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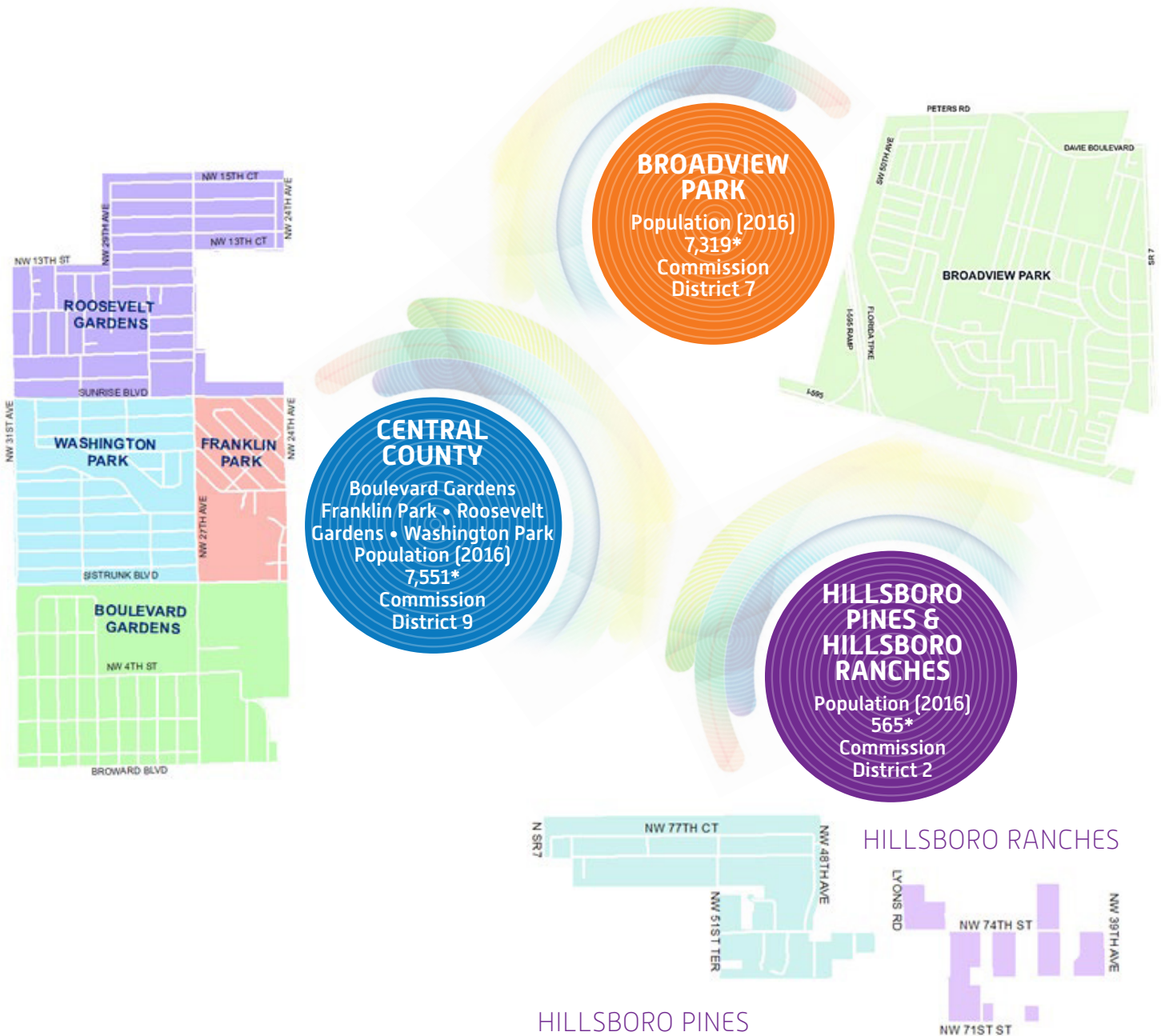
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Broward Municipal Services District - Neighborhoods

The Broward Municipal Services District, formerly known as Unincorporated Broward County, consists of 11.4 square miles and has a population of approximately 15,006.* 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.



* Source: Population data from the University of Florida's 2017 Bureau of Economic and Business Research. Land area was updated by the Planning and Development Management Division GIS Section using the latest annexation information (August 2018). The 2016 Population by Neighborhood is from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2012-2016, American Community Survey.

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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 January through June 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.



Office of Economic and Small Business Development

Broward County's Office of Economic and Small Business Development (OESBD) offers on-going education and technical support to businesses and residents interested in entrepreneurship. OESBD participates in community activities such as the Boost Your Business Event with Facebook which was presented in February at the African-American Research Library and Cultural Center (AARLCC) in conjunction with OIC of South Florida and other community partners to empower business owners with up-to-date tools such as Instagram and best practices.



Business Outreach and Engagement

The Office of Economic and Small Business Development hosted a commercial property/small business owner outreach and engagement meeting at the African American Research Library and Cultural Center on March 7th to review the application requirements for The Economic Development Program and provided application assistance. A total of 15 business and commercial property owners attended the meeting. To date, 24 commercial property and business owners have expressed interest in participating in the Program.

The TEAMUP Broward Mentor-Protégé Pilot Program, a 12-month pilot program designed to encourage and motivate prime contractors to assist Broward County certified small businesses and enhance their capability of performing successfully on Broward County contracts and subcontracts, was launched in March and the third annual "Broward & Beyond Business Conference" was held in May. Themed "Opportunity Has No Boundaries," the one-day conference was attended by 633 guests and featured Rory E. Verrett, a nationally-recognized authority on leadership and diversity, as the Guest Speaker. There were various sessions for startups, nonprofits, established and international business owners and professionals. Assistant County Administrator Alphonso Jefferson participated in a lively panel discussion and shared details on business opportunities in the Broward Municipal Services District.





New Development Opportunities

The Office of Economic and Small Business Development assisted in facilitating the demolition of two commercial properties in the 2800 block of West Broward Boulevard. Staff assisted the property owner and worked directly with the Broward County Unsafe Structures/Building Official to ensure a successful demolition on March 16th. This demolition project cleared the way for new development opportunities along the Broward Boulevard corridor.

BMSD Economic Development Plan Moves Forward

The Economic Development Plan provides eligible property owners in the District with a matching grant to improve their property. On May 4th, the Office of Economic and Small Business Development hosted a 'kick-off' meeting for the qualified architectural and engineering firms contracted to assist commercial property owners in the District in developing plans to improve their properties as part of the Broward Municipal Services District Economic Development Program. The 12 firms responsible for design work for The Economic Development Program are all state licensed architects and engineers and Broward County Certified Small Business Enterprises. Funding for the design work has been allocated and Broward County's Construction Management Division will manage all projects under the program.

BMSD Opportunity Zone Designation

On April 19, 2018, Governor Rick Scott announced his recommendation to designate 427 communities across Florida as Opportunity Zones. Census tracts in the Roosevelt Gardens, Washington Park, Franklin Park and Boulevard Gardens neighborhoods in the District were designated. Opportunity Zones, as established in the federal Tax Cut and Jobs Act of 2017, encourage long-term investment and job creation in targeted communities by reducing taxes for many job creators. Opportunity Zones enhance local communities' ability to attract businesses, developers, and financial institutions to invest in targeted areas by allowing investors to defer capital gains taxes through investments in federally established Opportunity Funds.



Branding the Great Things Happening in the BMSD

The Office of Public Communications (OPC) continues to promote the many programs and services in the Broward Municipal Services District. Earlier this year, they redesigned the website, Broward.org/MunicipalServicesDistrict, to look even better than ever! The revised website offers more features and a new webpage for each neighborhood. Events in the District were also promoted on the County’s calendar on Broward.org. The District’s ongoing advertising campaign continues prior to Tuesday’s Commission meetings, and during the week on Comcast and ATT-Uverse. Communications included information about the MLK Day of Service, 40 new affordable homes in Central County, educational outreach on flood insurance, cultural urban treasures, hurricane preparedness expo, and NACo Awards of Excellence.



Health and Human Services

The Human Services Division's mission is to enhance the quality of life for Broward County residents through innovative and integrated health and human services programs such as combating the opioid crisis. The agency received \$1 million in state funding to deliver evidence-based prevention, medication-assisted treatment and recovery support services.

Broward County Family Success responded to individuals who were adversely affected by Hurricane Irma by providing housing and food assistance, and referrals to other service providers and community partners as needed.

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New Crisis Intervention Support Division

The newest division of the Human Services Department is the Crisis Intervention and Support Division (CISD), which consolidated the direct service operations of the Nancy J. Cotterman Center and the Office of Justice Services. CISD will oversee the operations to ensure a continuum of crisis and intervention services to youth, adults and families and the delivery of services to victims of sexual assault and child abuse, as well as effective programs such as Juvenile Civil Citation, Adult Civil Citation, and Juvenile Predisposition Services. CISD Administration is currently operating out of the Justice Services building located at 624 NW 15th Way in Fort Lauderdale.

BMSD Community Recovery Aides Program

The Broward Municipal Services District utilized the Dislocated Worker Grant to create the BMSD Community Recovery Aides Program to assist residents following the devastating impacts of Hurricane Irma. Phase I of the two-phased program ran October to December 2017 and included the County's BMSD Community Liaison collaborating with their Geographic Information Systems (GIS) team to create an electronic survey for door-to-door residential community engagement. Phase II began in April 2018 and involves welfare checks and follow-ups with nearly 700 residents. Phase II of the program also offered employment to six unemployed residents living within the Broward Municipal Services District. The innovative program earned the BMSD an award from the National Association of Counties (NACo).



Volunteerism and Community Building

A Hands On Broward (HOB) Volunteer Portal was created for persons interested in volunteering for programs and events hosted or managed by the Broward Municipal Services District. For the first time, the District was able to target volunteers, including students, needing community service hours. Volunteers were recruited for the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), the Teen CERT and the Annual Hurricane Preparedness Open House.

Tree Maintenance Near Powerlines Ordinance

On May 8, 2018, the [Broward Commission](#) passed an ordinance aimed at preventing widespread power outages caused by downed trees hitting power lines. The ordinance requires private property owners in the Broward Municipal Services District (unincorporated area) to properly maintain trees that are already in place and prohibits the planting of new trees near existing power lines in accordance to FPL's "[Right Tree, Right Place](#)" guidelines. Residents who need assistance with funding may complete an application through May 8, 2019. Funding is based on availability. "In the aftermath of Irma, we had over 800,000 people that had lost power and 75 to 80 percent of that was due to vegetation that was not properly maintained by either homeowners or cities who had planted trees in the wrong places," noted Commissioner Barbara Sharief, who brought the new law forward for Commission approval.

Community engagements are ongoing. Multiple workshops and public service announcements will be organized and facilitated by the BMSD Community Liaison. An overview of the [Tree Maintenance Ordinance](#) and schedule of workshops featuring presentations by a certified arborist and FPL representatives can be found on the Municipal Services District website. **\$50,000 investment.**



Hurricane Preparedness Open House

On June 2nd, the Broward County Emergency Management and Planning and Development Management Divisions in partnership with the Broward Sheriff's Office, American Red Cross, and the Friends of the African-American Research Library and Cultural Center hosted the 4th Annual Hurricane Preparedness Open House. The annual event is a one-stop shop for free giveaways and resources on emergency and disaster preparedness. Over three-hundred attendees received information on emergency sheltering, registering for the Vulnerable Population Registry, and best practices to reduce the risk of losing family, pets, and property. Professionals from dozens of emergency management and response agencies engaged the community and heightened awareness about how to properly prepare for hazards. A highlight of the event was the *Tree Care Before and After a Storm* seminar presented by the Environmental Planning and Community Resilience Division.

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New Park Amenities and Community Assets

Community improvements and grand-openings were celebrated in Broadview Park and Central County during May and June 2018.

In May, Sunview Park entered the first phase of extensive renovations. The old playground was demolished and construction of the 3,000-square foot community center with offices, restrooms, computer room, warming kitchen and assembly hall is underway. The new amenities, including enhanced ADA features, are expected to be completed by Spring 2019. The existing center continues to serve Broadview Park residents and visitors. Activities at Sunview Park include 4-H Club, dog training, peer-to-peer tutoring, ASP Art, SVP Films, and sports leagues for youth and adults. **Investment of \$1,480,000.**

In June, the ribbon-cutting and grand-opening ceremony for the new Washburn Park honored the contributions of Jack and Jan Washburn who led the collaborative partnership between Broward County and the Broadview Park Civic Association. Special guests included the Washburn's daughter who reflected upon her parents' love for the community. The serene oasis with a butterfly garden, relaxation benches, walking path, and open space for family recreation is nestled in at 1955 SW 50th Avenue. This beautifully manicured pocket park is an additional community asset that creates space for community health and wellness activities. According to Dan West, Director of Parks and Recreation, more park amenities and beautification projects are coming soon. **\$470,000 investment.**

Also in June, festivities officially unveiled improvements at Lafayette Hart Park highlighting the park's grand re-opening. Summer camp kids, community members, and County staff appreciated the new custom awning adorning the freshly painted community center. All the amenities within Lafayette Hart Park were newly installed over the past two years including: computer center and kitchen, covered playground, pavilion and outdoor facilities, paved driveway, exterior lighting, surveillance cameras, and landscaping. **Approximately \$650,000 invested.**



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Fire Station 23 Additional Improvements

In 2016, the County invested \$300,000 for extensive renovations and upgrades to Fire Station 23 making the facility ready for Broward Sheriff’s Office Fire Rescue professionals to reoccupy and serve the Broadview Park neighborhood. To date, additional improvements include installation of a new front door, repair of the rear door threshold, new tile throughout, removal of all original wooden base boards, a new bay garage door, and additional exterior lighting. Future enhancements include installation of swipe card readers on the front door, extension of the rear patio area, and additional exterior lighting. **Approximately \$335,000 has been invested.**

Minor Home Repair Program

The Housing Finance and Community Development Division processed applications from thirteen homeowners within the District for minor home repairs, exterior paint and/or water sewer hookup. By June 30th, eight homeowners received assistance strengthening their homes through the state’s Hurricane Loss Mitigation Program. **\$121,970 Investment.**



Forty New Homes Coming Soon

The County has **invested \$8 million** in the construction of 40 new affordable homes in the District, which includes up to \$60,000 per buyer for purchase assistance. The Housing Finance and Community Development Division is managing the construction.

The new homes are energy-efficient, have a minimum of 3 bedrooms and two-car garage and has customized features for each family. Families include veterans, special needs children, and parents whose determination made home ownership possible.

As of June 30th, 33 buyers have been secured and at least seven are complete and ready to welcome new families to Central County. Non-profit developers include Housing, Opportunities, Mortgage Assistance and Effective Neighborhood Solutions, Inc. (HOMES), Inc., Broward Alliance for Neighborhood Development (BAND), Neighborhood Housing Services of South Florida, Inc., Liberia Economic and Social Development, Sunrise City Community Housing Development Organization, Inc., Dania Economic Development Corporation, Habitat for Humanity of Broward, Housing Foundation of America, Minority Builders Coalition, Inc., and the Urban League of Broward County, Inc.

NW 27th Avenue Improvements (Safe Streets) Project Phase II

The County is **investing nearly \$2.9 million** into Safe Streets Projects. On March 28, 2018, a public meeting was held to receive community feedback on the proposed design for Phase II of the NW 27th Avenue Improvements Project. The design drawings and renderings were presented and explained by the County's Public Works Department, Highway Construction and Engineering Division project manager, other County staff, and consultants. Streetscape and infrastructure improvements include pavement milling, resurfacing, pedestrian scale lighting, converting the two-way left turn lane into landscaped medians, and reducing four lanes to two lanes of travel along NW 27th Avenue for approximately one mile between Broward Boulevard and Sunrise Boulevard. The reduction from four to two lanes will provide five-foot bicycle lanes on each side of the road and on-street parking on the west side.

Subsequently, the design was modified to incorporate community feedback, requests, and recommendations. Construction is expected to begin May 2019 and end May 2020.



NW 31st Avenue Improvements

The Florida Department of Transportation completed milling and resurfacing of NW 31st Avenue from Broward Boulevard to Commercial Boulevard. The project included restriping the through lanes to create a bicycle lane. This project continues the beautification and infrastructure enhancements that are being performed in the Broward Municipal Services District. **The estimated cost of design and construction is \$941,200.**

BMSD Minor Home Repair Pilot Program



Broward County partnered with Rebuilding Together Broward County (RTB) for on-going assessment and response to unmet needs from the devastating losses caused by Hurricane Irma. RTB disclosed that they assisted five homeowners within the District with roof replacements, ceiling and fence repairs, tree and mildew removal, and sealing of vents. Homeowners received roughly \$20,000 in aid that mitigated damages and hardened their homes against hurricanes.



The second annual BMSD MLK Day of Service and the first Broadview Park Block Revitalization and Community Clean-Up event are included in the Program. **\$10,000 invested by Broward County.**



The **2nd Annual BMSD MLK Day of Service** was held on January 13th at the Roosevelt Gardens Park. Three homeowners received free exterior painting service, landscape enhancements, and other minor home repairs. Opportunities Industrialization Centers of South Florida and Youth Build joined more than 100 volunteers and conducted recruitment for job opportunities available through the BMSD Employment Self-Sufficiency Program. The BMSD Healthy Community Zone display table offered valuable resource materials about services and programs available Countywide, including the Vulnerable Population Registry.

On April 21st, the **Broadview Park Block Revitalization and Community Clean-Up** event, in partnership with Rebuilding Together Broward and Solid Waste and Recycling Services, was attended by approximately 200 volunteers which included members of the Broadview Park Civic Association, residents, students, and County employees. They removed tree limbs and yard waste, repaired fencing, performed landscape improvements, removed trash from swales, and painted exterior surfaces for vulnerable and veteran residents.



BMSD Public Art Project Makes History

Broward Municipal Services District made history with the installation of Urban Treasures by commissioning Ruth Burotte, the youngest artist ever to participate through the Broward County Public Art Program. The artwork was installed during the 2018 Black History Month celebrations on four of eight traffic signal cabinets located at NW 6th Street/Sistrunk at NW 27th Avenue and NW 31st Avenue and along Peters Road near Davie Blvd. Ext. and at SW 46th Avenue and Davie Blvd. The District's Traffic Signal Cabinet Wraps Project beautify streetscapes with cultural and ethnic expressions of the surrounding neighborhoods. We are proud to support this rising star who is a graduate of Dillard High School. **\$18,000 investment.**

Great Things are Happening in BMSD Neighborhood Parks

Community partnerships resulted in numerous events and programs to encourage health, wellness, and good citizenship and positive life management skills. Through the Broward County Extension Education and the University of Florida, Sunview Park Teen Program participants learned the basics of archery. Park staff received the proper certification and equipment to run a weekly free 4H Archery club for teens to improve their skills and enjoy a new sport. Some proven benefits of archery are: focus, strength, coordination, exercise, and confidence. Visit the [Parks calendar](#) to see what events are happening.

Broward AWARE: Protecting Our Children Campaign

The 10th Annual Broward AWARE! Protecting Our Children Resource Fair and Family Fun Day was held on April 14th at the Reverend Samuel Delevoe Memorial Park. The Countywide community outreach event is a resource fair with mini-workshops on topics emphasizing the importance of safe and healthy environments for children to grow and learn. Spearheaded by the Children's Services Council of Broward County, the Nancy J. Cotterman Center and Broward County Parks and Recreation, more than 60 community partners united to coordinate this impactful, fun-filled day of activities for more than 750 kids and adults. Highlights include a giant bounce house, Bikers Against Child Abuse Motorcycle rides, giveaways, and much more. The Protecting our Children Campaign extends over four months with various community events aimed at heightening awareness of how to combat threats to child safety. The campaign culminates at Broward AWARE. A new addition to the program was a visit to the Art House, through a partnership with the Cultural Arts Division, and the planting of a community Pinwheel Garden that represents the hope of a care free and enjoyable childhood for all children.



Out of School Time and After-school Meal Program

Broward County Parks and Recreation offered another exciting and engaging year of free Out-of-School-Time programming. The after-school program, for ages 6 to 12, provided a nurturing environment for participants to learn, develop, and play. Participants had 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. Participants, during full day programs (days with no school), were given enriching experiences including a trip to the Marine Environmental Center where they learned about turtles and even got to meet “Captain”, the rescued sea turtle. Neighborhood parks also offered the free After-School Meal Program, in which each registered participant receives a snack and a hot supper on school days. Participants created their own placemats to have supper with their Park’s family every evening. From November 6, 2017 through April 30, 2018 the Afterschool-Meal Program provided over 20,000 meals.

Havana Nights

On March 8th, the BMSD Neighborhood Parks’ Senior Program hosted its first annual Senior Domino Tournament, themed “Havana Nights”, at Reverend Samuel Delevoe Park. The tournament brought together over 50 seniors from the Central County neighborhoods and gave elderly residents an opportunity to be active and engaged with their neighbors through laughter, music, food, unity and healthy competition.



Community Empowerment Project and Juneteenth Celebration

On June 16th, County agencies, including Parks and Libraries, partnered with 100 Black Men of America, Inc. and its affiliates along with the Urban League of Broward in celebration of Juneteenth. The one-day event was filled with access to resources from dozens of community partners and included giveaways, raffle prizes, free food, beverages, live DJ, entertainment, and a blood drive. The Juneteenth Celebration also included a youth-led teen summit about the effects of violence in school and the community. Teens packed the room at the Urban League to discuss how they could participate in creating safer environments at school and in their neighborhoods. The event’s highlight was the live recording of a cooking demonstration by award-winning celebrity chef, G. Garvin. The demonstration included awareness and education about healthy lifestyle and food choices and converting the passion for cooking into a lucrative career. Some attendees received free autographed books from Chef G. Garvin.



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Junior Sustainability Stewards

On May 24, students, family, faculty and friends cheered on competing teams as they showcased their final capstone projects and celebrated the successful completion of the academic year. Students from the winning projects were awarded one of six paid summer internships in the environmental science field. The Junior Sustainability Stewards Program supports thirty students from Dillard High afterschool's S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) and Robotics Program in developing the skills and professional networks to begin a career in environmental science and advocacy. This program has been made possible by the support from the Funders' Network for Smart Growth and Livable Communities and the following Community Foundation of Broward Funds: The Knight Foundation Fund, Loren R. Lyons Fund, Everett H. Metcalf, Jr. Unrestricted Fund, General Unrestricted Fund and Mary and Mackenzie Community Impact Fund, and is administered by Broward County's Environmental Planning and Community Resilience Division, Children's Services Council of Broward and Broward County Public Schools. **\$50,000 invested.**

North Fork Blueway

With the help of 23 volunteers from Kemet Corporation and the Sustainability Stewards of Broward, we were able to clear many exotic and invasive plants, lay mulch walking paths, and even build and install a bat house, our first permanent feature on the site. We also collected 1,280 pounds of debris.



Prom Dress Giveaway

On Friday April 27, #RadiatingQueens, Inc. and Broward County Parks and Recreation hosted a Prom Dress Giveaway at Franklin Park. More than fifty young ladies accepted the invitation that was extended to middle and high school girls.

The space at Franklin Park was transformed into a showroom of gowns and dresses for mothers and daughters to share precious moments and shop like royalty. This experience removed barriers that might have prevented these students from creating once-in-a-lifetime memories.

Ready for the Summer and Fun Times

Nearly 900 youths registered for the free summer programs offered at the six District neighborhood parks. Each summer, when school doors close for break, the parks increase their services to include interactive programs and field trips. Our neighborhood parks help to keep children engaged in positive and healthy activities such as water and life safety instructions, camps with professional sports teams, art and talent shows.



Community Partnerships & Building Capacity

More youths joined the Dr. Harold Reitman Boys and Girls Club and became participants in the positive character building and educational programs. Strong collaborations with community partners were significant to programming and membership growth. A successful membership drive in March included scholarships and sponsorships for 30 new memberships granted to youths residing in the District. Additionally, students from Martin Luther King Montessori Academy and Westwood Heights Elementary School were able to join the Dr. Reitman Boys and Girls Club thanks to donations and sponsorships from community partners. Improvements that enhanced safety and experiences included:

- Pavers along the main entrance
- Landscape enhancements at the main entrance
- Installation of bleachers for outdoor sports and activities
- Installation of shade canopy for outdoor activities
- Screening for fencing around the outdoor recreation area

The Dr. Reitman Boys and Girls Club provides a wide variety of sports, recreation, education, art, character building and other exciting programs to the youth in our community.

Restorative Justice Circles – Urban League of Broward

On Friday, March 9th, the Urban League of Broward County staff led a voter registration drive while canvassing the Central County neighborhoods of Boulevard Gardens, Franklin Park and Washington Park. Registered voters were encouraged to become informed about ballot items and to vote in the 2018 midterm elections. The Urban League of Broward County also hosted an impactful Justice Project on April 21st which provided an in-depth discovery of the principles and practices of restorative justice, understanding of diverse perspectives and how to create a culture of peace within our communities.

Restorative Justice Circles' goals and objectives are awareness of community needs and resources, emphasis on dialogue and community relations, and community initiatives, recommendations and solutions.

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Broward County Libraries Division



Throughout the first half of 2018, Broward County Libraries Division and the Broward Municipal Services District continued their campaign to bridge the community's digital divide. Households and individuals in select Broward neighborhoods were provided with access to checking out digital tablets for free. They were also provided free computer and technology training. Instructors and outreach staff from the Library's Creation Station makerspace/gadget labs visited libraries and schools throughout the District to offer hands-on demos of high-tech gadgetry such as virtual and augmented reality, robotics, artificial intelligence and voice-assisted technology.



In a partnership with Broward County Transit (BCT), Broward County Libraries provided BCT riders with access to free downloadable songs and albums which they're able to keep forever. A QR code is provided for users to scan to take them to the Freegal Music website where they can log in with a library card number and PIN (the last 4 digits of your phone number). Libraries also partnered with the Reverend Samuel Delevoe Park to provide free music to park visitors. This new synergistic approach to delivering Library resources is an added value to Transit riders and Park visitors.

The South Florida Book Festival was held on July 19th and 20th at the African-American Research Library and Cultural Center (AARLCC). The Festival featured a ticketed, ages 21-and-over Friday evening "Eat, Drink, Read" on July 19th followed by a free day of author presentations, food tastings and cooking demos, meet-and-greets, workshops and more.



AARLCC also continues to promote multi-cultural and ethnocentric community events that exemplify the rich culture within the BMSD. In February, AARLCC hosted a "Hidden Figures" Black History Month free block party, which brought together people of all ages for a day of free music, face painting, refreshments, arts and crafts, book giveaways and entertainment. Additionally, multiple Destination Fridays cultural/educational/recreational events were held at AARLCC between January and June.



In addition, free community empowerment and revitalization programs and initiatives at AARLCC include:

- Small Business Resource Center (business plans, marketing, money matters, etc.)
- Computer Classes (Microsoft Word, job searching, resume writing, etc.)
- Online Program for High School Diploma
- BCL Fit (Family health literacy)
- Homework Help
- Various workshops bringing awareness to a wide range of public safety issues including human trafficking, abuse prevention, and child safety
- The availability of tablets with mobile internet access that can be borrowed
- Access to mobile hotspots that can be borrowed by veterans and active military; visit Broward.org/Library/Veterans for details and locations.



BMSD Healthy Community Zone (HCZ)

Broward Regional Health Planning Council (BRHPC) and United Health Partnerships (UHP) continued to support the BMSD Healthy Community Zone through an incentivized community engagement program that offers \$25 gift cards to BMSD residents actively promoting health and wellness programs and activities based on eligibility. UHP worked collaboratively with County staff to improve the performance of the BMSD Safe Routes Broward App and enhanced features including adding a button that allows users to connect with the Vulnerable Population Registry web page and complete registrations.

On April 11th, the BMSD HCZ was selected for Habitat for Humanity's [Our Beloved Community Celebration](#) in honor of the 50th Anniversary of the Fair Housing Act. Attendees were led into reflective commemoration of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s vision of a world where everyone has a decent place to live and call home. Attendees included elected officials, owners of new affordable homes within the BMSD, County administration staff and department heads. Residents and stakeholders pledged to work together, side-by-side, to create strength, stability and self-reliance for all.



BMSD Healthy Community Zone Butterfly and Herb Garden

The BMSD Healthy Community Zone Butterfly and Herb Garden growing at the Boulevard Gardens Community Center provides a year-round outdoor classroom for students participating in the out-of-school programs. Educating kids and adults about environmental stewardship is a priority for the Environmental Protection and Growth Management Department. The hands-on lessons empower children to become advocates for ecological citizenship. Gardening alongside certified master gardeners and community leaders, kids learn about unique ecosystems, the nutritional value of herb gardens, lifecycles of butterflies, pollination, and wildlife preservation. The goal of this play and learn program is to teach gardening skills as instruments for sustainable food security and inspire environmental stewardship. The collaborative partnership among The County's NatureScape and Neighborhood Parks, and volunteers from the National Wildlife Federation and University of Florida/Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF/IFAS) Master Gardeners, and Boulevard Gardens Community Group support the program.



Free Groceries for 500 Families

The BMSD Healthy Community Zone (HCZ) was the conduit that connected H.O.M.E.S. Inc. and its partners with community leaders for a grocery giveaway to 500 families on July 14th at Reverend Samuel Delevoe Memorial Park. H.O.M.E.S., Inc. is one of ten non-profit developers building new affordable homes within the District. Plans are underway for routine scheduling of grocery giveaways in other neighborhoods.

Free Tech Tools Keep BMSD Connected

Keeping residents and business owners within the Broward Municipal Services District connected, engaged and informed is a priority for Broward County. As a result, the County has enhanced the connectivity to free Wi-Fi at County parks and libraries, as well as to electronic messaging and announcements in neighborhood parks. Additionally, Broward County Libraries partnered with their Parks and Recreation to offer free music in the Reverend Samuel Delevoe Memorial Park that amplifies the enjoyment of Destination Fitness (free outdoor physical fitness stations) in the hub of the community. The County provides a network of impactful high-tech services within the District that strengthen the community's ability to be cooperative partners in creating healthy vibrant places within the District.

BMSD Community Newsletters

Residents of Central County neighborhoods including Boulevard Gardens, Franklin Park, Roosevelt Gardens and Washington Park receive the Central County Community Newsletter. Broadview Park residents receive the Broadview Park Bee. Both newsletters are produced quarterly and feature events, scholastic achievements, meetings and announcements specific to their respective neighborhoods. Additionally, updates on County resources, and municipal codes and ordinances are provided. For more information, email AskBMSD@broward.org.

Summer Youth Employment Program

Broward County invested in the future of its youth and economic growth by participating in programs like CareerSource Broward's Summer Youth Employment Program. Consistent with the County's goal to create employment opportunities for economically disadvantage households, County agencies and all six of the neighborhood parks in the Broward Municipal Services District provided high school students with a chance to explore potential career paths and receive on-the-job experience in customer service, general office duties, data entry, problem-solving, business etiquette and various communication channels. Nearly two dozen of these paid student interns reside in the District or share the 33311-zip code where a considerable segment of the population consists of low-income households.



After-Hours and Special Code Enforcement Assignments

The BMSD Code Enforcement team is responding to community complaints about violations happening overnight through special after-hours and weekend assignments. In February 2018, BMSD code inspectors conducted 5AM and other early morning inspections to eradicate prohibited parking and overnight storage of oversized, commercial vehicles in residential neighborhoods within the District. Citations were issued as warranted giving notice to the vehicle and property owners. Additionally, the BMSD Code Enforcement team implemented weekend inspections focused on unauthorized activities at commercial properties, prohibited storage of commercial vehicles according to the County Zoning ordinances, illegal wayside stands, and illegal signs including snipe signs.

Code Enforcement is a significant partner in combatting illegal dumping in the BMSD neighborhoods. In addition to coordinating the installation of “No Illegal Dumping Signs” in partnership with Crime Stoppers, Code Enforcement led the discussion with other County agencies and community partners to utilize cross-departmental resources to decrease instances of illegal dumping.

From January to March 2018, BMSD Code Enforcement Inspectors performed more than 600 community standard inspections and initiated nearly 400 new cases. During this same period, voluntary compliance on 51 cases without issuing official Notices of Violation was achieved. The Section processed nine (9) cases for adjudication before a Broward County Special Magistrate and achieved compliance with 65 percent of the violations before the hearing. Code Enforcement proactively enforced 70 percent of the cases opened over the past twelve months. Additional data and details about enforcement activity are provided in the [Code Enforcement Quarterly Report](#) that is available on the [Code Enforcement](#) webpage.

Building Code Services Division

Construction and renovations should be completed in compliance with the Florida Building Code. 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. More than four thousand inspections were performed by the Building Code Services Division at job sites within the BMSD and contracted cities. The division is working closely with all non-profit builders and developers of the in-fill housing project that is bringing 40 new homes to the BMSD. Streamlining services 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.

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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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