

Broward Municipal Services District

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT

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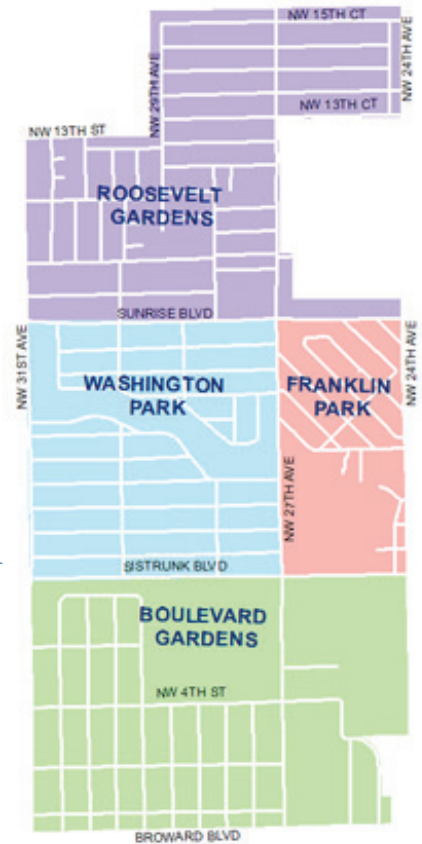
Broward Municipal Services District - Neighborhoods

The Broward Municipal Services District, formerly known as Unincorporated Broward County, consists of 11.4 square miles and has a population of approximately 14,515.* The Broward County Board of County Commissioners is the governing body of the District, and provides municipal services for the area, including business and housing development, library and park facilities, roadway maintenance, street enhancements, and zoning and code enforcement.



BROADVIEW PARK

Population (2014) 7,175*
 Commission District 7



CENTRAL COUNTY

Boulevard Gardens

Franklin Park • Roosevelt Gardens • Washington Park
 Population (2014) 6,944*
 Commission District 9



HILLSBORO PINES & HILLSBORO RANCHES

Population (2014) 599*
 Commission District 2



* Source: Population data from the University of Florida's 2015 Bureau of Economic and Business Research. Land area was updated by the Planning and Development Management Division GIS Section using the latest annexation information (September 2015). The 2014 Population by Neighborhood is from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2010-2014, American Community Survey.

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 2015, in the following areas:



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.



Investing in Our Community

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



Promoting Safe Streets

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



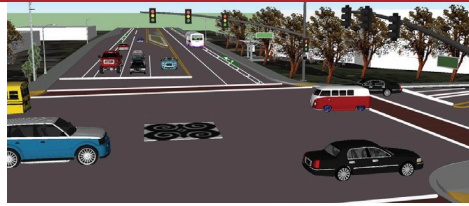
Building Healthy & Vibrant Places

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.



Managing the BMSD

Each month, staff from nearly a dozen Broward County agencies gather with representatives of Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO), Broward County Public Schools and other community partners such as the Boys and Girls Club to discuss ways to better meet the needs of neighborhoods served by the BMSD. Participating County agencies include County Administration, Office of Management and Budget, Office of Economic and Small Business Development, Human Services Department, Office of Public Communications, Public Works Department, Environmental Protection & Growth Management Department, Cultural Division, Transportation Department, Parks & Recreation Division and Libraries Division.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

A Community Strategy Meeting was held in September at the Urban League of Broward County. In attendance were more than 40 participants from nearly 40 public, nonprofit and private organizations that serve the BMSD. Participants identified six priority community goals: 1) Create jobs, 2) Increase economic activity, 3) Improve educational opportunities, 4) Reduce violent crimes, 5) Expand affordable housing, and 6) Improve health and wellness. At the end of the session, 109 sub-goals, 155 activities and over 130 potential partners had been identified.

BMSD COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

A comprehensive plan for BMSD is being created in conjunction with #BrowardNext, an initiative to review and update Broward County's Land Use and Comprehensive Plans. The BMSD plan will address items related to neighborhoods, remaining residential enclaves and regional resources and facilities owned and maintained by Broward County. Recommendations received in previous workshops with the Broadview Park Civic Association and Central County Community Advisory Board are being considered, and additional community meetings are planned for the spring of 2016. The committee anticipates bringing a plan to the Board of County Commissioners for adoption by the end of 2016.

PARKING AVAILABILITY STUDY

A parking analysis and availability study is being developed for the Broward Boulevard commercial corridor between NW 27th and NW 31st Avenues in the Central County community. The focus of the study is to recommend ways to improve parking availability and connectivity that will help retain businesses and promote economic development, and to expand on the preliminary recommendations of a 2014 Urban Land Institute Technical Assistance Panel report. The draft study is expected to be completed in the spring of 2016.



INTERACTIVE MAPPING

Broward County's Geographic Information Systems (GIS) team provided statistics and analysis of the infrastructure in the BMSD, and created an interactive "point and click" digital map that can be used by staff, residents and the public for land use and zoning, annexations, addresses, vacant parcels, code enforcement sweeps and commercial property code enforcement cases.

EMPLOYMENT TRAINING

Broward County partnered with Opportunities Industrialization Center (OIC) of South Florida, an affiliate of one of the largest educational, employment training and placement, human capacity-building, industrial and community development organizations in America and abroad, to offer programs and services that provide skills needed to help find and keep a job.

NEW BMSD WEBSITE

A new website, Broward.org/MunicipalServicesDistrict, was launched with content of specific interest to residents of the BMSD. Features include information about public safety, human and public services, community development, answers to frequently asked questions, links to helpful resources and more.

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT

The first Semi-Annual Report for the BMSD was issued. The online report is a compilation of activities and accomplishments in the first half of 2015, presented in the District's major focus areas. Reports are posted on Broward.org/MunicipalServicesDistrict.



Investing in Our Community

County agencies joined forces with commercial and community partners, artists and others to invest in the future of the Broward Municipal Services District in traditional and non-traditional ways. Many projects were completed in 2015; others were initiated and will conclude in 2016.

NEW COMMUNITY CENTER

In November, the Board of County Commissioners approved the \$199,980 purchase of property located at 2870 NW Fourth Street, to be converted for a Community Center at Boulevard Gardens Park. The new center will feature meeting room rental space and a computer lab, and will expand existing free programs for children, teens and adults.

COMPLETED PARK IMPROVEMENTS

Broward County invested nearly \$1 million in BMSD park improvements in the first six months of 2015:

- Construction upgrades and improvements of approximately \$676,000 were completed at Reverend Samuel Delevoe Park, including a new shelter, sidewalks, open green space and a decorative fence along 27th Avenue. Additional parking was created, and a jogging/walking path, lighting, landscaping and an irrigation system were installed.
- \$141,565 in improvements were made at Franklin Park, including kitchen renovations and new roofs for the shelters. The basketball court was resurfaced, and fitness equipment and air conditioning units were replaced.

Grant funding was utilized for installation of energy efficient lighting.

- \$135,000 in improvements were completed at Roosevelt Gardens Park, including additional parking, decorative fencing, landscaping and an irrigation system.

PLANNED PARK IMPROVEMENTS

Several additional park improvement projects were initiated, including:

- \$255,000 in improvements at Boulevard Gardens Park, including parking spaces, a basketball court, landscaping and an irrigation system. The conceptual design for the project is complete.
- \$470,000 in improvements for Broadview Pocket Park, including parking spaces, a jogging/walking path, playground, exercise stations, landscaping and an irrigation system. Conceptual design is complete.
- \$450,000 in improvements at Lafayette Hart Park, including additional parking, a new restroom, gazebo, play equipment, lighting, landscaping and an irrigation system. Design is complete and permitting is in progress. Construction is expected to begin in early 2016.
- Broward County Extension Education and the Urban League are developing plans for a community garden at Reverend Samuel Delevoe Park. Funding sources have not been determined at this time.



BROADVIEW PARK DEVELOPMENT

Two commercial projects were approved in Broadview Park. A 7-Eleven project at the northwest corner of SR 7 and SW 20th Street includes 3,090-square-feet of service/convenience store and eight fueling positions. Final site plan approval and a development order for building construction were issued in November.

DILLARD GREEN SPACE IMPROVEMENTS

Broward County will spend \$190,000 to improve the Dillard Green Space by adding a jogging/walking path, solar lights, exercise stations and landscaping. A design has been presented to the Central County Community Advisory Board. The space will include a unique “Walk of Fame” featuring a series of informational plaques about individuals who have made significant contributions to the community. An artist has been selected for the \$80,000 project and construction is expected to begin in August 2016.

DESIGN STANDARDS FOR CENTRAL COUNTY

In July, the Broward County Office of Economic & Small Business Development (OESBD) engaged a group of Central County business and commercial property owners, realtors and developers to discuss design standards for commercial corridors, code enforcement and a proposed Resource Toolbox for economic development in the area. The group plans to meet again in the spring of 2016 to review new design standards proposed by the Broward County Planning and Redevelopment Division.

ENTREPRENEUR TRAINING PROGRAM

OESBD is evaluating the feasibility of delivering entrepreneur training through its affiliation with the Kauffman Foundation. The Kauffman curriculum targets aspiring entrepreneurs in underserved communities and populations, to provide them with the tools they need to set goals and transform ideas into sustainable success.

NEW FRANKLIN PARK ESTATES HOMES

The County Commission authorized the Housing Finance Authority of Broward County to enter into a \$3.4 million agreement with Access Builders, Inc., for construction of 18 single family homes in Franklin Park Estates, located at the southeast corner of NW 27th Avenue and West Sunrise Boulevard. A decorative, landscaped buffer wall will be built along West Sunrise Boulevard and NW 27th Avenue. Each home will feature three bedrooms, two baths and a two-car garage. New home purchases will be made available to families of very low to moderate income. Construction is underway, with eight of the homes expected to be completed by February 2016 and the remainder by March 2016. All of the homes have potential buyers, however, the Broward County Housing and Community Redevelopment Division is accepting back-up applications, which can be completed online or obtained in person at 110 NE 3rd Street, 3rd floor, Fort Lauderdale from 8:30AM – 5PM.

GRANT PROJECTS

Grants are an important way for the County to fund important community programs. Recent activities include:



- Broward County received a \$100,000 Healthy Community Zone grant from the Broward Regional Health Planning Council, to challenge residents in the BMSD to take an active role in their health and the health of their community. The program supports public health efforts to reduce chronic disease, promote healthier lifestyles, reduce health disparities and control health care spending.
- The County was awarded a \$194,000 grant to implement wind mitigation projects for eligible residents of the BMSD. The funds will be disbursed to the County in July 2016 and used to help protect single family properties owned by low-income households against future damage from high wind storms or hurricanes. Projects may include retrofitting windows, vents and doors with shutters, installing impact resistant glass on windows, and making improvements to roofs and designing facilities that exceed the Florida Building Code requirements. These activities help protect homes, make families safer and preserve neighborhoods after a disaster.
- The Broward County Parks and Recreation Division, in partnership with the Power of Performance® ARTS TRAIN™: LEARNING WITH AN ARTFUL TOUCH, was awarded a Community Arts Education Partnership grant from the Broward Cultural Division, for the third year in a row. The three-phase pilot program provides professional development for park staff to assist them in designing and delivering arts-based learning through the neighborhood

park system. Specific arts forms and themes with social and cultural relevance will be chosen to be exhibited at the 2nd Annual Student Art Exhibit, scheduled for March 24, 2016 at Franklin Park.

- Broward County applied for a \$58,536 Environmental Protection Agency Urban Waters Grant. Funding will be used to increase community awareness of water quality, and address the causes and impacts of urban runoff into the north fork of the New River. Initiatives will encourage economic and professional development through job training, take action to improve water quality and leverage regional resources to provide benefits to the community.
- The Cultural Division is developing a grant proposal to the National Endowment of the Arts to expand community access to the arts and arts education, and advance cultural and historic tourism in the BMSD.

NEW EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

A new Walmart Superstore at Riverbend Marketplace, 2500 West Broward Boulevard, opened in January 2016. The 185,000-square-foot facility will anchor the 37-acre retail development located adjacent to the BMSD. The Office of Economic & Small Business Development (OESBD) will assist the new employers with their hiring needs, including providing locations for application and interview activities.



RESOURCE TOOLBOX PROGRAM

OESBD completed updates to the proposed Resource Toolbox program and procedures. The \$3.8 million program will offer owners low interest loans and matching grants for façade work, landscaping, paving, demolition and interior build-outs. Currently, 16 Central County firms have expressed interest in the Resource Toolbox. In 2016, the County will meet with identified firms to assess each firms' capacity to move their proposed projects forward. Recommended projects will be brought to the Board of County Commissioners for approval to move forward with preliminary plan development.

TATER TOWN TO BE DEMOLISHED

A Notice to Proceed has been issued for the demolition of structures on the Need More Produce (Tater Town) site acquired by Broward County. Demolition to begin in February 2016.

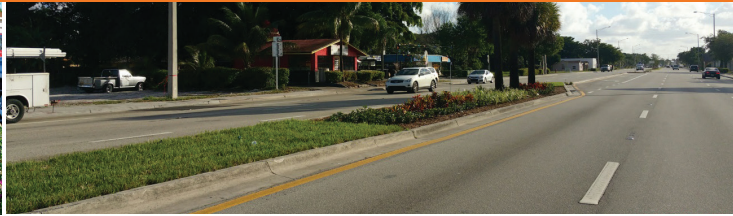
MURAL REFLECTS COMMUNITY

The Office of Public Communications, Cultural Division and Family Success Division partnered for a special unveiling of a public art project

on the wall of the Edgar P. Mills Center in Fort Lauderdale. Nate Dee, a South Florida native, created the more than 900-square-foot mural, working closely with residents in community engagement workshops to ensure that the project depicted cultural and social aspects of the local community. The project was part of the County's Centennial celebration, **Broward 100: Celebrating the Art of Community**. Prior to the unveiling, more than 75 children enjoyed "After School@Family Success," a fun family event featuring cookies and milk, a craft corner and free book giveaways. County agencies and community partners exhibited information about programs and services of interest to attendees.

MINOR HOME REPAIR AND PAINT PROGRAM

As many as 39 neighbors throughout Central County received assistance from the Minor Home Repair and Exterior Paint programs. Twenty-one properties were improved with minor home repairs and 18 were enhanced with exterior painting. These investments enrich the quality of life for individual residents and the community overall.



Promoting Safe Streets

WALKING ASSESSMENT

A walking audit of the physical conditions and pedestrian needs along NW 27th Avenue and Sistrunk Boulevard was conducted and resulted in recommendations for improving sidewalks, adding shade trees, installing crosswalks, providing bicycle lanes and racks, increasing transit availability and amenities, reusing vacant or abandoned sites for affordable housing and community gardens, and furnishing trash and recycling receptacles. For more information on this project, visit touchbroward.org/hcz/bmsd.

TRANSIT IN REAL-TIME

The Broward County Transportation Department advanced a plan to install real-time passenger advisory signs at three locations in the BMSD. The signs will display real-time bus arrival information for transit passengers at Sunrise Boulevard at NW 27th Avenue, Sunrise Boulevard at NW 31st Avenue, and S.R. 7/U.S. 441 at SW 21st Street. Locations were selected based on ridership, existing amenities, available right-of-way and connections to other transit routes. Signs are expected to be operational

in 2016. Passenger Advisory Signs are one component of Broward County Transit's MyRide project that will also include a mobile application and website for real-time bus arrival information.

SAFE STREET IMPROVEMENTS

Planning for Safe Street improvements to NW 27th Avenue and Sistrunk Boulevard is underway. Phase One incorporates Complete Streets guidelines and includes an intersection enhancement at the African-American Research Library & Cultural Center. Phase Two improvements consist of converting the two-way turn lanes into landscaped medians, creating on-street parking, and adding bicycle lanes and pedestrian enhancements for walkability and safety. The County invested nearly \$2.9 million into the Safe Street projects.

LANDSCAPE ENHANCEMENTS

A \$220,000 project to beautify Sunrise Boulevard with landscape and irrigation improvements was completed.



Building Healthy & Vibrant Places

DELEVOE PARK ADOPTION

The Environmental Ownership Committee of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated – Zeta Rho Omega Chapter has adopted Reverend Samuel Delevoe Park for the next two years. Their goal is to participate in park cleanups and landscape projects to beautify the park and ensure children have a safe, clean place to play. The venture is in partnership with the Mt. Olive Girl Scout troop, which is a way to engage local youth in giving back to their community. The “adoption” was announced on August 1, 2015, and a Dahoon Holly native tree was planted to commemorate the event. In December, 25 sorority sisters and Girls Scouts joined forces to pick up trash and clear palm fronds in the Park.

FRANKLIN PARK CLEANUP

Volunteers from Broward County and the Broward Sheriff’s Office removed debris from the lot at the corner of Harris Terrace and NW 7th Street in Franklin Park. This one-acre lot is bordered on two sides by the north fork of the New River Canal.

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

The Dr. H. Reitman Boys and Girls Club, located in the BMSD, provides a variety of activities geared toward helping young people improve their lives by building self-esteem, values and skills during the critical ages of 6-18. Programming promotes academic

success, career and exploration, and healthy lifestyles.

Thirty students participated in a Youth Education Success (Y.E.S.) program partnering a Broward County Public Schools teacher and a high school student to provide web-based academic mentoring in reading and math. A Robotic Program using the LEGO Mindstorms curriculum was offered to 25 students. Toastmasters International taught public speaking to 12 teens.

College Corner is a space in the Reitman Club where teen members learn more about post-secondary education and careers. Since September, 12 club members have visited the Corner to learn about academic programs and to discuss careers and plans for college. Club members participated in a tour of Florida Coast University Campus and visited the Greater Fort Lauderdale College Fair at the Broward County Convention Center to speak with college representatives from over 200 colleges about their admissions process, academic programs and student life.

A Snack and Supper program funded by the Department of Health provided more than 2,420 snacks and 2,844 suppers to children in the BMSD. Twelve volunteers from Crowe Horwath Public Accounting Firm participated in an annual Club Cleanup in August, providing volunteer assistance valued at more than \$1,000.



STAR TIME TALENT SHOWCASE

The Broward County Parks and Recreation Division hosted the 25th Annual Broward Star Time Talent Showcase in July at Parker Playhouse. This signature event provides an opportunity for children of all ages who are participating in a summer recreation program, either through Broward County or the City of Fort Lauderdale, to showcase their talents in a professional theater. Over 300 people attended the event, which encouraged commitment and helped to build self-confidence and important life skill development in participants.

COMMUNITY CLEANUPS

The results are in—BMSD's Community Cleanup program is a success! In just six months, 156 volunteers participated in eight community cleanups, removing 102,160 pounds of litter and debris. Beginning in October, a series of quarterly cleanups was scheduled for Franklin Park, Roosevelt Gardens, Boulevard Gardens, Washington Park and Broadview Park. Residents can request additional cleanups for any area within the BMSD. These cleanups help beautify the community and improve the quality of life for residents. Meanwhile, residents are continuing to earn rewards for recycling. Since the Waste Pro Rewards program was launched, the amount of recycled material collected in the BMSD has increased by almost 2,000 pounds per month, and residents have claimed \$2,400 in rewards, plus received online discounts and coupons.

DESTINATION FRIDAYS

The African-American Research Library & Cultural Center concluded its third year of unique, destination-themed events, starting with a New Orleans themed Mardi Gras night and followed by celebrations of South Africa, Paris, Brazil, the Greek Isles, Argentina, Hawaii and the Bahamas. These popular events can draw over 300 people, and are typically scheduled on the first or second Friday of the month, from 6:30 to 9:30PM. For only \$10 per ticket, guests (21 years of age+) are provided with drinks, destination foods, music and dancing, cultural presentations and chances to win door prizes including travel getaways.

HEALTHY COMMUNITY ZONE KICK-OFF

The BMSD has been designated a Healthy Community Zone! In November, a kickoff event was held at Reverend Samuel Delevoe Park. Healthy Community Zone is a collaborative partnership between the BMSD, Broward Regional Health Planning Council and TOUCH (Transforming Our Community's Health). More than 220 attendees registered and participated in health screenings, Affordable Care Act enrollment, bicycle rodeo/helmet giveaway and wellness activities. Numerous community partners and volunteers set-up booths and provided health-related information, with a special focus on tobacco-free living, active living and healthy eating. Broward County Transit provided free transportation to the event for residents coming from neighborhood community centers. For more information on the Healthy Community Zone visit touchbroward.org/hcz/bmsd.



HOT FOODS, HOT TOPICS

In partnership with the Broward County School Board Office of Parent Engagement, the Broward County Neighborhood Parks team hosted its first family engagement event, “Hot Foods, Hot Topics”, in November, at Roosevelt Gardens Park. Forty people attended and received a hot, healthy meal and information on early literacy and how to help children succeed in school. Participants received free books, prizes and a cookbook of affordable healthy meals.

LIGHTS ON AFTERSCHOOL

Lights On Afterschool is a national campaign to help bring awareness to the importance of after school programs that help working families by keeping children safe and inspiring them to learn. In October, more than 950 people met at Franklin Park to celebrate the success of after school programming in the BMSD. There was representation from 12 after school programs and 10 community organizations that either participated in the resource fair or provided a physical activity. Participants enjoyed 12 performances. Feeding South Florida donated four pallets of food for children to take home. This event was sponsored by the Children’s Services Council and a partnership including Broward County Parks and Recreation, Hands on Broward, YMCA of South Florida, After School Program, Inc., and Championships Foundation.

PUBLIC ART FOR GREEN SPACE

The Public Art & Design Committee and the Broward Cultural Council approved a metal sculpture entitled “As One,” by local artist Blessing Hancock. The public art project is part of Dillard Green Space upgrades intended to create a welcoming focal point and sense of identity for the park. Members of the Central County community served on the Artist Selection Panel. The artist met with the Central County Community Advisory Board, reviewed feedback received on more than 170 surveys, created community art activities for 135 children attending programs at all community centers in the BMSD, and involved Dillard High School students in designing the artwork. The artwork is based on two intertwined Adinkra symbols: Adwo, the symbol for peace, serenity and calm; and Fihankra, the symbol for safety, security and home. The high school art students were also involved in the design of decorative perforations that enhance the metal sculpture, giving a voice to the children who live in and around Dillard Green Space for generations to come.

SOUTH FLORIDA BOOK FESTIVAL

In July, the African-American Research Library & Cultural Center held its annual South Florida Book Festival featuring national talk show host Tavis Smiley. Other nationally known authors discussed the vulnerability of black youth, how to be an entrepreneur, and the art of writing novels. A Chef Smackdown with food tasting closed the two-day event.



SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM

Broward County Parks and Recreation hosted a Summer Recreation Program in all six BMSD neighborhood parks from June to August. This free program was open to youth ages 6 -17. More than 1,000 youth registered and more than 500 youths attended daily, for a total summer attendance of over 23,000. Through a partnership with the School Board of Broward County, the camp offered free lunch and snacks to all participants, and a place where any child in the community could get a free meal daily. In addition to sports, field trips and recreation activities, program offerings ranged from teenage pregnancy prevention and life skills, to swim safety classes and “home alone” safety. Each participant left the program with a backpack complete with school supplies. Numerous community partners make this annual program possible.

TAKE THE CHARGE OUT OF BULLYING

In October, BMSD's neighborhood parks hosted an all-day anti-bullying special event, “Take the Charge Out of Bullying.” Participants in the parks’ Afterschool Program for children ages 6 - 17 marched through Roosevelt Gardens, inviting local residents to join them in their efforts to raise awareness about bullying. The fourth annual parade was led by the Broward Sheriff’s Office (BSO) and Dillard High School’s marching band, with a fire truck from BSO Fire Rescue marking the end of the parade. Participants had a full day of activities, including a rally immediately following the parade, art projects, guest speakers, trivia and other games, and seminars. The day concluded with a pledge signing.



Enhancing a Safe Community

BROADVIEW PARK SAFETY

A study was conducted for Broadview Park to address safety concerns expressed by the community. Phase One recommendations for new street signage, including the installation of school zone and missing or inaccurate street signs, is complete. Phase Two recommendations focus on additional signage and further assessment of possible corrective actions.

SAFETY OUTREACH

The Broward Sheriff's Office Community Affairs Unit engaged the community in various activities at the Broward County African-American Research & Cultural Center, Franklin Park, Roosevelt Gardens, Reverend Samuel Delevoe Park and the Urban League. Activities were geared toward interactions between the community and law enforcement to highlight safety. Programs included bicycle safety, drug resistance and education, park employee safety training, a security survey at Meyers Estate, a summer program at Meyers Estate, hurricane preparedness, and a "Law Enforcement and Me" seminar for teens.

COMMUNITY CODE COMPLIANCE

A Code Compliance block-by-block community outreach program began in July and has reached more than 960 property owners and tenants. Community Code staff worked with

home and business owners, landlords and renters to highlight and correct common code violations, including voluntary compliance without fines or penalties on 88 properties. Communities were beautified by improved landscaping, cleaning and painting of exterior surfaces, and the removal of unsightly public nuisances. Code staff issued at least 349 courtesy notices.

Code compliance staff continues to respond to citizen complaints and conduct proactive community standards and land clearance inspections. Between July and September 2015, code staff completed 1,089 field inspections, opened 481 code enforcement cases and attained compliance on 511 cases. Examples include:

- Code enforcement investigated a complaint about a foreclosed property in Washington Park. The property had become severely overgrown and over 100 tires had been illegally dumped there, making property management difficult. Broward County worked with the property management company to clear the overgrowth and remove and legally dispose of the tires.
- In December, residents of Franklin Park in Central County alerted code enforcement about a vacant parcel of land that had become a haven for FLAKKA drug users. Code enforcement's inspection led to the



discovery of a drug den hidden in a densely covered area of trees and vegetation. Teaming with BSO's homeless outreach program and staff from the Broward County Public Works Department, the BMSD Code Enforcement team removed the threat from the community, then placed natural barriers to prevent future access to the property.

- Residents reported large trucks believed to be involved with unlicensed business activity in North County. Code enforcement confirmed the locations where the commercial vehicles were being stored, and educated the property owners about permits and certificates of use required to store commercial vehicles. One property owner obtained the required certificate of use; the other complied by ceasing the unlicensed business activity. Residents now enjoy reduced traffic flow and increased safety on their streets.
- Code Enforcement responded to resident complaints regarding a number of portable storage units on residential properties. Some storage units had been used in completed construction projects and never removed. Six violations were issued and compliance was achieved. As many as eight large portable storage units were removed from one residential property.

FIREFIGHTER KID CAMP

In July, the Department of Fire Rescue embarked on a new program that exposed children engaged in the summer camp program at BMSD parks to career choices in public service and mentoring leadership. An educational component was delivered in a fun atmosphere encouraging children to participate in healthy choices through proper eating clinics. There was also training in first aid and CPR as well as how to use a fire extinguisher. In total, 790 children participated.

FIRE RESCUE OUTREACH

From June through October, Life Safety Educators engaged in activities at the African-American Research Library & Cultural Center, Franklin Park, Meadowbrook Elementary and Broadview Park, to deliver educational materials on life safety in an effort to reduce fires and injuries and improve overall community health. Events such as Broadview Park's Family Fun Day helped unite the community. More than 1,060 individual contacts were made with community participants.

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

In July, Broward County hosted an educational Hurricane Preparedness Open House for residents and families at the African-American



Research Library & Cultural Center. The event featured emergency preparedness presentations and displays by public safety officials, including the Broward Emergency Management Division and the Broward Sheriff's Office. Participating public safety agencies included the American Red Cross-Broward County Chapter, National Weather Service, Florida Department of Health in Broward County, Broward County Animal Care & Adoption and other emergency preparedness experts. Children and families enjoyed exploring emergency vehicles and Mobile Command Units and received emergency preparedness giveaways, free lunch, and refreshments. More than 300 residents attended the event.

STREETLIGHTS PROGRAM

Nine property owners in Broadview Park requested street lights be installed on their properties. A representative from Florida Power & Light (FPL) visited the properties to identify potential obstructions and any easement issues. Following this assessment, FPL will work with the County and property owners to enter into an agreement for the design and installation of the lights

ZONING CODES

After more than 15 years, the Broward County Zoning Code is undergoing an update. New items being proposed include design

standards for zoning districts, the combination of duplicative zoning districts and other amendments to the zoning map. A public hearing will be held once the proposed code updates are finalized.

FIRE STATION #23

The County and the Peters Road Volunteer Firefighter Association finalized the lease agreement for the occupancy of Fire Rescue Station 23 in Broadview Park. County staff has finalized the design and improvements that will occur at the facility collaboratively with the Volunteer Firefighter Association and BSO. Improvements will include replacement of the flat roof and air conditioning units, installing attic insulation, and implementing a few minor life safety improvements. County staff is currently in negotiations with Pioneer Construction, and anticipate work to commence on May 1, 2016.

NEW CODE ENFORCEMENT RESOURCES

New laptops and printers were purchased as an additional Code Enforcement resource, providing staff with the ability to research, perform real-time data entry and create notices in the field. These additional resources advance required notice by as much as 24-48 hours and reduce time for potential compliance with the expedited communications to residents, property owners, and property managers.



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