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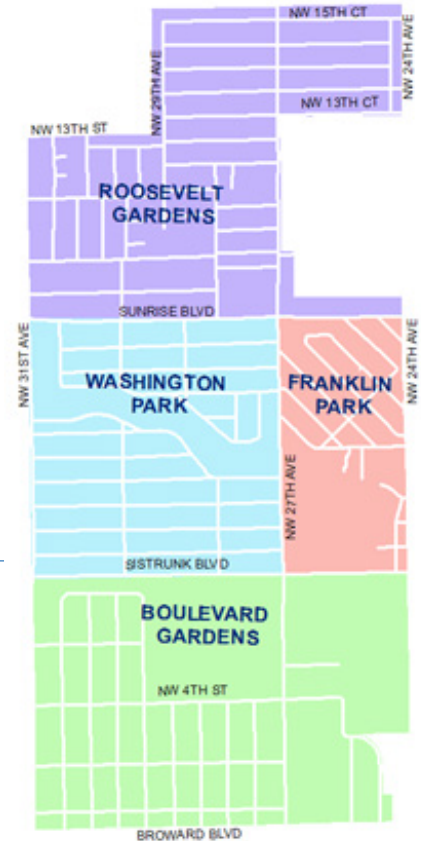
Broward Municipal Services District - Neighborhoods

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 January through June 2016, in the following areas. This report is now 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.



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.



Employment Program Reduces Unemployment

In June, the Board of Broward County Commissioners approved Employment Self-Sufficiency Program. Program provides direct employment opportunities and job readiness skills for residents in the Broward Municipal Services District (BMSD). Unemployed BMSD residents, 18 and over, are eligible to receive specialized job readiness classes, a path to GED / special diploma attainment, job placement, vocational and job skills, budgeting skills and employment. This unique program aligns employment opportunities with education incentives, the elimination of blight, and economic stimulus.

Non-profit organizations selected through a competitive bid process will recruit and hire BMSD residents to perform services within their own community. Proposed services areas include bus shelter maintenance, sidewalk pressure cleaning, improving County owned property including entranceways, and graffiti removal, among others within BMSD. **Estimated \$300,000 investment.**

Transit Transitional Employment (TTE) Pilot Program

County Commissioners approved a one-year pilot program to provide jobs to adults residing in economically distressed areas with high levels of unemployment, low income, re-entry after incarceration, or disabilities. Eligible participants receive specialized job readiness preparation, vocational education, and job skills training concluding with employment prospects with Opportunities Industrialization Center of South Florida (OICSFL) and Achievement and Rehabilitation Centers Broward (ARC) as Broward County Transit bus cleaners. All persons performing services under the TTE program are employees of OIC-SFL or ARC. Employees demonstrating good work ethic become eligible for permanent employment with Broward County as applicable opportunities become available. **Estimated \$544,000 investment.**



Preserving Our Parks

In March, the Board of County Commissioners approved an amendment to the County’s Future Unincorporated Area Land Use Element (FUALUE) Map Series, to further protect and enhance parks and open spaces currently enjoyed by residents in Broward’s Central County community at Roosevelt Gardens Park, Lafayette Hart Park, Lewis-Chisolm Park and Boulevard Gardens Park. The amendment helps correctly indicate intended uses for existing sites, limits higher density uses in the future, and creates better consistency between the existing park use and the FUALUE land use designations. The map was recertified with the Planning Council in May.

Community Preparedness Survey

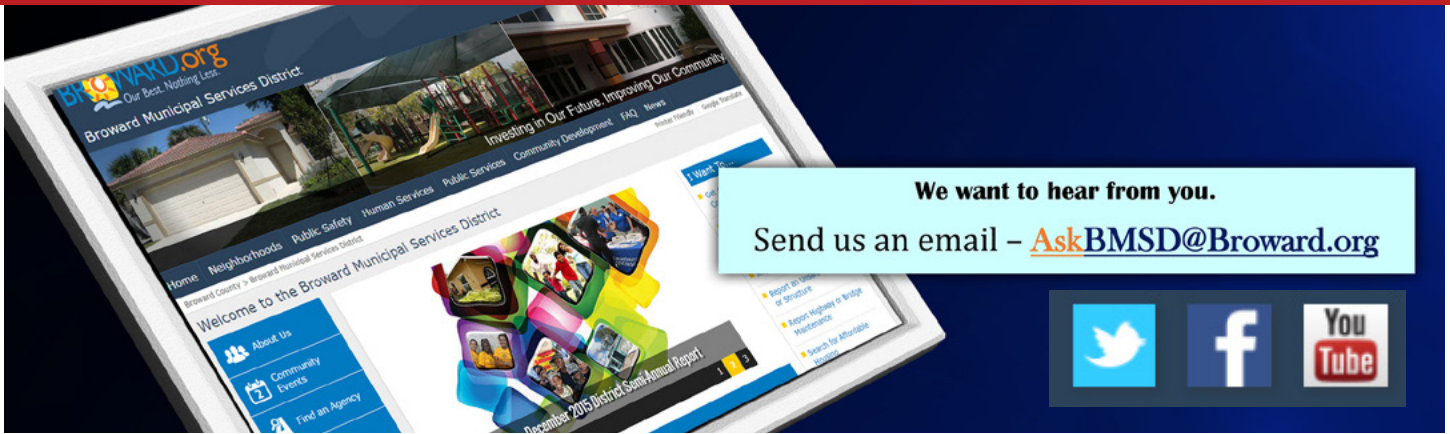
Broward County Emergency Management Division conducted a survey to better understand resident emergency preparedness needs. The brief, confidential survey provided residents with the opportunity to tell the County what their needs are and how to best communicate with them during emergency situations. It provided the County with detailed household data essential to emergency management planning.

Comprehensive Zoning Code Update Underway

Planning and Development Management is drafting a comprehensive rewrite of zoning codes to meet current community redevelopment and economic development needs. The proposal includes more flexibility in land use and development review processes; relevant recent case law and streamlined zoning district updates to Broward County Zoning Codes; and minimum standards for building design. Proposed updates will be considered for adoption during the fall of 2016.

Educating Residents on Flood Insurance

The BMSD’s Community Rating System Class 7 enables residents to receive flood insurance premium discounts of up to 15 percent per year. In June 2016, a flood news brochure was mailed to property owners and renters, with information on flood maps, flood insurance, flood safety, flood plain management, flood mitigation assistance, and financial assistance. Additional information on flood insurance, property flood protection measures and financial assistance was mailed to residents living near properties experiencing repeated flood losses.



Staying Connected in the BMSD

The County expanded options to stay connected with BMSD residents. AskBMSD@Broward.org provides a direct line of e-mail communication to County Administration. Questions, suggestions and comments are responded to within 24 hours.

The BMSD website, Broward.org/MunicipalServicesDistrict, provides residents with a centralized source of timely and helpful community information, including neighborhood news and events, resource information and the latest Semi-Annual BMSD Report.

The County launched official Broward Municipal Services District (BMSD) social media accounts on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [YouTube](#). These new social media accounts build BMSD's online presence beyond the Broward.org/MunicipalServicesDistrict website. Through social media, BMSD engages more directly with residents, businesses, stakeholders and community partners. Connect with the BMSD on one or more of its social media platforms and keep up-to-date with all of the latest news, events and much more.

Hurricane Preparedness Awareness Campaign

The 2nd Annual Hurricane Open House was held on Saturday, May 14th, at the African-American Research Library and Cultural Center. The special event provided hundreds of residents with information on emergency preparedness, with a special focus on hurricane season. The program was a successful partnership between County agencies and community partners, including Broward Sheriff's Office, American Red Cross, Florida Power & Light, and the Florida Department of Health in Broward.

We want to hear from you.
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Emergency preparedness kits were distributed, along with instructions on how to register for emergency services and receive alerts, and instructions from experts on how to survive a disaster.

Promoting BMSD Improvements

A communications campaign about the BMSD is airing prior to Tuesday's County Commission meetings on cable television and AT&T Uverse. The campaign's theme is "Investing in Our Future. Improving Our Community." It features a rotation of visuals depicting major community improvements and updates. For details of live government meeting coverage visit Broward.org/Commission/Meetings and select **MEETING VIEWING OPTIONS**.

Safe Routes Broward Pilot Program

The County launched the Safe Routes Broward (SRB) pilot program. SRB utilizes a free app that enables mobile and online users to report non-emergency safety issues in the Central County and Broadview Park neighborhoods. This venture is the result of a partnership between Broward County, Broward Regional Health Planning Council and Urban Health Partnership, as a component of the Healthy Community Zone initiative. The community driven app uses GPS to identify the user's location and allows direct interaction with responding agencies via comments and progress reports.

Residents can help improve their community in a few quick and easy steps via phone or computer. It is a free download from Android and Apple App stores. The SRB pilot program is available through September 29, 2017 **Funded in part by TOUCH Technical Assistance Grant of \$100,000.**



Investing in Our Community



New Neighborhood Entryway Signs

The County approved improvements or replacements as needed for all neighborhood entryway signs including new designs, repair, pressure washing and painting. For example, four replacement signs were installed in Boulevard Gardens, one in Washington Park, and two new signs constructed for Hillsboro Pines. Completion of neighborhood sign improvements expected by fall 2016. **Estimated \$43,000 Investment.**

Public Art for Dillard Greenspace

The Public Art & Design Committee and the Broward Cultural Council approved public art titled *As One*, by artist Blessing Hancock, for the Dillard Greenspace. A member for the Central County community served on the artist selection panel for this project. The artist met with the Central County Community Advisory Board, distributed surveys, created community art activities for children at all Central County neighborhood community centers, and engaged Dillard High School students for design of artwork. Survey responses and a visit to the Old Dillard Museum inspired the artist to use Adinkra symbols used in Kente cloth designs to reflect the community's intrinsic spirit. Dillard High School students and their art teacher contributed to the design of decorative perforations for the sculpture. The artwork gives community children a visual expression of their voices. Installation scheduled for December 2016. **Estimated investment of \$80,000.**

Transforming the “Tater Town” Site

Broward County's Office of Economic and Small Business Development (OESBD) began marketing the 1.19 acre site formerly known as “Tater Town,” located at 329 NW 27th Avenue in the BMSD, as “For Sale.” The sign depicts possible uses for the now vacant lot. The County will work with potential private sector buyers to produce a quality development for the BMSD Central County area. **Estimated \$304,070 Investment.**

Economic Development Program Toolbox

Office of Economic and Small Business Development held a business owner's meeting on June 30th at the African-American Research Library and Cultural Center, to teach business owners how they can improve their properties with matching grants.

As part of its “Economic Plan for BMSD,” OESBD is working with the Purchasing and Construction Management divisions to procure architectural and engineering services through County-certified Small Business Enterprises for various pilot projects. Upon completion of pilot project design work, OESBD will seek Board approval to begin improvements in the fall of 2016. **Estimated \$3.8 million investment**

New Community Center for Lafayette Hart Park

Construction of a new community center began in June at Lafayette Hart neighborhood park located in Washington Park. Amenities include a new computer lab, built-in storage, and 1,464-square-feet of open activity space. Broward County is collaborating with the Washington Park homeowner's association on a program schedule. A new playground was installed earlier this year. Other improvements to Lafayette Hart Park include additional parking, a new restroom, gazebo, play equipment, landscaping and irrigation system. **Estimated investment of \$470,000.**



Franklin Park Estates

Prospective new homeowners welcomed into Franklin Park Estates. Broward County, in partnership with the Housing Finance Authority of Broward County, the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development jointly funded the construction of 18 new homes. The attractive and energy-efficient three-bedroom, two-car garage homes will enhance the single-family residential character of this community. Several of the County's Housing Finance and Community Development Division funding programs, including Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnerships and State Housing Initiatives Partnership, utilized to provide purchase assistance to qualified income-eligible homebuyers. **Estimated \$3.4 million Investment.**

Hillsboro Pines Neighborhood Waste Water Project

Hillsboro Pines neighborhood is receiving improvements to their waste water system and infrastructure that include potable water distribution system, sanitary sewers, two sewage lift stations, storm water drainage, pavement restoration and swale reshaping. Project scope includes 4,000 linear feet of 24-inch reclaimed water main for future system expansion. Project completion expected by December 2017. **Estimated \$8,822,000 Investment.**

Residential Construction Mitigation Program

The State of Florida Division of Emergency Management awarded a grant to Broward County for the residential mitigation of homes in the BMSD. Funds will be used to assist homeowners with income eligible households to mitigate their homes against future hurricanes through the installation of new impact windows and doors, construction and/or hardening of roofs and other retrofit improvements. The County's Housing Finance and Community Development Division will manage this program. **Estimated \$194,000 Investment.**

New Homes - Affordable Housing in Washington Park

The County awarded five lots to Habitat for Humanity of Broward County, Inc., to construct three and four bedroom single-family homes (minimum 1,500 square-feet). Construction expected to begin summer 2017. Broward County Housing Finance and Community Development Division will manage this affordable housing project, which promotes sustainability and community redevelopment in the BMSD. **Estimated \$950,000 Investment.**



Washington Park Drainage Improvements

Broward County Highway and Bridge Maintenance Division (HBMD) alleviated excessive flooding along and near NW Ninth Street between NW 30th Avenue and NW 29th Terrace in Washington Park. The project increased the capacity of the existing drainage system. Construction included installing new pipes and drainage structures, restoring impacted pavement and driveways, and installing a check valve to the outfall pipe to prevent backflow from the North Fork New River. Residents were engaged in the process. The project concluded in June 2016. **Estimated \$175,000 investment.**

Speed Humps in Washington Park

The County responded to requests from residents of the Washington Park Civic Association to reduce speeding through the residential neighborhood. Results of Broward County Traffic Engineering Division's traffic study analysis and required petitions supported installation of speed humps along NW Ninth Place and NW Ninth Court. Project underway with completion expected fall 2016. **Estimated \$20,000 investment.**

ADA Improvements at Bus Stops

The Transportation Department is making improvements at 17 bus stops in the BMSD, including the addition of ADA landings pads, adjacent sidewalk connectors and curb ramps, as needed. Designs are complete for 15 of the 17 bus stops and permits have been obtained for seven stops. Completion of the first phase of stop improvements in Roosevelt Gardens is expected by fall 2016. Completion of 10 stops is expected in fiscal year 2017. **Total estimated investment is \$100,000.**

WalkSafe Program

The WalkSafe Program is a new initiative of the BMSD Healthy Community Zone. Through collaboration with traffic planners, the Broward County Public Schools and the community, the Healthy Community Zone adds another component to creating safe routes to schools and neighborhood parks. Nearly all of BMSD Central County and Broadview Park elementary school students walk or ride bicycles to school. This comprehensive three-day curriculum educates students (elementary to high school) and the community on how to prevent injuries caused by traffic hazards and collisions. Through WalkSafe, the Healthy Community Zone encourages physical activity and traffic safety while advocating for infrastructure improvements.



8th Annual Broward AWARE!

Broward AWARE! Protecting Our Children Resource Fair took place on April 16th at Delevoe Park. The Countywide community outreach event provided resource and educational information to more than 500 children and adults, regarding the importance of children growing up in a safe, healthy environment. More than 50 community partners contributed to the event's success including the Nancy J. Cotterman Center, Broward Regional Health Planning Council, 2-1-1 Broward, Children's Services Council, Feeding South Florida, Broward Sheriff's Office and Broward County Public Schools.

Biking is Big in the BMSD

At the *Second Annual Bike for Life* event at Delevoe Park, 120 Spring Break Camp participants received bicycle and helmet safety training. This year's event highlighted the unveiling of a new Bike Fix-It Station at the park - donated and installed in partnership with FLIPANY (Florida Introduces Physical Activity and Nutrition to Youth). Bicyclists can now ride with confidence knowing that the fix-it station is nearby with tools to pump air into bicycle tires, change a flat, adjust brakes, etc. The value of FLIPANY'S donation, including installation, **estimated at \$1,400.**

Safety stations throughout the park included "Pedestrian and Bike Safety" presentations by Broward Sheriff Fire Rescue & Emergency Services Department, "Bike Fix it" tutorial presented by FLIPANY, "Go-Slow-Whoa and Healthy Eating," and "Bicycle Safety Course." The County provided bicycles for kids to complete the Bike Safety Obstacle Course. Giveaways included six new bicycles, helmets and locks.

FPL Volunteers Beautify Lewis-Chisholm Park

On March 5, 2016 Florida Power and Light Company (FPL) volunteers transformed the Lewis-Chisholm open space park by laying sod, spreading mulch and planting Florida native trees, flowers and shrubs. Trash and debris was removed from the neighboring banks of the North Fork River. FPL's selection of Lewis-Chisholm Park for its 2016 *Power to Care Day* included a monetary donation **(\$1,000)** to cover the cost of landscaping materials purchased from a BMSD business.

Fourth Annual Boys Day Out

This annual program was presented on March 18th by the County's Neighborhood Parks Afterschool Program in partnership with the Cub Scouts at Camp Elmore. Participants age six to 17 received team building and leadership training. Teams designed a shield to signify the core strength of their group. The boys spent the day engaging in life skill challenges applied through fishing, archery, using a sling-shot, hiking, and survival skills.

"Hot Food Hot Topics" at Franklin Park

Now in its second year, BMSD Parks and the Broward County School Board Office of Parent Engagement provided 50 free, hot and healthy meals to families. Participants also enjoyed an interactive presentation on fun ways to continue learning and stay safe during the summer. The African-American Research Library and Cultural Center, Broward Sheriff's Office and SWIM Central staff presented helpful information on many topics including how to access free swim lessons.



MLK Day of Service

Each January, the County’s neighborhood parks’ Afterschool Program sponsors this event to honor the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Participants pledge to serve their community. Youth removed trash and palm fronds from around the lake and beautified the landscaping in Delevoe Park. Participants completed craft projects for dogs, which were donated to a local animal shelter. A Day of Service commemorative bench was decorated with children’s painted hand prints. Free lunch was provided.

Black History Month

Celebrations in the neighborhood parks’ Afterschool Program included a field trip and tour of the Old Dillard Museum. Participants visited the first school for African-American students in Fort Lauderdale and learned that the museum provides a valuable resource to historians and visitors interested in Black history. Youth learned about the rich culture and history of neighborhoods. The museum has become a historical landmark and education center operated by the Broward Public School System.

Free Afterschool and Summer Break Programs

Youth ages 6 to 17 are provided a safe environment to learn and participate in fitness and wellness activities at parks in the BMSD. Free healthy lunch and snacks are provided daily through a partnership with the School Board of Broward County. Activities include arts and crafts, guest speakers, teen sports leagues, fishing clinics, SWIM Central, Paw Hero program, field trips, Broward Star Time Talent Competition, End of Summer David Deal Play Day and a summer barbeque.

Summer Youth Employment Program

Eighteen Broward County youth earned wages at BMSD parks through CareerSource Broward’s Summer Youth Employment Program. Additionally, high school students are encouraged to earn community service hours while providing support to park staff.

Sistrunk Parade

Community residents joined County staff in the annual Sistrunk celebration to march with the BMSD community banner and hand out Healthy Community Zone (HCZ) education materials. The BMSD HCZ teamed with Nova Southeastern University Cessation Outreach to provide an array of tobacco free and healthy living literature. Dozens of residents and parade goers visited the BMSD Healthy Community Zone tent.

Focus Groups Explore Community Safety

The BMSD, in partnership with the YMCA, conducted community focus groups at the Franklin Park community center. Residents from all four BMSD Central County neighborhoods participated in the anonymous survey about community safety. Findings provided insight on how residents perceive neighborhood transportation, and identified facilities and businesses that are considered safe havens. The County will incorporate community input and data to create markers and identify safe places in Central County.

Outdoor Fitness/Exercise Center

In June, the BMSD Healthy Community Zone received a grant award from The Health Foundation



of South Florida to purchase and install outdoor fitness/exercise equipment in Delevoe Park. In collaboration with TOUCH Broward, BMSD Healthy Community Zone Healthy Eating and Active Living workgroup submitted the grant application. The total **investment of \$54,090** provides free and convenient access to fitness and exercise equipment for BMSD families.

Art at Work Workshops

Broward County's Cultural Division introduced a series of workshops led by award-winning Marty Pottenger. *Art At Work* is a national initiative demonstrating that artmaking is a valuable, cost-effective, sustainable tool to address inflexible municipal problems, deepen cross-cultural understanding among public service workers, improve police force morale and raise public awareness and appreciation for the role of government. Participants learned how to integrate the arts into the Broward County Healthy Community Zone initiatives. Residents, Healthy Community Zone workgroups and partners discussed how to heal communities collaboratively through arts and dialogue.

Healthy Eating and Tobacco Free Living

The Tobacco Free workgroup presented a Happy Healthy Heart & Lungs community outreach on May 14th in Delevoe Park. BMSD Healthy Community Zone partnered with the Broward County School Board Prevention Team's Sweet and Delicious group, Dillard High Good Neighbor Store / SWAT (Students Working Against Tobacco), Nova Southeastern University Tobacco Cessation Outreach and United Way Commission to engage the community on the benefits of healthy eating and a tobacco-free lifestyle.

Boys and Girls Club Renovations Underway

Renovation is underway at the Dr. Harold Reitman Boys and Girls Club, for an outdoor basketball court, with new paved asphalt and lighting.

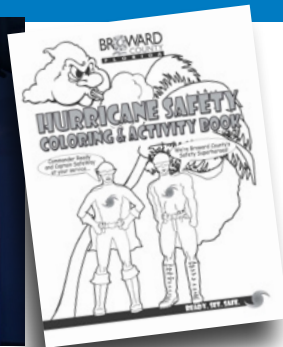
Boys and Girls Club Events

Eleven club members attended the Darius Butler Football Camp and 10 attended the Brandon Knight Basketball Skills & Drills two-day camp. Both events promoted fitness and development of athletic potential. Keystone Club & Torch Club won several local awards in education, community service with national recognition for their Future Readiness project.

The program provided parents and their children with an affordable, healthy and safe environment for summer break. For the first time in the program's history, the Boys and Girls Club of Broward County served hot meals every day during the summer. An average of 126 club members received five hot meals daily.

New Portable Spay/Neuter Unit

A state-of-the-art Portable Spay/Neuter Unit was installed in Delevoe Park through a partnership between Broward County Animal Care and Adoption and the Humane Society of Broward County. Families in the BMSD can take their pets to Delevoe Park, by appointment, for spay/neuter surgeries. Community/neighborhood cats can also be taken in for spay/neuter services.



New Law Targets Human Trafficking

On January 12, 2016, Broward County Commissioners passed a law to require that signs with information on how to prevent human trafficking be posted in adult entertainment venues such as strip clubs and at businesses offering massages or other bodywork services that are not owned by a health care professional as defined by Florida law. The signs provide information in English and Spanish defining human trafficking and include the National Human Trafficking Resource Center 24-hour hotline and texting information.

Hurricane Event at Museum of Discovery and Science

Broward County co-hosted the *Eye of the Storm: Hurricane Science Mitigation and Preparedness* on Saturday, June 4th at the Museum of Science and Discovery. This community public safety event was sponsored by Florida Division of Emergency Management and the Florida International University's International Hurricane Research Center. Other partners included Broward County Emergency Management and City of Fort Lauderdale Emergency Management. Hurricane Preparedness activities included interactive weather briefings and demonstrations by local meteorologists, presentations by FIU Wall of Wind researchers, NOAA's Hurricane Hunters, and pet preparedness tips. Over 2,300 people participated in this community event

“NO PARKING” Signage

In response to the community's concern about increasing parking violations and public nuisances, Broward County installed heavy-duty “NO PARKING” signs in the Washington Park neighborhood to assist with traffic enforcement near NW 9th Place and NW 9th Street along NW 30th Avenue. **Estimated \$4,140 investment.**

Zika Virus Briefing

On May 26th, Broward County Emergency Management Division and Highway and Bridge Maintenance Division's Mosquito Control Section hosted a Zika virus briefing in partnership with the Florida Department of Health. The multi-agency collaboration invited Broward County Municipal Code Enforcement personnel to an educational seminar on the Zika virus and mosquito control methods providing expert guidance, flyers and reference tools on how to decrease mosquito breeding, and minimize potential to contract and spread the Zika virus. To prevent the spread of the Zika virus in Broward, Mosquito Control has expanded its spraying services and door-to-door community outreach efforts.

Reducing Mosquito Breeding Conditions

The tropical conditions that we enjoy in this region of the country, also create favorable conditions for mosquitoes. To help combat mosquitoes, during inspections, County inspectors deposit non-toxic mosquito tablets that control larvae and last for up to 30 days into abandoned pools and other outdoor fixtures with standing water.

Emergency Preparedness

Broward's Emergency Management Division coordinated initiatives to enhance the County's ability to respond to emergencies impacting the BMSD. Training and access to WebEOC, the County's incident management system, was extended to include the BMSD liaison. The BMSD now has access to the same information in WebEOC as other County municipalities. The Division also worked to ensure that there is community awareness of grant funding and education for preparedness events and FEMA recovery related programs. The County coordinated with the Florida Department of Children and Families to identify grant funded programs that address



'at-risk' youth population, to help ensure that BMSD is on track for the next cycle of grant funding opportunities and subsequent applications.

Code Enforcement Connecting with Residents

Code Enforcement officers distributed magnets as reminders of issues enforced by Broward County Code Enforcement. Residents are encouraged to call the County's Call Center at 311 to request code enforcement inspections in BMSD neighborhoods.

Taking Aim at Illegal Display of Vehicles

Broward County Code inspectors received training by the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles' Bureau of Dealer Services for Unlicensed Vehicle Dealers on state law aimed at protecting consumers and preventing prohibited activities of motor vehicles dealers. Training equipped BMSD Code Enforcement inspectors to pursue enforcement against illegal parking and display of vehicles for sale ("curbstoning") including associated penalties and right to tow improperly displayed vehicles. Code Enforcement placarded more than 27 vehicles and is working with the Broward Sheriff's Office and Florida Division of Motorists to achieve compliance.

Educating the Community on Property Maintenance

Code inspectors educate property owners about property maintenance standards and work with them to meet code requirements. As part of the Broward County Residential Rental Registration and Inspection Program, landlords are required to pass an annual inspection of their property exteriors.

Tenants are more aware of their role in correct property maintenance and being a good neighbor. Exterior maintenance violations have significantly reduced.

Improved maintenance of property grounds increases property values, demonstrates community pride, and promotes an attractive and healthy environment.

Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO) Activities

The Community Affairs Unit engaged in various activities throughout the BMSD including the African-American Research Library and Cultural Center, Franklin Park, Roosevelt Gardens, Delevoe Park and the Urban League. Community engagement and outreach programs included: safety briefing with workers at Delevoe Park, donated and delivered bicycle helmets for Broward County Parks, safety briefings with social workers at Mills Center, Boulevard Gardens Park Safety Briefing Summer Youth Camp, Drug Resistance and Education (Urban League), hurricane preparedness at the African-American Research Library and Cultural Center, Law Enforcement and Me seminar (for teenagers) at the Urban League, Anti-Bullying Rally (Parks), and more. All activities inspire positive interactions between the community and Law Enforcement to highlight safety.

Fire and Children Safety Programs

BSO continues to make significant impacts in both the Broadview and Central County areas. Community residents received assistance and one-on-one instruction with 28 car seat installations. In March, Life Safety Educators and representatives from Fire Rescue and Law Enforcement participated in the *Bike for Life*



Event held at Delevoe Park. Approximately 200 school age children were educated in the safe operation and proper care of bicycles in addition to being custom fitted with helmets.

In April, forty students from 9th – 12th grade received coaching by Life Safety Educators and Mothers Against Drunk Drivers (MADD) personnel at the Harold Reitman Boys and Girls Clubs, on the dangers of distracted driving habits. Spring Break Camp participants were given life skills training and tools to combat and prevent underage drinking.

Renovations to Fire Station 23

Steps to make renovations to Fire Station 23 continue to move forward. The County accepted a proposal for DuBois Construction Services for the renovations to the fire station. County staff is moving forward with issuing a purchase order and notice to proceed to the contractor. Renovations will include replacing the roof, replacing the existing air conditioning units, adding attic insulation, implementing a few minor life safety improvements, renovations to the bathrooms, creation of a separate sleeping area, and repairs to the kitchen. The estimated investment for all improvements is **\$180,000.**

Fire Safety Educational Programs

In May, BSO Fire launched Operation S.A.F.E. (Self-defense Awareness & Familiarization Exchange) in Broadview Park. This program helps educate residents, one-on-one, on proper working smoke alarms and how to survive a fire emergency. This initiative was a joint effort with the American Red Cross, Team BSO, and several other partners. A total of 610 homes were canvassed, 269 residents educated and 295 smoke alarms properly installed.

Acknowledgment

Thank you to all the agencies from the Broward Municipal Services District (BMSD) Internal Committee for providing information for this report. This joint coalition of County agencies and community partners works together to support investments, programs and services for the BMSD neighborhoods.

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TOUCH Broward





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Kids take part in "Bike for Life" program.