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The goal of our civic association is to make Imperial Point an even greater place for all of us to live. With increased membership, we can accomplish more! This is a voluntary, not-for-profit civic association. Everyone is a volunteer and there are no assessments. Your contributions support neighborhood beautification and safety efforts as well as our communications (via newsletter, website, social media) and neighborhood events.

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Imperial Point Association
6278 North Federal Hwy., PMB 321,
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MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS:

- Increased Safety
- Legislative Protection
- Neighborhood Beautification
- Social Events
- Neighborhood Yard Sales



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RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP

Pets can become one of our best friends and provide us with companionship. They may even help us with disabilities. Responsible pet ownership includes many responsibilities that should be taken into consideration when deciding to adopt a pet.

The Bare Necessities

Responsible pet owners provide the basic necessities of life for their pets: food, water, shelter and training.

Health Care

Health care is an important responsibility that involves keeping healthy pets healthy and making sick pets better. Feeding a nutritious diet on a regular schedule and providing clean water are fundamental to your pet's good health. It's important that your pet have adequate bathroom opportunities. That means you (or a substitute dog walker) should be available at appropriate times.

Exercise is another important part of preventive care that helps maintain a healthy body weight. Exercise is good physically and mentally. Lack of exercise can lead to obesity, and overweight dogs have more medical problems and shorter life spans than their leaner friends.

Preventive medicine also includes warding off potential health threats such as infections and parasites. Your veterinarian should immunize your pet against diseases such as Rabies, Distemper, Adenovirus, Parvovirus, Leptospirosis, Bordetella, Influenza, Leukemia, etc. and keep up with booster shots to maintain that immunity. Keeping your pet parasite-free is easy due to the many convenient forms of preventatives available. Your pet will need routine protection against heartworms, intestinal parasites, fleas, mites, and ticks. Since prevalence varies with location -- ask your veterinarian which parasites and infectious diseases pose the most risk to your pet and the best way to prevent them.

One of the most important aspects of responsible pet ownership is having your pet neutered or spayed. Responsible owners can do their part to control pet overpopulation by having their pet spayed or neutered.

Training

It is important to train your pet to keep them safe and happy. There are many programs to help you along the way. Teaching your pet the simple commands of sit and stay can be a game changer. Remember the most important thing you can do to avoid undesirable behavior is to supervise your new pet.

Quality of Life

You provide your pet with the necessities of life, good medical care, and protect them from danger. In addition to health and safety, your pet needs love and attention. Your pet deserves a good quality of life, playing a game of tag, walking in the sunshine and snuggles next to you on the couch.



Preparing

A pet is a long term commitment. Hopefully he or she will be part of your family for many years. Before you commit to caring for a pet, think about your ability to fulfill these responsibilities. Carefully consider your lifestyle, family situation, and your financial situation. Pets (even "free" ones) have financial obligations which continue for the life of your pet.

If you are considering adding a new pet to your home or have any questions, please call us or stop by.

Happy Hunting for your new pet!

Dr. Douglas Thieme and the Staff at Seiler Animal Hospital

5800 N. Federal Highway, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33308 (954) 491-1222

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**The deadline for advertising in the OCTOBER/NOVEMBER issue is SEPT 15, 2023.
Contact Betty at 954.938.9230.**

VISIT IMPERIAL SQUARE THIS SUMMER SEASON!



Visit your neighborhood business at Imperial Square this summer where you will find everything you need close to home. Get ready for summer at IN SYNC HAIR AND BODY WORKS which offers a full-service hair, nails and body works spa menu, including permanent eyeliner and microblading services. Shop for fun and trendy summer outfits at VIRGILIUS MEN'S AND WOMEN'S APPAREL. Virgilius will also provide personal shopping services and tailoring.

If you are a music aficionado, drop by RADIO-ACTIVE RECORDS, a full-service music shop offering recorded music in a variety of formats, and peruse their large selection of vinyl records, CDs, cassettes and 8-tracks.

Update your kitchen or bath with the help of MELTINI KITCHEN & BATH. Visit their showroom to see what is new! Give your home a litter refresher with hand-crafted lampshades from ALLURE SHADES.

Try SOBA ASIAN NOODLES' creative and delicious soba and ramen noodle dishes. TEEJAY THAI SUSHI AND LOUNGE offers a wide selection of Thai and Japanese menu items which never disappoint. Visit PANERA BREAD for the return of the summer seasonal favorite, the strawberry poppyseed salad!

Enjoy a refreshing treat at UNCLE LOUIE G'S ITALIAN ICES AND ICE CREAM, with its selection of over 80 fresh flavors of Italian ice and ice cream, as well as slushies, milkshakes, sundaes, floats and custom ice cream cakes. Visit EDIBLE ARRANGEMENTS for weekly smoothie and fro-yo specials. Edible Arrangements' summer-themed bouquets are perfect treats for summer pool parties and get-togethers.

Find relaxation at STRETCH ZONE. You will become stretch reflexible with their specialized stretch method. Get ready for the summer at THE FITNESS CLINIC, a fully equipped small gym alternative to the big gym atmosphere. Make an appointment at CLEAR CHOICE PHYSICAL THERAPY for a one-on-one therapy session to keep you moving this holiday season. Improve your health at BRICKELL CHIROPRACTIC CENTER in an effort to reduce pain and illness.

Better hearing and a better quality of life can be yours with the help of the professional at HEARUSA. Rediscover health and wellness at DR. G'S PHARMACY AND URGENT CARE where you will find medical professionals in several areas of healthcare. Keep an eye out for the grand opening of a new optical shop at Imperial Square.

We welcome our new tenant, GAINZA LAW GROUP, who specialize in personal injury, family law and immigration. LAMACCHIA REALTY will work tirelessly to ensure that your home buying, selling or renting process goes smoothly and efficiently. MY TITLE GUY offers a full range of escrow and title services for buyers, sellers, REALTORS®, lenders, mortgage brokers, home builders, and real estate developers. STATE FARM INSURANCE AGENT, Danny Fernandez, offers comprehensive insurance coverage, including auto, home, property, business, life, health and pet, and banking, mutual fund and annuity products.

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Farmer's Market
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10 AM - 3 PM

AUGUST 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	31	1	2	3 Farmer's Market GARBAGE	4 Starlight Musical Holiday Park 7-10 PM	5
6	7 GARBAGE, RECYCLE, YARD WASTE	8 Council of Civic Association 6:30 YMCA Sistrunk	9 Board Meeting 6:30 BHIP	10 Farmer's Market GARBAGE	11 Starlight Musical Holiday Park 7-10 PM	12
13	14 GARBAGE, RECYCLE, YARD WASTE	15	16	17 Farmer's Market Summer Jazz Concert Mills Pond Park 7-11 PM GARBAGE	18	19
20	21 GARBAGE, RECYCLE, YARD WASTE	22	23	24 Farmer's Market BULK TRASH Garbage	25	26
27	28 GARBAGE, RECYCLE, YARD WASTE	29	30	31 Farmer's Market GARBAGE	1	2

SEPTEMBER 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4 Labor Day GARBAGE, RECYCLE, YARD WASTE	5	6	7 Farmer's Market GARBAGE	8	9 Butterfly Count
10 Grandparents Day	11 Patriot Day GARBAGE, RECYCLE, YARD WASTE	12 COUNCIL OF CIVIC ASSOC. 6:30 YMCA SISTRUNK	13 Imperial Point Board Meeting 6:30 PM BHIP	14 Farmer's Market GARBAGE	15 Rosh Hashanah Info due for next Newsletter!	16
17 Citizenship Day	18 GARBAGE, RECYCLE, YARD WASTE	19	20	21 Farmer's Market GARBAGE	22	23 First Day of Autumn
24 Yom Kippur	25 GARBAGE, RECYCLE, YARD WASTE	26	27	28 Farmer's Market BULK TRASH Garbage	29	30

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Neighbors,

I hope you are all enjoying a Florida summer, even though it is hotter than usual. Some of our friends and families up north are feeling some of these same hot days that they are not accustomed to having.

I was just up at the Butterfly Gardens doing some trimming. It made me think, do all of you know we have Butterfly Gardens at the Entrance? This has been a wonderful project and we participate with the County with our Butterfly Count each quarter. Some of our neighbors also participate. I encourage you to take a walk and visit the butterflies. Also, please think about joining us the next time we have a City Work Day as that is where we do a lot of trimming, planting and picking up rubbish. We do have some fun though and it's a good way to meet neighbors that you hadn't met before.

I will be sure to advise you on the next date.

I was very pleased this week when I visited the Little Book House in the Park. Some of you have been bringing some great books to share. Thanks for helping out with this great project.

As always, I ask you to please support the Farmer's Market every Thursday from 10-3PM.

Please protect yourself, stay cool and drink lots of water. Have fun and look forward to Fall.

Cheers, Betty

Happy Beginning of the School Year

Happy Grandparents Day

Happy Rosh Hashanah

Happy Yom Kipper

Betty Shelley

**The membership raffle winner
is Susan Allegri
She won a \$75 Gift Card for
Black Rock Restaurant. Congrats!**

**JOIN TODAY FOR YOUR
CHANCE TO WIN!**

All current members are eligible to win!

**Celebration Brick Winners:
Barbara Abrams and
John Dulfer & Shung Chen**



JOHN HERBST, CITY COMMISSIONER



John C Herbst, City Commissioner

Hello District 1 Neighbors!

We are currently experiencing the 2023 hurricane season, which runs from June 1st through November 30th. Water temperatures have been recorded at higher than usual numbers and NOAA is forecasting (70% certainty) that there will be 17 named storms (winds 39 mph or higher) this season. Of those storms, 5-9 are expected to become hurricanes, and 1-4 are predicted to develop into major hurricanes. Please be prepared and do not wait for a storm to develop before undertaking storm preparations to protect your family, home and yourself. Create a hurricane supply kit now. Kits may include:

- 3-5 days of nonperishable, ready to eat food
- 3-5 days of water (1 gallon per person per day)
- Battery powered flashlight
- First-Aid kit
- Reserve of prescription medications

Stay informed and receive emergency alerts from the City by signing up at www.fortlauderdale.gov/alertftl.

Let's all stay safe and be prepared this 2023 hurricane season.



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2023 TRIM NOTICES

The Broward County Property Appraiser's Office mails the TRIM (proposed tax) Notices in August of each year. This is NOT a tax bill but shows your property's 2023 Just/Market Value, exemptions, and proposed taxes as set by the various taxing authorities. The TRIM Notice is your opportunity to review your 2023 Just Value and ensure you are receiving all the tax-saving exemptions you are eligible for.

Florida Statutes require our office use January 1 as the date of assessment each year. The 2023 Just Values are based on the market data from 2022 with January 1, 2023, as the date of assessment. Our office must consider changes in market conditions – up or down – when developing the Just/Market Values each year.

The Property Appraiser's Office does not set or collect property taxes. If you have questions about the proposed tax rates, the contact information and public hearing dates for the individual taxing authorities are listed to the right of each agency name on the TRIM Notice.

I Recently Applied for Homestead Exemption–Why Is It Not Showing on My TRIM Notice?

Florida Statutes require our office use January 1 as the date of assessment and to determine exemption eligibility each year. If you purchased your home after January 1, 2023, you are eligible for 2024 Homestead Exemption. The 2024 exemptions will show online in December and be included for the 2024 tax year.

I Had Homestead Exemption Last Year - Where Did My Exemptions Go This Year?

If you purchased your home in 2022, you may have "inherited" the previous owner's exemption last year. These 2022 exemptions were removed at the end of 2022, so are no longer showing on your TRIM Notice for tax year 2023. Fortunately, you can still late file for 2023 Homestead and any other exemptions you may qualify for until September 18, 2023. To apply online,

please visit our website at <https://web.bcpa.net/bcpaclient/#/Homestead> or scan the QR code on the right



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I Am a Senior Citizen – Why Isn't the Senior Exemption Showing?

The Senior Exemption is both an age and income-based exemption that is not automatically applied to a property because of the income requirement. To be eligible for this exemption, an applicant must be age 65 or older as of January 1, 2023 and have an adjusted household gross income for 2022 not exceeding \$35,167. If you believe you qualify for this additional exemption, you can still late file until September 18, 2023. To review the exemption requirements and to apply for this exemption, please go to our website at <https://web.bcpa.net/bcpaclient/#/SeniorExemption>

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

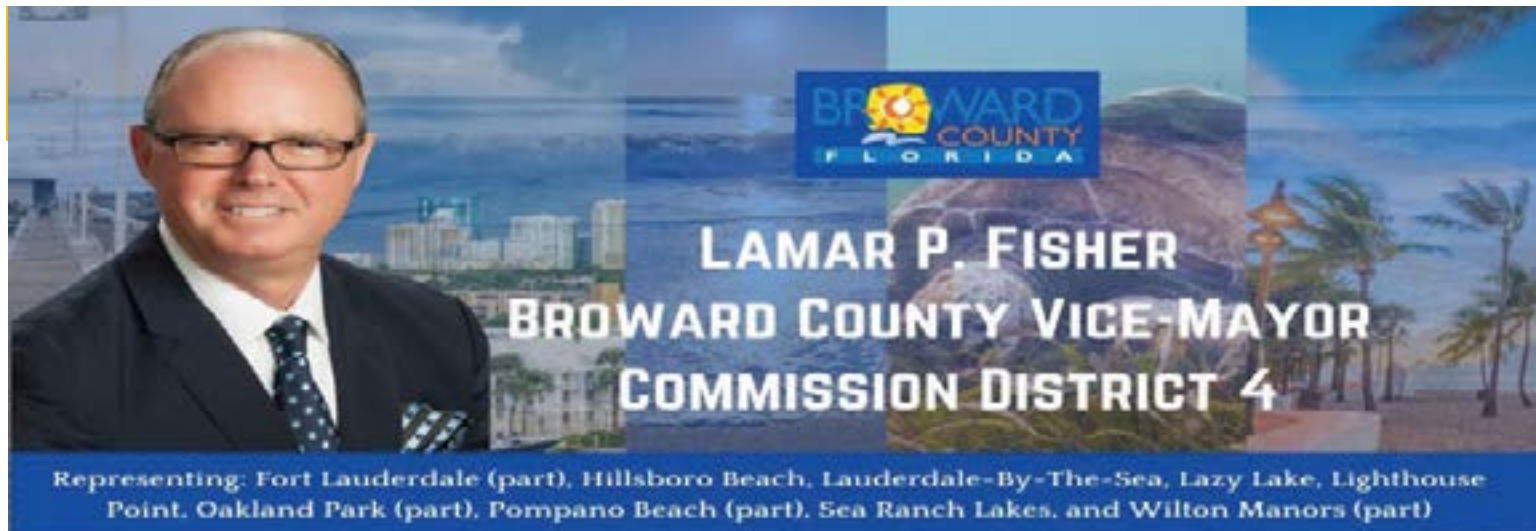
Take care,

Marty Kiar, CFA
Broward County Property Appraiser



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Dear Imperial Point Neighbors,

Fall is just around the corner, which hopefully means a slight drop in weather to relieve us from the intense summer heat. August and September are the height of hurricane season; therefore, please remain on alert for any weather events that may come our way and stay prepared. Additionally, as students return to school this fall, please remain vigilant on our roads.

Economic Engines Update Port Everglades

The Board of County Commissioners recently moved forward with the design for the Port Bypass Road. This project is expected to alleviate traffic along Federal Highway and 17th Street in Fort Lauderdale. This will be very helpful especially as the Convention Center expansion and Headquarters Hotel will also be completed around the same time. For more information on this capital improvement project and others, visit Broward.org/BCEngineering/Pages/CapitalProjectsPublicInvolvement. Link to proposed design video: vimeo.com/835447042

Additionally, Port Everglades announced the return of Crystal Cruises. The cruise line will begin homeporting from Port Everglades in November 2024, with the newly refurbished Crystal Serenity. The first sailing will be July 31, 2023, out of Marseille. The brand will announce its 2025 itineraries later this year and will include Port Everglades for South Florida turnaround days. For more information on everything that is going on at the Port, visit PortEverglades.net.



Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport (FLL)

Our wonderful airport continues to upgrade many public art displays throughout its terminals, including paintings, photographs, sculptures, mosaic and terrazzo floors, and video, light, and sound artworks. Art exhibitions featuring local artists, youth, and airport employees throughout the airport, is a wonderful feature that travelers can enjoy. Most recently, FLL in partnership with the Broward Cultural Division, announced the latest Terminal 2 Art Gallery exhibition featuring the work of Miami-based artist Jennifer Printz. Check out FLL's Public Art Map for a full list of art installations throughout the airport. Additionally, visit Broward.org/Airport for more airport-related information.



Additional Resources:

- Libraries: Broward.org/Library
- Business Assistance: Broward.org/EconDev
- Broward's Official Hurricane Site: Broward.org/Hurricane
- Parks: Broward.org/Parks
- Mosquito Control Services: Broward.org/Mosquito
- Fort Lauderdale International Airport: Broward.org/Airport
- Port Everglades: PortEverglades.net

LAMAR FISHER CONTINUED...



Recent Road Improvement Projects in District 4

Fort Lauderdale- Broward County's Highway and Bridge Maintenance Division has performed minor drainage repairs on NE 62nd Street between NE 18th Avenue to NE 20th Way in Fort Lauderdale during the summer break. This is the initial phase of the project which is concentrated around Pine Crest High School. The work started late June and should be substantially completed by August 18, 2023, barring any unforeseen conditions and/or weather delays. For questions, residents may contact the Highway and Bridge Maintenance Division at 954-357-6040.

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.

Lamar P. Fisher
Broward County Mayor
Commission District 4

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FROM THE DESK OF DEAN TRANTALIS



DEAN TRANTALIS

I hope everyone is having a wonderful summer and finding some time to relax and travel. At the city, we have several pieces of good news to share regarding first our Police Department and second our relationship with the Inter Miami professional soccer team.

In June, the city broke ground on the long-awaited new police headquarters. This new 192,263-square-foot facility will have sufficient space for a force that has been growing with our city and will be equipped with state-of-the-art technology and resources to help in their crime-fighting efforts.

The construction schedule calls for it to be completed and open in 2025.

It was great to be part of the community-wide effort to bring this project to fruition. The top priority of any city is to protect its residents, and that requires a police force that is well-trained and well-equipped. We have long prided ourselves in a low-crime rate. And, a new police headquarters will help ensure Fort Lauderdale remains a safe place for

people to live, work and visit.

Our current police station was built some 60 years ago. It has grown woefully out of date and is in poor physical condition.

Fortunately, voters recognized the need and approved a \$100 million dollar bond in 2019. A dedicated group of neighbors and business leaders working tirelessly in a collective effort to gain the support of voters.

The new headquarters will consist of a three-story building and parking garage to better serve the needs of the community. The new facility will be built with energy and operationally efficient features such as hurricane-resistant materials.

Most importantly, the new headquarters meets modern public safety needs with updated technology and access to training. It will allow the Police Department to house an evidence warehouse and firearm training facility on site – increasing access to training opportunities and eliminating the need to pay for space elsewhere. It will also include state-of-the-art technology to monitor large-scale events and keep an eye on the city overall.

There will also be a community center for surrounding neighborhood associations and other groups to use.

We also received exciting news recently about soccer super-star Leo Messi joining our very own Inter Miami team at DRV PNK Stadium. His debut occurred in mid-July. This made it particularly important to bring some unresolved matters with the team to a conclusion.

The team has now paid the city \$1.4 million in building permit fees owed from the stadium's construction. At the same time, the city has agreed to allow fan parking on our adjacent property at least through the remainder of this season and most likely through next season. We also will work with the team to expedite the construction of additional seating because we all know that fan interest is booming.

Plans for the promised community park at DRV PNK are being crafted as we speak. Those designs will take another year to finalize before we could begin construction. The city and Inter Miami also are in talks to reach a conclusion about remaining differences. We look forward to Messi ending his storied career playing in Fort Lauderdale over the next couple years. Fort Lauderdale garnered international attention earlier this year when the Panthers hockey team made the Stanley Cup finals, and I'm sure Messi will put us back in the spotlight by leading Inter Miami to victory.

Sincerely,

Dean

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

If you are not sure of the correct city department, call the main number at 954.828.5000

Animal Care and Adoption	954.359.1313
Beekeeper	954.344.1493
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

Power Outages	800.40UTAGE
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Traffic Signals (Malfunctions)	954.847.2600
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Utilities	954.828.8000
Utilities Billing	954.828.5150
Zoning Information	954.828.5203



NEW NON-EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER

CALL: (954) 764-HELP

Please use this number only if you require non-emergency police or fire services.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

cenhancement@fortlauderdale.gov
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A message from the Fort Lauderdale Police Department - For noise complaints related to home rentals or other non-emergency issues, please call 954-764-4357 The police will quickly file a report and then forward it to Code Enforcement.

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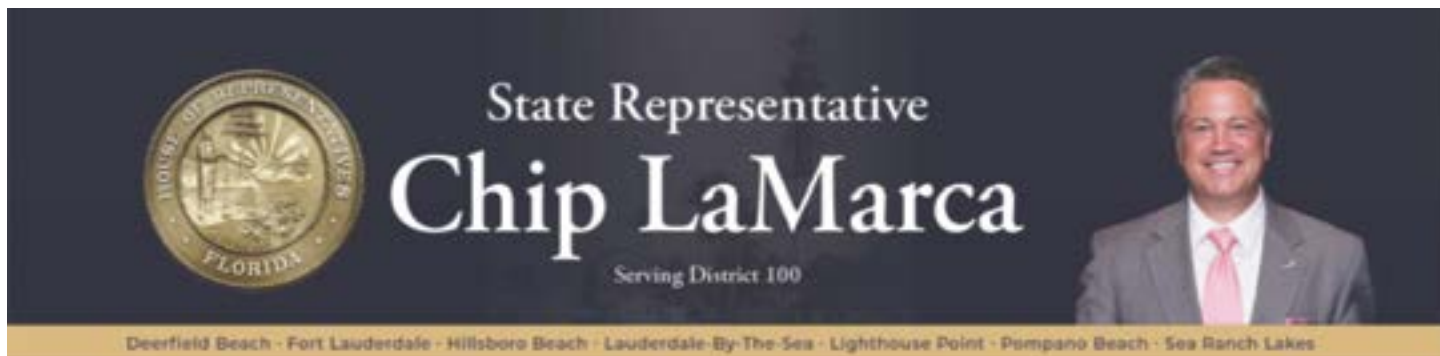
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District Update: In 2022, Fort Lauderdale was named one of the best new places to start a business. There was an 89% increase in new businesses in the greater Fort Lauderdale area from 2021 to 2022. If you look at the longer-term impact from 2019, there was a 155% increase in businesses in the area. As we wait for the 2023 numbers to be released, we are expecting even better figures, and our area will continue to grow. Entrepreneurship is the lifeblood of a strong economy and community, and we are delighted to welcome them. The Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) were recognized as some of the best public school systems in America. Pompano Beach High School and McFatter were among the top 2% of schools in the nation. With five high schools in the top 5% in the nation, BCPS is certainly in a good position.

Ron DeSantis signed the new freedom budget this week which includes \$20 million for a second round of \$5000 recruitment bonuses. In addition, the budget adds \$110 million for recognition bonuses for local first responders. Lastly, the budget includes \$100 million to boost pay for Correctional and Probation officers.

Hurricane Season Update: Hurricane season is upon us, which runs from June 1st to November 1st. Make sure you know your evacuation route. To prepare for the hurricane season, monitor your local TV and radio for updates. You can also visit <https://www.nhc.noaa.gov/> to stay up-to-date on the most recent positions of the storms. As always, be sure to follow the instructions of local and county officials regarding evacuation and other updates.

Beach Update: As many of you enjoy the beaches in Florida this summer, be aware of the seaweed entering the coast, as it can contain *Vibrio vulnificus*. When seaweed mixes with plastic, it can start to develop bacteria. Be aware of signs posted at your local beach and alerts issued by local authorities.

Legislative Update: The legislative session has ended, and we will be heading back up to Tallahassee in mid-September. On a very positive note, the budget for 2023 was released and we secured funding for all seven of our projects. There will be over \$10 million dollars allocated to fund projects in Broward County. These projects will positively impact our community, helping to repair our bridges, roadways, and other infrastructure.

Governor DeSantis has signed into law a bill which requires the Department of Health (DOH) to contract with a community-based sickle cell disease medical treatment and research center. This center will establish and maintain a registry to track outcome measures of newborns identified as carriers of sickle cell disease. The bill requires a screening provider to notify the primary care physician of an infant who tests positive for sickle cell disease and to submit the results of the screening to the DOH for inclusion in the sickle cell registry. The bill allocates \$1,060,804 in recurring funds and \$21,355 in non-recurring funds to the DOH.

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Chip LaMarca
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SERVICES UPDATE



Brenda D. Forman
Broward County Clerk of Courts

Greetings Imperial Point Residents! With record-breaking temperatures happening almost day, I hope everyone is staying cool and hydrated.

If you ever had a court case and needed a certified copy of a document from that file, the traditional methods were all manual. It meant a trip to the courthouse or you had to mail in a request with payment.

For some time now, my office has been offering Electronic Certified Court Documents for purchase on the Clerk's website. Each electronic certified document uses advanced encrypted features to produce a tamper proof electronic certified document that will include a unique Clerk of Court digital signature.

With Electronic Certified Documents, we took steps to serve a digital society and tackle document fraud while increasing efficiency. Please visit this link for more information and to watch a brief video explaining the eCertify process www.browardclerk.org/OnlineServices/ElectronicCertifiedDocuments#Overview.

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BROWARD HEALTH - A NEW LEASE ON LIFE

Forty-four-year-old Laura Hennebery has worked as a teacher for more than 20 years and currently teaches health opportunities through physical education (H.O.P.E.) classes. The North Lauderdale resident is part of a close-knit family and enjoys spending time with her four sisters and her dad.

Especially now that she lost 155 pounds after bariatric surgery at Broward Health Imperial Point.

Like many people, Hennebery's weight struggles began in childhood. For years, she tried losing weight through diet and activity. Different programs worked for short periods, but she continued experiencing seasonal weight loss and gain and never made the progress she hoped for.



She reached her heaviest weight of 365 pounds after Thanksgiving in 2018. After that, she found some success with a Keto diet, losing 85 pounds in 2019, but couldn't maintain it. When the pandemic struck, she gained 50 pounds back.

Then, in 2021, she had a health scare one morning before school, experiencing extreme chest pain and difficulty breathing. While her symptoms subsided, her blood pressure was off the chart. She went to a cardiologist who, in addition to diagnosing her with acid reflux, recommended weight loss surgery. Her primary care doctor agreed.

Laura made an appointment with bariatric surgeon Chi Zhang, M.D., who put her at ease from the first moment she met him.

"I was immediately comfortable with Dr. Zhang and his office manager," Hennebery said. "They are very attentive. I felt like I was their only patient. But then when I went to their office, I realized they treated everyone the same wonderful way."

Hennebery shared everything she learned about bariatric surgery with her dad who struggled with weight gain and diabetes during COVID. They both decided to get surgery.

Hennebery had a gastric bypass surgery in July 2021.

By December 2022, she surpassed her original weight loss goal and kept going.

"I feel fantastic," she said. "I appreciate the little things like wearing the clothes I always wanted to and not worrying about bumping into people as I walk through a crowd or down the aisles of my classroom."

Her father is also doing well and feeling better after bariatric surgery. "It's been great having a partner during this journey. It's been life-changing."

For more information on bariatric surgery, visit <https://www.browardhealth.org/services/bariatric-surgery>.

SCHOOL BOARD UPDATE



Sarah Leonardi

Greetings, Imperial Point! The 2022-2023 school year ended on a positive note. We recently hired a new superintendent, Dr. Peter Licata, and some great news about student performance to report.

I am excited for Broward County Public Schools' next chapter with Dr. Licata as superintendent of schools. Dr. Licata is coming to us after a decades-long and distinguished career in Palm Beach County. To learn more about Dr. Licata, you can visit: <https://bit.ly/WelcomeLicata>.

The 2022-2023 school year was the first year Florida public schools implemented the new FAST assessment, and our students outperformed the state average in many categories. They also outperformed most of the large urban school districts in Florida. This is big news for Broward County Public Schools. Thank you to all of our educators and families for supporting and nurturing our students and ensuring their success. You can read more about this at: <https://bit.ly/BrowardFAST>.

In terms of facilities updates in District 3, the new addition at Northeast High School is on track to be ready for students at the start of the 2023-2024 school year. This is a well-deserved beautiful new building for Northeast, and I'm so thrilled for students to start learning in that facility. Unfortunately, the new building at Rickards Middle School continues to experience delays. I continue to demand accountability for these delays and will keep updating you on the progress of that. The new cafeteria at Stranahan High School is progressing quickly and is actually ahead of schedule.

I hope that our students, educators, and families had a restful summer break and are energized to start the new school year. 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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News Updates - Attention All Imperial Point Branch (IP) Library Patrons:

- **Imperial Point Branch's** elevator and outdoor book drops are closed for maintenance until further notice. If you are unable to climb stairs, please call the library at 954-357-6530 to schedule curbside pick-up or to request the items be delivered to a different library location.
- **Imperial Point Branch** is still open for events, classes, public computer use, study room use, free Wi-Fi, sitting areas for reading, and checking out materials.
- Currently, we are unable to accept book donations. Please donate your items to another library branch or charity thrift stores.
- IP is no longer listed as a **"Pick up Library"** location on the library's website and app because we have stopped deliveries of hold requests being sent to IP.
- If you are unable to travel to other library branches, then please call us at **954-357-6530** with your library card number and request that your items on hold be suspended temporarily until July 31, 2023, or later. This will save your place on the wait list.

Here are the two branches closest to the Imperial Point Branch (IP) Library:

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Summer Learning Programs:

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Attention, City of Fort Lauderdale residents!

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In February, the City Commission approved the construction of the Prospect Lake Clean Water Center. This facility will replace the aging Fiveash water treatment facility, significantly enhancing the water service provided by the City of Fort Lauderdale to our residents. This cutting-edge facility is being built to ensure you receive the highest quality water, meeting rigorous standards for cleanliness and clarity. Investing in this state-of-the-art infrastructure will provide long-term benefits to the entire community.

By the Numbers

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Understanding Your Water Bill

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**Public Hearings on these increases will be held on September 5 and 13, 2023 at 5:01 p.m.
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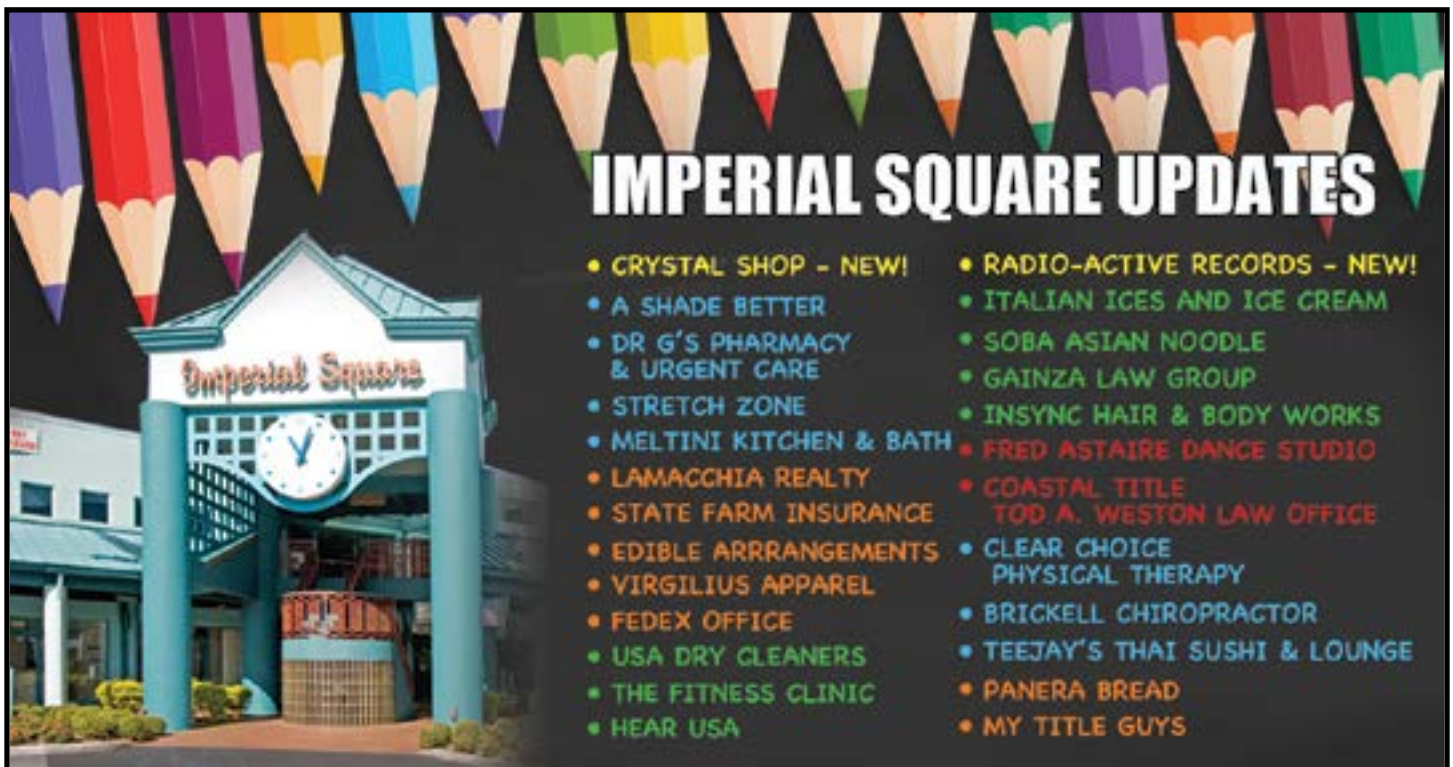
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HOME OF THE MONTH

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

Home Of The Month for July was nominated by a neighbor. If you would like to nominate someone, contact Jim Weber at jjweber55@gmail.com or 302-545-2259

Here is what July's nominee had to say:

I've lived here in Imperial Point since I purchased the home in 1995 and I love this neighborhood as much today as I did then! I've raised my family in this house and have made many years of wonderful memories. I've been able to witness magnificent fireworks displays, enjoy the air show flyovers, and bask in the gorgeous glow of annual Christmas lights without ever leaving the neighborhood! Residents of the neighborhood, both past and present, have always been friendly and those of us with dogs have developed a special comradery on our daily walks. I feel blessed to have been a part of such a great community all these years.

Veronica Schilling
2001 NE 59th Street



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