



OCTOBER 2025

Dear Community Members,

For the month of October, the Broward County Commission acknowledged two very important issues by proclaiming October as Breast Cancer and Domestic Violence Awareness Month. A time for community engagement, education, prevention and support for causes that affect many in our community.



I also want to take a moment to remind all that hurricane season is not over, as we witnessed this week with Hurricane Melissa. My heart goes out to our friends in Jamaica, Cuba and the Caribbean islands that suffered a direct hit from this catastrophic storm. Broward County agencies have set up donation centers throughout the county in support of those impacted by the hurricane. For those interested, please visit [Help Support Victims of Hurricane Melissa in the Caribbean](#).

East Convention Center Expansion Ribbon Cutting/Grand Opening



Broward County celebrated a major milestone this month with the grand opening of the East Convention Center. The east expansion adds more than 1.2 million square feet to the existing facility, creating one of the most modern and versatile convention spaces in the Southeast. The project includes 525,000 square feet of meeting space, a 350,000 square foot exhibit hall, and a 65,000 square foot ballroom overlooking the intracoastal

waterway. Built to LEED Gold Certified standards, the expansion features energy-efficient systems, cutting-edge technology, and new dining concepts designed to highlight South Florida's unique character and culture.

Now we will be able to host major conferences like that highly anticipated IPW 2026. For the first time ever, Broward will serve as the host site for U.S. Travel Association's IPW, the United States' largest driver of international tourism. From May 17-21, 2026, hundreds of international travel enthusiasts, buyers, journalists and tourism officials from over 60 countries will get to know why Broward is a vibrant destination. The event will be held at the Broward County Convention Center and is expected to bring more than \$14.2 billion in economic impact over the next three years. For more information about the County's Convention Center, please visit FortLauderdaleCC.com.



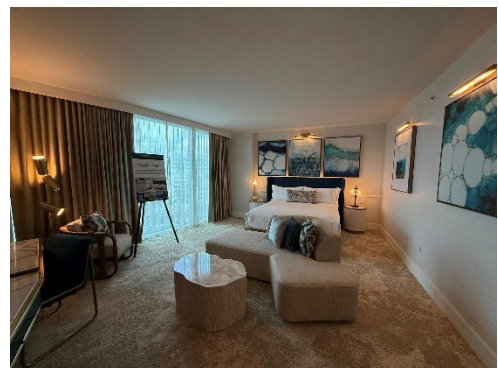
Convention Center Connector (Port Bypass) Ribbon Cutting/Grand Opening



We recently celebrated the grand opening of the Convention Center Connector (Bypass Road). The Connector is a \$55 million, 1,300-foot elevated bypass road directly connecting U.S. 1/Federal Highway to the newly expanded convention center complex, which allows vehicular traffic bound for the Convention Center, OMNI Hotel guests and even residents in the surrounding neighborhoods to bypass Port traffic, local traffic and stop lights along US-1 and SE 17th Street with less stress. The new roadway makes it easier for customers to reach shops and restaurants while improving logistics for local deliveries.

Omni Fort Lauderdale Preview

Last week, I had the distinct pleasure of touring the Omni Hotel, located at our Convention Center District. As previously reported, the enhanced Convention Center district will include the 801-room Omni Fort Lauderdale, new waterfront amenities, and public spaces that connect the community to the Intracoastal Waterway. Combined, these projects are expected to generate more than \$450 million in annual economic impact and create more than 3,000 full- and part-time jobs in Broward County.



The hotel offers guests expansive meeting spaces, six dining venues, an urban outdoor pool deck and Mokara spa. The property's signature restaurants include Reef 76: Kitchen & Bar, serving fresh seafood and coastal dishes, and Fair Ketch, a lively sports and entertainment bar featuring a Topgolf Swing Suite home to two bays. I'm excited for residents and visitors to get the opportunity to experience this space both inside and out! I look forward to its grand opening soon. For more information, visit [OMNI Fort Lauderdale](https://www.omni-fortlauderdale.com).



Reminder/ Events:



HURRICANE MELISSA CARIBBEAN RELIEF

Items Needed

- Tarps
- Generators
- Trash Bags
- Canned Foods
- Nonperishable Foods
- Flashlights
- Batteries
- Sleeping Bags
- Work Gloves
- Solar-Powered Lights
- Tents
- Industrial Sponges
- Water
- First-Aid Kits
- Hygiene Kits
- Wash Cloths
- Deodorant
- Baby Diapers

No used clothing or linen!

Drop-Off Locations	
South Regional/Broward College Library 7300 Pines Boulevard, Pembroke Pines, FL 33024 Monday through Wednesday: 10a - 8p Thursday through Sunday: 10a - 6p	West Regional Library 8601 W. Broward Boulevard, Plantation, FL 33324 Monday through Wednesday: 10a - 8p Thursday through Sunday: 10a - 6p
Miramar Branch Library and Education Center 2050 Civic Center Place, Miramar, FL 33025 Wednesday 10a - 8p Thursday through Saturday: 10a - 6p Beginning 11/3/25 Monday through Friday: 9a - 5p	Southwest Regional Library 16835 Sheridan St., Pembroke Pines, FL 33331 Monday through Wednesday: 10a - 8p Thursday through Sunday: 10a - 6p
Central Broward Park & Broward County Stadium 3700 NW 11th Place, Lauderhill, FL 33311 Sunday through Saturday: 9a - 5p	Tradewinds Park & Stables 3600 W Sample Rd., Coconut Creek, FL 33066 Monday through Sunday: 9a - 5p
For more information visit Broward.org	



This weekend!

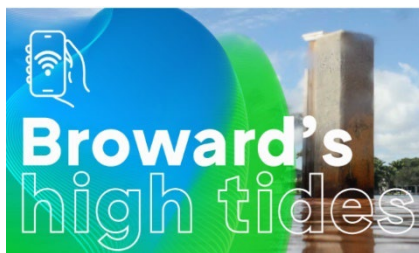
Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 2 at 2AM. Before you go to bed Saturday night or early Sunday morning, be sure to set your clock back one hour. Daylight Saving Time will begin in 2026 on March 8.



The **Fort Lauderdale Boat Show** takes place this weekend. From October 29- November 2nd residents and visitors can emerge themselves at the world's largest in-water boat show at seven venues in Fort Lauderdale. This is also a traffic warning for those that live in the area. Be cautious when heading out and about. For information about the boat show visit [Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show | Event Guide & Tips](#) or [Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show](#).



Broward's Cultural Division will host its 3rd annual **State of the Arts Address** on Thursday, November 6 at 10am. This is a great opportunity to join community leaders, artists, and cultural partners as we reflect on the progress of the past year, unveil new initiatives, and celebrate the impact of arts and culture across our region. For more information, please visit [Broward.org/Arts](#).



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: Nov 2-10 and Dec 2-18. Visit [Broward.org/Flood](#) for more information.



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](#).

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](#)