# Imperial Point Association

Incorporating Coral Highlands, Westfield and Colonial Ridge

IMPERIAL POINT'S ANNUAL

# n·the·park!

SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2024 10 A.M. SHARP!

Over 3,000+ eggs will be hidden throughout the park!

Children ages 1 thru 10 are all invited to enjoy this exciting event! Don't forget to bring a basket!

Stay for fun children's games & activities! Lots of family fun!



free for all members!











### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

#### Dear Neighbors,

Our neighborhood has had a challenging end to 2023 and beginning of 2024. The closing of our Dottie Mancini Park was very disappointing to all of us. We are hopeful that there will soon be a solution between the City of Fort Lauderdale and the Board of Broward Health. Our families need this park as well as the many people who use it for exercise or having a safe place to walk the path and socialize. Our Little Book House is there, too, where children love to get books. I miss keeping it supplied with books and knowing that people are enjoying it. Please know that when the park is re-opened, we'll need your support, and you'll once again be able to drop books off to me, or at the Book House.

It was interesting to go back and re-read what I wrote in the December/January newsletter. I wrote that the park is an institution to us and is enjoyed by so many other neighborhoods, condos and even Pompano residents. Who knew the park would close soon after that newsletter was delivered?

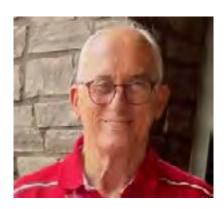
In any case, the hospital is supporting our plans to have our Spring Fling event on March 23 (details on the cover) and we look forward to seeing you there.

Cheers,

### Betty Shelley

Happy Days for the Neighborhood Happy Valentine's Day Happy Ash Wednesday Happy St. Patrick's Day Happy Easter

# IN LOVING MEMORY OF A REMARKABLE NEIGHBOR AND FRIEND



Steve Hickman

It is with heavy hearts that we share the news of the passing of Steve Hickman, a cherished member of our community and a dedicated volunteer who touched the lives of many.

Over the years we have been so blessed to have Steve in our lives. He devoted countless hours to making our neighborhood a better place. Whether it was organizing the "Meet & Greets", welcoming new neighbors, or simply spreading kindness, his efforts will always be a part of our being as individuals and Imperial Point HOA members.

We definitely need more Steves in our lives.

We will remember him as a friend always and send our love and condolences to his husband, Carlos Moran.

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The deadline for advertising in our next issue is MARCH 15, 2024. Contact Betty at 954.938.9230.

10% discount for three or more ads. Payment is due in full at time of placement of ad (prior to printing). We are a volunteer organization. We pride ourselves in assembling and promoting the finest community newspaper possible. Should an error occur or an omission take place, our policy for making correction/restitution will be the following: when a "camera ready" advertisement is to be printed in exchange for remuneration to the Association, we will, at the Advertiser's request, (A) rerun the advertisement in the following issue free of charge, or (B) refund the Advertiser the cost of the advertisement. Other contents published in the newsletter that may contain errors or omissions will be corrected in the following issue.

Newsletter Delivery If you find a vehicle parked on the side of the roadway and it has the special IPA parking permit on the dashboard, please allow the vehicle to remain there for 15 to 30 minutes so newsletter delivery can be completed much more quickly. Thank you for your cooperation.

ADVERTISING RATES: SIZE
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Join our Voluntary Homeowners Association (VHOA) and make a real difference in our community! Your membership is crucial in maintaining and enhancing the quality of life in our neighborhood. We offer 3 levels of membership to suit your commitment and budget:

Check the level you wish to participate in:

BRONZE MEMBERSHIP: \$50  • FREE admission to all neighborhood events  • Newsletter Recognition
GOLD MEMBERSHIP: \$75
FREE admission to all neighborhood events
Newsletter Recognition
• Automatic entry into our monthly Raffle to win Gift Cards and/or Celebration Bricks
PLATINUM MEMBERSHIP: \$100  • FREE admission to all neighborhood events

- Newsletter Recognition
- Automatic entry into our monthly Raffle to win Gift Cards and/or Celebration Bricks
- Free Commemorative Brick with your personal message

#### Additional contributions are optional and always welcome!

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### PLEASE SUPPORT OUR SPONSORS





#### **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.



### **CALENDARS**

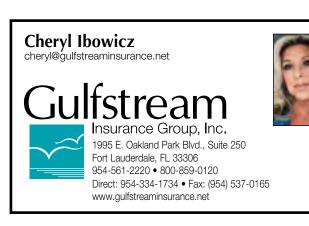
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28	28	29	30	7 Farmer's Market	GROUNDHOG DAY	3
4	GARBAGE, RECYCLE, YARD WASTE	6	7	8 Farmer's Market GARBAGE	9	LUNAR NEW YEAR
11	LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY GARBAGE, RECYCLE, YARD WASTE	COUNCIL OF CIVIC ASSOC. 6:30	14 VALENTINE'S DAY ASH WEDNESDAY IMPERIAL POINT BOARD MEETING 6:30 PM	75 Farmer's Market NEIGHBOR SUPPORT NIGHT 5-7 PM CITY HALL GARAGE GARBAGE	16	WORKSHOP REIMAGING CITY HALL, HOLIDAY PARK SOCIAL CENTER
18	PRESIDENTS' DAY  GARBAGE, RECYCLE, YARD WASTE	20	21	22 Farmer's Market BULK TRASH Carbage	23	SISTRUNK PARADE & FESTIVAL
25	GARBAGE, RECYCLE, YARD WASTE	27	28	LEAP DAY GARBAGE		

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WORLD WILDLIFE DAY	GARBAGE, RECYCLE, YARD WASTE	5 CITY COMMISSION MEETING 1:30	6	Farmer's Market GARBAGE	8	0
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS RAMADAN {BEGINS AT SUNDOWN}	GARBAGE, RECYCLE, YARD WASTE	COUNCIL OF CIVIC ASSOC. 6:30	13 IMPERIAL POINT GENERAL MEETING 6:30PM	74 Farmer's Market GARBAGE	Info due for next Newsletter!	WORKSHOP CITY HALL FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT BEACH COMMUNITY CENTER 8:00
ST.PATRICK'S DAY	GARBAGE, RECYCLE, YARD WASTE	19 SPRING EQUINOX	20	<b>21</b> Farmer's Market	WORLD WATER DAY	SPRING FLING 10:00 AM SHARP BEFORE THE EGGS GO
PALM SUNDAY 31 EASTER SUNDAY	25 GARBAGE, RECYCLE, YARD WASTE	26	27	28 Farmer's Market BULK TRASH Garbage	29 GOOD FRIDAY	30

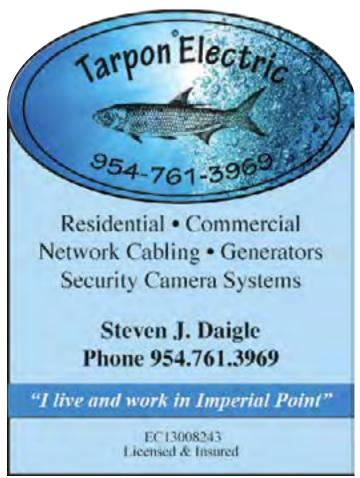
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# IMPERIAL POINT'S HOME OF THE MONTH DECEMBER

I bought my home in early 2021. The previous owners had already revamped the exterior and the driveway, so, thankfully, there wasn't much I needed to do. However, the landscaping desperately needed TLC, and as someone who's always lived in cities and never so much as owned a plant, it was a steep learning curve.

Finally, this spring, I felt comfortable tackling the project, and with help from Pristine Landscapes, we implemented a design that was attractive and relatively low maintenance. Now, you'll see me mowing the lawn on weekends and tending to the plants. Which, take my word, is a near-miraculous transformation.





I am honored by this recognition, which wouldn't have been possible without the friendly waves and words of support from my amazing neighbors in Imperial Point.

Dexter Sealy 1831 NE 59th Street

# IMPERIAL POINT'S HOME OF THE MONTH JANUARY









I've been a resident of Imperial point since 2012. Imperial point is in a great location very quiet with friendly people and well kept homes, I've made alot of friends here, as for my home I love the extra deep lot and large openness of the living/dining kitchen area...

**Anthony Supino** 

### **LOVE FROM IMPERIAL SQUARE**

Please come to Imperial Square to do your shopping and shipping.

PANERA BREAD and EDIBLE ARRANGEMENTS have many things for your holiday parties.

Our restaurants TEEJAY'S THAI SUSHI and SOBA ASIAN NOODLES can help you with your entertainment needs.

FEDEX OFFICE is ready to ship anything anywhere.

THE FITNESS CENTER, IN SYNC BODY WORKS and VIRGILIUS APPAREL have gift certificates available for gifting this holiday season.

Our newest tenant CALM MIND & BODY CRYSTAL STORE has so many interesting things in the store for gifting to the whole family. Check out the website at www.calmmindbody.net.

A SHADE BETTER is a very unique store selling custom made lamp shades and many unique lamps.

RADIO-ACTIVE RECORDS is an absolute must-visit for vinyl collectors in Fort Lauderdale. It is a full-service music shop offering recorded music and a wide variety of genre formats. Visit their website at https://www.radio-active.

Please come in and support these tenants along with My Title Guys, Fred Astaire Dance Studio, Brickell Chiropractic, Hearing USA, Dr. G's Pharmacy & Urgent Care, Meltini Kitchen & Bath, Stretch Zone, Lamacchia Realty, Uncle Louie G's Italian Ice and Ice Cream, State Farm Insurance, Gainza Law Group, Tod Weston Law, and USA Dry Cleaners

with love, from Imperial Square



# NEWS AND EVENTS FOR THE IMPERIAL POINT BRANCH LIBRARY

Location: 5985 N Federal Highway, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33308 | Phone: 954-357-6530

Hours of Operation: Monday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday, 10:00am-6:00pm Tuesday & Wednesday, 12:00-8:00pm. Sunday: Closed

#### Holiday Library Closures: Monday, February 19, 2024 (Presidents' Day)

#### **Youth Events:**

- Preschool Storytime (Ages 3-5 & Caregivers). Mon., Feb. 5, 12 & 26, and March. 04, 11, 18 & 25, from 10:30–11:30am.
- **Teen & Tween Time** (Ages 12-17), Thu., Feb. 08 and March. 14, from 3:00pm 4:00pm. Join us we spend time relaxing with board games, DIY Engineering puzzles, origami, etc.

#### **Events for All Ages:**

- Chess Club, Tue., Feb. 6, 13, 20, & 27; and March. 5, 12, 19, 26 from 4:30-7:30pm
- Origami/Coloring for Everyone, Thu., Feb. 1 15, & 22; and March. 7, & 21, from 3:00-4:00pm
- Finger Painting/Coloring/Sketching, Thu., Feb. 29 & March. 28, from 3:00-4:00pm
- **Grab-n-Go Origami**, Fri., Feb.. 2, 9, 16, & 23; and March.. 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 from 10:00am 6:00pm. This grab-n-go kit includes instructions and paper to fold origami at home.

#### **Events for Adults:**

- **NEW EVENT:** Issues of Aging Discussion Group, Fri., Feb. 2, 9, 16, & 23; and March.. 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29, from 10:30 am 12:00 pm. This small discussion group will focus on challenges of aging in a supportive environment, led by licensed social worker Tana Hacken. Limited seating. Registration at the Reference Desk or call 954-357-6530.
- **Coffee and Conversation:** Local Community Resources, Tue., Feb. 6 & 20; and March 5, & 19. 3:00 4:00pm. Come join an informal discussion on government and non-profit services available to the public.
- Basic Smartphone Skills with Marion Fass, Wed., Feb. 21, from 1:00-2:00pm
- Smartphone Photography with Marion Fass, Wed., March. 20, from 1:00-2:00pm
  - o Please bring your smartphone fully charged. Online registration recommended.
- Imperial Point Book Club:
  - o Tue., Feb. 20, from 1:00-2:00pm.: TBD
  - o Tue., March 19, from 1:00-2:00pm.: TBD
  - o Place your hold for the book at the library service desks.
- Author & Book Talk with Peggy Hinaekian Featuring of Julia and Men & The Girl from Cairo: A Memoir. Saturday, March 02, from 3:00 4:00pm Age Group: Adult
- English Café Intermediate, Wed, Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28; and March 6, 13, 20, & 27, from 6:30-7:30pm.

  Practice and improve your English conversation skills. Classes will focus on vocabulary, pronunciation, and grammar.
- Working with Computers and Devices: How to Get Started, Thu., Feb. 29, from 10:30am-12:30pm Learn about the different hardware parts that make up a computer. Explore the fundamentals of working with operating systems and applications, as well as how to keep your computer secure. Please bring your personal laptop, tablet, or smartphone for hands-on exercises.



### **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 - www.fortlauderdale.gov/depa	954.828.6666 ertments
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
Homeless Hotline Or Online www.TaskForceOutrea	954-563-4357 ch.org
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

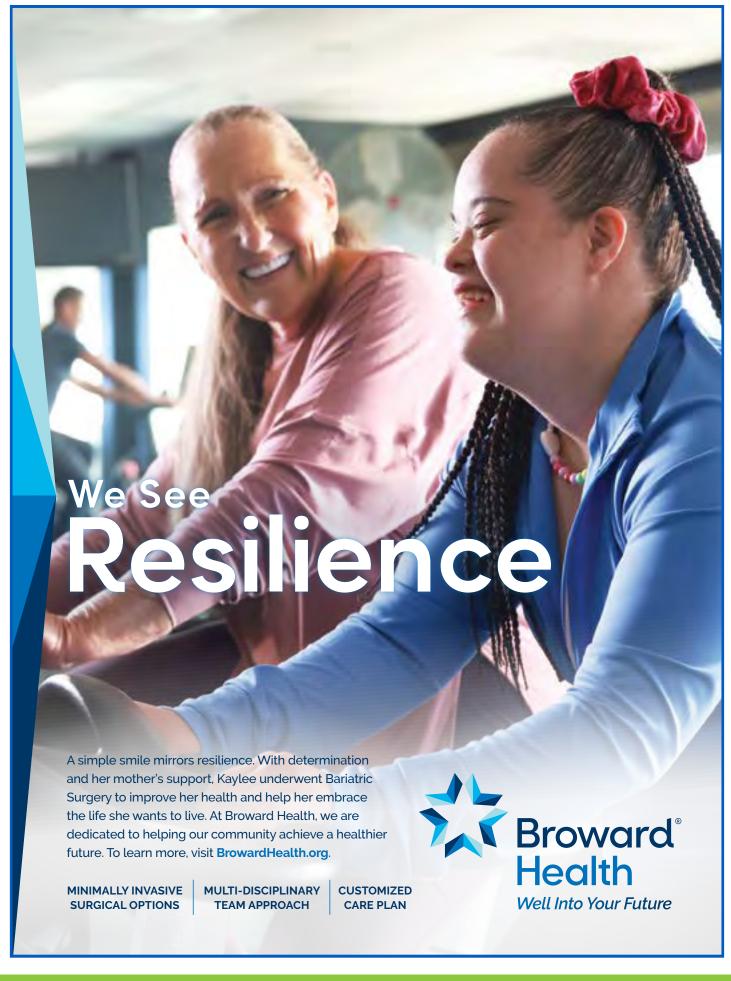


# CODE ENFORCEMENT cenhancement@fortlauderdale.gov for responses within 24 hours.

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.

Power Outages	800.40UTAGE
Recycling	954.828.8000
Signs (Median)	954.847.2600
Streets (Potholes, etc.)	954.828.8000
Streetlights	800-468-8243
Traffic Engineering	954.828.5761
Traffic Signals (Malfunctions)	954.847.2600
Trash (Bulk, Carts, etc.)	954.828.8000
Trees (Severely Trimmed)	954.828.5200
Trees (Swales/Medians)	954.828.7275
Utilities	954.828.8000
Utilities Billing	954.828.5150
Zoning Information	954.828.5203





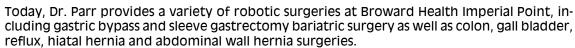
### **BROWARD HEALTH CELEBRATES MILESTONE 2000TH ROBOTIC SURGERY BY DR. ALEXANDER PARR**





FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA - Alexander Parr, M.D., of the Broward Health Physician Group, recently performed his 2000th robotic surgery procedure with the da Vinci platform by Intuitive Surgical. Dr. Parr is board certified in general surgery and fellowship trained in minimally invasive surgery and bariatric surgery.

"The technology enables surgeons to use less invasive approaches with greater precision, but the most rewarding aspect is the benefit to our patients, which can include smaller incisions, reduced hospital stay and a quicker recovery," said Dr. Parr, who performed his first robotic surgery in 2012.



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



Broward Health is a nationally recognized health system in South Florida. As one of the 10 largest public healthcare systems in the U.S., Broward Health boasts two trauma centers and virtually every health specialty, offering compassionate, personalized care across its five hospitals and more than 50 health centers and physician practices. As a leader in advanced healthcare for nearly 85 years, Broward Health has a robust graduate education program and international services. For more information, visit BrowardHealth.org.

### **BUY A CELEBRATION BRICK FOR SOMEONE SPECIAL**

The New Year is here and Celebration Bricks are a perfect way to commemorate your loved one or honor a special occasion. The bricks will be placed at the Imperial Point entrance off Federal Highway. The cost is \$50 each. Or buy 2 and get the second one for 50% off. Each brick includes 3 lines of inscription with a maximum of 20 characters per line (including spaces). Please visit our website: www.imperialpoint.org to order your brick(s). All proceeds go toward neighborhood improvement projects.

Submitted by: Terry Deloney **Green Your Routine Coordinator** 







### **ASSOC. GENERAL MEETING - JANUARY 15**

#### @ Fort Lauderdale Fire Station #35



#### In attendance:

- 37 Total Attendees
- 28 Members
- 9 Non-Members

#### Speakers:

- Mayor, Dean Trantalis
- City Manager, Greg Chavarria
- Broward Health Commissioner, Stacy Angier
- Broward County Commissioner, Lamar Fisher
- Chief of Staff to Lamar Fisher, Mary Pryde Two Members advised they wished to be Board Members:
- Laura Evans
- Donna West, who would like to fill the position of Corresponding Secretary.

They will be voted on at the meeting on Feb.14th

We'd like to extend a special and very warm welcome to Lynne Warwick. She became a member at Winter in the Park. She is a fabulous 101 years old. Even though she does not live in Imperial Point, she likes what we do and wanted to join.



#### **MOMS DEMAND ACTION**

Welcome to 2024! I hope that you had a wonderful holiday season and a great New Year! This is an important year for Moms Demand Action as it is an election year.

Moms Demand Action volunteers from all over the state will be traveling to Tallahassee on January 24th for our Advocacy Day. This is a day where we meet with our legislators on both sides of the aisle to either try and promote good common sense gun laws or prevent a bad bill from passing. One of the really bad bills that has been filed this year is HB 1619 (2024) - Carrying and Possession



of Weapons and Firearms/Florida House of Representatives filed by Rep. Mike Beltran. It would allow for carrying a weapon openly and takes away a lot of protections that we already have in place in this State.

It takes hard work and commitment to spend an entire day walking around the Capitol in our red shirts but I can tell you that when we flood the Capitol with volunteers it makes a big statement!

Please help us in our efforts to squash this bill and any others that would affect the health and safety of the public by contacting your state representatives and telling them that you oppose this bill and any others that will weaken our gun violence prevention measures. It is important at this time in our lives to stand up against those who would loosen any requirements at a time when lives are lost every day to gun violence.

We are also promoting our BeSmart program which advocates for gun safety in the home. Moms volunteers are out at local events handing out free gun locks to anyone who needs them. This will help with keeping your own children safe from accidental gun violence.

If you are interested in joining us, please download the Demand Action app on your phone and look for our local events by inputting your zip code or text Ready to 644-33.

Susan El Sheikh Moms Demand Action Volunteer Coordinator



# CONCERNS OF THE FXE AIRPORT CONTAMINATING THE CITY'S DRINKING WATER

By Ralph Zeltman

There have been recent updates and reports pertaining to the concerns of pollution at and/or around the FXE Airport contaminating the surrounding contiguous neighborhoods, including City wellfields supplying raw water to be treated for public consumption.

Because of the close proximity of the City of Fort Lauderdale's Prospect Wellfield and future Prospect Lake Clean Water Center (Nanofiltration Membrane Water Treatment Facility) property abutting the western side of the FXE Airport, pollution from aircraft, including lead (Pb), was published in the 4 October 2023 Sun-Sentinel Newspaper, Broward Edition, titled "Lead emitted at Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport is higher than previously reported". Also, the Fiveash Water Treatment Plant located nearby to the southeast of the FXE Airport is also in close proximity to the level of Pb pollution that has been identified including the source of same that needs to be eliminated.

Another form of serious pollution concerns is perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluoro-octane sulfonate (PFOS) that are part of a large group of lab-made chemicals known as perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) that have recently been identified as increasing serious health concerns of being pathogenic/carcinogenic to humans. It is highly recommended to expand the testing area to include the Prospect Wellfield Site and where the new Prospect Lake Clean Water Center is being constructed to identify those substances potentially dangerous to health and/or life when present in drinking water. Drinking water is one of the main sources of PFAS exposure for some people and has been identified by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) that regulates contaminants in public drinking water systems on the federal level. The EPA has either or will be setting federal limits/levels of PFAS in drinking water and will require Municipal Water Treatment Plants to provide an effective filtration treatment process at this time to eliminate dangerous levels of same. If and when EPA drinking water standards are officially enacted on a federal level, all state standards will have to be met or stricter than same.





# NEW RIVER TRAIN BRIDGE CROSSING VERSUS AN UNDERGROUND TRAIN TUNNEL

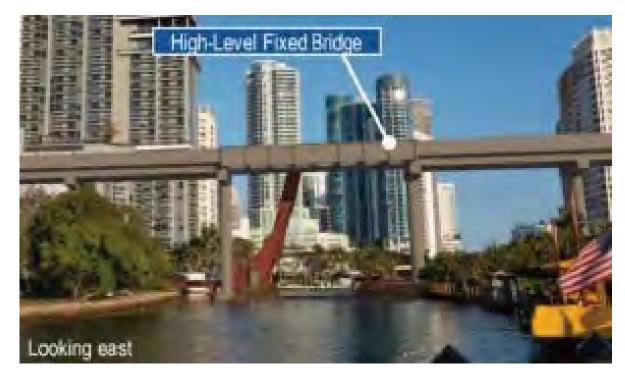
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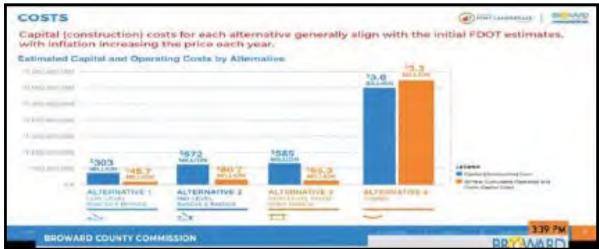
The existing New River 21-foot-high train steel draw bridge built in the 1970's is proposed to be replaced with one of the following options: 1.) a 25-foot-high draw bridge costing about \$303 Million or 2.) a 56.5-foot-high draw bridge costing about \$572 Million or 3.) an 80-foot-high fixed bridge costing about \$585 Million or 4.) a train tunnel 66 feet below high sea level costing about \$3 Billion. The estimated construction time ranges from 8 years to construct a bridge versus 10.5 years to construct a submerged train tunnel beneath the New River. The construction is necessary to enable larger watercraft to navigate in the New River without waiting for a draw bridge to open but is the high construction cost and lengthy time justifiable for this convenience.

Both the City of Fort Lauderdale and Broward County met on 7 December 2023 to review the 4 options and Broward County unanimously voted along with the City of Fort Lauderdale voted 3 to 2 for the high-level fixed train bridge with the 2 City abstaining for the train tunnel. A payment application must be submitted to the Federal Government in February 2024 to apply for partial funding for this bridge project. Many residents felt they should have been allowed the opportunity to vote on which option they wanted the train crossing the New River because they will ultimately be the ones paying for the option selected.

Artist's rendering showing a proposal for a high-level bridge crossing the New River in Fort Lauderdale, FL. Continued.....

Proposed Costs for the different New River crossings.





### **WINTER IN THE PARK 2024**























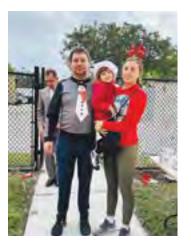














I would like to thank ourSponsors at Winter in the Park for coming out and supporting the Neighborhood.

FXE Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport • I Love Kickboxing • United Realty Group Jassamine Redington

Pharmed Prints LLC • Ediany Carbon Loxation • Bonnet House, Rep. Jim Watts and their raffles

Broward Health Imperial Point • St Coleman's Volunteers and Santa

Also a big thanks to All the Board Members and others who helped to make this a Great Holiday Celebration















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Imperial Point Neighborhood Offical Page



Imperial Point Neighborhood Association

# FXE CONCLUDED 2023 WITH IMPERIAL POINT'S WINTER IN THE PARK





Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport (FXE) concluded 2023 by participating in the festive celebrations with our neighbors at Imperial Point. On Wednesday, December 20, FXE proudly sponsored the Annual Winter in the Park event at Dottie Mancini Park.

The Airport's longstanding involvement in the yearly gathering underscores its commitment to supporting and building connections with residents of all ages. Our community engagement extends beyond our runways, and Winter in the Park is one of many opportunities to unite with the neighborhood.

At the event, the FXE team hosted a booth, and some visitors seized the moment to learn more about the Executive Airport's economic impact and contributions to the Uptown community. Rufus James, Airport Director, thanked Imperial Point for its continued support, reaffirmed the community of the Airport's dedication to Noise Abatement, and inspired young minds to explore careers in aviation. Neighbors stopped by to grab their favorite promotional items, and the youth enjoyed the holiday cookies with sugar-induced giggles.

As 2024 unfolds, Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport will lead a year of community vibrancy and connection. Stay tuned for the details on the upcoming STEMFest and other events such as Aviation Day, Uptown 5k On the Runway, and more.

For more information about Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport, visit www.flyfxe.com.

### Like us on Facebook and Instagram

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### **MORE PHOTOS FROM WINTER IN THE PARK**















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Dr. Pamela Ebmeier & Dr. Cheryl Ebmeier

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### **BRENDA FORMAN - SERVICES UPDATE**



Brenda D. Forman
Broward County Clerk of Courts

**Greetings Imperial Point Residents!** 

Happy New Year! I hope that this finds you and your families doing well. 2024 is well under way and there is so much to look forward to in the coming months.

On February 14th, I will be hosting my annual Valentine's Day mass wedding ceremony. I will officiate the event which will consist of a single ceremony that will unite 50 couples in attendance. Couples renewing their vows are also welcome. Couples will receive a special Certificate of Marriage commemorating their special day. This event is always filled with heartwarming stories of love from couples of all ages and all walks of life. Please see the flyer posted on www.browardclerk.org for more information.

Been arrested in Broward and interested in finding out whether you qualify to seal or expunge the case? On February 22, in collaboration with the Broward State Attorney's Office, there will be a free seal and expunge workshop. The purpose of the workshop is a one-stop event where those that qualify can get everything they need in order to make application to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement for a certificate of eligibility. February's event will be hosted at the Urban League of Broward County at 560 NW 27th Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33311 from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM. This event has helped thousands of individuals resolve an outstanding issue that have been causing them problems for years.

On April 19, my office will be hosting our annual Human Trafficking awareness event. Each year we bring together survivors, law enforcement, mental health professionals, the judiciary and more to address this important community crisis. Be a part of the solution and join us for an interactive discussion in the jury room at 201 SE 6th Street to learn more about identifying the signs and how to help.

Look for more details in the coming weeks on www.browardclerk.org or on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/browardclerkofcourts/ for these events and more.

Please feel free to reach out to my customer service team at 954-831-6565 with any other questions you may have regarding any of the many services we offer.





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### **DAR AWARD**



August 15, 2023

The España Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, in accordance with the patriotic activities organized for the celebration of the 250 Dear Martha, anniversary of our Nation, and in line with the wishes of the National Organization, is pleased to award to you a Commendation Award for special recognition of your constant efforts to bring our two nations together through learning and the clarification of historical events of the American Revolution.

Through your speaking engagements, your work with teachers, the many official recognitions of your work, not the least of which is the publication and distribution of your book Spoin: The Forgotten Albance, Independence of the United States, in both the U.S. and Spain, you have contributed immensely to the awakening of Spanish pride and U.S.



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The membership raffle winners are Ken & Joyce Fix, and Robert Bellinger They each won a \$50 Restaurant Gift Card. Congrats!

All current members are eligible to win!

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### A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR DEAN TRANTALIS



**DEAN TRANTALIS** 

The city recently broke ground on one of the most significant components of our ongoing effort to upgrade our utility infrastructure and ensure its resiliency for the next century.

We officially began construction of the Prospect Lake Clean Water Center near the Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport. This state-of-the-art facility will provide clean, high-quality drinking water to our community for decades to come. It is also designed to withstand the winds of a Category 5 hurricane.

We expect construction to be completed within 42 months.

The new plant is part of more than \$1.5 billion that the city will spend in the coming years to improve critical infrastructure. We've been constructing new seawalls, replacing aging water and sewer pipes and improving our stormwater management system. We also are in the process of building a new police headquarters and two new fire stations.

The water plant represents another use of an innovative public-private partnership by the city to expedite needed work. We are teaming up with companies that have international expertise in the field of water plant construction and management. In

addition to building the plant, they will operate it under city supervision for the next 30 years.

The plant will replace the aging Fiveash Regional Water Treatment Plant to service most of the city's water needs.

The Fiveash plant was at the end of its lifespan and was not designed to withstand a major hurricane. The technology in use at the old plant also could not guarantee the high standards for water that residents expect. Water often had a yellow tinge, and we are not able to remove several emerging contaminants.

We chose the new location so Fiveash could continue to meet our water needs during construction. After Prospect Lake opens, Fiveash will transition into a distribution center for the water processed at the new plant.

This project was years in the making and is the result of detailed input from neighbors and experts to ensure the best possible design and construction. Through the public-private partnership, the plant will be built significantly faster than if we had pursued traditional construction and financing methods — shaving two years off the timeline.

It's great that this major project is underway and that we continue to make such rapid progress on addressing all our infrastructure needs.

Toward the end of 2023, we welcomed aboard our new police chief following the retirement of Patrick Lynn. The new chief is a familiar face – William Schultz. Over the past 20 years, he has worked his way up the ranks. He comes to the job with ideas of how to improve law enforcement and better engage with the community.

(Message truncated. For the complete version of this article, please visit our website at imperialpoint.org – Ed.)



### THE IMPORTANCE OF REGULAR HEALTH CHECK-UPS

Our pets are cherished members of our families, providing us with companionship, love, and countless moments of joy. Just like humans, our furry friends require regular health check-ups to ensure they lead happy and healthy lives. **The** Importance of Regular Health Check-Ups: Regular health check-ups for your pets are crucial for maintaining their overall well-being. These routine visits allow veterinarians to detect and address potential health issues before they escalate, ensuring a longer and happier life for your beloved companion. **Preventive Care:** Just as we go for regular check-ups to catch health issues early, preventive care is equally important for our pets. During a health check-up, veterinarians can administer vaccinations, provide parasite control, and discuss nutrition and lifestyle to prevent common health problems. Early Detection of Health Issues: Pets, like humans, can develop various health issues that may not be immediately noticeable. Regular health check-ups enable veterinarians to detect underlying problems early on, increasing the chances of successful treatment. Issues such as dental problems, arthritis, and organ dysfunction can be identified and addressed promptly. **Dental Health:** Dental health is often overlooked but plays a significant role in a pet's overall well-being. During a health check-up, veterinarians can assess your pet's dental health and recommend appropriate dental care, including professional cleanings and at-home dental routines. **Nutrition and Weight Management:** Maintaining a healthy weight is essential for your pet's overall health. Veterinarians can offer guidance on proper nutrition, portion control, and weight management during routine health check-ups. Addressing weight-related issues early can prevent more serious health problems in the future. Tailored Advice: Each pet is unique, and their healthcare needs may vary. Regular health checkups allow veterinarians to provide personalized advice based on your pet's breed, age, and lifestyle. Whether it's adjusting their diet, recommending specific exercises, or addressing behavioral concerns, tailored advice contributes to a pet's optimal health.

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Regular health check-ups are the cornerstone of your pet's well-being. By prioritizing preventive care and early detection of health issues, you can contribute to a longer and happier life for your furry companion. Seiler Animal Hospital stands ready to partner with you in providing exceptional care for your pet. Schedule a health check-up today and embark on a journey toward a healthier and more fulfilling life for your beloved pet.

Dr. Thieme and the Staff at Seiler Animal Hospital 5800 N Federal Highway Fort Lauderdale, FL 33308



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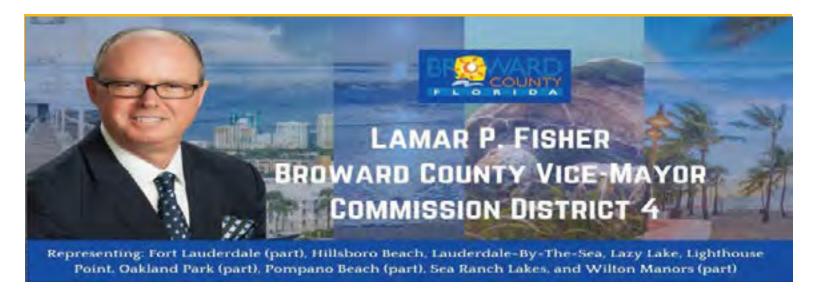
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Imperial Point Neighborhood Association



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Dear Imperial Point Neighbors,

Spring is right around the corner! The sun is shining on our beautiful community as flowers are blooming and warmer days are ahead. As a quick reminder, on March 10th daylight savings time begins, and clocks will 'spring forward' one hour. Bringing us more of the wonderful Florida sunshine to enjoy.

#### **Broward County's Port Everglades Gantry Cranes**



Port Everglades received three additional Super Post-Panamax container gantry cranes as we continue to make progress for larger cargo ships at our Port. The three 175-foot (53 meters) high Super Post-Panamax container gantry cranes, valued at \$15.1 million each, can handle containers stacked eight high and reach 22 across on a ship's deck. These investments are key for the vitality of our Port. We've already seen a massive jump in The World Bank's Container Port Performance Index 2022 ratings after the installation of the last cranes, classifying the Port as a top five port in North America. For information and news from Port Everglades, visit Porteverglades.net.

#### **Affordable Housing 10-Year Plan**

In December, the Broward County Commission held a workshop to discuss the County's Affordable Housing 10-Year Plan. The Commission has made great progress by implementing the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, which provides funds for gap financing affordable housing projects in our community. Since its inception in 2018, the funds placed in the trust helped increase the affordable housing units by 2,668 units with about \$123.1M in gap financing and 4,870 total units with other funding sources. Additionally, the County Commission has made land-use changes that provide opportunities for developers and municipalities to receive incentives for building affordable housing. Broward County is a leading force with these innovative solutions, but more needs to be done. The 10-year plan provides planning and



policy recommendations which include densification ideas, funding opportunities and possible legislation/programs. I'm hopeful about the discussion my colleagues and I had during the workshop and look forward to finalizing the 10-year plan. To watch the meeting visit December 5, 2023: Affordable Housing Workshop.



#### **Convention Center Project Update:**

In December, Broward County held the "Topping Out" Ceremony for the Convention Center East Expansion and Headquarters Hotel. Anticipated to be completed late 2025, the project is well underway, and this event allowed us the opportunity to commemorate the safe, successful end of the completion of the construction projects structural work. An exciting moment as we thank the entire construction team that is making this vision become a reality!

### LAMAR FISHER CONTINUED...

#### **Broward County Parks Fees Changes:**



Broward County Parks have adjusted its gate entry fees for regional parks. The new fee for weekends and holidays is \$3 per vehicle for up to eight people. The changes will help to support ongoing efforts to maintain, improve and preserve the County's parks. For more information visit, Broward.org/Parks.

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

Best regards

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Lamar P. Fisher
Broward County Mayor
Commission 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

# A MESSAGE FROM SARAH LEONARDI, SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER, DISTRICT 3



Sarah Leonardi

Happy New Year, Imperial Point!

Broward Schools has a transformative and ambitious year ahead. Superintendent Licata has prioritized redefining BCPS by looking at how we can repurpose some of our school sites and develop new and better programming at others. We will need your input throughout the process, and the first opportunity to provide that feedback will be at a town hall at Fort Lauderdale High School on February 8 at 6:00 PM. I hope to see you there!

Progress is being made on our District 3 facilities improvements. A wonderful ribbon cutting for the new building at Northeast HS took place on January 19th. It is great to see the slow but steady transformation of our District 3 schools. The cafeteria at Stranahan continues to progress ahead of schedule. You can learn more about our SMART Bond progress at https://bcpssmartfutures.com/.

I thank all parents, students, and community members who contacted our office for assistance. Please know you can contact me at sarah.leonardi@browardschools. com or 954-412-9188. I hope everyone has a wonderful 2024!

Sarah Leonardi

School Board Member, District 3

Pronouns: She/Her/Hers

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### DOES MY HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION AUTOMATICALLY RENEW?

After your initial application for Homestead Exemption has been approved, it automatically renews each year unless there is a change of ownership or eligible use of your homesteaded property. Each January, our office mails a Homestead Renewal Notice and "Change Card" to all Homesteaded properties. Florida law requires the property owner to notify the Property Appraiser of any change which may affect homestead eligibility. This "Change Card" provides an easy way to communicate these important changes to our office.

If there are NO changes to the use and/or ownership of your property, simply keep the card as your receipt that your Homestead Exemption has automatically renewed for another year. However, if there are changes, please mark the Change Card accordingly when you receive it and return it to our office.

If your name is not printed in the "Homesteaded Owners" section on this card, it means you are not protected by Homestead Exemption at this property. You may be on title to your property, but not receiving Homestead Exemption. If you are eligible for Homestead Exemption on this property, but your name is not listed in the Homesteaded owner section of the renewal you must complete your own Homestead Exemption application. You can apply online at https://web.bcpa.net/bcpaclient/#/HomesteadExemption

If you are a co-owner, surviving spouse, trust beneficiary or otherwise believe you are eligible for this exemption, you must file your own Homestead Exemption application to receive the benefit. If you have any questions relating to the death of the owner, the Change Card or need assistance in filing for Homestead or other tax-saving exemptions, please visit our website at web.bcpa.net or contact our Customer Service Department at 954-357-6830.

#### WHERE DID MY PORTABILITY SAVINGS GO?

A portability deduction is only posted to your property record page in the first year you receive your new Homestead Exemption. The portability savings from the first year form the basis of your new Save Our Homes value on a going forward basis and -- in subsequent years -- will rise or fall based upon market just value changes and the 3% cap, as your new Save Our Homes value has incorporated your portability savings. When our website is updated to display subsequent year property values, your portability deduction is no longer shown independently because it is already factored into your new Assessed/Save Our Homes value.

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

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Marty Kiar, CFA Broward County Property Appraiser





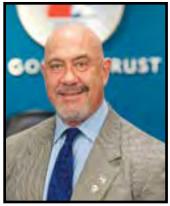


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### A MESSAGE FROM COMMISSIONER JOHN HERBST



John C Herbst, City Commissioner

Greetings, Neighbors! I sincerely hope the new year brings happiness and prosperity to you and your loved ones. As we settle in to 2024, I'd like to take a moment to discuss topics that present challenges and opportunities to District 1 and to the City as a whole. From parks to trains, I am staying on top of issues that matter most to residents and I am committed to common sense solutions.

#### **Dottie Mancini Park**

The recent closure of the park has been a major concern for many of you that utilize the space for health and wellbeing. I understand the particular importance of the park to the Imperial Point community. My direction to the City Manager's office has been to continue negotiations with Broward Health in order to maintain the park space. I appreciate all of the community's input and public participation in this matter. You have spoken up and have been heard.

#### **Bridge Vs. Tunnel**

As the debate for a bridge or a tunnel continues, my stance remains that a light rail crossing is necessary for the City's growth in the next hundred years. Current

trends include population growth, increased rent and home values, traffic increases, and a national push towards less vehicle emissions. The best way to prepare for the impacts to the City from these forces is to start with light rail and continue building the community with transit oriented design.

While we continue to review the costs and feasibility of each option, we must also understand that our partnership with Broward County is vital for rail completion. I will continue to listen to the desire of residents, while also working with Broward County to bring rail across the New River.

#### Upcoming Beach Park Workshops

In response to the neighborhood's desire for a park at the Beach Community Center, we will be holding a series of public participation workshops to discuss potential ideas. It is important to me that our winter residents also have a voice in the design and implementation of this project. Stay tuned for upcoming workshop dates!

Thank you for a great 2023! Here's looking forward to building community in the new year!

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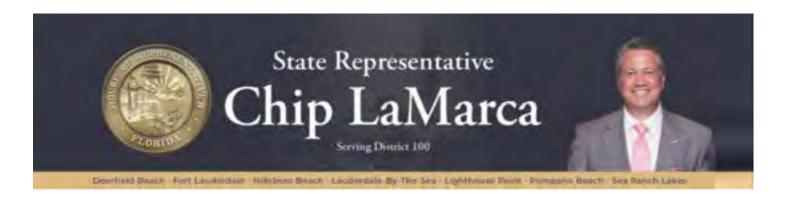
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As we go into the 2024 Legislative Session, Team 100 arrived back in Tallahassee to represent South Florida's essential issues for this year. Some of the issues that we have discussed include The Yacht and Ship Brokers Act, the Office of the Blue Economy, and the My Safe Florida Home Program. As the main sponsor of the My Safe Florida Home Program, I am happy to see that it has been used by many Floridians. This legislative session is our opportunity to further improve opportunities and impact for our communities in South Florida.

As part of the My Florida Home Program, this session we have focused on the importance of consumer protection in contractual liability and service agreements. Regarding contractual liability, if a service agreement is canceled, sales representatives and insurance agents must refund the unearned premium to the consumer, along with the pro-rata commission. Additionally, with support from the Department of Financial Services, we will be responsible for contracting authorized wind certification entities for hurricane mitigation inspections. These entities, which are publicly recorded, will enable eligible homes to access grants for specified improvements related to opening protection, exterior doors, roof connections, roof-deck attachments, and secondary water resistance barriers.

For the 2024-2025 fiscal year, we are proposing \$100 million to be appropriated from the General Revenue Fund to the Department of Financial Services to provide grants related to the implementation of mitigation grants, under the My Safe Florida Home Program. Furthermore, hurricane mitigation grants will be used by homeowners to make improvements to their property recommended by an inspection that will increase resistance to hurricane damage. These grants offer a two-to-one match of up to \$10,000 to property owners making the investment into hardening their home.

Another piece of legislation that I am running this year is HB 95 Yacht and Ship Brokers. This bill affects the marine industry and all Floridians through the \$24 billion economic impact, especially in South Florida where we're the boating capital. HB 95 makes it easier for a person to obtain a license through a process of education and sales. The bill also updates the definition of a yacht to match federal standards.

This year I am also proud to carry the Department of Financial Services agency bill again. This bill is important to Floridians as it contains the My Safe Florida Home Program, as well as many other consumer protection issues. I enjoy working with CFO Jimmy Patronis on legislation to help protect all Floridians.

As always, it is an honor to serve you as your State Representative.



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