



AUGUST 2025

Dear Community Members,

In August, we welcomed the start of a new school year for all schools in Broward County, which is always a great reminder of staying safe and vigilant on our roads. It is vital that residents obey speed limits, stay extra alert to pedestrians and cyclists and stop for school buses. This weekend, municipalities may be hosting Labor Day celebrations. Residents can visit Broward.org/Commission/District4 to find a list of all District 4 city websites and check out events near your area. And for those visiting one of our beautiful Broward beaches, please remain mindful of the rip currents when in the water as well as any sea turtle nesting when on the sand.

SoFloGo App

In partnership with the Broward Metropolitan Organization and Broward County Transit, the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority is proud to announce the launch of SoFloGo, a regional public transportation app. SoFloGO was launched on August 14th. It is a single, seamless platform that lets riders plan trips and pay fares across Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach counties, including trips that cross county lines and combine different modes. This has been a regional objective for roughly ten years, and provides real-time information, live directions and alerts, mobile ticketing, and accessibility tools. It's user friendly and is compatible with various devices. I'm excited for transit users to

use this app and be able to travel throughout the tri county area. For more information, visit SoFloGo.com.

Housing Affordability Update

One of the major concerns of all Broward County residents across all age groups is the housing affordability crises many are experiencing in our community. The County Commission continues steadfast on its mission to make its best efforts to provide affordable housing for residents. We continue to make progress with the important



role in addressing this challenge by supporting the development of affordable housing and encouraging efficient land use through planning and zoning. One of our biggest victories is the implementation of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund (AHTF). As you may remember, the voters approved the creation of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund in 2018. The AHTF is administered by Broward County’s Housing Finance Division and provides funding as an incentive to create partnerships that produce and/or preserve affordable multifamily rental units. Since 2018, this trust fund has been able to dedicate \$154.3 million in gap financing to 40 projects which have provided, or will provide soon, 4,301 affordable units to house approximately 9,000 residents in our community. Additionally, there is a major economic impact from the 4,301 affordable units, as described below. This is why I continue to support the AHTF and the incredible work of the Division, along with support from others. For fiscal year 2026, I’m in full support to continue funding AHTF at \$20 million.

Prepare for High Tides this Fall

This time of year, we can also expect several days of high tides in our community. Higher tides occur more often in June through December and may contribute to coastal flooding. Residents are encouraged to monitor conditions for local flooding and time trips accordingly. Below is a chart that provides predictions based on the South Port Everglades Tidal Station which is operated by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Broward County encourages residents to stay safe during these high tide events by being prepared, knowing when high tides will occur, avoiding flooded waters, and protecting your property. Additionally, if possible, Broward County encourages residents to help us document these flooding events by taking pictures and uploading them to the County’s [Document the Floods](#) website. For more information, visit [Local Conditions King Tides](#).

Date	Prediction (Feet NAVD)
September 7 - 12, 2025	1.23
September 22 - 23, 2025	1.04
October 4 - 12, 2025	1.62
October 18 - 24, 2025	1.17
November 2 - 10, 2025	1.67
December 2 - 18, 2025	1.36

Film Permits in Broward County

In 2021, Broward County created a Film Commission, aka Film Lauderdale, to attract more of the film and television industry to Broward County which in turn creates economic growth, high paying jobs and new opportunities for small businesses in our area. Film Lauderdale is a full-service concierge that provides film permits for 27 municipalities, coordinates with State and Federal entities, offers referral resources, and nurtures local content creators. Our Film Commissioner, Sandy Lighterman, recently reported that “Film Permits in FY 2025 for Broward County Parks alone has accounted for over \$7.1 million in production spent in our local economy! 131 film permits were issued and over 1,500 cast/crew hires. Some notable projects include: Covergirl (Commercial), '90 Day Fiancé: Happily Ever After' (TV/Reality), Adidas (Photoshoot), and Domino's (Commercial), to name a few.”



As a major champion for small businesses, one of my favorite features from Film Lauderdale are the workshops geared to our small businesses in Broward County. There are a variety of workshops that provide transferable skills workforce training in different industries. They've held workshops like construction to craftsman to learn prop making and craftsman techniques, production assistant training camp, and other industries including accountants, caterers, tailors and seamstresses and more. To get involved or for more information, visit FilmLauderdale.org.

Reminders/Events:



The 40th Annual **Coastal Cleanup** will be held on Saturday, September 20, from 9am to 12pm. Broward County is participating in the annual International Coastal Cleanup, sponsored by the Ocean Conservancy. For more information and to find how to register, please visit the Broward County Coastal Cleanup Website.



Dine Out Lauderdale runs through the end of September – over 140 restaurants are participating countywide! Locals and visitors are invited to savor specially curated, three-course prix fixe menus available for lunch at \$35 and for dinner at tiers of \$45, \$60 or a luxe option for \$75. Visit VisitLauderdale.com/dineout.



Hurricane Season Materials

June 1 - November 30 is Hurricane Season. It is important to be prepared. Visit my [May 2025 Newsletter](#) for a full list of resources or visit Broward.org/Hurricane for more information. **As of July 1, Florida's annual hurricane sales tax holiday has been replaced with year-round tax exemptions on many disaster preparedness items.**



The **Small Business Micro Grant Program** is open! Grants will be awarded on a first-come first-served basis, and 13 grants will be awarded per Commission District. For qualification information and to apply, visit [Small Business Micro Grant Program](#).



Rainy and Heat Season Resources

Residents are encouraged to be vigilant during rain events! It is vital residents understand flood alerts. Stay safe by avoiding flooded water, help clear storm drains before a rain event and take steps to protect your property. For more information, visit Broward.org/Flood.



Additionally, temperatures have been on the rise for the past couple weeks. It is important to practice heat safety this summer season. For more information on staying safe from the heat, visit Broward.org/Climate and click on [beat the heat](#).

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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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