



MAY 2024

Dear Community Members,

With temperature rising in the last couple of weeks, residents are encouraged to take heat advisory serious and practice heat safety wherever you are. Additionally, check in on family, friends, and neighbors during these months, especially those most vulnerable including older adults, families with young children and/or pets, and those with chronic medical conditions. Visit [Broward.org/Climate](https://www.broward.org/Climate) for more resources.



Hurricane Season

Hurricane season is almost here, and it has been predicted that it will be a very active season. While this prediction does not necessarily mean South Florida will be impacted, it is still best to make sure you are prepared for any kind of weather event that may come our way. Here are a couple things to look out for this hurricane season.

- **Hurricane Tax Holiday**- From June 1 - 14 and August 24 to September 6, the state of Florida will be having a hurricane season tax holiday. The tax holiday eliminates sales tax from certain disaster preparedness related items, such as flashlights, reusable ice, radios, tarps, coolers, batteries, and more. For more information visit [FloridaRevenue.com/SalesTaxHolidays](https://www.florida-revenue.com/sales-tax-holidays).
- Broward County's Office of Emergency Management will be hosting the **Hurricane Preparedness Open House** on Saturday, June 8, from 10am-2pm at the African American Research Library and Cultural Center (2650 Sistrunk Blvd, Fort Lauderdale).



- Be sure to follow **@ReadyBroward** on “X,” the County’s Official Emergency Management account for the latest County-related information during an emergency activation.
- Visit [Broward.org/Hurricane](https://www.broward.org/Hurricane) for all your hurricane preparedness needs.

Broward County Small Business Micro-Grant Pilot Program



Broward County is launching a Small Business Micro-Grant Pilot Program to provide working capital for small businesses located within the County. 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. Each district will receive 11 grants, meaning 11 small businesses in District 4 will receive this grant. Small business owners are

encouraged to review the program details and apply online. The application portal is set to open late May to early June. Visit [Broward.org/EconDev](https://www.broward.org/EconDev) for more information.

Sand Bypass Project Webinar June 6 at 7pm

Last month, I shared the exciting news of the Port Everglades Sand Bypass Project that will get started later this year. Broward County’s Resilient Environment Department will be hosting a webinar on June 6 at 7pm to provide residents information about the project. Additionally, County staff will be available at later dates to provide additional presentations, as requested. The [Sand Bypass Project](https://www.broward.org/SandBypassProject) website will be updated throughout the project as well.



Join the meeting via zoom:

bit.ly/SandBypass (passcode 242284).

The Sand Bypass Project website will be updated throughout the project with additional details at [Broward.org/Beaches](https://www.broward.org/Beaches).

National Water Safety Month



May is National Water Safety Month and as we approach summertime, there is no better time than the present to make sure your children are prepared for pool and beach days ahead. Statistics show drowning is the leading cause of death for children between the ages of one and four in the U.S. Unfortunately, Broward County has some of the highest drowning numbers in the state. It's vital that children learn to swim at a very young age as most child drownings are in residential swimming pools.

Broward County Parks' [SWIM Central](https://www.broward.org/SWIMCentral) is the coordinating agency for water-safety instruction and awareness in the County. Residents are encouraged to visit the [Water Smart Broward website](https://www.broward.org/WaterSmartBroward) which provides opportunities for families to apply for a swim coupon and learn about swim lessons near you.

U.S. Flags Disposal Program

Broward County continues to participate in the U.S. flag disposal program as part of the national campaign to support proper flag etiquette. Flags that are worn, tattered, ripped, or soiled should be disposed of properly. American flags must be folded properly before being placed in the box. To find a location near you and learn more about flag etiquette, visit Broward.org/FlagDisposal.



Broward County's Youth Climate Action Fund



Broward County recently received \$50,000 to fund a Youth Climate Action Fund. The County was selected as one of 100 cities/counties around the world to participate in the Bloomberg Philanthropies' Youth Climate Action

Fund. This program is a great way to get your teenager engaged by creating solutions benefiting their community. Young students are encouraged to learn more and apply for a microgrant. Applications are available online now through June 15. This program will distribute funds to youth ages 15-24 belonging to groups working to address climate change in the County. For more information visit the Broward's Youth Climate Action Fund website.



Reminders/Upcoming Events:

Broward County Stadium, located in Lauderhill, is one of three United States sites to host **the ICC Men's T20 World Cup cricket games** in June. The first game is set for Tuesday, June 11: Sri Lanka vs. Nepal. The match starts at 7:30PM. For more information, please visit Broward.org/Parks.



Broward County Water Parks are open on weekends only, until June 9. Starting Tuesday, June 11, water parks will be open seven days a week! Visit Broward.org/Parks 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](https://twitter.com/LamarPFisher) on X (Twitter) and on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/LamarPFisher).

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink.

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Commissioner
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
- Port Everglades: PortEverglades.net