

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT



JULY - DECEMBER 2020

Investing in Our Future. Improving Our Community.

Broward Municipal Services District Neighborhoods

The Broward Municipal Services District, Unincorporated Broward County, consists of 11.4 square miles and has a population of approximately 16,148.*

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.

Central County

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

Commission District 9



Broadview Park

Commission District 7



Hillsboro Pines & Hillsboro Ranches

Commission District 2



* Source: Population data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2015-2019 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates. Land area was updated by using Planning and Development Management Division, GIS Section's latest annexation information (August 2018).

Broward Municipal Services District Highlights

This Semi-Annual Report highlights accomplishments as well as projects underway in the Broward Municipal Services District (BMSD), from July through December 2020, 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



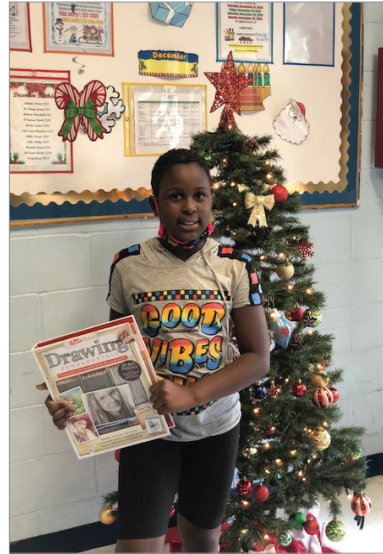
Community safety is a partnership between residents, law enforcement, fire rescue and local government. Priorities include code enforcement and drug education activities, as well as public safety infrastructure improvements.



Planning and Management Development

The Planning and Management Development Division (PDMD) staff donated toys, games and gifts to the Reitman Boys and Girls Club located in the BMSD (pictured right). The children and staff at Boys and Girls Club were very appreciative of the donation.

Annually, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Broward County serve over 12,500 youth between the ages of 6 - 18. The Clubs provide focus on everything from education, social recreation, health and physical education to leadership and citizenship development, cultural enrichment, and personal adjustment with one-on-one counseling.



Pictured below are: 1st picture: Willowstine Lawson, BMSD Liaison and Jo Sesodia, Director of Planning and Management Development Division; 2nd picture: members with Club Director, Markes Thomas.





IN MEMORY OF

John Clinton “Clint” Grethen, Natural Resource Specialist II

Clint at the BMSD Bioswale project (pictured bottom left).

Clint at the BMSD Healthy Community Zone Wellness Jamboree (pictured right).

Clint managed the North Fork Blueway (pictured bottom right) located in the BMSD that consists of 1.09 acres of green space with exotic vegetation along a river in the Franklin Park area.

He was employed with Broward County government for 30 years.

A tree was planted in memory of Clint at Stunson Nature Trail.



Transit (BCT)

BMSD passengers received free masks during the Broward County Transit's series of mask giveaways throughout 2020 at the Broward Central Terminal, Lauderdale Transfer Facility, West Regional Terminal, and Northeast Transfer Center. Free masks were distributed to encourage riders to follow the CDC COVID-19 safety guidelines and keep themselves and their fellow passengers safe when riding the buses.



INVESTING IN OUR COMMUNITY

Office of Economic & Small Business Development (OESBD)



The OESBD accepted Small Business applications and is currently reviewing and approving all applications that were successfully submitted with the required documentation. The Small Business CARES GRANT program funds small businesses that employ twenty employees or less via a working capital grant in support of their general operations. \$25 million available in grants to small businesses under the program will be used to reimburse the costs of business interruption related expenditures caused by COVID-19's required closures and/or operating restrictions.



BUILDING HEALTHY & VIBRANT PLACES

Human Services Department



The Rental Assistance Program was made possible by the Broward County Commission with funding from the federal CARES Act. The CARES Act enabled local governments to allocate emergency funding to residents who faced pressing financial needs due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Family Success Administration Division provided approximately \$86,100 with rental assistance that supported 36 residents and families of the BMSD's Central County and Broadview communities for emergency assistance with housing stability.



BUILDING HEALTHY & VIBRANT PLACES

Parks & Recreation

Amid the pandemic, Parks and Recreation kept senior citizens engaged in various activities. Initially, Parks and Recreation partnered with Chen Medical Center to host virtual meetings that offered the seniors fellowship every Thursday. Each week focused on a different topic such as Tai Chi, credit consolidation, and more. Last fall, Parks partnered with the YMCA, Chen, and CarePlus and hosted a virtual Seniors on Safety event. Participants were educated on social isolation and scam prevention and had the opportunity to participate in a COVID-19 Question & Answer session.



Broward County Parks & Recreation Division's Neighborhood Parks, located in the Broward Municipal Services District (BMSD), took their own messages about innovation and ingenuity to heart last summer and continued the free Summer Camp Program for kids ages 6 to 17. During the time of COVID-19, the summer camps were conducted in person at Reverend Samuel Delevoe, Roosevelt Gardens, Lafayette Hart, Franklin, Sunview Parks, and Boulevard Gardens Community Center. Close to 110 children participated in the eight-week camps and received free lunches and snacks from Meals On Wheels. All sites followed CDC guidelines, created groups of nine campers maximum and one counselor, kept six feet distance, wore masks, took campers' temperatures upon arrival, and kept all areas and equipment cleaned and sanitized. The benefits of camp for our campers were never felt as deeply as this past summer.

Futbol Con Corazon – Soccer Program

The Futbol Con Corazon (FCC) soccer club, a grass-roots organization from Colombia created a partnership and offered a free soccer skills clinic for the Summer Camp Program through Neighborhood Parks for children ages 6 to 17. The skills clinic was held in July 2020 at the Reverend Samuel Delevoe Park. FCC taught the children life skills along with the sport of soccer; as well as provided the children with instruction in areas such as: Emotional Control/Empathy/Stress Management, Self-Reflection/Expression of Ideas, Emotions, and Values/Self-Esteem/Self Respect. The campers also learned various soccer drills and CDC safety protocols were implemented by FCC to ensure the campers' safety. Soccer was such a success during the Summer Camp Program that it is now being offered during Parks' Out-of-School Program daily, at the Reverend Samuel Delevoe Memorial, Roosevelt Gardens, and Franklin Parks.

Parking Lot Bingo

Seniors were invited to Reverend Samuel Delevoe Memorial Park to play Bingo from their vehicles. Parks' staff distributed the bingo cards and announced the numbers over a loudspeaker while the seniors played bingo from the safety of their vehicles. They were excited to see their peers who they had not seen in months.



Parks & Recreation (continued)

Thanksgiving Turkey Bash Giveaway

November 21, 2020 Parks partnered with Heart of Grace Ministries' Community Outreach for a drive-through food drive provided in a time of need. The event was created to serve the community in this tumultuous climate of uncertainty. Residents drove their vehicles and collected free turkeys and groceries for a family of four. More than 100 families from the BMSD area benefited from the food giveaway.

Holiday Toy & Food Giveaway

December 18, 2020 Broward County Parks collaborated with Heart of Grace Ministries to host a food giveaway at Franklin Park. Attendees received groceries, hams, plus unwrapped toys – all from the comfort and safety of their vehicles. The event started at 11 am and goods were quickly depleted. Parks and Grace Ministries were able to touch more than 200 families in the BMSD community.





BUILDING HEALTHY & VIBRANT PLACES

Cultural

The Porch is the Tree is the Watering Hole Exhibition Grand Opening was held December 10th at the African American Research Library and Cultural Center in the BMSD. The exhibition which continues through May 2021, features work by Black artists and designers and is a dynamic exploration of the space and community life in the historic Sistrunk neighborhood. Works in the exhibition are displayed in “rooms” found within a single-family home. Photographs of the neighborhood are hung on the walls and poetry is written on the floors. Chairs reinforce the idea of the porches’, traditional informal gathering places in this Black community.

The exhibit is free and open to the public, by appointments on Thursdays and Saturdays, 11am -2pm, please call 954-357-7457 to reserve.



The Porch is the Tree is the Watering Hole



LIBRARY (BCL)

Broward residents shared their COVID-19 experiences by submitting original work to the South Florida COVID-19 Project. Participants included their journal entries, videos, and/or photos that detailed their unique work and COVID-19 experiences.

BCL conducted its Vet Fest 2020, a multi-faceted event that connected veterans, their families, and first responders with free library and community resources. The annual event is usually held at the African American Research Library and Cultural Center, located in the BMSD, however due to COVID-19, the VET Fest was held virtually.

Last November BCL donated gift cards to two hundred families. These generous donations were provided for residents to purchase turkeys and groceries to make a complete Thanksgiving meal. This holiday giveaway was held at Broward County's African American Research Library and Cultural Center and sponsored by the Friends of the African American Research Library and Cultural Center and RTR Law (pictured below).





Code Enforcement & Zoning December 2020 Report

Count of Open Cases:	Count of CASES
LAND OF CLEARANCE	37
BOULEVARD GARDENS	8
BROADVIEW PARK	2
FRANKLIN PARK	7
ROOSEVELT GARDENS	8
WASHINGTON PARK	12
ZONING	692
BOULEVARD GARDENS	126
BROADVIEW PARK	277
FRANKLIN PARK	22
ROOSEVELT GARDENS	55
WASHINGTON PARK	124
WASHINGTON PARK	88
UNSAFE/UNSANITARY/MIN HOUSING	1
ROOSEVELT GARDENS	1
Grand Total	730

Emergency Order Compliance: code enforcement inspectors performed outreach and inspections

A major component of the effort to combat COVID-19 in Broward County is the expanded inspections program which began with the training of a multi-disciplinary group of inspectors. Once trained, these specialized inspectors provided assistance within municipalities and worked closely with municipal code and law enforcement. This helped to educate operators of establishments and assure compliance with the requirements of the Broward County Emergency Orders all throughout Broward County. Report a code violation: Dial 311

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For more information and to find out what Broward County is doing, please visit Broward.org/Coronavirus

APPENDIX

CENTRAL COUNTY CRA ANNUAL REPORT 2020

The purpose of this report is to comply with of Section 163.371, Florida Statutes, which requires that Broward County publish an Annual Report for the Central County CRA by March 31, 2021 and annually thereafter, on Broward.org. This report covers the calendar year 2020.

Chronology:

The Broward County Community Redevelopment Agency was created on November 19, 1980 [Ordinance 81-35.] The Agency has one (1) active Community Redevelopment Area [CRA]. The Central County CRA is within the unincorporated Broward Municipal Services District [BMSD.] The Board of County Commissioners adopted the Central County CRA Plan on August 23, 2005 [Resolution 2005-553] and amended the plan on October 23, 2012 [Resolution 2012-687]. The Central County CRA was created without Tax Increment Financing [TIF] and therefore has no trust fund. The Board of County Commissioners serves as the Central County CRA Board.

Audit requirement:

Central County CRA was without a redevelopment trust fund; therefore, there is no audit report as required by Sec. 163.387(8) Florida Statutes.

Performance data:

1. Total number of projects started and completed and the estimated cost for each project FY 2020.

The Central County CRA was created in 2005 without a redevelopment trust fund. Therefore, the CRA has no budget. However, capital projects within Central County are funded using Broward Municipal Services District property tax revenue, Community Development Block grant, and other sources.

2. Total expenditures from the redevelopment trust fund.

The Central County CRA was created in 2005 without a redevelopment trust fund.

3. Original assessed real property values within the community redevelopment agency's area of authority as of the day the agency was created.

\$ 20,130,040 in 2003

Source: *Modification of the Central County CRA Plan, 2005, Table B.5.*

4. Total assessed real property values of property within the boundaries of the community redevelopment agency as of January 1 of the reporting year.

\$ 60,151,470 in 2021

Source: *Broward County Property Appraiser's tax roll as of April 6, 2021. (No significant change has occurred since January 1, 2021.)*

5. Total amount expended for affordable housing for low-income and middle-income residents.

The Central County CRA was created in 2005 without a redevelopment trust fund. Therefore, the CRA has no funding to expend on affordable housing. However, other funding sources have been used to support development of affordable infill housing units in Central County.

Achievement of Goals:

The 2012 update to the CRA plan established a goal to: *Promote the development of an attractive, predominantly single-family residential community that has a unique sense of place, and supports a vibrant local business community, and reflects the values and character of residents.*

OBJECTIVE 1: Enhance the established predominantly low density residential character of the Community, and support the introduction of new compatible housing.

OBJECTIVE 2: Increase property values and community aesthetics.

OBJECTIVE 3: Improve the health and safety of community residents.

OBJECTIVE 4: Develop active and passive recreational opportunities within the Community to support family activities and enhance quality of life.

OBJECTIVE 5: Enhance the livability of the Community.

OBJECTIVE 6: Seek opportunities in support of successful commercial and employment based [re]development, which is compatible with the existing and future predominantly lower density residential character of the community.

OBJECTIVE 7: Provide safe, efficient and accessible transportation infrastructure and services to Community residents and businesses.

OBJECTIVE 8: Promote the Central County Community as a great place to live.

BrowardNEXT 2.0:

On March 28, 2019, the Board of County Commissioners adopted BrowardNEXT 2.0 Comprehensive Plan Update, which included a new Land Use and Community Planning Element for the BMSD (see <https://www.broward.org/BrowardNext/Pages/ComPlanDocs.aspx>.) This Plan includes specific goals, objectives and policies for Central County which were developed with input from the community through extensive public outreach and meetings in 2017-2018. Although these new goals, objectives and policies have not formally replaced the goals within the 2012 CRA Plan, they are being implemented.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Thank you to the Broward Municipal Services District (BMSD) Internal Committee for the dedication and commitment to enhancing the quality of life within the BMSD as demonstrated in this report. This joint coalition of community partners collectively support investments, programs and services in the District.

Broward County Agencies

- Broward County Transit
- County Administration
- Cultural Division
- Emergency Management
- Environmental Licensing and Building Permitting
- Environmental Planning and Community Resilience
- Grants Coordination Section
- Housing Finance and Community Redevelopment
- Human Services
- Libraries
- Office of Management and Budget
- Office of Economic and Small Business Development
- Office of Public Communications
- Parks and Recreation
- Planning and Development Management Division
- Public Works

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 of Broward County
- OIC of South Florida
- TOUCH Broward
- Urban League of Broward County
- YMCA of South Florida



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