

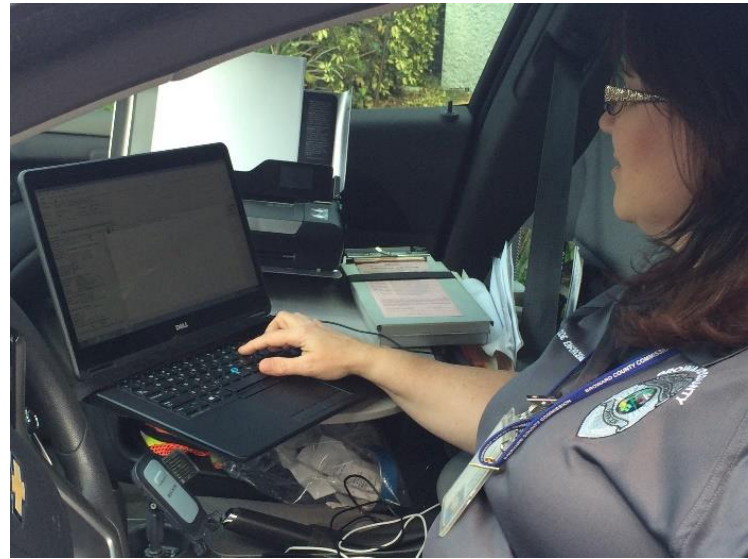
BMSD Community Highlights

JULY 2016

THIRD QUARTER STATISTICS (APRIL-JUNE 2016)

Our Code Enforcement Section:

- Conducted **782** field inspections
 - Performed **570** community standards inspections
 - Performed **149** land clearance inspections
 - Performed **11** junk vehicle inspections
- Opened **331** code enforcement cases
- Initiated **274** proactive enforcement cases
- Responded to **117** cases due to citizen complaints
- Achieved compliance on **358** cases



PUBLIC NUISANCE ABATEMENT ACTIVITIES

- Declared **84** Land Clearing Public Nuisances
- Ordered **13** public nuisance lots abated by county vendor
- Cited **10** violations for unsecured vacant and abandoned properties
- Opened **27** cases for inoperable and junk vehicle storage
- Issued **40** violations for open air storage of junk, trash, and debris

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE AND MINIMUM HOUSING

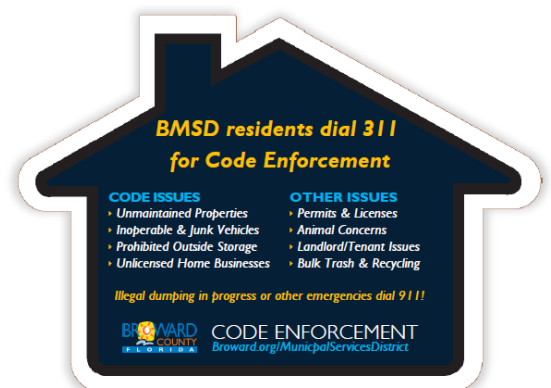
- Opened **3** substandard housing code cases
- Issued **14** violations for property grounds and landscaping maintenance
- Inspected **44** cases for building maintenance violations
- Registered **9** abandoned homes with assigned local property management

LANDLORD REGISTRATION PROGRAM

- Performed **160** annual rental property inspections
- Issued **72** violations for unregistered properties

CONNECTING WITH OUR RESIDENTS

Helpful Code Enforcement magnets are being provided to residents of the BMSD. Code Inspectors are distributing these magnets to residents, encouraging them to report complaints to the Broward County Call Center by simply dialing "311" (or in cases of emergencies, "911"). Call Center operators can also assist with other services the County provides, including animal care and adoptions, consumer protection, permitting, and solid waste/recycling.



Case Highlights: Broward Municipal Services District

CODE INSPECTORS INCREASE ATTENTION ON REDUCING MOSQUITO BREEDING CONDITIONS WITH FOCUS ON STAGNANT SWIMMING POOLS

The tropical conditions we enjoy so much in this region of the country are also favorable for mosquitos. With increasing health safety concerns related to the spread of the Zika Virus, we have focused our attention on correcting unsanitary conditions that can lead to the breeding of mosquitos in the BMSD. Inspectors have been provided with non-toxic mosquito tablets that may be added to any standing water, controlling larvae within hours and lasting for up to 30 days or more. Violations related to stagnant swimming pools are treated as significant safety hazards and are commonly referred immediately to a hearing. Pools and spas at vacant and abandoned properties that are not completely fenced are required to be covered to prevent access until the enclosure can be repaired or replaced.



WASHINGTON PARK



BROADVIEW PARK

RENTAL PROPERTY OWNERS AND TENANTS MAKING BEAUTIFICATION A PRIORITY THROUGHOUT CENTRAL COUNTY NEIGHBORHOODS

As part of the Broward County Residential Rental Registration and Inspection Program, landlords are required to pass an annual inspection of property exteriors. There are often items, such as landscaping, that require the tenants to become more involved with maintenance and upkeep, especially if it is a single-family home. As Code Inspectors educate property owners about property maintenance standards, they are also working with them to help restore landscaping, such as grass, shrubbery and trees, to ensure properties meet code requirements. Many of the properties inspected are being painted on a more regular basis and violations observed during these inspections have been significantly reduced. Tenants becoming more involved with the upkeep of the property grounds increase property values, demonstrate community pride, and promote an attractive and healthy environment.



PUBLIC NUISANCES REMAIN A TOP PRIORITY

Notifying property owners of inadequate garbage collection service or illegal dumping continues to be one of our top priorities to ensure that unsightly and unsanitary conditions are quickly abated by property and business owners. We identified **84** locations as public nuisances and only **13** requiring a county lot clearing vendor to perform abatements. Unpaid lot clearing bills are assessed as liens against the property.



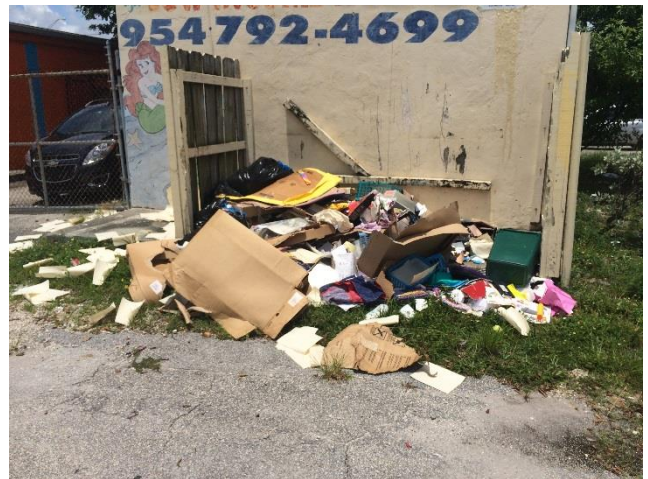
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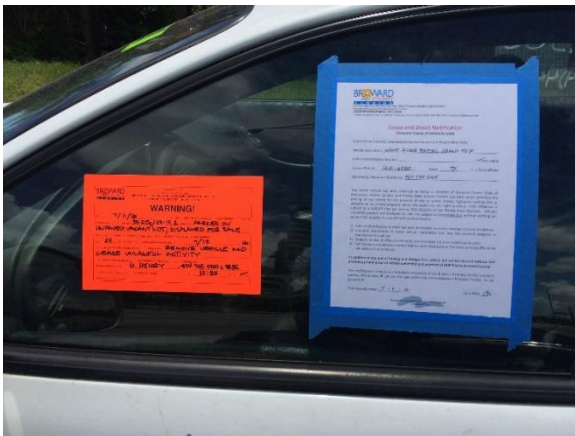
TRASH COLLECTION SERVICE ISSUE NEAR NW 27 AVENUE AND SISTRUNK BOULEVARD




VACATED COMMERCIAL PROPERTY W. BROWARD BOULEVARD

TAKING AIM AT ILLEGAL DISPLAY OF VEHICLES

In April and May our Code Inspectors attended 2 training sessions provided by the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles' Bureau of Dealer Services for Unlicensed Vehicle Dealers. During the sessions, inspectors learned about recent changes in state law protecting consumers and preventing prohibited activities of motor vehicles dealers. A common violation in the BMSD is illegally parking and displaying vehicles for sale, AKA "curbstoning." Changes in state law allow for increased penalties and immediate towing of these vehicles. We have placarded 27 vehicles in violation of county ordinances and are working closely with BSO and the Florida Division of Motorists to refer unlicensed dealers and curbed vehicles.





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Cease and Desist Notification
(Unlawful Display of Vehicle for Sale)

Dear Vehicle Owner(s), Licensed/Unlicensed Dealer(s) or Responsible Party:

Vehicle Description: _____

Vehicle Identification Number: _____ [] Not visible

License Plate #: _____ State: _____ [] None affixed

Advertising Telephone Number(s): _____ / _____

This motor vehicle has been observed as being in violation of Broward County Code of Ordinances Section 23-19.2 and Florida State Statute Section 316.1951 which prohibits the parking of any vehicle for the purpose of sale on public streets, highways, parking lots or property or on private property where the public has the right to travel. Each infraction is subject to a \$500.00 fine per section 316.1951(11) of the Florida State Statutes. Vehicles unlawfully parked and displayed for sale are subject to immediate tow without warning per section 361.1951(8), for any of the following reasons:

INOPERABLE AND JUNK VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT KEEPS OUT BLIGHT

In May we were referred to a location in Roosevelt Gardens where a vacant lot was being used to store inoperable vehicles, auto parts and other unpermitted items. We notified the property owner and immediately took steps to remove the vehicles. During this quarter, there were 26 other locations identified and cited for parking and storing inoperable and junk vehicles.



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LOT CLEARING ABATEMENT

On May 20th we performed a lot clearing abatement for a vacant lot located on NW 14th Street in the Roosevelt Gardens. It was used to store unpermitted items and improperly placed bulk trash. In addition to the cleanup costs, the Code Enforcement Board/Special Magistrate imposed a penalty of **\$4,925** against the lot owner for the continued, unpermitted activities.

