



**January 2025**

**Dear Community Members,**

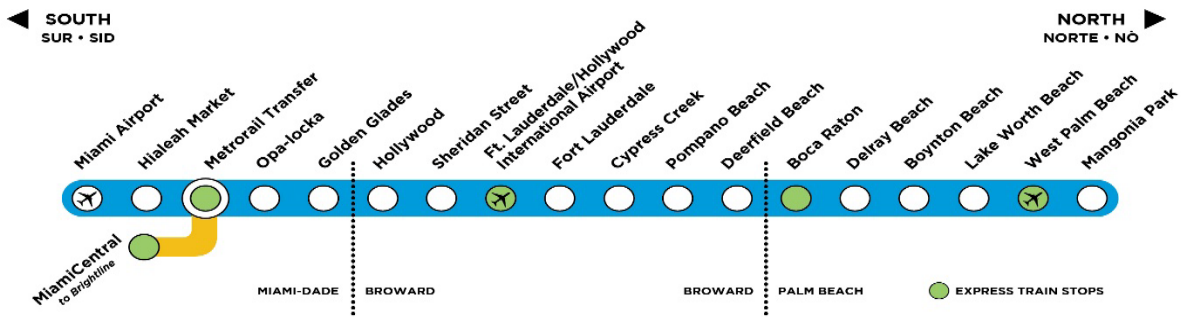
The first month of 2025 is nearly over and as we say goodbye to January, I'm hopeful we are all sticking to our resolutions. Earlier in January, we honored Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy with a National Day of Service. As Florida natives most of us know the pain of natural disasters, but nothing like the horrific scenes of the L.A. fires. We continue to pray for everyone in California as they rebuild their communities. And we are tremendously grateful for our weather this time of year.

**South Florida Regional Transportation Authority Appointment**



I am extremely excited to have been recently appointed to the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA). The SFRTA provides commuter rail service, known as Tri-Rail, operating along 72 miles of the South Florida Rail Corridor and eight miles of the Florida East Coast Railway. Tri-Rail has played a critical role in regional transportation infrastructure since 1989, connecting

major cities and destinations across the tri-county. Most recently we celebrated the one-year anniversary of the MiamiCentral Station. As we continue discussions regarding Broward's Commuter Rail, I believe this is a major opportunity to better understand the benefits of regional transportation. And I encourage residents and visitors to hop on any of



the seven Tri Rail stations located in Broward County and discover all the great things our Tri County area has to offer. Visit [Tri-rail.com](http://Tri-rail.com) for more information.

### **Recent Reappointments**

I was also recently reappointed to the Broward Metropolitan Organization (MPO) and the Broward County Planning Council, two vital organizations that plan for future development and transportation in Broward County. Being able to participate on these Boards provides me the opportunity to make a greater difference in our community.

The MPO is responsible for transportation planning and funding allocation in urbanized Broward County. As a member of the MPO, we are responsible for making policy on local transportation issues and deciding how to collaboratively spend federal money on important transportation projects that help our community continue to move forward. For more information on the Broward MPO, please visit, [BrowardMPO.org](http://BrowardMPO.org).



Additionally, I have been reappointed to represent the Broward County Commission on the Broward County Planning Council. As a member of the Planning Council, I'm excited to continue to make vital decisions on affordable housing, resilience efforts, and more. One of the tasks of the Broward Planning Council is to update the Broward County Land Use Plan or Broward Next to make sure that it reflects our current and anticipated growth and priorities. For more information about the Planning Council, please visit [Broward.org/PlanningCouncil](http://Broward.org/PlanningCouncil).



### [BrowardNext on Vimeo](#)



## Cultural Divisions New Sponsorship Program



Broward County's Cultural Division recently launched a new Arts & Cultural Festival and Event Sponsorship Program which provides startup and matching funds for arts and cultural festival and events in Broward County. The Division will be hosting a series of free online application workshops every month. Designed to promote equitable access to funding, the initiative encourages collaboration among artists, small businesses, and community organizations.

Events showcasing Broward-based talent will receive priority consideration, further solidifying the County's dedication to developing its local arts scene. I'm proud to be part of a Commission that supports the Arts in our community. For more information, please visit [Broward.org/Arts](http://Broward.org/Arts).

## Animal Care - Tags for Life Program

Broward County's Animal Care Division recently launched an innovative Tags for Life program, which simplifies the pet registration process for residents. All dogs and cats in Broward County must have a County registration tag and a current rabies vaccination to comply with local laws. The Tags for Life program prioritizes convenience, eliminating the need to track and replace tags annually while maintaining protection and legal compliance with the annual renewal of their Tags for Life registration. For more information, residents are encouraged to visit [PetTags.Broward.org](http://PetTags.Broward.org).



## Reminders/Events:



**Residents Guide** - Freshly updated for 2025, Broward's [@Your Service Resident Guide](http://@YourService) provides residents, businesses and visitors to the County with comprehensive information on the services and programs provided by the Broward County Board of County Commissioners. Residents and businesses can receive a free printed copy by e-mailing [publicinfo@broward.org](mailto:publicinfo@broward.org).



**Broward County's Film Lauderdale** is hosting a **Catering for the Screen Industry Day** on February 6 at 3pm. Join staff for a Zoom workshop to learn the unique needs of on-set catering, navigating production schedules and dietary needs and more. Please visit [Broward.org/EconDev](http://Broward.org/EconDev) and click on events to register for the upcoming workshop.



**ArtLit2025**, Broward County’s free all-ages library festival returns this year on Saturday, February 8 from 10:30am-3:30pm. Residents and visitors are invited to take part in hands-on cultural, creative and artistic interactive experiences during ArtLit 2025 at the North Regional/Broward College Library in Coconut Creek. For more information, please visit [Broward.org/Library](http://Broward.org/Library).



**Ignite Broward** returns February 14 - 23 with spectacular light and technology art installation across Fort Lauderdale, Hollywood, and Dania Beach. Ignite Broward is an interactive art and technology, family friendly festival presented by the Cultural Division in various locations across Broward County. For more information, visit [IgniteBroward.com](http://IgniteBroward.com).



**Technical Assistance Fridays**- Broward County’s Office of Economic and Small Business Development (OESBD) opened a satellite office at the Alan B. Levan – NSU Broward Center of Innovation where staff provides services and resources to businesses interested in the County’s local and federal small business certification programs. Visit [Broward.org/EconDev](http://Broward.org/EconDev) 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](mailto:LFisher@broward.org). Also, follow me [@LamarPFisher](#) on X (Twitter) and on [Facebook](#).

Best regards,

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**Additional Resources:**

- Libraries: [Broward.org/Library](http://Broward.org/Library)
- Parks: [Broward.org/Parks](http://Broward.org/Parks)
- Business Assistance: [Broward.org/EconDev](http://Broward.org/EconDev)
- Broward’s Official Hurricane Site: [Broward.org/Hurricane](http://Broward.org/Hurricane)
- Mosquito Control Services: [Broward.org/Mosquito](http://Broward.org/Mosquito)
- Fort Lauderdale International Airport: [Broward.org/Airport](http://Broward.org/Airport)
- Port Everglades: [PortEverglades.net](http://PortEverglades.net)