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.
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.
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.

BEFORE

AFTER

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 vehicle 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.
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.
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.