

SEPTEMBER 2025

Dear Community Members,

As the rest of the country enjoys the fall weather, south Florida continues its summer-like temperatures and rainy days. A reminder that hurricane season is not over yet and it is the height of the season where we see more storms. Therefore, it is imperative that residents ensure their Hurricane checklists have been finalized by now. As always, visit [Broward.org/Hurricane](https://www.broward.org/Hurricane) for all your preparation needs.

As the month of September comes to an end, be reminded you can still donate for Hunger Action Month at locations that are available year around on county properties. Visit [Food Drive 365 Food Drive](#) to find locations near you. Additionally, I encourage all to enjoy the many events at one of our Broward County Libraries for Hispanic Heritage Month, which is celebrated through October 15. Visit [Hispanic Heritage Month | Broward County Library](#) for events near you.

Broward County Budget Fiscal Year (FY) 2026

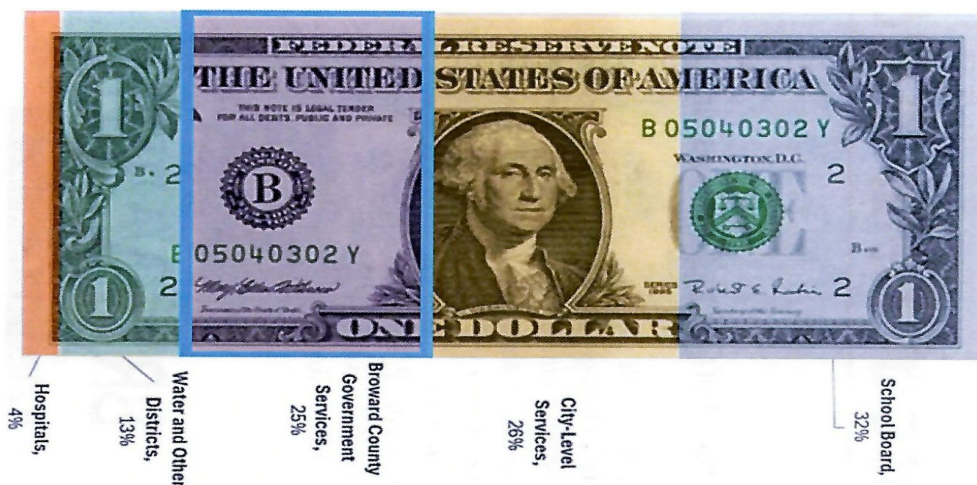
The Broward County Commission recently approved the FY 2026 budget with a modest reduction in the County's millage rate. We set a new millage rate, at 5.6658 mills, which is the first decrease in 8 years. One of the challenges this year included a shortfall of \$80 million for the new Tax Collector's office. To offset the impact, 159 positions have been cut and nearly \$20 million in recurring operating costs for general fund agencies has been reduced.

Even with the shortcomings, we were able to support public safety with a 3% increase which includes an \$8 million salary adjustment for BSO Detention Deputies. We continue to fund for affordable housing, and keeping in place the level of services provided to all Broward County residents and visitors. Additionally, we have strengthened the County's financial reserves by including increases in emergency cash flow as well as emergency preparedness and shelters, to prepare for unforeseen emergencies.

The good news is that Broward County continues to have a strong financial position for FY26. The County has paid off all General Obligation debt, while maintaining a “AAA” credit rating with all three major credit rating agencies. I am happy to be able to support the millage rate reduction this year and look forward to continuing to make financially responsible decisions for our community. For more information on the Broward approved budget, visit Broward.org/budget.

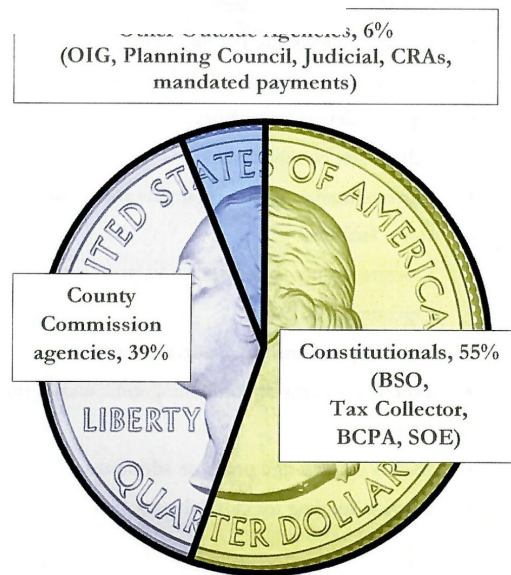
Understanding Your Property Taxes

As homeowners begin to receive their TRIM notices this time of year, I wanted to provide residents with a funding perspective of how the Broward County’s budget is appropriated, and which portion of your property taxes are used for County services. Approximately 25% or one-quarter, of your property taxes support the county services provided county-wide. The remaining portions are distributed as follows: 32% to the school board; 26% to city-level services; 4% to hospitals and 13% to water and other special districts.



Out of those 25% or 25 cents, the Constitutional offices make up about 55%, 39% is for County Commission agencies and about 6% is for other agencies, which include the Office of Inspector General, Planning Council, Judiciary and more. The County Commission agencies are only about \$1.7 billion from the total of about \$8.8 billion budget.

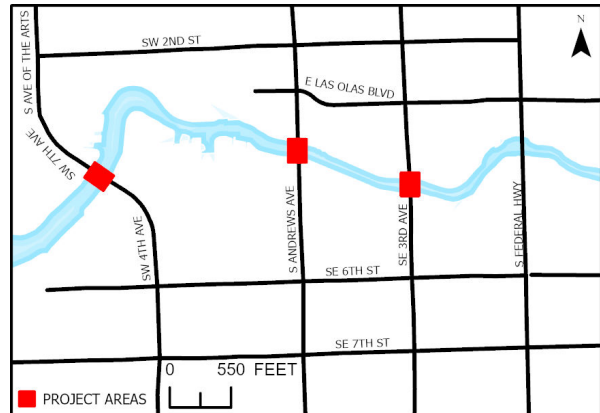
The County Commission agencies include a wide range of vital public services including Transportation, Human Services, Environmental Protection, Elderly and Veterans Services, Emergency Operations, Water and Wastewater Services, Animal Care and Adoption, Parks and Recreation, Libraries and more.



As residents review their TRIM Notices, it is important to understand that it contains the tax rates set by several taxing agencies. I encourage all property owners to visit the [Marty Kiar - Broward County Property Appraiser](#) website, which provides a great overview about property taxes, assessed values, millage rates and more.

Bascule Bridge Projects in Downtown Fort Lauderdale

Broward County's Public Works Department, through its Highway and Bridge Maintenance Division, has begun Scour Protection projects for 3 major bridges in downtown Fort Lauderdale over the New River: the SW 4th Avenue Bridge, SE 3rd Avenue Bridge, and Andrews Avenue Bridge. These projects will stabilize the riverbed and protect the bridge foundations from further erosion. They also address the scour-critical conditions identified in recent Florida Department of Transportation bridge inspection reports.



These projects are partially funded by a \$3 million grant from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Resilient Florida Program, with matching funds from Broward County. Construction is scheduled to be completed by September 2026, weather permitting and barring any unforeseen conditions. During construction, one lane on the local street beneath the bridge and on both sides of the river, will be closed.

Beach Erosion Meeting – October 22

Broward County's Resilient Environment Department along with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and a consulting firm will be hosting a presentation to explain the adoption of an Erosion Control Line (ECL) in Pompano Beach within the Broward County Segment II Shore Protection Program. State law requires the establishment of an ECL prior to construction of a beach renourishment project. Broward County is working with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to construct a beach renourishment project in the Broward County Segment II Shore Protection Project, between Hillsboro Inlet and Port Everglades, which is tentatively scheduled in 2026/2027 using federal Flood Control Coastal Emergency funds. The project will be managed by the USACE, and Broward County will serve as the local sponsor. This public hearing and workshop will be held on October 22 at 6pm at the Emma Lou Olson Civic Center. If you are unable to attend in person, a link to the workshop and hearing recording will be posted on the County's website, [Beaches Segment II](#).

EROSION CONTROL LINE (ECL) WORKSHOP AND HEARING

October 22, 2025 at 6PM

**Emma Lou Olson
Civic Center, Pompano Beach**

A workshop will be held to present an official ECL in the area from approximately NE 6th St. in Pompano Beach to Washington Ave. in Lauderdale-by-the-Sea. The ECL is recognized in Florida as the boundary between private and public land. An ECL is required for beach renourishment projects to take place.



Contact Broward County Beach Program Manager Stephanie Roche SROCHE@broward.org for questions. This meeting will be recorded and later posted to Broward.org/beaches.

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Reminders/Events:

ARTS LAUNCH BROWARD

The Broward County Cultural Division will be debuting Arts Launch on Sunday, October 5 from 11am - 3pm. at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts. It's a free signature event inviting the community to celebrate at the official start of the County's art season, with live shows, art, family fun, and connections. Visit [Arts Launch Broward 2025](#) for more information.

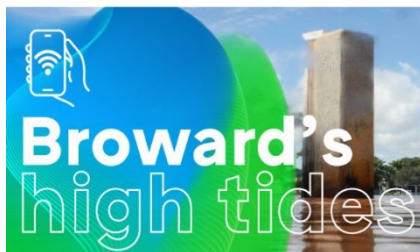


FITCE Broward County will host the 10th Annual Florida International Trade and Cultural Expo (FITCE) on October 22-23 at the Broward County Convention Center. This free event offers a unique opportunity to engage high-level government leaders, international trade experts and delegations from around the world. For more information, please visit [Conferences FITCE](#).



SoFloGo App

South Florida Commuters are encouraged to download the SoFloGo App, a regional transportation app that provides real-time information, live directions and alerts, mobile ticketing, and accessibility tools. For more information, please visit [SoFloGo.com](#).



King Tides

Broward County encourages residents to stay safe during these high tide events by being prepared, knowing when high tides will occur, avoiding flood waters, and protecting your property. Please remain vigilant for the following days: Oct 4-12, Oct 18-24, Nov 2-10 and Dec 2-18. Visit [Broward.org/Flood](#) for more information.



Mosquitoes can breed in almost anything that holds water – bottles, cans, buckets, hoses, planters, and even plants such as bromeliads. Check your property regularly and dump any standing water. Residents can request free mosquito spray services [online](#) or call 311.



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.**



MICRO-GRANT Pilot Program

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](#).

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
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