

# Code Enforcement Semi-Annual Report

July 2021

# SEMI-ANNUAL PERIOD STATISTICS (JANUARY - JUNE 2021)

# Our Code Enforcement Section:

- Conducted 1,960 field inspections
  - o Performed 1,689 community standards inspections
  - o Performed 268 land clearance inspections
  - o Performed 3 junk vehicle inspections
- Opened 924 code enforcement cases
- Initiated 689 proactive enforcement cases
- Responded to 235 cases due to citizen complaints
- Issued **75** administrative citations
- Achieved compliance on 1,001 cases



## Public Nuisance Abatement Activities:

- Declared 134 Land Clearing Public Nuisances
- Ordered 29 public nuisance lots abated by vendor
- Cited 12 violations for unsecured vacant property
- Opened 124 cases for improper vehicle storage
- Issued 28 violations for prohibited open air storage

### Property Maintenance and Minimum Housing:

- Issued 301 violations for property grounds maintenance
- Inspected III cases for building maintenance violations
- Opened 3 substandard housing cases

# Activities to improve property maintenance:

- Issued 170 landlord registration violations
- Performed 356 annual rental property inspections
- Brought 122 cases into compliance before abatement required
- Complied 84 violations before notice necessary

#### CONNECTING WITH OUR RESIDENTS

Helpful Code Enforcement magnets are being provided to residents of the BMSD. Code Inspectors distribute these magnets to residents, to encourage the reporting of 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.



# BMSD CODE ENFORCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS:

#### CODE ENFORCEMENT CONTINUES TO BE KEY COMPONENT OF ADDRESSING PUBLIC NUISANCES

As Code Enforcement Inspectors work to continuously educate residents, property, and business owners about property maintenance standards, they remained focused on performing public nuisance abatement investigations for a wide variety of issues. These include heavily overgrown vacant lots, junk or wrecked vehicles stored outside, unsecured vacant structures, and improper storage of junk items and trash that require immediate attention by the property owner and other conditions that may pose a threat to the health, safety, and welfare of the community. A total of 878 violations, not including corrections required by landlords for annual inspection violations, were cited during this six-month period.





Code Inspectors for the BMSD have also been working very closely with the Broward Sheriff's Office and residents to identify nuisance locations and illegal dumping locations to curtail ongoing problem activities. There were 12 structures were there were trespass and unsafe conditions present that were ordered secured or abated by a county contractor. Code enforcement also coordinated surveillance activities during late evening hours to help curtail illegal dumping and install illegal dumping signage at common hotspots.



#### TIPS FOR REPORTING ILLEGAL DUMPING!

Unlawful or improper dumping has negative impacts on communities that extends far beyond the eyesore that's left behind. Whenever it appears that illegal dumping is actively occurring, it is recommended to call 911 report it so that Deputies can respond as soon as possible. If you can safely get license plate information or note any distinguishing information such as business signs, this can be very helpful. Photos are even better, but it is not recommended to interact with persons who are doing the dumping, which should be left to law enforcement. However, if the dumping has already occurred and there is no evidence of who was responsible, then it should be reported to zoning code enforcement for investigation by calling 311.



The Broward County Code Enforcement Section does not have jurisdiction within other municipalities. Our jurisdiction is limited to the following neighborhoods located in the Unincorporated Broward Municipal Services District (BMSD):

Boulevard Gardens
Broadview Park
Franklin Park

Hillsboro Pines
Hillsboro Ranches
Roosevelt Gardens

Washington Park