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2023 Membership Benefits



The goal of Imperial Point civic association is to make Imperial Point a great place for all of us to live! With increased membership, we can accomplish more! This is **your** voluntary, not for profit civic association. Everyone is a volunteer.

Membership Benefits – Here's what is included with your membership:

Safety, Noise Control & Civic Involvement

Traffic control devices
Safety Education

FLPD Officer crime patrols
City Infrastructure Advisory Board

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Council of Civic Associations

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Imperial Point Association is one of the largest subdivisions in Fort Lauderdale. The Association speaks for all the residents of Imperial Point with one voice to State, County and City authorities and advisory boards. The power of that unified volunteer voice representing all 1470 homes and 5000 residents in our combined areas makes a difference with Imperial Point being listed as one of the seven best places to live in Fort Lauderdale!

Past & Current Accomplishments

Sewer & Drain Improvements Imperial Point Main entrance Sidewalk Restoration
Medians on Imperial Point Drive Custom Street Signs Creation of Dottie Mancini Park

Social Events - Fall Harvest Picnic ~ Winter in the Park ~ Spring Fling

Many "come meet your neighbors" functions for the whole Family! These events are **free for paid members and family!** They are fun and have excellent attendance with many local corporate sponsors providing fun for all our diverse community residents.

Semi-Annual Neighborhood Yard Sales

Fall & Spring events sponsored by your association to help sell your valuable goods!

Imperial Point Newsletter and www.imperialpoint.org

See what's happening in your neighborhood! Our website and award winning bi-monthly newsletter keep all residents up-to-date with neighborhood news, legislative actions and community activities.

Join today and help keep Imperial Point the best community in Fort Lauderdale!

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The deadline for advertising in the August/September issue is July 15, 2023.
Contact Betty at 954-938-9230 or 954-629-7876

VISIT IMPERIAL SQUARE THIS SUMMER SEASON!



We are proud to update on the new tenants at Imperial Square serving our community.

Our newest restaurant SOBA ASIAN NOODLES has unique appetizers and delicious bowls with your choice of noodles complemented with vegetables and proteins. Check out their website at <https://sobaasiannoodles.com>.

VISION FACTORY offering same day glasses will be opening soon. We'll let you know the opening date on the next edition of the newsletter.

The newest arrival is GAINZA LAW GROUP offering legal services including immigration law, personal injury, contract law and many others.

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Summer Fun and Follies[!]

If there is one thing we South Floridians love, it's summer time. Whether it's lounging by the pool, taking the boat out or having a barbecue with friends, it's easy to get caught up in all that summer has to offer. But as the sunny season approaches, it's important to remember that while we are having fun in the sun, we are also taking certain precautions to ensure our pets' health and safety. With summer just around the corner, here's a list of some of the things to look out for.



Beat the Heat

One of the most obvious things to be wary of is warm weather. The combination of the Florida sun and humidity can be very dangerous for a pet. Make sure your animal always has access to clean water and don't leave your pet outside alone for more than a few minutes. If your pet exhibits signs of heatstroke such as panting, drooling, fever, vomiting, lethargy and collapse, cool the animal with water and bring your pet to the veterinarian immediately.

Swimming Pools

While a refreshing dip in the pool may help your pet to cool off, getting out of the water is challenging for most animals. Even the best swimmers can tire of treading water, so teach your dog where the swim out area is and how to safely climb out of the pool.

Mosquitos

Unfortunately, these pesky pests can also cause a number of health problems for both pets and people such as irritation, allergic reactions, anemia and even the transmission of many harmful diseases and parasites such as heartworm. It's important to keep your pet's preventative medicine up-to-date and to take steps to limit exposure to mosquitos.

Cook Outs

Nothing says summer like a backyard cookout, but while breaking out the grill means delicious food for us, some common cookout staples can be harmful for your pets. Be careful not to let your pet eat foods like corn on the cob, chicken wings, ribs or pitted fruits. If swallowed by a pet, hard-to-digest foods like these can cause choking or even lead to intestinal blockage and abdominal pain.

Party Accessories

For us Floridians, summer is the primetime for celebrations whether it be a pool party with friends or the Fourth of July. While the summer season is the perfect time to reconnect and have some fun, it's important to remember that some of our favorite party necessities, like fireworks, balloons and glow sticks, can be dangerous for your fur-babies.

If you have any questions about summer do's and don'ts, feel free to call our staff at Seiler Animal Hospital. We are open seven days a week!

Dr. Thieme and the staff at Seiler Animal Hospital

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Neighbors,

Welcome to June which on the 21st is the first day of Summer. Seems like it has already arrived with the 90 degree temperatures we have been having. June also brings the end of school days, so more of our Children will be out playing. Please watch for them.

I know a lot of our Neighbors go walking each morning with their dogs or just together. I enjoy seeing so many of you walking by my house. Might I suggest that you also go to the Entrance and check out the Butterfly Gardens and you could also have a rest on a bench. There is also the Celebration Walk and you can check the many bricks which are there. I always find it interesting.

Our Dottie Mancini Park is always busy and in the mornings, there is a class taking place. Also lots of little ones running around when I am checking the Little Book House. They are always interested to see what I am doing and I give them a book. Which is what I am always saying, if you have extra books, there is always a place for them.

Our Board Meetings are on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 at Broward Health Imperial Point. We always have Police and Code available to give reports and answer questions. Come and join us.

I am sure you are tired of my always reminding you that Thursday is Farmer's Market Day. This time you can see some pictures of the vendors in this edition. Check it out, you might find some interesting lunch ideas.

A Happy Father's Day on June 18th to All of Our Fathers.

All the Best and please Be Safe. Cheers, Betty

Happy Fathers Day

Happy Independence Day 4th of July

Betty Shelley

**The membership raffle winner is:
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BROWARD COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER

2023 Estimate of Taxable Values

The preliminary 2023 property values have posted on our website at web.bcpa.net. Florida Statutes require our office use January 1 as the date of assessment each year. Our office must consider changes in market conditions – up or down – when developing the Just/Market Values each year. The 2023 Just Values are based on the market data from January 1, 2023 back through January 2, 2022. If you purchased your property in 2023, your 2023 purchase price along with comparable market data from 2023 will be used in setting your property's 2024 Just Value. Our office will mail the 2023 TRIM (proposed tax) Notices to all Broward property owners in mid-August. This notice will show your property's 2023 Just Value, Assessed/Save Our Homes Value, all tax-saving exemptions you are receiving, and the proposed tax rates as set by the various taxing authorities.

Quarterly Tax Payment Installment Plan

While the Property Appraiser's Office does not set or collect taxes, our office receives many calls from residents inquiring about installment tax bills and their recently approved exemptions. Broward County's Records, Taxes & Treasury Division is responsible for the billing and collecting of property taxes.

For property owners on the 2023 installment payment plan, the first two installment payments (June 2023 and September 2023) are based on the previous (2022) tax year. This means residents who have been approved for 2023 Homestead Exemption or other exemptions will not see these 2023 exemptions on either the June or September installment bills. The final two installment bills (December 2023 and March 2024) will be adjusted to include any 2023 exemptions or changes to the property's taxable value. The deadline to apply for Broward County's Installment Payment Plan was May 1, 2023. Should you have any questions regarding the payment of property taxes, the Tax Collector's Office can be reached at 954.831.4000 or by email to revenue@broward.org.

If my office can ever be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at martykiar@bcpa.net.

Take care,

Marty Kiar, JD, CFA
Broward County Property Appraiser



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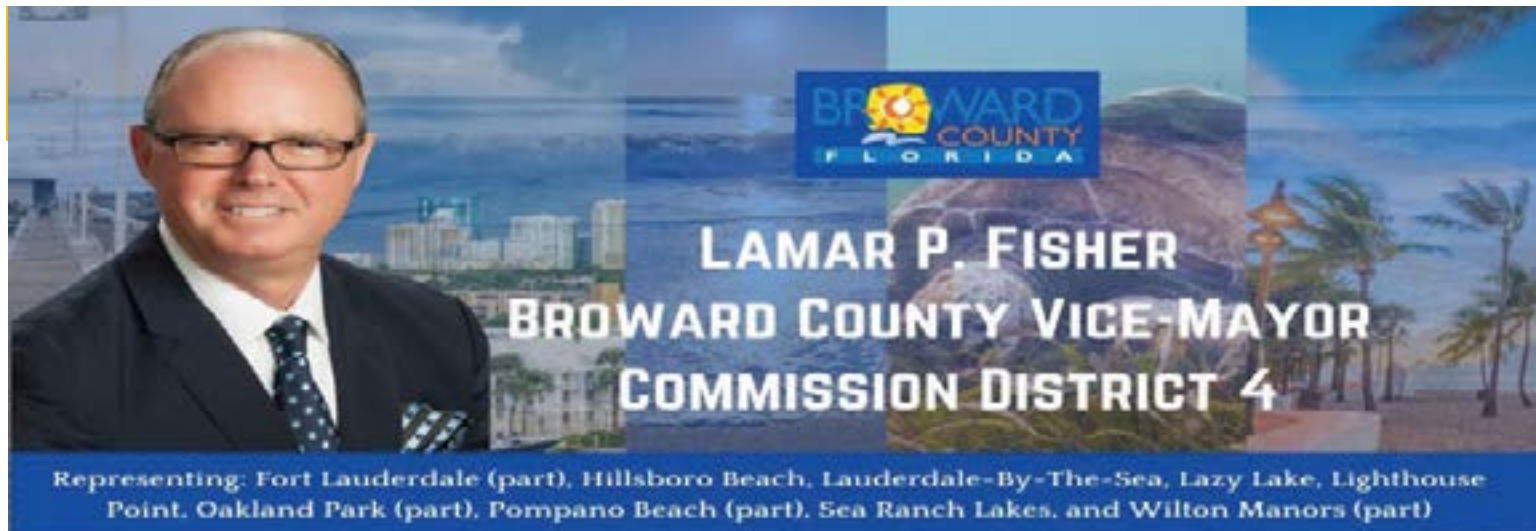
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Dear Imperial Point Neighbors,

Summer is here and we are in the midst of that south Florida heat! As the community bears down the summer months, let's remember to check on our neighbors, especially the elderly neighbors that may need more assistance during these hot months. I'm hopeful everyone can enjoy these summer days, by visiting one of our many beautiful Broward beaches or Broward County Water Parks. Most importantly, as we experience our areas rainiest season, I'm hopeful everyone has had a chance to make the necessary preparations for hurricane season which began on June 1st. Now is the time to have everything in order, as always, the County offers several resources to help all residents with hurricane preparations. Residents are encouraged to visit Broward.org/Hurricane for further information.

Visit Lauderdale

Broward County's Visit Lauderdale is the official destination marketing organization for Greater Fort Lauderdale and serves as the tourism department for Broward County by promoting our 31 municipalities. Not only do they promote the destination globally, but they also provide many promotions for residents in the tri-county area. If you are looking for staycation ideas for this summer, whether that means, exploring our communities areas of arts and culture, a water activity like kayaking or paddleboarding or you are looking to explore dinning or hotel deals, please visit VisitLauderdale.com and checkout the Lauderdeals section for savings and great deals for many activities, right here in our own backyard.

Broward County Libraries

Our Broward County Libraries offers a multitude of activities and events through its "All Together Now" Summer Learning Program, taking place from June 1st through August 12th. The Library's 2023 Summer Learning Program features fun events, prizes and free entertainment for children, teens and adults. Additionally, while schools are closed, free meals will be available for kids and teens ages 18 and under through Summer Breakspot, offered at select library locations between June 12th and August 11th. There are no forms to complete, and no registration is needed to participate. For more information on all the activities happening at one of our libraries, visit Broward.org/Library.

Broward County Parks

Broward County's Parks provide residents and visitors an array of different outdoor activities for children and adults to enjoy year-round, but the summer months are particularly fun. From waterparks, summer camps, food truck nights and lots more, I invite all to check out Broward.org/Parks if you are looking to do more outdoor activities this summer. And of course, please stay hydrated!

As always, I am truly thankful to serve you and Commission District 4 and everyone in Broward County as your Mayor. If I can ever be of assistance, please contact me at 954-357-7004 or LFisher@broward.org. Also, follow me (@LamarPFisher) on Twitter and on Facebook.

Additional Resources:

- Business Assistance: Broward.org/EconDev
- Broward's Official Hurricane Site: Broward.org/Hurricane
- Flood Assistance Resources: Broward.org/flood
- Mosquito Control Services: Broward.org/Mosquito
- Fort Laud International Airport: Broward.org/Airport
- Port Everglades: PortEverglades.net

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Best regards,

Lamar P. Fisher
Broward County Mayor
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JUNE 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	28	29	30	1 Farmer's Market GARBAGE	2	3
4	5 GARBAGE, RECYCLE, YARD WASTE	6	7	8 Farmer's Market GARBAGE	9	10
11	12 GARBAGE, RECYCLE, YARD WASTE	13 COUNCIL OF CIVIC ASSOC. 6:30 YMCA SISTRUNK	14 FLAG DAY BOARD MEETING 6:30 BHIP	15 Farmer's Market GARBAGE	16	17
18 HAPPY FATHER'S DAY	19 JUNETEENTH GARBAGE, RECYCLE, YARD WASTE	20	21 FIRST DAY OF SUMMER	22 Farmer's Market MEET AND GREET BLACK ROCK 6-8 PM BULK TRASH Garbage	23	24
25	26 GARBAGE, RECYCLE, YARD WASTE	27	28	29 Farmer's Market GARBAGE	30	1

JULY 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
2 JAZZ BRUNCH 11-2PM ESP- LANDE CAZEBO	3 GARBAGE, RECYCLE, YARD WASTE	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY	5	6 Farmer's Market GARBAGE	7 SPLASH DOWN NIGHT BASS PARK 7-9:30 PM	8
9	10 GARBAGE, RECYCLE, YARD WASTE	11 COUNCIL OF CIVIC ASSOC. 6:30 YMCA SISTRUNK	12 Imperial Point Board Meeting 6:30 PM BHIP	13 Farmer's Market GARBAGE	14	15 Info due for next Newsletter!
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DEAN TRANTALIS

April 12 will be long remembered in Fort Lauderdale as the date when we suffered devastating flood damage from a sudden, long-lasting and incredibly strong group of thunderstorms. It should also be remembered as a date when the community came together to help each other first to be safe and then to recover.

What happened was unimaginable, but what has transpired since has been equally amazing. Neighbors helped one another, and first responders and public works staff undertook incredible rescue and recovery efforts.

City crews worked as fast as possible to clean up flooded areas, repair damage and assist those individuals who were most impacted. Our staff also worked closely with state and federal officials to obtain a federal disaster declaration so residents and businesses can obtain financial assistance. I flew to D.C. to personally lobby the Biden administration for the declaration.

I would like to thank the tireless work of our police officers, firefighters and public works crews. They worked relentlessly through the storm to keep the city as safe and help as many

stranded or trapped residents as possible. With a large part of Fort Lauderdale experiencing at least some level of flooding, neighboring communities and partner agencies came to Fort Lauderdale's aid to supplement our resources. In all, city emergency personnel responded to some 10,000 calls for service.

After the storm, the city undertook a massive cleanup effort.

At its peak, we had 36 vacuum or pump trucks working to clear flooded streets. With the American Red Cross, we provided shelter space for those left homeless. We also opened comfort stations where people could go for water, food, restrooms and showers.

As flooding receded and water removed, we turned to cleaning streets and clearing out debris. We activated the debris-removal contracts that we have in place annually to assist following hurricanes.

The scale and scope of what happened was truly daunting.

The Weather Service estimates we were inundated with 26 inches of rain in about five hours — something that is considered a once-in-a-thousand-year occurrence. Consider these statistics from the Washington Post. The day's worth of rain equalled one-third of our normal annual rainfall.

No community is prepared for a 1-in-1,000-year storm, but Fort Lauderdale has been working for several years to make the community more resilient and ready for extreme weather.

Work has been underway to upgrade stormwater systems in low-lying areas, including those that were so devastated. This is the largest investment ever in stormwater and flood control.

We're installing more tidal-control valves and drainage pipes, building new outfall connections and drainage structures, creating new catch basins, raising seawalls, rebuilding swales and constructing stormwater reserves. As this first phase of work is in progress, the city will design stormwater improvements for neighborhoods in the second phase.

As your mayor, I take the need to improve stormwater drainage very seriously. Climate change and sea-level rise are making it ever more urgent that we also enhance our stormwater system.

The cost to make the improvements is high, but the work is necessary for Fort Lauderdale to remain a resilient community throughout the 21st century. Our neighborhoods are the cornerstone of what makes Fort Lauderdale a great place to live, and we all want to be able to live safely and securely in our homes.

Sincerely,

Dean



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Building Services	954.828.6520
Cable Tv (Comcast)	954.252.1937
City Commissioners	954.828.5004
City Hall (General Info)	954.828.5000
Code Violations (see Hotline)	954.828.5207
Community Resource Officers	954-828-6038
Dead Animal (Road Kill)	954.828.8000
Aircraft Noise Reporting Line	954.828.6666
- www.fortlauderdale.gov/departments	
Federal Aviation Administration	
- (FAA) Safety Complaints	866.835.5322
Fire Department (non-emergency)	954.828.6800
Florida Department of Health	
- Broward County	954.467.4700
Hazardous Waste	954.765.4999
IRS	800.908.4490
Library (Imperial Point Branch)	954.357.6530
Mayor's Office	954.828.5003
Mosquito Control (Broward)	954.765.4062
Parks and Rec (Playground)	954.828.7275
Police and Fire Emergency	911
Police (Non-Emergency)	954.764.HELP

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Flooding Update: Since the evening of April 12, I have been in contact with FDEM Director Kevin Guthrie and Fort Lauderdale City Manager Greg Chavarria to see what I could do to be helpful. Governor Ron DeSantis announced \$1.5 million in grant awards through the Florida Disaster Fund to support the efforts of non-profit and faith-based organizations engaged in flood recovery efforts in Southeast Florida. The State Emergency Response Team (SERT) remains in communication with areas impacted by devastating flooding, continuing to deploy state resources and assistance as requested, including one million gallons of fuel in response to fuel distribution delays caused by the flooding at Port Everglades.

Governor DeSantis has also activated the Florida Small Business Emergency Bridge Loan Program, making \$5 million available for businesses impacted by flooding in Southeast Florida. Businesses in Broward County, including sole proprietors, are eligible to apply. Florida's small business owners in need of assistance are encouraged to visit FloridaJobs.org/EBL to apply for the Florida Small Business Emergency Bridge Loan.

I am proud to say that we finally have approval of a Major Disaster Declaration from the federal government, which will provide a wide range of assistance programs for flood-impacted individuals and public infrastructure. Some of the recipients include: Team Rubicon, The Salvation Army; Southern Baptist Disaster Relief, Feeding South Florida; and Broward Long Term Recovery Group.

Legislative Update: We have concluded the 2023 Legislative Session, and we were hard at work at passing legislation that will benefit our great state. One of my top priorities this session was environmental protection and, which is why I sponsored HB 641 - Restoration of Osborne Reef. The Osborne Reef, also known as the Tire Reef, sits 1.3 miles off the coast of Fort Lauderdale. This artificial reef was created during the 1970s to address the surplus of old tires in landfills. Due to the impact of storms and currents, the bindings eventually eroded, and the tires scattered over approximately 34 acres, causing damage to nearby natural reefs. Cleanup efforts began in 2007, but as of 2019 there are still 500,000-1,000,000 tires left to be removed. Our legislation requires the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to develop a comprehensive plan for coral reef restoration that includes provisions for the restoration of the existing reef, as well as any nearby natural reefs that were damaged by the tire installation. This project will be transformational to our underwater treasure. I must thank Senator Bryan Avila for working alongside me to get this important environmental legislation over the finish line. The bill is sent to the Governor's desk for signature to become law.

This year I also ran, HB 881 - My Safe Florida Home (MSFH) Program, which provides inspections and grants to retrofit single-family homes to make them less vulnerable to hurricane damage. The bill expands eligibility requirements to all areas in the state since hurricanes can impact any area, not just windborne areas. This expansion of the program, allows homeowners with homes valued up to \$700,000 to be eligible, increases the grant award for low-income recipients from \$5,000 to \$10,000. I also worked hard to add townhomes to this program, since thousands of Floridians were previously ineligible due to shared walls. Thankfully we were successful and they can apply. As always, it is an honor to work with CFO Patronis on another bill this session.

Unlike these good bills, I have not supported every bill that has passed. I voted against HB 833 – Vacation Rentals, which would have taken away local governments' power to regulate vacation rentals. I believe in empowering our municipalities to oversee vacation rental properties, and this bill, which I have fought against for five years, goes against the rights of our district residents. On a positive note, our district is in great shape when it comes to the appropriations that will be heading back to our district, totaling over \$10 million dollars! These projects will have a positive impact on our district in a variety of projects, including bridge repairs, water-related infrastructure, education and economic opportunity, and safety projects.

As always, it is an honor to represent you as your State Representative in Tallahassee.

Chip LaMarca
State Representative

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Hello District 1 Neighbors!

It's official! I am so pleased to announce that as of May 18th, FREE transportation is now available for our residents at the beach! Circuit - as I often describe as a golf cart on steroids - has been a huge success in Fort Lauderdale, and I am excited to bring this FREE transportation option to the Galt Mile.

Based on feedback from the community and a look at the data provided by our partners at Circuit, the Micro Mover was an instant hit when it was introduced in our downtown and is growing rapidly in popularity and demand. It only made sense to me to have the service extended to our District. A big thank you to City staff for helping me to make that a reality!

Using the FREE Ride Circuit app, anyone can request to be picked up and dropped off anywhere within the service area, which runs along A1A from NE 30th Street to NE 42nd Court. The vehicles operate every day of the week from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.



This FREE service has knowledgeable and friendly drivers that connect riders with area businesses, shopping and restaurants, and it also hooks up with the Circuit vehicles that now serve Lauderdale-by-the-Sea. It is truly a convenient, hassle-free way to move through the Galt Mile.

As ridership grows, I hope to be able to extend the service to the Target shopping center, as well as to Holy Cross and Imperial Point hospitals in the near future; stay tuned.

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PHOTOS FROM OUR FARMERS MARKET



EVERY THURSDAY 10 AM - 3 PM



Ediany Carbon and I took a tour of the Market and she took the pictures. I thought this might give you an idea of what happens there on each Thursday from 10-3PM. We had some lunch and some natural Juices. Please take a walk with us.

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SERVICES UPDATE



Brenda D. Forman
Broward County Clerk of Courts

Greetings Imperial Point Residents! As we begin the long hot days of summer, I hope that this finds you and your families doing well.

Have you ever been arrested in Broward County? Has that arrest caused you an issue with seeking employment? Are you interested in having the record sealed or expunged?

Sections 943.0585 and 943.059, Florida Statutes (F.S.), set forth criteria that must be met in order to be eligible to have a criminal history record sealed or expunged by a court. In addition, these statutes require a person who wants to petition a court to seal or expunge his/her criminal history record in Florida, to first apply to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) for a Certificate of Eligibility.

The issuance of a Certificate of Eligibility does not mean that your criminal history record will, necessarily, be ordered sealed or expunged by the court. The granting of a petition for sealing or expungement filed by a statutorily-eligible petitioner is at the sole discretion of the court.

On June 22, 2023, there will be a free sealing and expungement workshop. It is hosted by the Broward State Attorney's Office, in partnership with my office, and the Broward Sheriff's Office. The goals of the workshop are to determine eligibility for making application to the FDLE, provide on-site fingerprinting services and to provide copies of court documents needed for the application process.

The workshop will take place at the Tamarac Community Center located at 8601 W. Commercial Blvd. The hours will be 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. A government issued ID is required, parking is free and the doors close at 7:00

Please visit our website at www.browardclerk.org or check out our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/browardclerkofcourts/> with any other questions you may have regarding this and other upcoming community based events.

Please continue to stay safe!
Brenda D. Forman



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Additional information about the City's Fertilizer Ordinance



Fertilizers applied to turf and/or landscape plants shall be formulated and applied in accordance with requirements and directions as provided on the fertilizer bag.



Any fertilizer applied, spilled, or deposited, either intentionally or accidentally, on any impervious surface shall be immediately and completely removed to the greatest extent practicable.



Fertilizer shall not be applied within ten (10) feet of any pond, stream, watercourse, lake, canal, or wetland. Caution shall be used to prevent direct deposition of nutrients into the water.



In no case shall fertilizer be washed, swept, or blown off impervious surfaces into stormwater drains, ditches, conveyances, or water bodies.



Spreader deflector shields are required when fertilizing via rotary (broadcast) spreaders. Deflectors must be positioned so that fertilizer granules are deflected away from all impervious surfaces, fertilizer-free zones, and water bodies, including wetlands.



Any person who violates any provision of this ordinance shall be guilty of a noncriminal infraction. The fine structure is defined in Sec. 11-25-civil penalties.

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BROWARD HEALTH

What a Difference a Year Makes!

As a medical assistant in a Broward Health Physician Group pediatrician's office, Jaimee Joseph helps keep children in our community healthy.

She is a great role model for the patients and families she serves, having faced and overcome her own health challenges battling with obesity. Thanks to gastric bypass surgery just over a year ago, she's lost 90 pounds and feels like a new person.

For years before her surgery, Joseph had concerns about her weight and how it was impacting her health. She was diagnosed as pre-diabetic and before her surgery, her body mass index (BMI) was 44. BMI is a measure of body fat levels based on a height-to-weight ratio and Joseph's measure indicated she was obese.

Despite knowing that the extra weight wasn't good for her health, Joseph didn't think she was overweight enough to qualify for bariatric surgery. This is a common misperception.

Then in October 2021, Joseph began working in the office of Chi Zhang, M.D., the medical director of the bariatric program at Broward Health Imperial Point. She learned about the different bariatric procedures and heard from real patients about their experiences. She even attended support group meetings before deciding that gastric bypass surgery was the best option for her.

"God put me in this office for a reason," Joseph says. "And the impact was life-changing."

In April 2022, Dr. Zhang performed her robotic gastric bypass procedure. At the time she weighed 255 pounds, and her goal was to lose 100 of them. In one year, she is close to achieving her goal.

"Gastric bypass surgeries typically result in faster weight loss in the first year, just like Jaimee has experienced," Dr. Zhang said. "The procedure takes about 90 minutes and is followed by an overnight hospital stay. Most patients recover relatively quickly."

After surgery, Broward Health offers support group meetings and resources to patients.

"The level of post-surgical support we provide our bariatric patients really makes a difference in setting them up for success," Dr. Zhang said.

Joseph says there is an adjustment after the surgery but having that support and a positive attitude helps.

"Most people who are overweight have a problem with eating that doesn't just go away," Joseph explains. "You have to be mentally prepared that things are going to change and then find what works best for you. In the beginning, I ate small meals more frequently. Now, I eat on a more regular schedule, just not as much as I used to."

At a recent visit to the hospital, some of her former colleagues didn't recognize Joseph until she flashed her familiar smile. In addition to her dramatic weight loss, one-year post-surgery she is no longer pre-diabetic. She feels more confident about her body and -- best of all -- has more energy to be active with her kids and grandchildren.

To learn more about Broward Health's bariatric services, visit www.BrowardHealth.org/Bariatric.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Broward Health Imperial Point Hospital Auxiliary is looking for volunteers who can help to bring smiles to patients' faces and lend a helping hand to someone's life. If you are interested in volunteering please call Gene Cordes at 954-882-0244.

SCHOOL BOARD UPDATE



Sarah Leonardi

Greetings Imperial Point! The 2022-2023 school year is moving along quickly and I have a few updates for you. Notably, the Board hired a new interim superintendent – Dr. Earlean Smiley in February. She will stay on with us until we hire a permanent superintendent which is projected to take place this summer. For more information about our superintendent search and to get involved visit <https://www.browardschools.com/supersearch>.

There is a lot happening in terms of facilities updates in District 3. After months of advocating, I was successful in getting additional bathrooms added to the new building in Northeast High School. Significant progress has been made on the new building and it may be completed ahead of schedule. In January we broke ground on the new Stranahan cafeteria and that is on schedule. Unfortunately, the new Rickards MS has fallen behind schedule, and I have impressed upon district staff the need for accountability for those who allowed that to happen.

After several years of work, discussions, and development efforts, I am proud to announce that the School Board of Broward County has adopted new guidelines for employees who need to express breastmilk during work hours. Employees will now have double the time to express breastmilk during work hours, that time will be compensated, and lactation rooms are now required to have electrical outlets. This initiative was important to me as a working mother and something I've championed for some time now.

A controversial new proposal was made to require BCPS students to carry only clear backpacks for the next school year. The board will be voting to make this policy at the board meeting on June 13. You are welcome to come and voice your opinion at that meeting before the vote takes place. Our board meetings take place at 600 SE 3rd Ave, Fort Lauderdale, FL at 9:00 AM.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at sarah.leonardi@browardschools.com or 954-412-9188.

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IMPERIAL POINT LIBRARY SUMMER EVENTS

Weekly & Monthly Events

Preschool Storytime (Youth Ages 3-5, Parents & Caregivers)

Mondays, June 5, 12, 19 & 26 from 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM

*Special Guests: **Wags and Tales Reading program**, during select Storytimes:

Mondays, June 12, and June 26, 2023

Chess Club (All Ages), Tuesdays, June 6, 13, 20 & 27, from 4:30-7:30 PM

English Café – Intermediate, Wednesday, June 7, 14, 21 * 28, from 6:30-7:30 PM

Practice and improve your English conversation skills. Classes will focus on vocabulary, pronunciation, and grammar.

Origami/Coloring for Everyone (All Ages), Thursdays, June 1, 8, 15, & 22, from 3:30-4:30 PM

Finger Painting/Sketching (All Ages) Thursday, June 29, from 3:30-4:30 PM

Hearts For Compassion - An Origami Project (All Ages), Fridays, June 5, 12, 19 & 26 from 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Mail in or pick up origami hearts as a show of support to the families of victims who lost their loved ones to hate.

Special Events

- **NOAA fisheries Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking**, Tuesday, June 6, 5:00-8:00pm.
- **iPhone: The Basics - Getting Started (OASIS)**, Thursday, June 15, from 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM.
Your Apple iPhone has so much to offer! We are excited to introduce you to its physical layout, and how to use your home screens, navigate using gestures, connect to the Internet, and how to use the on-screen keyboard to type messages. Please bring your iPhone to this class for hands on instruction.
- **Imperial Point Book Club, The Maid by Nita Prose**, Tuesday, June 16, 1:00-2:00 PM
Ask for a copy of the book at the circulation or reference desks.
- **Free Child Fingerprinting:**
Broward Crime Stoppers,
Tuesday, June 20, 12:00 – 5:00 PM
A child fingerprint/photo card (the size of a wallet credit card) is the perfect tool to help ensure your child's safety. Ages 5-18.
- **Guided Art Sessions for Preschoolers: Watercolor - RobyArtsy Studio**,
Tuesday, June 20, 2:30-3:30 PM
Sponsored by the Broward Public Library Foundation and the PNC Grow Up Great Foundation. Ages 3-5 years.
- **Family Movie Matinee - Puss in Boots: The Last Wish**,
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Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport (FXE) is excited to announce that the Junior Fire Explorer Summer Camp will return after a two-year hiatus. Starting on June 12th and running through June 16th, this free week-long camp is an incredible opportunity for middle schoolers from the City of Fort Lauderdale Parks & Recreation afterschool programs to explore exciting career paths in the fire service and aviation industries.

Explorers will get an in-depth tour of FXE where they will meet with airport business tenants, explore the interior of a static aircraft to gain a better understanding of its features and design, observe aircraft maintenance procedures, attend a dynamic Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting (ARFF) truck demonstration, and take to the virtual skies on flight simulators. In addition to the aviation industry, campers will also visit Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue (FLFR) Station 53 and participate in various life-saving activities led by active firefighters. This includes learning cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), Stop the Bleed, emergency preparedness, how to carry someone to safety, and how to use a fire extinguisher.

The Junior Fire Explorer Summer Camp was first launched in 2017, and since then, has been a successful partnership with the FLFR, FXE, and City of Fort Lauderdale Parks & Recreation to promote youth participation within the aviation, fire, and emergency services community. We look forward to another successful year of inspiring and educating the next generation of fire and aviation professionals!

To learn more about City of Fort Lauderdale's aviation and emergency services visit: Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport (FXE): <https://www.flyfxe.com>

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THE C-14 CANAL PROPERTIES HAVE FLOODING AND BOAT CLEARANCE PROBLEMS

By Ralph Zeltman

The homeowner properties located contiguously along coastal canals in Fort Lauderdale have problems with the ever-increasing threat of high tides cascading over the old seawalls and inundating their properties with canal water. These tidal events have been increasing over the years and are predicted to continue through the 2030's, especially during the last quarter of each year when the moon's orbit is in alignment with the earth and sun to intensify the effects of sea-level rise leading to ultra-high flooding in coastal communities. They don't call Fort Lauderdale the Venice of America for nothing!

Canals Cascading Over Seawalls Inundating Properties

The City of Fort Lauderdale has been replacing their old deteriorating seawalls by increasing the height by 2 1/2 feet of elevation to stop the canal water from flooding into these waterway properties. These seawall improvement projects are slow going and are very costly along with all of the other water, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure projects that are being systematically repaired and/or replaced.

The canal waterway properties located south of the McNab Road C-14 Canal Bridge have not only been experiencing increased high tides cascading over the seawalls inundating their properties, but also have been limited to the size of their boats that are able to navigate underneath the C-14 Canal Bridge. The C-14 Canal is a navigable waterway for boats which falls under the authority of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to regulate same; however, they do not seem to have any problems with this boat safety clearance concern.

Pompano Beach McNab Road C-14 Canal Bridge

The City of Pompano Beach Highway and Bridge Maintenance Division has been performing bridge repairs and maintenance to their McNab Road Bridge for many years and are finally going to widen the bridge to improve both vehicular and pedestrian traffic. The City of Pompano Beach offered to heighten the bridge for larger sized boat traffic to travel underneath same for an additional cost of \$500,000 to whomever wanted to pay for this change in design. The City of Fort Lauderdale discussed this offer but voted against it since they have their own bridges to repair and maintain. A suggestion was made to those property owners located along the C-14 Canal south of the McNab Road Bridge to vote amongst themselves to fund the construction portion to heighten the bridge.

At this writing, I am unaware of any agreement being consummated between those canal homeowners and the City of Pompano Beach to fund the construction portion to heightening the McNab Road Bridge over the C-14 Canal. The City of Pompano Beach and their Engineering Division can be contacted at 954-786-4060 regarding their current status of the design completion and construction schedule for the bridge improvements.



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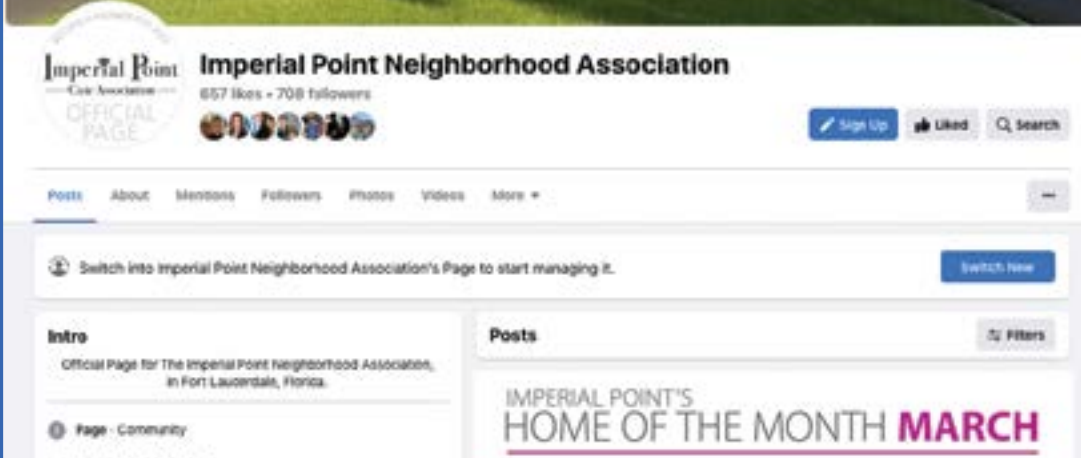
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HOME OF THE MONTH

IMPERIAL POINT'S HOME OF THE MONTH **APRIL**

Dear Imperial Point Homeowners Association,

We are writing to share my thoughts on our neighborhood and our home at 2176 NE 62nd Court. We have lived in Imperial Point for over 2 years and have always loved the quiet, family-friendly atmosphere. The neighborhood is conveniently located close to shopping, restaurants, and schools. I also appreciate the beautiful landscaping and well-maintained homes.

Our home is a 3-bedroom, 2-bathroom single-family home. We have made a few updates to the home over the years, including painting the exterior & landscaping, new roof, updating the kitchen cabinets, and installing new flooring (not planed but thanks to the lovely pipes) and solar panels (if you have questions of interested let us know). We are currently in the process of updating the backyard, which we plan to turn into a relaxing oasis.



We are happy to be a part of the Imperial Point community and look forward to continuing to live here for many years to come.

Sincerely,

Luis Domenech (Robby), Bill Thomas, our pup Canela



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HOME OF THE MONTH

IMPERIAL POINT'S HOME OF THE MONTH **MAY**

A note from the home owners at 2124 NE 63rd Court.

We closed in the carport to create an extra bedroom and bathroom making our 2/2 a 3/3 in order to create room for our growing family! We modernized the look of the house incorporating a new square edge driveway, a more open and inviting entryway, and some good old fashioned fresh paint! We added new tropical landscaping and turf to the front and back of the house. We used 'The Lawn Guys MIA' for the turf and highly recommend them! We also used Yardzen to help us with curb appeal design.

We love living in Imperial Point for its quiet and peaceful living. We're close enough to bike to the beach, but not deal with beach traffic. I love how active our neighborhood is — people are always running, walking dogs, pushing strollers, etc., and it feels like a real community. Not to mention, everyone is so friendly. Plus, as a new mom, the neighborhood-wide sidewalks to Dottie Mancini park create a safe and fun environment for our littlest family members — and I couldn't be more appreciative of that. I love turning into our neighborhood everyday and am so grateful we get to call this piece of South Florida — home.



Submitted By Home Of The Month
chairperson Jim Weber



If you would like to nominate a neighbor for Home Of The Month,
please contact Jim Weber at jjweber55@gmail.com.

SPRING FLING 2023



Ediany Carbon was our Photographer for this event and took some fantastic pictures. She wishes to thank Westminster, Cardinal Gibbons and St. Coleman's for their talented and hard working students during the Event. Especially for the face painting done by the students. There were so many children who were thrilled with this activity. We look forward to future opportunities for these students to earn community hours.





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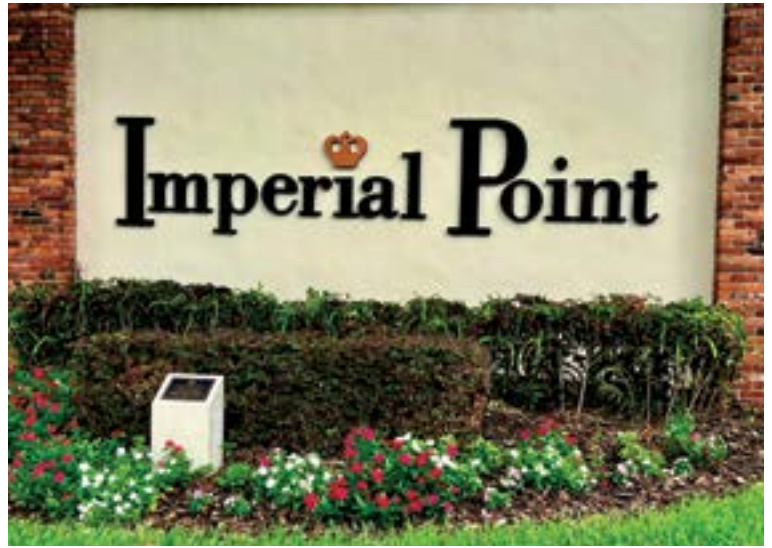
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