



MAY 2025

Dear Community Members,

Summer is on the horizon and South Florida's rainy season is already here. Lots of sunshine, heat, storms and possible flooding are coming our way. Residents are encouraged to be vigilant during rain events! It is vital residents understand flood alerts. Stay safe by avoiding flooded water, help clear storm drains before a rain event and take steps to protect your property. For more information, visit [Broward.org/Flood](https://www.broward.org/Flood).



Additionally, temperatures have been on the rise for the past couple weeks. It is important to practice heat safety as we go into summer 2025. For more information on staying safe from the heat, visit [Broward.org/Climate](https://www.broward.org/Climate) and click on [beat the heat](#).



Hurricane Season

Hurricane season is here and the time to prepare is now! Every year, Broward County provides resources with the most up to date information residents can use before, during and after a storm. As we gear up for this hurricane season, residents are encouraged to review and keep handy the links, materials and phone numbers provided below.

- [Broward.org/hurricane](https://www.broward.org/hurricane): Broward County's Official Hurricane Site with comprehensive preparedness and response information.
- [Hurricane Preparedness Guide](#): a comprehensive 24-page guide, available digitally.
 - **Spanish version-** [La Guia Oficial de Preparacion para Huracanes del Condado de Broward](#)

- **Residents At Risk**: includes information on those with disabilities, elderly, homeless, special needs, shelters and the [Vulnerable Population Registry](#).
- **Digital “A-Z” Preparation Guide**: Contains useful information (A-Z) to help you prepare for and recover from an emergency.
- **Kids Website**: includes information on creating a supply kit for kids and recommended reading for kids.
 - [Recommended Reading for Kids](#)
- **Please PAW-TECT Us Too!**: a hurricane kit checklist for pets.
- **Hurricane Shopping Guide**: an eight-week shopping guide.

Stay Connected with Us Before, During, and After a Storm!



Register for the Emergency Alert Notification System:

[Emergency AlertBroward](#)

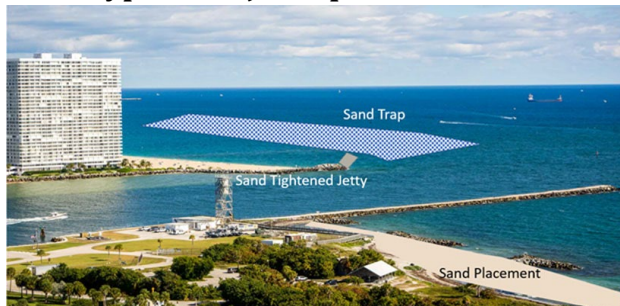
X: [@ReadyBroward](#)

[Facebook.com/BrowardEMD](#)

[Facebook.com/BrowardCountyGovernment](#)

Emergency Hotline: 311 or 954-831-4000

Sand Bypass Project Update



As you may remember, last year I shared the exciting news of Port Everglades Sand Bypass Project moving forward. Unfortunately, later in the year, the project was delayed due to the presence of queen conch. County staff worked diligently with the federal agencies to target a Fall 2025 start.

After almost 12 months of coordinating with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on the listing of the queen conch as a threatened species, staff made significant progress. A queen conch monitoring and relocation plan has been accepted by NMFS and an updated Biological Opinion for the project is forthcoming. This will allow for pre-construction activities to begin this month with initial dredging activities expected to start this September. County staff will be hosting an online informational webinar on Wednesday, July 9 at 7pm to provide project details and schedule. A link to the webinar will be shared closer to that date. For more information and progress updates, visit [Beaches Port Everglades Sand Bypass](#).

Water Safety Month

May is National Water Safety Month and the start of registration for Broward County Parks 2025 Learn to Swim Program. Sadly, our community is no stranger to children drowning every year. As residents and visitors head to pools, beaches and other aquatic activities this summer, it is important to make sure children have basic safety swimming skills. Broward County proudly offers swimming lessons at C.B. Smith Park in Pembroke Pines and T.Y. Park in Hollywood in June and July. Classes are for ages 2 to 10 years old. For more information, visit [Learn to Swim](#).



Additionally, residents are encouraged to check out the Water Smart Program which provides access to the SWIM Central Coupon, the State of Florida Swimming Lesson Voucher and the Department of Health- Broward Lesson Voucher Program. For more information, visit WaterSmartBroward.org.

Broward County Advisory Board Vacancies

Broward County has several advisory boards and committees that help your County Commissioners make decisions on vital elements of our community. I encourage anyone interested in serving their community to visit the [Boards/Committees website](#) and complete the online application. The following are the vacancies for residents of District 4.

Board Name	District	Category
Consumer Protection Board	District 4	Registered Voter
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Health and Sanitary Control Board	District 4	None
Living Wage Advisory Board	District 4	Business Community/Service Contractor/Covered Employee
Racial Equity Task Force	District 4	None

Animal Care Shelter Needs Your Help

Broward County's Animal Care continues to provide a safe and welcoming environment for homeless pets. The staff helps reunite owners with their lost dog or cat, offers pet services and enforces animal laws to help support public safety and the safety of our four-legged friends. With recent overcrowding, Animal Care is asking for your support by adopting, fostering, or simply sharing the message to help place pets into loving homes. All shelter animals are vaccinated, sterilized, and microchipped , and adoption fees waived.

Here's how the public can help:

- **Adopt:** Give a homeless pet a forever home.
- **Foster:** Provide temporary care - even a few days makes a difference.

- **Share this link:** PetAdoptions.Broward.org. Amplify our message through your social media and personal networks.

To view available pets or learn more about how to get involved, visit PetAdoptions.Broward.org or email animalcare@broward.org.



Reminders/Events:



The Museum of Discovery and Science, in partnership with Broward County, will host the **Annual Eye of The Storm Exhibit** on Saturday, May 31 from 10am to 5pm. This free event will feature interactive demonstrations, presentations by hurricane experts, the museum's Storm Center and live theater shows for all ages. [Register here](#).



The Office of Emergency Management will host its annual **Hurricane Preparedness Open House** on Saturday, June 14 from 10am -2pm at the African American Research Library and Cultural Center (2650 Sistrunk Blvd., Fort Lauderdale). Residents are encouraged to attend this free event.



The **Small Business Micro Grant Program** is now open! Grants will be awarded on a first come first served basis and 13 grants will be awarded per Commission District. For qualification information and to apply, visit [Small Business Micro Grant Program](#).



Broward County Water Parks will open seven days a week starting Wednesday, June 4 for the summer. We encourage everyone to visit one of our amazing water parks and cool off at C.B. Smith's Paradise Cove in Pembroke Pines, T.Y. Park's Castaway Island in Hollywood, or Quiet Waters' Splash Adventure in Deerfield Beach. Visit Broward.org/Parks for more information.



Broward County's Transit is offering a **Park and Ride** option Florida Panthers fans to the Amerant Bank Arena in Sunrise to watch upcoming games. Visit [Panthers Park & Ride](#) for more information and updates on future games. **Go Cats!!!**

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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Broward County
Commissioner
District 4

Additional Resources:

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