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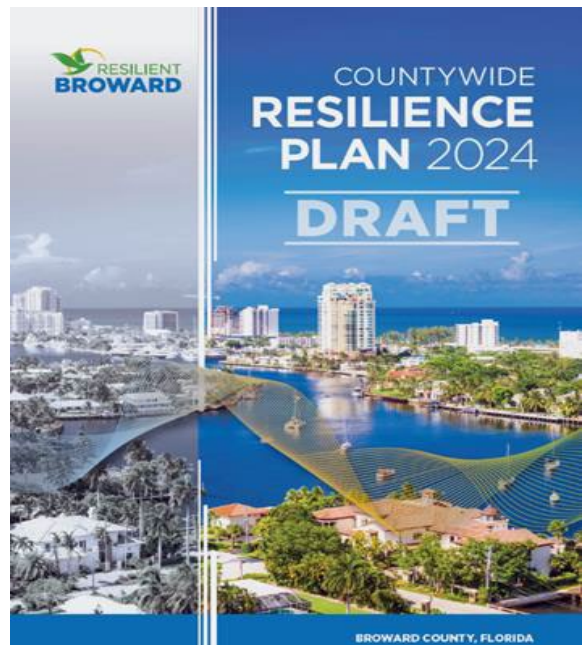
Dear Community Members,

The month of February is quickly coming to an end, meaning spring is just around the corner. As we celebrate the month of love, compassion and friendship, Broward County and many other communities also remember those who tragically lost their lives in 2018 from a senseless act of violence at Marjorie Stoneman Douglas High School in Coral Springs. A day that will forever be in our hearts.

Broward County recognizes February as Black History Month, inviting residents and visitors to visit [Broward.org/BlackHistory](https://www.broward.org/BlackHistory) for information on events and to learn about the County's rich black culture. February is also American Heart Month, bringing awareness to the importance of cardiovascular health. Residents are encouraged to visit [Broward.org/TakeHeartTest](https://www.broward.org/TakeHeartTest) to find out more about the free, non-invasive, heart test available for those who are eligible.

Broward County Countywide Risk Assessment

The Broward County Commission recently held a workshop to discuss the results of the Countywide Resilience Risk Assessment and the draft Countywide Resilience Plan. With the increased flooding events in our area, it is vital to discuss policies and investments that will protect our communities. The two-year Countywide planning efforts was designed to address flood mitigation, impacts of sea-level rise, intense rainfall and more. The project also assesses the economic and financial risk, and credit impacts that the County will face due to future conditions. Ultimately, we know that policy and specific strategies will be an important part of implementation, providing a substantial reduction in damages Countywide. Proposed strategies deliver \$8 to \$30 billion in residential property value preservation, avoid up to \$4 billion in asset damages, and preserve \$20 billion in flood insurance coverage with an 83% reduction in damages county-wide. Some



investments will happen organically, others will be more deliberate. For more information on what the County is doing to prepare for future weather events, please visit Broward.org/Resilience.



MASTER PLAN: Coming Soon

Solid Waste in Broward County

Broward County has the chance to make a major change in the way we handle trash today and years to come. These decisions will shape the future landscape in Broward County, both in an environmental aspect as well as how future generations think about trash. As you may know, the newly created entity, The Solid Waste Disposal and Recyclable Materials Processing Authority of Broward County (Broward SWA) created by an interlocal agreement signed by the County and 28 cities, is in full motion to develop a Countywide masterplan for the future. This 40-year plan will

provide detailed operation and facility recommendations for a solid waste and recycling system that is transparent, innovative, economically efficient and equitable, and environmentally sustainable. While the Broward SWA works on this critical plan, they would like the input from Broward residents. To provide your input or for more information please visit BrowardSWA.org.

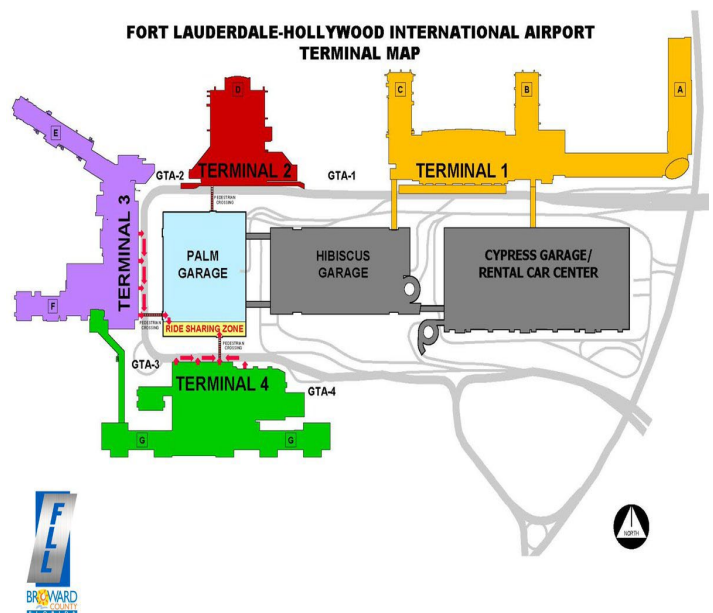
New Ride Share Pickup Area for FLL

The Ride Share Pickup area for Terminals 3 and 4 at Broward's Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport has relocated inside the Palm Garage to help alleviate roadway congestion. Features of the new location include covered shelter for protection from weather, new seating, larger waiting spaces and a separate exit to bypass traffic congestion. For more information, visit Broward.org/Airport.

NEW RIDE SHARING PICK-UP LOCATION FOR TERMINALS 3 AND 4

Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport
Walking Directions to the Palm Garage Ride Sharing Pick-Up Area:

- EXIT BAGGAGE CLAIM**
After collecting your luggage and/or clearing customs, follow the signs to the baggage claim exit doors on the lower level (Arrivals).
- FOLLOW WAYFINDING SIGNS**
Look for the signs directing you toward **Ride Sharing/Palm Garage**. Please use the pedestrian crosswalk from the terminal to the garage.
- LOCATE YOUR VEHICLE**
The Ride Sharing area is clearly marked with signs indicating **Ride Sharing Pick-Up Zones A-D**. Locate your vehicle parked in the corresponding parking zone.
- CONFIRM DRIVER DETAILS**
For your safety, have your ride confirmation or app open and ensure the license plate number, company affiliation/driver, and vehicle model all match prior to entering the vehicle.
- NO CURBSIDE PICKUP**
Guests using a Ride Sharing service may only be picked up in areas designated for Ride Sharing vehicles.
- TRANSPORTATION TIP**
Pack your patience as wait times can be longer than anticipated during holidays and peak periods.



Broward County Convention Center Project Update

The Broward County Convention Center Expansion and Hotel Project continues to make significant progress and is expected to be completed later this year. The combined effect of the expansion and new hotel, including public spaces and waterfront amenities, is expected to bolster the local economy by more than \$200 million a year, attracting more conventions and trade show business, increasing tourism and creating jobs. For more information on the progress or to watch a live feed of the work being done, visit Broward.org/CCExpansion.

Broward County Convention Center Expansion & OMNI Hotel Project



Updates as of February 2025



Hotel Project:

- 1st floor of typical hotel rooms substantially completed
- Hotel tower elevators online
- Pool/Amenity deck work has commenced
- MDF's (Main Distribution frame IT Rooms) being turned over to Omni IT in a few weeks
- Fire Pump Operational



East Convention Center Project:

- Freight elevators fully functional
- Building is fully enclosed
- 80% of the building has conditioned air
- Main kitchen equipment delivered
- Plaza underground work has been ongoing
- Plaza roadway and curbs have started
- Carpeting being delivered and currently getting acclimated to conditions



CVB Building:

- Building shell completed



Currently Total Payment to 70+ CBEs Is Over \$189 million

Reminders/Upcoming Events:



Municipal Elections will be held on Tuesday, March 11 for Coconut Creek, Deerfield Beach, Miramar, Pembroke Pines, and Sea Ranch Lakes (The Town of Hillsboro Beach candidates did not face opposition. As a result, they will not appear on the ballot). The deadline to request a Vote-by-Mail Ballot is February 27. Reminder, if you plan to vote by mail, you must request it again for every general election year. Visit [BrowardVotes.gov](https://www.browardvotes.gov) for more information.



Ignite Broward runs through February 23. Check out spectacular light and technology art installations in Fort Lauderdale, Hollywood and Dania Beach. Visit [IgniteBroward.com](https://www.ignitebroward.com) for more information about this free-family event.



Manatee Season runs through March 31. Help Broward resource managers better understand how manatees utilize our waterways. Become a citizen-scientist and download the “I Spy a Manatee” mobile app. Visit [Broward.org/Manatees](https://www.broward.org/Manatees) for more information.

Sea Turtle Season begins March 1 and runs through October 31. When visiting our beautiful Broward beaches please be careful with sea turtles nesting you might encounter. Five species of sea turtles are found in Florida and are protected by federal law. For more information visit, [Broward.org/NaturalResources](https://www.broward.org/NaturalResources).



Water Matters Day will be held on Saturday, March 8 from 9am to 3pm at Tree Tops Park in Davie. Residents are encouraged to attend this free event for tree and compost giveaways, educational booths, food trucks and more. Visit [WaterMatters.Broward.org](https://www.WaterMatters.Broward.org) 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,



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Broward County
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