

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT

January - June 2023



Investing in Our Future. Improving Our Community.

Broward Municipal Services District Neighborhoods

The Broward Municipal Services District (BMSD) Semi-Annual Report January – June 2023

The Broward Municipal Services District (BMSD), Unincorporated Broward County, consists of 11.4 square miles and has a population of approximately 15,937.* The Broward County Commission serves as the local government and municipal authority. Services provided by the County include business and housing developments, library and wellness programs, neighborhood parks and community assets, zoning and code enforcement, sustainability planning, solid waste and recycling services and highway engineering. More detailed BMSD Community Profiles are available on Broward.org/Planning/Demographics.

Central County

*Boulevard Gardens, Franklin Park
Roosevelt Gardens, Washington Park*

Commission District 8



Broadview Park

Commission District 5



Hillsboro Pines & Hillsboro Ranches

Commission District 2



* Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2017-2021 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates



Broward Municipal Services District Highlights

This Semi-Annual Report highlights accomplishments as well as projects underway in the Broward Municipal Services District (BMSD), from January through June 2023, in the following areas. This report is available in a printer-friendly format online at Broward.org/MunicipalServicesDistrict.

Managing the BMSD



Broward County government is implementing programs and services in the BMSD to help strengthen neighborhoods in the community, for today and for the future.

Promoting Safe Streets



Investments in the community include small business development, housing and construction projects, and enhancements to parks and libraries.

Investing in Our Community



Comprehensive community planning includes safe streets designed with vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians in mind.

Building Healthy & Vibrant Places



Parks, libraries and community facilities are popular places to promote arts and culture and healthy living activities, including community clean-ups and recycling.

Enhancing a Safe Community



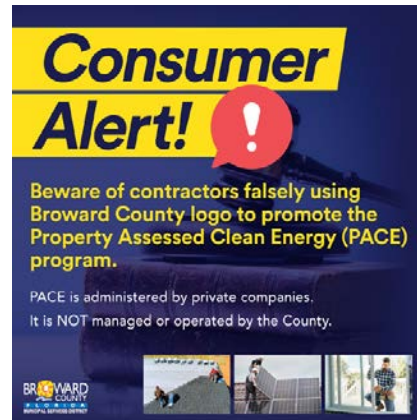
Community safety is a partnership between residents, law enforcement, fire rescue and local government. Priorities include code enforcement and drug education activities, as well as public safety infrastructure improvements.





Urban Planning Division

In June 2023, the Urban Planning Division began notifying residents of the BMSD regarding an alert that was issued. The “Consumer Alert” Posters were posted to inform Broward County residents about PACE (Property Assessed Clean Energy) contractors falsely using the Broward County logo or other branding to promote their program. The PACE Program is not operated or managed by the Broward County government. Posters were displayed in County libraries and BMSD parks.



The PACE Program is a financing option offered by private parties for sustainable improvements made to homes and businesses in Broward County. Examples of eligible improvements are rooftop solar panels, energy efficient cooling systems and impact windows. PACE providers monitor contractor pricing to ensure that it conforms to market norms and that property owners receive clear disclosures regarding the costs they are responsible for. More information is available at [Sustainability Property Assessed Clean Energy \(PACE\) \(Broward.org\)](https://www.broward.org/sustainability/property-assessed-clean-energy-pace).



CCCAB pictured above left to right: Joshuaawa Brown, At-large member; Ruben Bell, Vice-Chair; Howard Kaplan, member; Marquis Curry, member; Alverine Brihm, Chair; and Rev. Jesse Scipio, member.

Central County Community Advisory Board/CCCAB

The purpose of the CCCAB is to serve in an advisory capacity to the Broward County Board of County Commissioners relative to unincorporated Central County Community issues. The CCCAB acts as liaison between the Commission and the Central County Community; hold meetings to receive residents’ comments; prepare and submit recommendations to the Commission; and perform other related activities as requested by the Commission. The CCCAB meets quarterly, and residents of Central County area are encouraged to attend the meetings.



February 15, 2023, Commissioner Robert McKinzie addressed BMSD residents at the Central County Community Advisory Board meeting.





NATURESCOPE



Special thanks to Rose Bechard-Butman for the many activities she coordinated in the BMSD and great services she provided that benefited the youth of the BMSD. Ms. Bechard-Butman recently retired.



Samuel Delevoe Park After School Student Program – Earth Day 2023

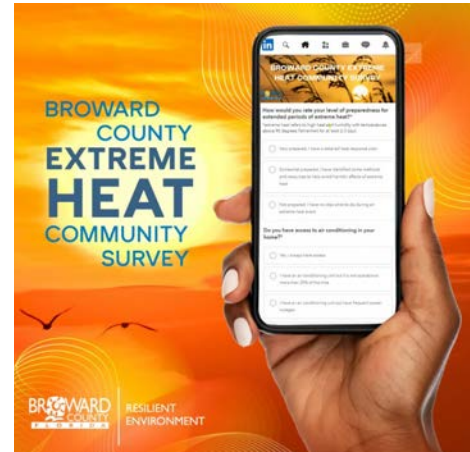
Broward County’s NatureScape and National Wildlife Federation purchased 100 pollinator plants for the youth program. The students were taught about native plants and its purpose in the butterfly garden. The youth were excited to build the wildlife habitat.





RED Resilience Unit

On March 7th, the Resilience Unit staff attended the Broadview Park Civic Association meeting and explained the County's Extreme Heat Survey. Broward County residents who took the survey were asked how would you rate your level of preparedness for extended periods of *extreme heat? *extreme heat refers to high heat and humidity with temperatures above 90 degrees Fahrenheit for at least 2-3 days.



Broadview Park Civic Association members listened intently to the speaker during a monthly meeting.





Public Works' Highway Bridge Maintenance Division (HBMD) in conjunction with Traffic Engineering Division (TED) installed ten speed humps in June in Roosevelt Gardens, Washington Park and Boulevard Gardens. CCCAB members and residents had advocated for the traffic calming devices to slow down drivers and increase safety in their community.

Solid Waste & Recycling (SWRS)

By the request of local community leaders, Solid Waste and Recycling Services (SWRS) provided support for three community cleanup events in the Broward Municipal Services District (BMSD). Washington Park's Community Clean Up was held Saturday, January 14th, with 10 volunteers who collected and discarded 500 pounds of litter. Franklin Park's Community Clean Up was held Saturday, March 11th with 18 volunteers who collected and discarded 1,125 pounds of litter. Broadview Park's Community Clean Up was held on Saturday, April 29th with 12 volunteers who collected and discarded 750 pounds of litter.



SWRS provided bulk collection support to residents of the BMSD who experienced damages to their properties after the April flooding. The first pass through hauled 30 tons of bulky waste materials. As the residents continued to recover over the following weeks, SWRS provided collection services. Residents who need additional waste collection services, should call 954-765-4999 or 311.



INVESTING IN OUR COMMUNITY

Public Works: Highway Construction and Engineering Division

NW 27th Avenue Roadway Improvements project update:

- The contractor completed asphalt milling and resurfacing between Broward Boulevard and Sunrise Boulevard in February 2023
- The contractor completed installation of conduit, pull boxes and poles for pedestrian lighting in March 2023



Office of Economic and Small Business Development (OESBD)

The Office of Economic and Small Business Development (OESBD) participated in numerous events in the BMSD January thru June 2023. Events included business skills classes, military service recognition and award, site visits, and public forums. The various events raised awareness, expanded opportunities for education and outreach, and contributed to district vibrancy as highlighted below.

Wharton Berger, conducted a site visit in the BMSD at one of the BMSD façade improvement projects underway, WAL BRI, Inc.



INVESTING IN OUR COMMUNITY

OESBD facilitated the Kauffman FastTrac® Intentional Entrepreneur™ workshop for inspiring entrepreneurs on March 15th at the Urban League of Broward County where Commissioner Robert McKinzie offered welcome remarks to participants. The workshop was held again April 26th at the African American Research Library and Cultural Center. The Kauffman FastTrac® Listening to Your Business™ workshop for start-up businesses was held May 10th at AARLCC.

The Kauffman FastTrac® NewVenture™ Orientation for early-stage entrepreneurs was held at AARLCC on June 14th. Over 150 applications were received for the 10-week program that starts in July with the 21 entrepreneurs selected.



KAUFFMAN FAST TRAC. NewVenture™ A FREE 10-week Entrepreneurship Course

For Early-Stage Entrepreneurs

The course culminates with a **pitch competition** for grants to fund the top **three startup business plans**. Sessions will be held **July to September** at the African-American Research Library and Cultural Center.

BROWARD COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT **APPLY NOW THRU JUNE 25TH**
Visit Broward.org/EconDev or call 954-357-6400 for details.

Start-up Competition

START UP

Entrepreneurship Course



BUILDING HEALTHY & VIBRANT PLACES

Parks & Recreation

For the second year, Parks and Recreation offered the **NewGen leader program** for teens 16 - 18 years old. This program provided participants with entry-level, paid part-time student/worker positions. Participants received on-site practical job experience and took enrichment classes that focused on self-development, leadership, and life skills.

To be a part of the NewGen Leaders' program, please apply through [Broward.org/Careers](https://www.broward.org/Careers), or call 954-357-8710 for more information.

Franklin Park in the BMSD hosted **monthly Food Distributions** sponsored by the U.S. Attorney's Office.



Through the **VIP (Volunteer Intern Program)** and with the support of Parks' Environmental Planning and Management Section, an intern delivered 4th and 5th grade science review presentations to participants in the Roosevelt Gardens After-School Program. Science classes were an unforgettable experience for the After-School Program participants. The kids learned about the local environment, and they became aware of the new Roosevelt Gardens Park's resident burrowing owl. The kids also learned how important the burrowing owl species is to the environment, and this is the first time a burrowing owl had been seen at Roosevelt Gardens Park. In addition, they learned that burrowing owls are a protected species and why it was necessary to have a protected area for the owl. The class also gained local knowledge about nature within the park. As a part of every class, participants conducted a nature walk. On these nature walks the children asked questions about the environment around them. The nature walks included information about the local vegetation and animals that children see daily. The program kept the children engaged and included quizzes and arts activities.





Parks' Summer Program

Broward County Parks and Recreation, neighborhood parks located in the Broward Municipal Services District offered a free "Summer Camp Program" for children ages 6-17 at Reverend Samuel Delevoe, Roosevelt Gardens, Franklin, and Sunview Parks, and ages 6-10 at Lafayette Hart Park. Summer Camp began June 20th during the week. Free lunch and snacks were provided by "Meals On Wheels" to campers. Summer Camp's program consists of guest speakers, workshops on life skills, nutrition, arts, arts and crafts, sports and STEAM, and campers attended special events, fishing trips, field trips, New Starz Talent Showcase, and much more.



February 17th Parks and Recreation Division's neighborhood park system hosted the 10th Annual Senior Red and White Ball. 350 participants in the parks' Senior Programs including the social clubs, exercise groups, along with the neighboring City Park's Senior Programs dressed in their finest red and white attire and enjoyed a night of fun.

Attendees enjoyed a full evening of activities: a photo booth with props and a red-carpet entrance with a welcome line of volunteers who encouraged the guests to dance. The seniors were entertained by the B.S.O. DOD Band and were served dinner by NewGen Leaders. The evening also included dancing, crowning of the Annual King and Queen along with several raffles. The Senior Red and White Ball provides the opportunity for seniors in the community to get out, enjoy an evening designed just for them and encourages them to socialize, show off their dance moves, and boost their self-esteem. Pictured above are seniors' line dancing during the Red & White Ball!





African American Research Library & Cultural Center (AARLCC)

The exhibition “walls turned sideways are bridges” combines evocative images and materials in historical context that debunks erroneous, misleading beliefs about the social phenomenon of “Black Resistance.” The exhibition ran February thru May 2023 and focused on the evolution of radical community activist movements that became prominent in the late 1960s and early 1970s. Through organizations like the Black Panther Party, The Young Lords Party, the American Indian Movement and others, young people became the vanguard for social change felt nationally and globally. An opening reception and free public programs accompanied the exhibition. Pictures from the exhibition are below.



Human Services

The 9th Annual Soup and Salad Event was organized and hosted by Broward County Parks and Recreation and Elderly and Veterans Services Division (EVSD) at Franklin Park located in the Broward Municipal Services District. Local community partners included the Broward Sheriff’s Office and the YMCA partnered to celebrate the resuming of in-person Active Older Adult Health and Wellness Programs. Highlights of the Soup and Salad Bowl included: show case of healthy dishes, cooking contest with healthy ingredients, taste testing, music, line dancing, trivia, raffles, and interactive games. 5 EVSD staff members proudly assisted 111 participants during the event. Box lunches and gift bags were distributed to the participants. EVSD donated \$1,687 for the event’s T-shirts.





BUILDING HEALTHY & VIBRANT PLACES

Emergency Management Division's (EMD) Hurricane Preparedness Open House

The Broward County Emergency Management Division hosted its annual Hurricane Preparedness Open House at the African American Research Library and Cultural Center, on May 6th. This year representatives from both the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Small Business Administration (SBA) were onsite to register survivors of the April 2023 Floods for disaster assistance. During the Expo, residents learned how to prepare for, keep safe during, and respond to disasters and hazards that could affect Broward County. Attendees received preparedness resources from several County agencies and service providers and a few residents won raffle items such as weather radios, and emergency preparedness kits. Pictured below are 1. event attendees, 2. EMD staff, 3. Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. members who volunteered, and 4. Urban Planning Division staff (had 3 tables at the Expo).



BMSD Code Compliance

January thru June 2023, the BMSD Code Compliance section was in the community and helped to educate residents on the restrictions for parking and storage of inoperable vehicles. This initiative resulted in over 250 cases opened for improperly parked or stored vehicles. Due to the increasing number of vehicles that are being stored without being in operable



condition or showing signs of major disrepair and damage, on April 28th Code Enforcement inspectors teamed up and conducted a survey of the Washington Park neighborhood and posted warning placards to vehicle owners. During these inspections, notices of violations were also issued to property owners determined to be responsible for correcting violations such as the improper storage of trailers in the on-street parking outside of a concealed area, carport, or enclosed garage. A total of 22 improperly parked or stored vehicles were identified during Code's April outreach project.

January - June 2023 Period Statistics

- Conducted **1,594** field inspections
- Cited **866** code violations
- Issued **120** administrative citations with penalties
- Performed **452** annual rental property inspections
- Opened **797** code enforcement cases
- Achieved compliance on **699** cases

Property Maintenance and Community Standards

- Declared **41** land clearing public nuisances
- Opened **251** cases for improper vehicle storage
- Issued **34** violations for prohibited open air storage
- Cited **94** occurrences of improper bulk trash placement.
- Issued **190** violations for property grounds maintenance
- Inspected **50** cases for building maintenance violations
- Opened **4** substandard housing cases

Broward County Code Enforcement Inspectors work proactively to educate BMSD residents, property, and business owners about property maintenance standards. The focus remains on performing inspections for a wide variety of community standards violations, including, heavily overgrown vacant lots, improper storage of inoperable vehicles, accumulation of junk items and trash that require immediate attention by residents and property or business owners. Inspectors address these and other conditions that may pose a threat to the health, safety, and welfare of the community. Many of the corrections made on tenant occupied properties are performed by landlords as part of the BMSD annual rental inspection program.

[BMSD Code Compliance](#)

Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO)

BSO held a Camp for teens at Sunview Park on June 30th. Sunview, Delevoe, Franklin and Roosevelt Parks' teens participated in a fun day of activities with BSO deputies.



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Thank you to the County Agencies and Community Partners for the services you provide to the Broward Municipal Services District's (BMSD) residents. Your collaborations, programs, commitments and investments are essential to improving the quality of life with the BMSD.

BROWARD COUNTY AGENCIES

County Administration
Cultural
Emergency Management
Grants Coordination
Housing Finance
Human Services
Library
Office of Management and Budget
Office of Economic and Small Business Development
Office of Public Communications
Parks and Recreation
Public Works
Resilience Environment
Solid Waste and Recycling
Transit
Urban Planning

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Boys and Girls Club of Broward
Broward County Public Schools
Broward County Sheriff's Office/Law Enforcement and Fire Rescue
Career Source Broward
Children's Services Council
OIC of South Florida
Urban League of Broward County
YMCA of South Florida





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