



Please help us celebrate National Volunteer Month, especially on Fort Lauderdale Cares Day, April 27!

Special Events:

Over the next two months we are working with several great partners on two meaningful projects to help our most cherished and vulnerable neighbors, elementary school scholars, who experience homelessness in Fort Lauderdale. We are looking for sponsors, mentors, and donations to prepare family care packages:

PLEASE HELP US PUT A SMILE ON A CHILD'S FACE!

1. Apr 13 9:00 am – 11:00 am, Rotary Cares Project | RSVP required

Our hearts go out to help our neighbors in need, especially our youngest children. Each year somewhere around two hundred elementary school students in Fort Lauderdale experience homelessness. The Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale, in collaboration with the City of Fort Lauderdale and other local partners, is collecting food and comfort items to replenish resource rooms at North Fork, Thurgood Marshall, Westwood Heights, and Walker Elementary Schools. Our liaisons at these schools will use these resource rooms to prepare personalized family care packages that will provide school supplies and minimum necessities for a dignified, safe, and healthy life for homeless families. Please bring your donations and join us to sort and package care items Saturday, April 13 at 1790 SW 32 St, Fort Lauderdale.

Here are four other ways you, your business or organization can make a difference:

1. Start your own personal collection drive for [select new or gently used items](#).
2. Go to our [Amazon Wishlist](#) and purchase essential items.
3. Donate to the [Rotary 1090 Foundation](#) to purchase comfort items for our kids.
4. Host a collection drop-off location.

2. May 25 9:00 am – 1:00 pm, Good Neighbor Day at Walker Elementary School | RSVP required

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Apr 6 8:30 am – 10:00 am, Lauderdale Beach Cleanup at Vista Park | No RSVP required

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Apr 6 10:00 am – 12:00 pm, Flagler Village Giving Garden | RSVP required

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Apr 20 9:30 am – 11:30 am, Library Restocking | RSVP required

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Apr 20 9:00 am – 11:30 am, Rolling Service Day | Closed Event

The City of Fort Lauderdale is teaming up with Broward County Transit (BCT) for an inaugural game-changing event called Rolling Service Day, aimed at bolstering our community's sustainability efforts. BCT's commitment to a greener future, with plans for all-electric buses by 2035, aligns perfectly with our mission to support volunteer clean-up efforts for streets, waterways, and beaches. We'll hop on a EV bus and clean up at different locations around the City. Alongside organizations like Beach Sweep America Corp, Heal the Planet, and Kool2Care, we'll be highlighting the importance of sustainability and community engagement.. **To learn more about program, contact team leader Jorg Hruschka at Jhruschka@fortlauderdale.gov**

Apr 27 9:00 am – 11:00 am, Paddle With A Purpose – Waterway and Shoreline Cleanup | RSVP required

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Apr 27 9:00 am – 12:00 am Fort Lauderdale Cares Day

Join the City of Fort Lauderdale, local non-profits, your neighbors, and friends for a day of service. There will be dozens of street, waterway and neighborhood cleanups, murals and Little Free Library decorating events throughout the city. More details to follow in the next few weeks. Here is a small selection of confirmed events:

1. **Little Free Library Decorating**
Meeting place: Provident Park, 1412 NW 6 St
Time: 9:00 am – 11:00 am
Contact: Jhruschka@fortlauderdale.gov
2. **Little Art Gallery Reveal**
Meeting place: H.O.M.E.S. 600 NE 13 St
Time: 9:00 am – 11:00 am





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Contact: Frankpolancoart@gmail.com

3. **Brushstrokes for History**
Meeting place: Provident Park, 1412 NW 6 St
Time: 9:00 am – 12:00 am
Contact: yanaodanzig@gmail.com
4. **Children's Book and Toy Collection**
Drop off Location: 101 NE 3 Ave, 21 floor
Time: Any time before April 26 during regular business hours
Contact: Jhuschka@fortlauderdale.gov
5. **Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale Street Cleanup**
Meeting place: Fire Museum, 1022 W. Las Olas Blvd.
Time: 9:00 am – 10:00 am
Contact: Jhuschka@fortlauderdale.gov
6. **Bill Keith Preserve Park – Shoreline Cleanup**
Meeting place: 1720 SW 17th Street
Time: 8:15 am -10:15 am
Contact: aplasticfreeworld@gmail.com
7. **Lake Ridge Street Closure Beautification**
Meeting place: NE 17 Ave and Sunrise
Time: 9:00 am – 11:00 am
Contact: luze052@gmail.com
8. **Imperial Point Entryway Beautifications**
Meeting place: Imperial Point Dr. at Federal Hwy.
Time: 8:00 am – 10:00 am
Contact: bjshelley5@gmail.com
9. **Middle River Terrace Neighborhood Cleanup**
Meeting place: 1329 NE 7 Ave
Time: 9 am - 11 am
Contact: tdliggett@gmail.com
10. **Poinciana Park Neighborhood Cleanup**
Meeting place: Poinciana Park, 401 SE 21st Street
Time: 9:00 am – 11:00 am
Contact: brighterhorizon2000@yahoo.com
11. **Twin Lakes Neighborhood Beautification**
Meeting place: TBD
Time: 9:00 am – 11:00 am
Contact: twinlakesnorthfl@gmail.com





12. **Adopt-A-Street Clean-up**
Riverland Preservation Society
Riverland Road and SW 31 Ave
Meeting place: RSVP to team leader
Time: 8:00 am – 10:00 am
Contact : Cleikauf@yahoo.com
13. **Adopt-A-Street Clean-up**
IP Investments of FL (In Memory of Ida Mae Burger)
Meeting place: RSVP to team leader
Time: 9:00 am – 11:00 am
Contact : burger385@yahoo.com
14. **Adopt-A-Street Cleanup**
Fellowship Living Facilities
SW 27 Ave from Broward to Davie Blvd
Meeting place:
Time: 9:00 am – 11:00 am
Contact: sara@fellowshipliving.com
15. **Adopt-A-Street Cleanup**
Imperial Point
NE 62 ST from NE 22 Ave to NE 14 Ave
Meeting place: Imperial Point Dr. at Federal Hwy.
Time: 8:00 am – 10:00 am
Contact: bjshelley5@gmail.com
16. **Adopt-A-Street Cleanup**
Lady Yon #249 International Free and Accepted Modern Masons and OES
NW 5 St from NW 7 Ave to NW 21 Ave
Time: 9:00 am – 11:00 am
Contact: ladyyon249.oes@gmail.com

May 4 8:30 am – 10:00 am, Lauderdale Beach Cleanup at Vista Park | No RSVP required

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May 18 8:15 am – 10:15 am, Bill Keith Preserve Park – Shoreline Cleanup | RSVP required

Did you know that Bill Keith is a hidden gem and one of the nicest nature preserves tucked away in the tranquil Shady Banks neighborhood right off I-95 and Davie Blvd.? Help us maintain the pristine shorelines along the banks of the New River and make new friends. The team will meet at 1720 SW 17th Street, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312 every third Saturday. Overflow parking is at Hortt Park. If you own a kayak or paddle board, please bring it. **For more information contact team leader Kelly Charles at 786.469.9594 or aplasticfreeworld@gmail.com**

May 18 9:00 am – 11:00 am, NEW! Walk With A Purpose – Street Cleanup | RSVP Required

Mark your calendar! If you walk to stay fit, we would like to invite you to join our new program and help with a neighborhood cleanup, while enjoying the company of like-minded friends. We will keep you in the loop with the exact meeting location. **For more information contact team leader Owen Gaither at Kool2care2@gmail.com.**

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On another note, please call me directly if you are interested in volunteer opportunities within City departments or if you would like to create a special program or service day for your company or team.

Please stay healthy and safe!

Yours in City Service,

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