



JUNE 2024

Dear Community Members,

Summer is here, which means high temperatures, more rain showers and related storms in our community. As June comes to an end, it is a great reminder to make sure you are ready for any weather event that may come our way. Reflecting on June, our community joined in celebrations for [Father's Day](#), [Juneteenth](#), [Pride Month](#), and of course the many graduation celebrations throughout Broward County. Coming up, I'm very excited to celebrate our nation's independence. Many municipalities will have their own celebrations for residents and visitors. I encourage you to check your city's website for details. For a full list of links to each District 4 municipality, visit Broward.org/Commission/District4.

Congratulations to the Florida Panthers on winning its first ever Stanley Cup! We are incredibly proud of our Florida Panthers, thank you for an amazing season and for bringing the Stanley Cup to Broward County!



Parade Details

Championship Celebration is on Sunday, June 30 at 11 a.m. in Fort Lauderdale with a parade along A1A starting at Riomar Street and concluding just north

of Fort Lauderdale Beach Park (across from Hotel Maren) at SE 5th Street where the formal rally on stage will take place.

Recent Flooding Event

On Wednesday, June 12, our community experienced a major flooding event, reminding us of the vulnerability of our community. The County Administrator quickly went into action by declaring a Local State of Emergency and activating the County's Emergency Operations Center. Before and during the storm, the County's Public Works team worked diligently in low lying areas of the County's Unincorporated Broward.



Additionally, the County provided support for municipalities that were mostly impacted. As flood warnings and watches continued through the weekend, County Operations continued as normal with minimal closures. Residents are encouraged to stay connected during such emergencies by following the County's social media platforms which provide the most up to date information. Additionally, you can find more information about the County's response to the recent flood, Broward's resilience plan progress, flood zone maps and much more by visiting [Broward.org/flood](https://www.broward.org/flood).

Mosquito Control

Due to the recent heavy rains in our community, the County's Mosquito Control Division has been out in full force preparing our community for the expected influx of mosquitoes. Broward County Mosquito Control is proactively reducing breeding sites by carrying out wide area larviciding, spraying organic products by truck and using backpacks. This is a free service provided by Broward County. Residents and businesses are encouraged to do their part as well by dumping any standing water that may be around their properties. Residents can request mosquito spray services by completing an online [mosquito service request form](#), or by calling 311.



Port Everglades Update



Broward County is welcoming a new member to the County team. Joseph Morris has been appointed as the new Port Director. Mr. Morris comes to us with a tremendous amount of experience, most recently serving as the Port Director for the Massachusetts Port Authority. Mr. Morris is expected to begin on July 15, 2024, where he will oversee the seaport's vast maritime business that generates more than \$26.5 billion in economic activity statewide annually, supports nearly 11,000 local direct jobs, and results in more than

\$925 million in state and local taxes. We are excited to welcome Mr. Morris and I'm confident his experience and leadership will only continue to strengthen Port Everglades' position as one of Florida's leading economic engines.

Additionally, Port Everglades recently released the annual impact report which measures its influence in terms of jobs, personal earning, business revenue, and state and local taxes for the port's Fiscal Year 2023. The most significant gain is the 12% increase in direct local jobs. I applaud the Port team for their dedication to Port Everglades and our community. For more information about everything that is happening at the port, please visit PortEverglades.net.

Broward County Transit Wins National Award

Congratulations to our very own Broward County Transit (BCT) for receiving the Energy for Everyone Hero Award from the Propane Education & Research Council. This recognition celebrates BCT's commitment to clean energy in public transportation. BCT has been transitioning from diesel to propane paratransit vehicles since 2015 resulting in a reduction of over 14,000 metric tons of CO2 emissions. I'm proud of our BCT team as they continue the mission of fostering a healthier environment for all in Broward County.



Reminders:



Beat this summer heat by visiting one of our amazing water parks. **Broward County Water Parks** are open seven days a week through August 11. Visit Broward.org/Parks for more information.



The **Small Business Microgrant Pilot Program** is still open. Micro-Grants of \$2,500 will be available to small businesses and distributed evenly throughout all commission districts on a first come, first served basis. Visit Broward.org/EconDev for more information and access to the application portal.



As you are enjoying our beautiful Broward beaches this summer, please remember that we are in the midst of **sea turtle nesting season**, which runs through October 31. Please stay clear of any nests or hatchlings and preserve the beach habitat to help these amazing creatures through their journey of life.



Stay prepared for this year's **Hurricane Season**. Make sure to have a plan, learn about shelter options, ensure your assets are protected, make accommodations for those in need and gather supplies. Visit [Broward County's Official Hurricane Site](#) for more information.

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
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District 4

Additional Resources:

- Libraries: Broward.org/Library
- Parks: Broward.org/Parks
- Business Assistance: Broward.org/EconDev
- Broward's Official Hurricane Site:
Broward.org/Hurricane
- Mosquito Control Services: Broward.org/Mosquito
- Fort Lauderdale International Airport:
Broward.org/Airport