitate port traffic movement, security check points, lighting, traffic signals, intelligent transportation systems, and signage and pavement markings. Learn more about the project, [here](#).

ePermits OneStop

One of my very first accomplishments as your County Commissioner was helping launch a pilot program in partnership with the City of Pompano Beach called ePermits OneStop. This program provides a centralized website that allows customers to submit permitting applications and receive approval for both city building permits and County approvals associated with the permits. I'm happy to report that 29 municipalities have now partnered with Broward County to participate. For more information, please visit Broward.org/ePermits.

New Citizens Data Portal

Broward County has recently launched a new Citizen Data Portal, designed by the County's Innovation Unit, providing a single point of access for anyone who wants to learn about what is going on in their community. There are a variety of topics to choose including public service, environmental data, transportation, mobility advancements and much more. To learn more, visit Broward.org/Innovation.

REMINDERS/EVENTS:

Join me on Friday, May 3 at the **free Broward & Beyond Business Conference** at the Greater Fort Lauderdale | Broward County Convention Center. This year's conference theme is "Mindset · Methods · Make It Happen!" Register at Broward.org/BizBeyond

The Fort Lauderdale Air Show is back this year, and it will take place May 11-12. All the major aerial acts will perform both Saturday and Sunday from 11:45 a.m. to around 3 p.m., with opening ceremonies starting at 11:15 a.m. For more information visit FortLauderdaleAirShow.com.

The 2024 **@ Your Service Resident Guide** is available! This is a great resource for residents, businesses, and visitors with information on the services and programs offered by the County. For a free printed copy, please email PublicInfo@broward.org.

Consumer Alert: Broward County wants to alert residents regarding contractors who are misusing the Broward County logo to promote the Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program making it seem as though the County operates or manages these programs. For more information, visit Sustainability Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) (broward.org).

Broward County Water Parks Open Broward County Parks waterparks are open on weekends only, until June 9. Then, mark your calendars because starting Tuesday, June 11 parks will be open seven days a week! Visit Broward.org/Parks for more information.

The **Broward Heart Project** is an initiative funded by the Broward County Commission encouraging Broward residents to focus on their cardiovascular health. This free non-invasive test is for residents 45 to 70 years old with active health insurance. Learn more and apply at Broward.org/TakeHeartTest.

County Commission Advisory Board and Committees Vacancies

I encourage anyone interested in serving their community to visit the Boards/Committees Website to find out more. If you are interested in serving on a board, you must complete the online application.

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,

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