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Investing in Our Future. Improving Our Community.

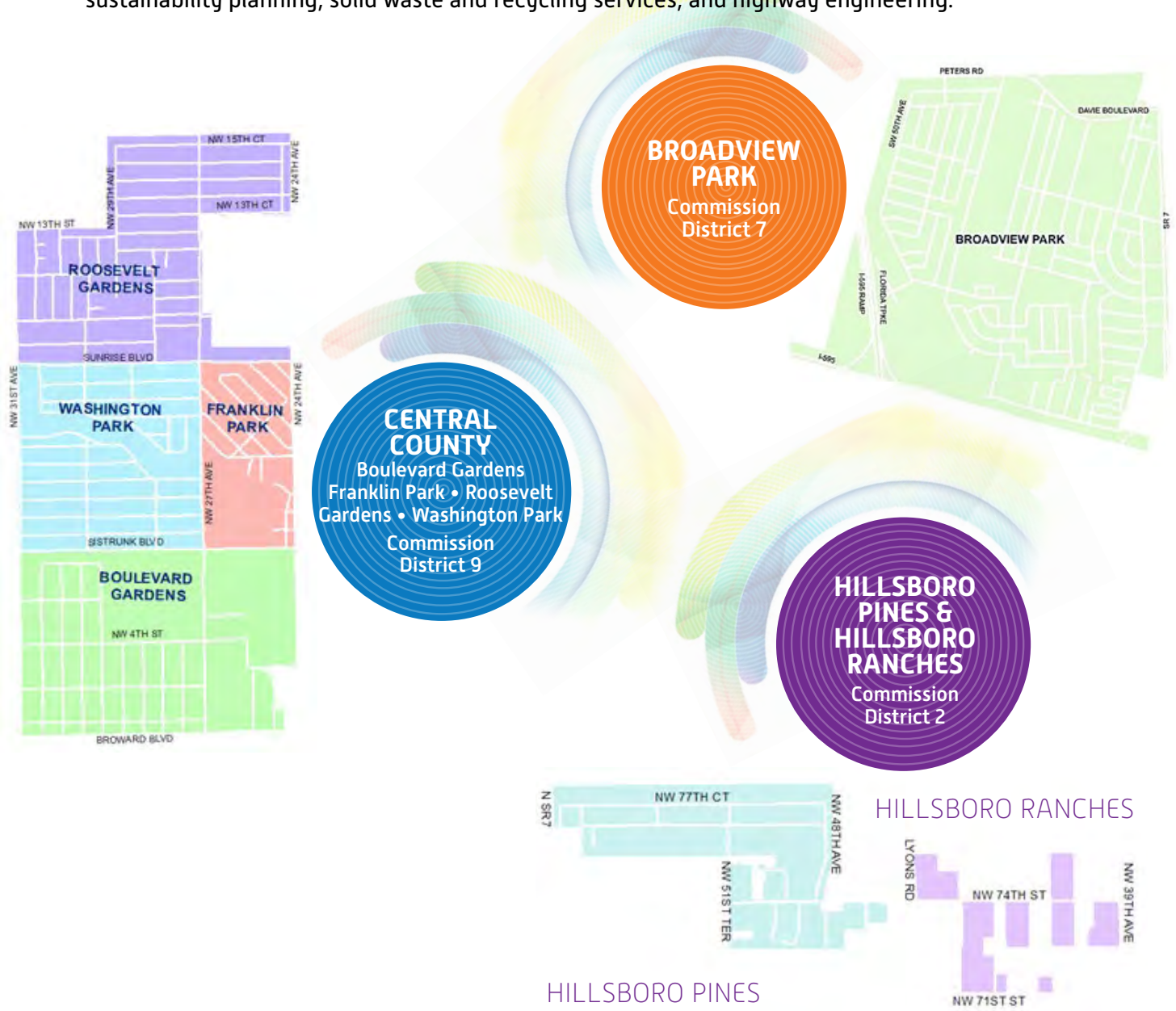


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Broward Municipal Services District - Neighborhoods

The [Broward Municipal Services District](#), Unincorporated Broward County, consists of 11.4 square miles and has a population of approximately 15,872.*

The Broward County Commission serves as the local government and municipal authority. Services provided by the County include business and housing developments, library and wellness programs, neighborhood parks and community assets, zoning and code enforcement, sustainability planning, solid waste and recycling services, and highway engineering.



* Source: Population data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2013-2017, American Community Survey. Land area was updated by using Planning and Development Management Division, GIS Section's latest annexation information (August 2018). More detailed BMSD Community Profiles are available [here](#).

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Broward Municipal Services District Highlights

This Semi-Annual Report highlights accomplishments as well as projects underway in the Broward Municipal Services District (BMSD), from June through December 2018, in the following areas. This report is 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.

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Office of Economic and Small Business Development

The Broward Municipal Services District (BMSD) Economic Development Program makes progress with more approved projects and interest from business owners and investors. This program enables enhancements to businesses located on the commercial corridors of the BMSD for the purpose of private investment and employment opportunities and is one of several programs within the Office of Economic and Small Business Development (OESBD) delivering resources for growth and expansion. The purpose of the program is to spur development, eliminate blight and support existing businesses in the BMSD by assisting them in making improvements to their commercial properties through grant funding. **Investment of \$3,800,000.**



The BMSD Has Room2Grow!

The **Room2Grow Academy** is the first participant of the BMSD Economic Development Program to begin construction, which is expected to be completed by summer 2019 and is the second County Commission approved pilot project program. Owners of Room2Grow Academy are transforming and repurposing a vacant structure at 2826 West Sunrise Boulevard into a mid-sized child care facility that will provide day and night care services for toddlers and school-aged children. Additional offerings include a curriculum-based education, after-school care, youth life skills and tutoring services, and transportation. Welcome Room2Grow to the BMSD community!

Façade grants, redevelopment grants, and demolition grants are three components of the County-sponsored program designed to improve the appearance and functionality of businesses along the commercial corridors within the District. Five additional applicants are in the design phase of the program and nineteen applications are being reviewed. **Investment \$200,000.**



JDR One Shopping Center

Proposed for NW 27th Avenue, this highly anticipated commercial center will soon replace aging and underutilized structures between NW 7th Street and 7th Court along 27th Avenue and heralds more successes of the BMSD Economic Development Program. Demolition of the blighted structures began in December 2018. The proposal by local developer, Yakut Properties, for the new center featuring eight stores averaging 500 square feet each was presented to the County’s Site Plan Review Committee for evaluation and design approval. The shopping center is expected to attract new customers and capital to the area and provide more opportunities for residents to invest in the economic vitality of the community. Additional benefits include the complement to the upcoming NW 27th Avenue Improvements (Safe Streets) Project with more streetscape beautification and highway enhancements. **Investment amount under review.**

5-Module Business Seminar

Under the direction of the Office of Economic and Small Business Development and Broward SCORE, the 5-module “Simple Steps for Starting Your Business” seminar-like sessions were held on Saturdays at the African-American Research Library and Cultural Center. The sessions gave prospective business owners and entrepreneurs within the BMSD free professional consultation. Participants were guided through the process of drafting a business model, financial and marketing plan, and estimating startup costs. Schedules were strategically designed to consider the weekly time constraints for aspiring entrepreneurs who are also employed. Congratulations to seven of the twenty-three residents from the District who completed all modules! **The series was supported and underwritten by The Florida Community Bank.**



BROWARD MUNICIPAL SERVICES DISTRICT

Broward Municipal Services District (BMSD), formerly known as Unincorporated Broward County, consists of 11+ square miles of family-friendly communities and has a population of approximately 15,000 residents. There are 7 neighborhoods in the BMSD.



BMSD Business Directory

The Office of Economic and Small Business Development in coordination with the Planning and Development Management Division (PDMD) provides a convenient online directory of businesses operating within the BMSD. Business owners in the BMSD are encouraged to contact OESBD for information on how to get their business listed in the [Directory](#).

Social Enterprise

OIC of South Florida's (OIC-SFL) Social Enterprise division (OIC Strategic Integration) is a for-profit division that offers workforce options and supports the needs of the business community. Implementation of the Social Enterprise's Transitional Employment Pilot Program includes job training and employment opportunities to returning citizens, individuals with disabilities, and residents within the Broward Municipal Services District. Within two years, in partnership with Broward County Transit (BCT) and ARC of Broward, the program delivered job-ready applicants who provided stellar services that improved the cleanliness of BCT buses and shelters, removed graffiti on traffic engineering equipment, and sidewalk pressure cleaning.



OIC of South Florida beautifying the bus shelters in Broward County so patrons can have a clean and safe ride (pictured Nema Smith, OIC-SI Project Manager)

Program Highlights

- 7 Bus Yard Locations
- 400 Bus Fleet Maintenance
- 48 Part-time Employees Hired
- 89% Customer Satisfaction Rating

Program Achievements

- Employees OSHA Certified by OIC-SFL
- 10 Employees Promoted to Supervisory Positions
- 7 Employees Promoted to Permanent County Positions

Approximate investment \$2,195,522.



Most recent group of OIC-SFL employees promoted to permanent Broward County positions. Pictured from left to right: Darius Fletcher, Nicholas Gram, Alexander Cummings, Joy Washington, Newton B. Sanon, OIC President & CEO, Sandra Gadson, Program Assistant, and Rodney Barlette, Program Manager.

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Employment Self-Sufficiency Program

This fully implemented program provides jobs for eligible residents seeking employment and a variety of vocational and job readiness training including soft skills development. Program participants earn wages performing tasks that reduce blight in their community. **Estimated investment \$458,760.**

Digital Divide Program

This program provides an avenue to reduce the digital divide in low-income households by offering free T-Mobile tablets and data service to eligible families. Convenient checkout at Broward County Libraries. The Broward County Commission voted to provide the tablets with pre-paid data connecting residents and students to digital resources for employment, education, and family support. **Approved investment \$93,600.**



Tree Pruning and Assistance

On May 8, 2018, the Commission approved an ordinance with provisions for funding assistance to owners of private residential property within the BMSD for the remedial trimming, pruning, or removal of trees that could cause power outages because of interference with power lines. The Planning and Development Management Division, NatureScape, and Florida Power & Light untied to educate residents and property owners about Right Tree, Right Place guidelines, best practices for tree trimming, how to prepare trees for severe weather conditions, and the process to apply for funding assistance. Property owners are actively submitting applications and inquiring about pro-actively increasing the community's ability to prepare and recover after a severe storm. Processes to disburse reimbursement to property owners are in place and ready for implementation. **\$50,000 invested** to fund reimbursement assistance on a first-come, first-qualified basis.



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Affordable Housing

Strategic plans to construct more affordable housing in the District are moving forward. On December 8, 2015, the County Commission approved the conveyance of six buildable parcels in Washington Park to Habitat for Humanity of Broward, Inc. for development of minimum square footage of 1,500, two-car garage homes with down payment assistance. Certificates of Occupancy were obtained for five of the homes, four have been purchased, and one is in the final purchasing process. Each of the six parcel conveyed to Habitat for Humanity is valued at \$10,000. **Total land value \$60,000.**



The Board of County Commissioners approved the conveyance of 40 parcels for construction of more affordable homes. Forty new homeowners purchased minimum 1500 square feet, three-bedroom, two bath and two car garage customized homes in the Central County area. Additionally, the County provided predevelopment funding and buyer purchase assistance for each home. With seventeen of the forty homes actively under construction, the neighborhoods are energized by the progressive improvements. Certificates of Occupancy were obtained on four homes with three of the four having closed with new homeowners. Closing on at least five more homes expected as construction nears completion.

The Urban League of Broward County (ULBC) is one of ten non-profit developers constructing new affordable homes in the BMSD. The League hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony on Friday, July 13th in Washington Park to celebrate four of the ten families who realized the dream of homeownership because of the Urban League of Broward's partnership with the County. In attendance to congratulate the new homeowners were Broward County Commissioner Dale V.C. Holness; Broward County Assistant Administrator (and Urban League Board Member) Alphonso Jefferson; Dr. Germaine Smith-Baugh, ULBC President and CEO; and other guests. Congratulations to the new homeowners and welcome to the District!

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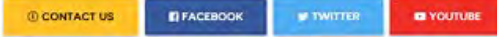
BMSD Minor Home Repair Program

Launched in 2017, the program offers free exterior painting, minor repairs, and landscape enhancements for homeowners and residents throughout the BMSD. In addition to the free services, this partnership with Rebuilding Together Broward inspires community building and volunteerism. The block rebuilds attract hundreds of volunteers eager to help neighbors improve the aesthetic appeal and safety of their homes. In 2018, twenty-two homeowners received varying types of services including roof, carport, fascia board, and ramp repairs at zero cost to the homeowners. The partnership leverages the County's investment by increasing the number of home improvement projects and amount of blight removed from the community. Through Rebuilding Together Broward, the BMSD neighborhoods gained community partners like the Love South Florida Campaign with Church United that facilitated two-hundred volunteers for eight exterior painting and landscape enhancement projects on November 10th in Boulevard Gardens. These high-energy events transform the neighborhood block rebuilds into community celebrations. **Investment \$10,000.**



PUBLIC ART & DESIGN

Broward Cultural Division, the County's local arts agency, enhances the community's cultural environment through the development of the arts with grants, public art, education, advocacy and events.



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During the summer of 2018, the Cultural Division created the [Public Art in BMSD](#) webpage of all public art projects commissioned for locations in the Broward Municipal Services District. The page highlights the locations where public art adds beauty and tranquility to communal spaces. [Ruth Burotte](#), youngest artist ever commissioned by the Broward County Public Art Program is the featured artist for the Urban Treasures project that transformed metal traffic signal cabinets into artworks in Central County and Broadview Park.



More BMSD community inspired public art is planned for NW 27th Avenue in conjunction with the Safe Streets Project. Free standing sculptures will be installed along the northwest corner of the green space at the African-American Research Library and Cultural Center. After engagements with participants in the BMSD neighborhood parks youth and senior programs, Dillard High School Advanced Art Program students, community Poetry Slam event, and research with Old Dillard Museum staff, the artist presented the proposed design to the Central County Community Advisory Board. **Investment \$220,000.**

Each element resonates the history, culture, and sentiments shared by BMSD residents and stakeholders and serves to enhance the street experience for motorist, cyclists, and pedestrians.

Urban Treasures

A collaborative public art project by Ruth Burotte (commissioned artist) with David Tamfee and Mariana Espinosa that transformed traffic signal cabinet boxes from graffiti-laden metal structures into vivid expressions of the surrounding neighborhood. **Investment \$20,000.**

The displays beautify the following intersections:

- Broadview Park - State Rd. 7 & Davie Blvd Ext.
- Broadview Park - Davie Blvd. & SW 46th Ave.
- Broadview Park - Davie Blvd. Ext. & Peters Rd.
- Boulevard Gardens - W. Broward Blvd. & NW 27th Ave.
- Roosevelt Gardens - W. Sunrise Blvd. & NW 24th Ave.
- Roosevelt Gardens - W. Sunrise Blvd. & NW 27th Ave.
- Washington Park - NW 27th Ave. & Sistrunk Blvd. (NW 6th St.)
- Washington Park - NW 31st Ave. & NW 6th St.





Harold Reitman Boys and Girls Club Mural Public Art Project from the Broward County Cultural Division will enhance the streetscapes and the aesthetic appeal facing W. Broward Boulevard and NW 1st Street within BMSD Central County. The commissioned artist consulted with the Boys & Girls Club leadership to integrate the BGC's mission and purpose into the mural. **Investment \$23,000.**

Coming
Soon

Central County Community Electronic Message Board

Plans to install a Central County community electronic message board sign at the 27th Avenue and West Sunrise Boulevard are moving forward. The Parks Division initiated the project which is in the design sign. **Estimated investment \$300,000.**

Additional BMSD Neighborhood Parks improvements include additional parking area for Lafayette Hart Park with provisions for a public art project. The project is in the design stage. **Investment \$153,000.**

Park Improvements



Sunview Park: Construction of a new community center started in May 2018 and is 90 percent completed; the existent modular building was removed. The center will offer free programs for children, teens, and seniors; and include a computer lab, kitchen, large meeting room, and an extensive covered patio. A new covered playground was also installed and the parking lot repaved. Completion expected in spring 2019. **Investment \$1,480,000.**

Construction of an ADA-accessible switchback ramp that will provide accessibility from the new building and playground to the sports field located in the south area of the park began in June 2018. Completion is expected in winter 2019. **Estimated investment \$130,000.**

Dillard Green Space Phase II Project: This phase which includes solar lighting, irrigation system, and landscaping is expected to start by spring 2019. **Estimated investment \$152,000.**



Boulevard Gardens Community Center: The interior demolition of the property acquired adjacent to the existing park for a new community center is 90 percent completed. The property will be remodeled to include a meeting room, computer lab, and kitchen. The existing modular building will be removed, and a new basketball court will be built. **Estimated investment \$505,000.**

Safety is priority ONE for all neighborhood parks. During 2018 all sites security cameras were updated; staff were provided with radios to ensure proper communication in case of an emergency; video monitoring and main entrance access control systems were installed at four sites; security lighting was added to Franklin's covered basketball court; new signage was installed; and a security officer was assigned to Delevoe Park during program hours. More projects are underway to provide a safe environment to those visiting the neighborhood parks and participating in park programs. As of December 2018, **approximate investment was \$120,000.**





PROMOTING SAFE STREETS



Safe Streets Improvements Project - Phase II

The NW 27th Avenue consist of milling, resurfacing, converting the two-way left turn lane into landscaped medians, and reducing two lanes of travel along NW 27th Avenue for approximately one mile between Broward and Sunrise Boulevards. Reduction of two lanes will provide two 5-foot bicycle lanes and parking on the west side of the road. In addition, the project includes improvements along Sistrunk Boulevard, east of NW 27th Avenue for approximately 1,200 ft. All comments from the public meeting held on March 28, 2018 have been addressed. The scope now includes wayfinding signs. With scope modifications and new cost estimates, construction is expected to start by summer 2019 and end by summer 2020. **Estimated investment for Phase I and II is \$2,445,949.**

Washington Park Drainage Improvements

Over 500 feet of drainage pipes and several drainage inlets were added at the NW 9th Street and NW 29th Terrace intersection to alleviate future flooding was completed. Improvements included installation of new pipes and drainage structures, restoration of deteriorated pavement and driveways impacted by construction. The project was completed in fall 2018. **Investment \$400,000.**



Additional Pedestrian Crossing Elements

Additional pedestrian crossing elements were installed along NW 1 Street to enhance the safety for youth traveling to and from the Harold Reitman Boys and Girls Club. The thermoplastic rumble strips help remind motorists to adjust their speed near the club's entrance and outdoor recreation area. The additional safety elements cost **\$531.**

Sidewalk and Curb Ramps Improvements

Sidewalk and curb ramps improvements were completed in the Boulevard Gardens neighborhood along NW 5th St. from NW 31st Ave. to NW 29th Ave. Improvements increase the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists. **Approximate investment was \$50,000.**

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Broward County Libraries Division

The second half of 2018 saw an unwavering commitment from Broward County Libraries and the Broward Municipal Services District to bring state-of-the-art technology paired with business, educational, recreational and life-enhancing opportunities to the community.

Technology paired seamlessly with recreation as children's Playaway Launch Pads, preloaded tablets for interactive learning, Merge Cubes, and amazing holographic toys that use augmented reality technology, became available to the public at the African-American Research Library and Cultural Center (AARLCC) to borrow for home use. Adults can also borrow Alcatel A30 tablets for up to six months. The libraries provided free weekly computer instruction for all ages, youth to seniors.



In November, the Libraries Division began offering Pop Up Library locations throughout the County including in the BMSD at the Edgar P. Mills Health Center. A pop-up library provides easy access to library eBooks, and you don't need a library card to use the resources.

Pop Up Libraries are currently at the following locations:

- Chrysalis Center, 1061 W. Oakland Park Blvd., Oakland Park, FL 33309
- Edgar P. Mills Health Center, 900 NW 31st Ave., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311
- Florida Department of Health, 780 SW 24th St., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33315
- Paul Hughes Health Center, 205 NW 6th Ave., Pompano Beach, FL 33060
- Pompano Beach City Hall, 100 W. Atlantic Blvd., Pompano Beach, FL 33060
- Seagull Alternative High School, 425 SW 28th St., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33315
- Switchbox Coffee Roasters, 3446 NE 12th Ave., Oakland Park, FL 33334



The popular new library sponsored series "Adulthood 101" launched in fall 2018 at several library locations, including AARLCC. In October, the focus was on Developing a Budget; in November, the focus was Evaluating Housing Options; and in December, the focus was on Event Planning. Coming soon in 2019, Adulthood 101 programs will include Crafting Your Resume, How to Analyze a Loan, and Practicing Interview Techniques - all important topics for mastering adulthood at any age.

Library programs expose and inspire BMSD youth, teens, and young adults to consider lucrative technology careers and higher education. Among many STEM-oriented classes was Project BUILD, grant-funded and staffed by volunteers from the American Society of Civil Engineers. Also, programs for Financial Aid and Applying for College were offered in September & October 2018. Coming in January 2019, free *Ready for College* ACT test-prep classes are scheduled to ensure that BMSD students score high and succeed.

Building Vibrant Places



AARLCC was the site of lively community gatherings with its legendary Destination Fridays events that took attendees to the 1980s; Trinidad and Tobago; the Divine 9 Sororities and Fraternities – Black Greek Letter Organizations; Belize; and Chicago with music, food and dance.

Business was on the agenda along with fun and games. In July, targeted assistance was offered to BMSD residents and business owners when Broward County's Office of Economic and Small Business Development, District 9 Commissioner Dale V.C. Holness, and key community partners presented on employment resources. August saw a Candidates' Debate and Summit Launch to meet and hear candidates for U.S. Senate, U.S. House of Representatives, 20th District and Governor of Florida. Throughout September, AARLCC offered a free workshop series, *Simple Steps to Starting a Business* and presented Biz Tech 411 to introduce federal government contracting opportunities. Property Tax Exemption Filing Assistance was available from September through December.



Local Authors @ Broward County Library was introduced to promote and raise awareness of work produced by self-published authors. For storytellers in the oral tradition, the African-American Research Library and Cultural Center instituted the first of a series of entertaining, competitive Story Slams featuring original true tales. Residents came out in droves for the 7th Annual South Florida Book Festival at AARLCC, with an ages 21-and-over evening "Eat, Drink, Read" event followed by a free full day of celebrity author presentations, food tastings, cooking demos, meet-and-greets, workshops and more.

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The 4th Annual BMSD Healthy Community Zone (HCZ) Wellness Jamboree

Now in its fourth year, this high-energy celebration showcased dozens of County agencies, service providers, and community partners promoting health and wellness. New this year was raffle giveaways of bicycles, helmets, and gift cards. In addition to live music, dancing, and free food, approximately 200 community members received free health and HIV screenings. Since the inaugural event, the County is committed to making sure that this outreach event delivers empowerment and capacity building resources to residents. Residents and business owners had access to a wide variety of services and programs ranging from physical and mental health, business and employment, municipal services, early childhood development and teen support, elderly and veterans care, homeowner assistance, emergency management and recovery, and education services.



The BMSD Healthy Community Zone is alive and energized in its purpose to improve the overall health and wellness of the Broward Municipal Services District. Event activities included free Zumba and yoga sessions. A highlighted spotlight was the "How to Eat to Live" cooking demonstration that was a big hit among adults and children. The demonstration featured the nutritional value of organic navy bean soup, Cream of Wheat as a healthier food substitute for grits and cornbread, and children learning through arts and crafts why they should eat more fruits and vegetables.



A Healthy Community Zone is a collaborative partnership focused on healing communities through better food choices, physical exercise, access to health and wellness services for all ages, and environmental changes that include safe and friendly transit for all modes of transportation. The BMSD HCZ 4th annual celebration heralds the milestones achieved by the BMSD HCZ community including an investment of more than \$13 million in the construction of nearly seventy-five affordable homes over the last six years. Also, the installation of Urban Treasures, a historic public art project, infrastructure improvements that include new drainage systems for some areas and completion of Phase I of the BMSD Safe Streets Project along Sistrunk Blvd., more than \$4 million invested in park improvements over the last six years and nearly \$1 million more expected by end of 2020. Additionally, the Employment Self-Sufficiency Program, Transit Transitional Program, and the BMSD Community Recovery Aides Program are among three of numerous employment opportunities designed to help residents within the BMSD HCZ increase their household income and reduce the BMSD HCZ's unemployment rate. Growing awareness about environmental stewardship within the District is vital to increasing the community's resilience. The Boulevard Gardens Butterfly & Herb Garden graduated to a year-round outdoor classroom connecting youth, seniors, and the Boulevard Gardens Civic Association in the common goal to learn more about gardening and wildlife habitats.

Building Vibrant Places

The Jamboree celebrates the many achievements of the BMSD Healthy Community Zone since the 2014 designation of the Central County area and the increased partnerships, resources, and devotion to improving the health and well-being of families of all sizes and ages during an afternoon of dancing, singing, exercising, and learning together in a community park. **Estimated investment \$3,000.**



Human Services Department and Division Staff had all hands on deck during the BMSD Healthy Community Zone Wellness Jamboree held in October 2018 at the Samuel Delvoe Park. Residents had access to information regarding services offered by Community Partnerships/Health Care Services, Family Success Administration/Community Action Agency, Broward Addiction Recovery Center, Crisis Intervention Services and Elderly and Veterans Services.

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Program Highlights

The Family Success Administration Division (FSAD), through the Community Service Block Grant Self-Sufficiency Case Management Program, assists individuals and families in setting goals, learning skills and accessing services needed to remove barriers to help customers become self-sufficient. During this period, FSAD provided case management services to over 60 BMSD residents from the Central Broward area, who were experiencing loss in utilities, housing, foreclosure, homelessness, tuition, transportation, nutrition, childcare and unemployment. During Fiscal Year 2018, the Community Action Agency assisted a total of 12,610 households; total expended \$3.83 million to stabilize households with payments averaging \$357.00.

Community Partnerships Division (CPD)/Health Care Services Section provides BMSD residents with medical and support services that includes primary care, mental health/behavioral health and HIV treatment, just to name a few. Notably, 105 BMSD residents were enrolled in the new Test and Treat program which rapidly links individuals that are newly diagnosed with HIV to medical care. These clients receive medications at their initial appointment which leads to viral suppression and higher likelihood of them remaining under medical care. During the 2nd part of the fiscal year, the County provided health care services to 1,466 unduplicated clients, spent an average of 2796 hours providing such services, and total dollars paid on behalf of clients totaled to \$1,449,021.

CPD/Homeless Initiatives Partnerships Section launched a cross sector collaboration with the City of Fort Lauderdale, the business and non-profit community. On November 26, 2019, this Homelessness Collaborative (Collaborative) initiated its comprehensive plan to end homelessness in our community, beginning with the encampment in downtown Fort Lauderdale. The Collaborative reached a major milestone by assisting individuals and families in the downtown Fort Lauderdale encampment to voluntarily move out along with their pets and belongings as the first step in their journey towards realization of A Home for the Holidays. The outcome included: 80 individuals left the encampment, 28 individuals/families were found eligible for Rapid Re-housing, (with no conditions) and 26 households were found eligible for permanent supporting housing, financial assistance and referral to community-based services.

Broward Addiction Recovery Center (BARC) staff participated in the Pastor & Church Leader Conference event held in the BMSD area, hosted various activities during the Broward National Recovery Month and attended many BMSD community activities.



The New Starz Talent Show, a collaboration among the Cultural Division, Parks and Recreation Division and Libraries Division with Florida Children's Theatre and the Developing Dreams Foundation, took place June 20 – July 26, 2018. Over 1,000 youth, caregivers and families participated in the revival of Parks' Broward Star Time Program. Showcased were talented youth in the visual and performing arts, ages 6 to 17 who were registered in the six-neighborhood park Summer Recreation Programs. A total of 600 youth participated in information and recruitment workshops about the Program; 100 auditioned to

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participate in the Program; 90 received performance workshops with practicing professional artists; and 450 attended and performed in and served as 'crew' in a professionally directed, culminating performance at Lauderhill Performing Arts Center.

As part of the Destination Sistrunk project with Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention & Visitors Bureau, the Cultural Division partnered with the Libraries Division to present the 48 Hour Film Project Screening & Awards on June 30, 2018. Over 200 people attended at the African-American Research Library and Cultural Center. *Prey*, film by Greenlight & Cameras, won Best Film of 2018 and will go on to represent Miami/Fort Lauderdale against all the other city winners around the world at Filmalooza in Orlando in 2019.



[The Franklin Park Film Workshop](#) was conducted for youth by filmmaker Cathleen Dean through a Cultural Division Grant on August 18th. Teens were introduced to the basics of video production and the use of video/film tools to produce public service announcements.

Park Programs & Events

Out-of-School Time and After-School Meal Program

Broward County Parks and Recreation is offering another exciting and engaging year of free Out-of-School Time programming. The After-School Program, for ages 6 to 12, provides a nurturing environment for children to learn, develop, and play. Participants have access to a wide range of experiences, including exposure to the arts and other cultures, sports (both team and life), field trips, financial literacy, nutrition, physical activity, guest speakers, and much more.

All neighborhood park locations are again offering the **free After-School Meal Program**, in which each registered participant receives a snack and a hot supper on school days. Since August 21, 2018, when the school year started, this program has served more than 18,000 meals to date. Since the neighborhood parks joined the program on November 6, 2017, the program has provided more than 44,000 snacks and supper to participants – truly a phenomenal and impactful amount.



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The Teen Program, for ages 13-17, also offered as part of our Out-of-School Time programming provides many of the same opportunities as well as additional teen specific programming such as teen leagues, unique field trips, and life skills development including but not limited to college tours, job fairs, resume building, and more. Participants during full-day programs (days with no school) are given enriching experiences including activities such as fishing, bowling, Venetian pool, and more.

It's a New Day Event

The "It's a New Day Event" took place on October 6 at Delevoe Park. The event was co-hosted by Broward County Council PTA/PTSA Outreach Committee in partnership with Parks. This inaugural event focused on important topics our youth experience including mental health, human trafficking, fatherless youth, special needs, LGBTQ, illicit drugs, and homelessness. The event had more than 10 sponsors who offered speakers, conversation booth, giveaways, and resource tables. The day was also filled with fun activities for the children including a bounce house, free books, rides on the Bikers Against Child Abuse Motorcycles, and more.

Read for the Record

The Broward County Parks and Recreation neighborhood parks collaborated with the Broward County Cultural Division, Broward County Public Schools, and Broward Sheriff's Office in the 13th Annual Read for the Record on October 25, 2018, at Franklin Park. This year's book was *Maybe Something Beautiful*, by F. Isabel Campoy and Theresa Howell and illustrated by Rafael López, celebrates community building and creative placemaking. Broward Sheriff's Office Deputies read the story to the After-School Program participants. The Cultural Arts Division hosted a special session with the youth in which they were able to decorate specially printed cards and the park's fences with images from the book for the community to enjoy.

Jumpstart's *Read for the Record* brings together millions of people in classrooms, libraries, community centers, and homes across the United States for this annual campaign, which was launched more than a decade ago to highlight the importance of building early literacy and language skills for every child.



Trunk-or-Treat Event

On Tuesday, October 30, 2018, the neighborhood parks hosted Trunk-or-Treat at Roosevelt Gardens Park. This inaugural event was held in partnership with the Broward Sheriff's Office, Broward Sherriff's Fire Rescue, SWIM Central, and Nancy J. Cotterman Center. The event featured a SWAT truck with a monster theme, a "spooky" Parks van, an "Under the Sea Truck" with important information about water safety, and a Fire Truck. The youth all got goodies including candy, Sherriff Deputy hats, Fire Rescue hats, fruit snacks, coloring books, crayons, rulers, and more. The parents got involved by attending a Child Safety Presentation offered by Nancy J. Cotterman Center, and were able to win some Wawa Gift Cards. The night of fun continued with pumpkin decorating and deejay Rich, a Parks employee, who kept the party going all evening for the super heroes, princesses, parents, and even the Fire Rescue Cadets.



Holiday in the Park

The 22nd Annual Holiday in the Park event returned to Delevoe Park on December 15, 2018. The event, hosted by Pass the Blessings in partnership with Parks, offered free toys for infants to 7-year olds. More than 15 vendors, including the Broward County Public Schools Title 1 Bus, offered resources to families. The day also included children's activities including a giant bounce house, face painting, pictures with Santa Clause, and giant outdoor games. This year the event featured a performance by the Dillard High School Marching Band that signaled the arrival of Santa in the Holiday SWAT mobile. Everyone enjoyed lunch and waited anxiously for their turn to meet the man in the red suit for their gift. More than 1,200 children registered for a toy this year.



The Urban League of Broward County's prominent location in the Broward Municipal Services District – BMSD

gives residents and business owners convenient access to networking opportunities, career development, entrepreneurship support, and other capacity building programs and happenings. On Saturday, August 25th, in partnership with Centene, Sunshine Health, and the Pro Football Hall of Fame, the Urban League of Broward County hosted "Strong Youth, Strong Communities." More than 200 high-school students attended the Summit featuring Pro Football Hall Of Famers Darrell Green, Aeneas Williams, and Anthony Muñoz for an interactive discussion on building stronger communities.



The Urban League of Broward County hosted its fall job fair on October 23, 2018. Over 300 job seekers attended the fair featuring over 40 employers. Job seekers received resume assistance and offered mock interviews prior to engaging employers. The Urban League's Success Boutique provided select attire for participants upon request. Some BMSD residents and job seekers seized the opportunity.

Exotic Removal & Native Habitat Restoration of the BMSD North Fork Blueway that was purchased through the 2000 Safe Parks and Land Preservation Bond Program and has been temporarily adopted by the Environmental Planning and Community Resiliency Division to administer an award from the Partners in Preservation Challenge grant to remove exotic vegetation and replant native trees and vegetation to enhance the site's habitat.



In addition, the site has been cleaned up by several volunteer events coordinated by the Division and visited by local students in the Junior Sustainability Stewards grant program. Engagement with the community will be continued through use of the site.



North Fork Blueway Butterfly Block Party was held on August 15th with the overall goal to collaborate with the community, local organizations and students to strengthen and expand resilient communities while preserving and enhancing lands that will serve the community in a positive way. The project brings the benefits of green spaces to the BMSD area. With the help of community volunteers and the Sustainability Stewards of Broward, we removed debris and exotic and invasive plants while enjoying music, arts and crafts, and



face painting. A host plant is any plant on which a butterfly will lay its eggs and of which the caterpillars will feed from until the pupa stage (cocoon). This event generated a good turnout and excitement from the 50 participants who look forward to the next steps in the restoration project.



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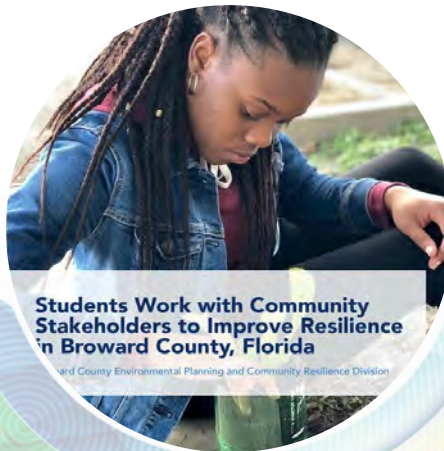
Building Vibrant Places



In the summer of 2018, the **BMSD Junior Sustainability Stewards Program** was able to place interns in various organizations in Broward county focusing on environment and sustainability. Five students committed to a 15-20-hour work week schedule for six-weeks from June 18th-July 27th. Before the internships began, each organization and assigned student were able to meet and discuss expectations, responsibilities and schedules. With a surplus in program funding (due to efficiencies and in-kind support), the programming team was able to increase each internship stipend from \$500 to \$1,408 and provide transportation assistance for students who expressed a need. After careful consideration of the students' learning interests, three organizations/ agencies were chosen to host the winning youth. The final internship placements include:

- Two interns placed with the Housing Authority of the City of Fort Lauderdale.
- Two interns placed at Refresh Live (NGO)
- One intern placed at Heal the Planet (NGO)

Additionally, the Broward County's environmental and student engagement programs were featured in the Fall 2018 issue of Catalyst Quarterly by Green Schools National Network (GSNN). *The BMSD Jr. SSB afterschool program is highlighted prominently in the article, page 62. Investment \$50,000.*



Students Work with Community Stakeholders to Improve Resilience in Broward County, Florida

Broward County Environmental Planning and Community Resilience Division

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Safeguarding the Community

The Building Code Services Division helps to safeguard the community from hazards and potentially life-threatening situations caused by improper work performed by licensed and unlicensed contractors. Construction and renovations should be completed in compliance with the Florida Building Code. More than 5,200 inspections were performed by the Building Code Services Division at job sites within the Broward Municipal Services District, Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport, and contracted cities. The division is working closely with all non-profit builders and developers of the in-fill housing project that will bring 40 new homes to the BMSD. Streamlining and providing priority processing to complete plan reviews, issue permits, and certificates of occupancy, allowed these construction projects to proceed with minimal delays and certify that homes are structurally safe for occupancy at the time of inspection. Through community outreach activities, Building Code Services Division facilitated the coordination and presentation of the "2018 Orientation for Non-Profits" session to the non-profit builders and developers and established primary points-of-contact for faster response time.



BSO Law Enforcement Central Broward District July-December 2018

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| Call for Service | 11,051 |
| Arrest | 769 |
| Crash | 29 |
| Citation | 910 |
| Part 1 Crimes | -11 |

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| Neighborhood Response Team | |
| Felony Arrests | 51 |
| Misdemeanor Arrests | 47 |
| Notice To Appear | 75 |
| Total Arrests | 173 |
| Uniform Traffic Citations | 932 |
| Warning Citations | 550 |

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| Seizures | |
| Firearms Recovered | 3 |
| Cocaine/Crack | 12 Grams |
| Marijuana | 56 Grams |
| Heroin | 1 Gram |
| Flakka | 1 Gram |



The Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO) provides law enforcement and fire rescue services for the Central Broward District. Beyond responding to public safety needs, BSO has a strong partnership with the BMSD neighborhood parks to build relationships with the youth and community at-large.



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Thank you to the Broward Municipal Services District (BMSD) Internal Committee for the dedication and commitment to enhancing the quality of life within the BMSD as demonstrated in this report. This joint coalition of community partners collectively support investments, programs and services in the District.



Broward County Agencies

- Broward County Transit
- County Administration
- Cultural Division
- Emergency Management
- Environmental Licensing and Building Permitting
- Environmental Planning and Community Resilience
- Grants Coordination Section
- Housing Finance and Community Redevelopment
- Human Services
- Libraries
- Office of Management and Budget
- Office of Economic and Small Business Development
- Office of Public Communications
- Parks and Recreation
- Planning and Development Management
- Public Works

Community Partners

- Boys and Girls Club of Broward
- Broward County Public Schools
- Broward County Sheriff's Office /Law Enforcement and Fire Rescue
- Career Source Broward
- Children's Services Council of Broward County
- OIC of South Florida
- TOUCH Broward
- Urban League of Broward County
- YMCA of South Florida

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