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Broward County Commission, District 6

May is here and now is the time to make a big splash, in a pool of course! Pack a picnic basket; take your children and grandchildren, family and friends and head to one of Broward County's two great water parks nearby. It's a great way to enjoy the day!

Castaway Island at T.Y. Park awaits your arrival. The water park features two water playgrounds (one geared toward very young children), six waterslides and a swimming pool with a waterfall. It's now open weekdays from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. with extended hours on the weekend from 9:20 a.m. to 5:20 p.m. If you're so inclined you can also rent a kayak, canoe, paddleboat or Jon boat on the weekend from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Fees for the water park and the boats vary so call 954-985-1980 for more information or visit www.broward.org/parks. T.Y. Park is located at 3300 N. Park Rd. in Hollywood.

If you live closer to Pembroke Pines, you must visit the Paradise Cove Water Park located within C.B. Smith Park. The features include two large water playgrounds, a meandering rushing water tube ride, and two 450-foot water slides. One of the water playgrounds is designed for toddlers and the other is designed for older "kids." This aquatics facility is phenomenal and must be seen to be appreciated! Again, fees and hours of operation vary so please visit www.broward.org/parks or call 954-437-2650. C.B. Smith Park is located at 900 N. Flamingo Road in Pembroke Pines.

Broward County has always placed a priority on preserving and maintaining our parks and natural resources. We've now developed a "Go Green" webpage that details many of the actions that the County is taking to reduce energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions. The website also offers tips on what residents and businesses can do to "go green." You can click on the "Go Green" icon when you visit my webpage at www.broward.org/sue.

While you're there, please don't forget take the 2010 budget survey! I need to know what programs and services are most important to you and what you wouldn't mind doing without as the Commission works to prepare the Fiscal Year 2010 budget.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact my staff at (954) 357-7006 or e-mail me at sgunzburger@broward.org.

I would like to wish you a Happy Mother's Day, a safe and enjoyable Memorial Day and many Happy Days in May!