

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT

July - December 2023



Investing in Our Future. Improving Our Community.

Broward Municipal Services District Neighborhoods

About the Broward Municipal Services District

The Broward Municipal Services District (BMSD) consists of 11.4 square miles and has a population of approximately 15,499 residents. The Broward County Commission serves as the local government and municipal authority. Services provided include business and housing development, library and wellness programs, neighborhood parks and community assets, zoning and code enforcement, sustainability planning, solid waste, recycling services and public works.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2018-2022 American Community Survey

Central County

Boulevard Gardens, Franklin Park
Roosevelt Gardens, Washington Park

Commission District 8



Broadview Park

Commission District 5



Hillsboro Pines & Hillsboro Ranches

Commission District 2



Broward Municipal Services District Highlights

This Semi-Annual Report highlights accomplishments as well as projects underway in the Broward Municipal Services District (BMSD), from July through December 2023, 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.

Promoting Safe Streets



Investments in the community include small business development, housing and construction projects, and enhancements to parks and libraries.

Investing in Our Community



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.





MANAGING THE BMSD

The Urban Planning Division sponsored the free 7th Annual BMSD Wellness Jamboree, held on October 21st at Samuel Delevoe Park.

The Jamboree featured health screenings, fitness workouts, giveaways, activities for kids and County agency booths that introduced residents to a variety of programs and services for staying healthy.

The fun-filled day exposed residents to better food choices and exercises, free dental services, vaccines, dancing, bicycle raffles, complimentary snacks and lunch.

Thank you to Broward County's participating agencies.

- Animal Care Division
- Broward Addiction and Recovery Center
- Community Partnerships
- Family Success Division
- Nancy J. Cotterman Center
- Emergency Management Division
- Broward County Library Creation Station
- Natural Resources
- Office of Economic and Small Business Development
- Broward County Parks
- Broward County Transit
- Urban Planning (Code Compliance & Planning)





MANAGING THE BMSD



Special thanks to our community partners.

- DJ Chubb
- The Fun Pro Face Painters
- Boys & Girls Club Reitman Unit
- Broward College Nursing Club
- Broward Community & Family Health Centers
- Broward HealthPoint
- Broward County Public Schools (Family and Community Engagement)
- Broward Regional Health Planning Council
- The Florida Panthers
- Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO) Fire Rescue and Law Enforcement
- The Colgate Dental Bus
- Dillard High Marching Band
- Florida Department of Health
- Florida Power and Light
- Publix
- Quaker
- Hispanic Unity
- Holy Cross Health
- RapSnacks
- Starbucks
- Wawa
- United Healthcare
- Urban League
- The University of Miami Sylvester Cancer Treatment Game Changer Bus
- Anthony Brunson, P. A.
- T. E. C. Autobody





MANAGING THE BMSD





PROMOTING SAFE STREETS



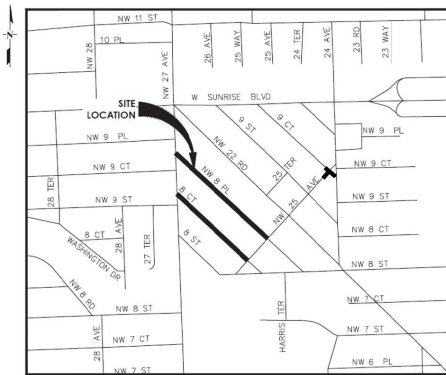
Program participants pressure-cleaning the sidewalks at bus shelters in the BMSD.

The Occupational Industrial Centers (OIC) of South Florida's Social Enterprise division is a for-profit division that expands workforce options and supports the needs of the business community. The Social Enterprise's Transitional Employment Pilot Program was implemented in partnership with Broward County Transit (BCT) to provide job training and employment opportunities. The targeted demographic of the program is returning citizens, individuals with disabilities and residents of the BMSD. Since the program's inception, OIC has improved

the cleanliness of BCT buses and shelters, graffiti removal on traffic engineering equipment, and sidewalk pressure cleaning.

PUBLIC WORKS

Highway and Bridge Maintenance Division began the Franklin Park Phase II project in September of 2023 which included the traffic separator at NW 25th Ave. and NW 9th Ct., and new sidewalks on NW 8th Ct. and NW 9th Pl.



The Franklin Park Wall entrance on Sunrise Blvd, east of NW 27th Ave., was pressure cleaned and painted in December of 2023.

Before




After





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From \$50,000 - \$150,000

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BROWARD COUNTY ONLY

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OFFICE OF ECONOMIC AND SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT (OESBD)

OESBD coordinated events in the BMSD between July and December 2023 including business skills classes to raise awareness and showcase opportunities for education and outreach while contributing to district vibrancy.

Financial Assistance for BMSD Businesses

The BMSD Revolving Loan Fund (RLF), one of five components of the BMSD Economic Development Program, approved by the Broward County Board of County Commissioners has improved the BMSD and reduced urban blight, assisted existing businesses and promoted future economic development of the area. The BMSD RLF was authorized for \$500,000 and is administered by the National Development Council on behalf of the County. As of September 27, 2023, the RLF has provided a total of \$410,000 in loans to five businesses in the BMSD.



The Kauffman FastTrac NewVenture program provided a wealth of opportunities for OESBD leadership, management and staff to engage with members of the BMSD community at the African American Research Library and Cultural Center. The summer class kicked off last July and included information sessions and a 10-week course, culminating with a graduation on November 1, 2023. During the course, students enhanced their business acumen through skill





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development, access to resources and subject matter experts and peer-to-peer support to equip and encourage them to start successful businesses. The program ended with a pitch competition, where early-stage startups got the chance to present their business plan to a group of judges. The event attracted its biggest audience to date.

Congratulations to the top three finalists

- 1st Prize \$10,000: Gloria Lynch of Vaginesse™
- 2nd Prize \$7,500: Judith Wafe of The Fourth Trimester NP
- 3rd Prize \$5,000: Sharon Christie of Visionaire International Eye Wear

USDA Path to Prosperity Tour Florida

On November 16, 2023, OESBD Director Sandy-Michael E. McDonald served as a guest panelist at the Southern Atlantic Path to Prosperity Regional Economic Development series that took place at the African American Research Library and Cultural Center (AARLCC) in the BMSD. Director McDonald highlighted the resources and opportunities available to businesses through County contracting and procurement.

Panelists included Beatrice Louissaint, President & CEO of the Florida State Minority Supplier Development Council; Lanelle Chisolm, National Account Manager General Services Administration; Ronald Brunner, U.S. Small Business Administration; and Trina Bilal, U.S. Department of Energy.

The free hybrid event gathered people online and in-person, as part of a series in collaboration with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), Small Business Administration (SBA), USDA and key community partners and stakeholders. It provided individuals, small business owners, including urban/rural communities (farmers and ranchers) with useful information, tools, resources, and opportunities to engage in dynamic discussions aimed at economic progress.



LIBRARY



AARLCC-CON

Last October, AARLCC sponsored the fourth edition of its comic conference, AARLCC-CON. The theme was “SHUJAA,” the Kiswahili word for “hero,” and the event featured comics and authors of titles related to legends, heroes, gods and mythology originating in African and African diasporic culture. Featured speakers were

Manuel and Geizsel Godoy of Black Sands Comics who founded Black Sands Entertainment in 2016. Their Black Sands series became one of the best-selling black-owned comic brands in the nation. The Godoy's competed successfully on the show “Shark Tank” for further investment in their comic brand by business mogul Mark Cuban and comedian Kevin Hart. AARLCC-CON also featured an array of local authors including Jeff Carroll and George Moss.



2023 Ashley Bryan Art Series Conference

On Thursday, September 21, 2023, the AARLCC conducted the 21st Annual Ashley Bryan Art Series that featured the amazing duo Regis and Kahran Bethencourt – collectively known as CreativeSoul Photography. The Bethencourts were the 2022 Coretta Scott King Award Winners for illustration with their book “The Me I Choose to Be.” Their photographs were whimsical and enhance the beauty and essence of children of African descent. The children were amazed at the imaginative and beautiful presentation of photographs and live photo shoots. The colorful, imaginative and empowering presentation was met with a standing ovation.

More than 250 children attended the half-day event which included a mask-making craft session and free lunch. The event also featured a presentation by Jacksonville artist Christopher Clarke. Every child who attended received a book to add to their home library collection and each class was given a copy of the Bethencourt’s award winning book.

Since opening in 2002, the Youth Services staff at AARLCC have worked to consistently provide programming and outreach to schools through their Ashley Bryan Art Series, encouraging a love of reading and art appreciation. Every year the Ashley Bryan Art Series hosts an award-winning illustrator of African descent to meet and talk to children, educators and persons interested in children’s literature. The illustrator also donated one piece of original book art to the Ashley Bryan Art Collection. The collection includes art from such children’s book luminaries as Jerry Pinkney, Javaka Steptoe, Kadir Nelson, E.B. Lewis and the late Floyd Cooper to name a few. This unique collection of children’s book art continues to grow year after year.





HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Broward Addiction Recovery Center (BARC) provided substance use services to Broward County residents in collaboration with Housing Options Solutions and law enforcement in outreach efforts. Residents received education on the Opioid Epidemic, free Narcan kits to aid in reducing deaths due to overdose, help with housing and enrollment in substance use treatment at BARC. Also, several residents agreed to receive services and were transported directly to BARC for recovery and healthy lifestyle services.

The Family Success Administration Division (FSAD) provided services from July to December of 2023.

They included emergency assistance and case management services, focusing on those experiencing homelessness, people facing eviction, foreclosures, loss of utility services (i.e., electric and water) and assistance with tuition, financial management, employment, transportation, nutrition and childcare.

FSAD is made up of these programs:

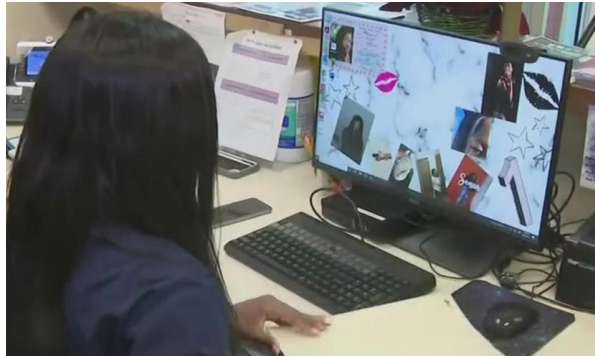
1. Family Success Centers
2. Community Action Agency
 - a. Community Services Block Grant
 - b. Low Income Housing Energy Assistance Program
3. Financial Capability Program

PROGRAMS	MTGS.	COMM. OUTREACH	ZIP CODE 33073	ZIP CODE 33311	ZIP CODE 33317	TOTAL EXPENDED
CAA	1	3				
CSBG	4	39	1	47	6	\$ 27,204.46
LIHEAP			29	686	33	\$ 752,840.35
FCP	19	6	2	16		\$ 67,263.33
FSC			1	26	1	\$ 83,887.00
TOTAL	24	48	33	775	40	\$ 931,195.14

FSAD's programs and community outreach activities and service outcomes from July – December 2023.



BUILDING VIBRANT PLACES



PARKS & RECREATION

The Anti-Bullying Parade was created out of the need to educate children on the effects and impact of bullying. Broward County community parks are committed in combating this problem. The parade attracted the community’s attention with the Dillard High School Marching Band kicking off the event. The children were given thematic anti-bullying t-shirts, balloons, rubber arm bands and flyers created by the students themselves. The parade traveled through the most densely populated residential areas. The caravan was led by BSO and Fire Rescue with sirens and lights flashing to announce its presence.

Check out the coverage from this year’s event on [NBC6](#) and [CBS Miami](#).



Neighborhood parks held the inaugural **Trunk or Treat event** on October 26, 2023. The event gave kids an opportunity to trick or treat in a safe, fun and family-friendly environment. Fifteen community partners, from BSO to Broward County’s Animal Care Division and BMSD Parks passed out candy and goodies to attendees. Approximately 400 people attended the event.

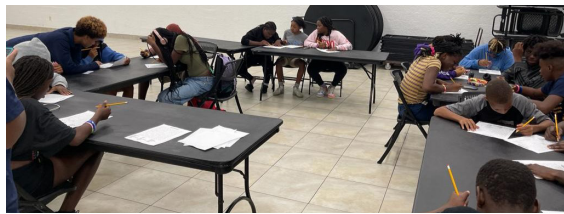


Parks and Recreation also offered a free **Summer Camp Program** for children ages 6-17 offering science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) programming at Reverend Samuel Delevoe, Roosevelt Gardens, Franklin Park, Sunview and Lafayette Hart parks. Summer Camp was held June - August 2023 and included a full day of activities, free lunch and snacks provided by Meals on Wheels, guest speakers, an introduction to life skills, nutrition, arts and crafts, sports and fishing. The campers also participated in special events, field trips and the New Starz Talent Showcase, which gave campers a chance to display their artistic talents such as singing, dancing, acting or playing an instrument.





BUILDING VIBRANT PLACES



The **Teen Talk Program**, offered in the neighborhood parks, addressed the social, emotional and overall well-being of teens ages 12-15. The free program was offered monthly and was created to provide skills and information for teens to use in their day-to-day lives. The focus was on their mental health, wellbeing and

guiding the teens toward a positive attitude. Parks' staff also built relationships with the teens and their parents by using yoga/mindfulness and talk sessions with Q&A.

The Seniors on Safety (S.O.S.) event provided safety and security information to seniors in our community. The topics included scam and fraud prevention, property fraud, elder abuse, fire drills and much more. This event was held at Reverend Samuel Delevoe Memorial Park where several vendors such as YMCA, the South Florida Institute on Aging, BSO and Fire Rescue, Area Agency on Aging of Broward County, Florida Blue, Coast to Coast Legal Aid South Florida and LAN Infotech. The event also featured free breakfast, live music, trivia and interactive games that drew more than 120 seniors and attendees. Giveaway items included tee-shirts, gift bags, raffles and boxed lunches.



BMSD Parks' inaugural Breakfast with Santa was held on December 2, 2023, at Reverend Samuel Delevoe Memorial Park. Families from the BMSD Parks' after-school program participated. To get into the holiday spirit, Santa Claus provided a cheerful, uplifting and jovial tone that helped make the event a success. The event included a bountiful breakfast with hash browns, eggs, pancakes, sausage and

bacon. All the kids in attendance were able to sit on Santa's lap and tell him what they wanted for Christmas. In addition, there was an arts and crafts component that parents and kids enjoyed by making take-home popsicle reindeer ornaments.

BROWARD COUNTY TRANSIT (BCT)

Threads

Created in partnership with the AARLCC, Threads is an interactive mapping project highlighting historical landmarks owned, established and dedicated to and by Black pioneers who have significantly contributed to Broward County since the early 1900s. The historical landmarks selected by the AARLCC include schools, places of worship, social establishments and homes throughout the County and reveal the authentic stories of African American and Black Bahamian experiences in previously segregated South Florida. Like threads used for sewing, these landmarks weave together a rich historical tapestry.

[Check out the local news coverage on WLRN.](#)



Threads is a collaborative project initiated by Broward County Transit in partnership with the African American Research Library and Cultural Center.

Like threads, the landmarks on this map weave together, showcasing the entwined narratives of Broward's Black history.

Scan to Explore





Code Compliance

The Boulevard Gardens neighborhood recently faced environmental concerns stemming from cleaning activities associated with contractors working on public projects. A local restaurant and lounge owner reported a concern to the BMSD Code Compliance section regarding the improper disposal of waste runoff from the cleaning of cement mixer trucks on a privately owned vacant lot. This resulted in liquid cement being poured onto the ground.



Cement truck chute being washed onto bare ground of vacant lot.

On November 16, 2023, the Code Compliance team promptly engaged with company representatives. Enforcement action was initiated involving the contractors for the project and the lot was properly restored. Collaborative efforts between Code Compliance staff, community members and project stakeholders, ensures that proper corrective measures are promptly taken when concerns are reported.

July - December 2023 Statistics

- Conducted **1,798** field inspections
- Issued **161** administrative citations with penalties
- Cited **961** code violations
- Performed **496** annual rental property inspections
- Achieved compliance on **840** cases
- Opened **906** code enforcement cases

Property Maintenance and Community Standards

- Declared **72** land clearing public nuisances
- Opened **72** cases for improper vehicle storage
- Cited **201** instances of oversized commercial vehicle storage
- Issued **42** violations for prohibited open air storage
- Cited **99** occurrences of improper bulk trash placement
- Issued **292** violations for property grounds maintenance
- Inspected **35** cases for building maintenance violations

Broward County Code Enforcement Inspectors worked proactively to educate BMSD residents, property and business owners about property maintenance standards. The focus was on community standards violations, including, heavily overgrown vacant lots and improper storage of inoperable vehicles and accumulation of junk items and trash that required immediate attention. Inspectors addressed these and other conditions that may pose a threat to the health, safety and welfare of the community. Many of the corrections made on tenant-occupied properties were performed by landlords as part of the BMSD annual rental inspection program.



Broward Sheriff's Office

BSO participated in several events in the BMSD including Wellness Jamboree, Trunk or Treat and the Veterans Fair held at Samuel Delevoe Park.

In December 2023, BSO sponsored a Drive-thru Medicine Cabinet and Shred-A-Thon. The Medicine Cabinet allowed participants to safely dispose of unused or expired prescription medication. Nearly 120 cars drove through and 7,210 pounds of paper were shredded.

BSO Fire Rescue also participated in the Broadview Park Civic Association's Santa Drive, picking up donations to benefit residents of Broadview Park.



APPENDIX

CENTRAL COUNTY CRA ANNUAL REPORT 2023

The purpose of this report is to comply with of Section 163.371, Florida Statutes, which requires that Broward County publish an Annual Report for the Central County CRA by March 31, 2020 and annually thereafter, on Broward.org. This report covers the calendar year 2023.

Chronology:

The Broward County Community Redevelopment Agency was created on November 19, 1980 (Ordinance 81-35.) The Agency has one (1) active Community Redevelopment Area (CRA). The Central County CRA is within the unincorporated Broward Municipal Services District (BMSD.) The Board of County Commissioners adopted the Central County CRA Plan on August 23, 2005 (Resolution 2005-553) and amended the plan on October 23, 2012 (Resolution 2012-687). The Central County CRA was created without Tax Increment Financing (TIF) and therefore has no trust fund. The Board of County Commissioners serves as the Central County CRA Board.

Audit requirement:

Central County CRA was without a redevelopment trust fund; therefore, there is no audit report as required by Sec. 163.387(8) Florida Statutes. Central County CRA has reported no revenue, no expenditures, and no debt under s. 189.016(9) or s. 218.32 for six (6) consecutive fiscal years. Therefore, the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) may declare the CRA inactive after September 30, 2022, per Section 163.3756 (2)(a), Florida Statutes. To date, DEO has taken no action to declare the CRA inactive.

Performance data:

1. Total number of projects started and completed and the estimated cost for each project FY 2022.

The Central County CRA was created in 2005 without a redevelopment trust fund. Therefore, the CRA has no budget. However, capital projects within Central County are funded using Broward Municipal Services District property tax revenue, Community Development Block grant, and other sources.

2. Total expenditures from the redevelopment trust fund.

The Central County CRA was created in 2005 without a redevelopment trust fund.

3. Original assessed real property values within the community redevelopment agency's area of authority as of the day the agency was created.

\$ 20,130,040 in 2003

Source: Modification of the Central County CRA Plan, 2005, Table B.5.

4. Total assessed real property values of property within the boundaries of the community redevelopment agency as of January 1 of the reporting year.

\$ 73,128,890 in 2023

Source: Broward County Property Appraiser's tax roll as of January 29, 2024.

APPENDIX

5. Total amount expended for affordable housing for low-income and middle-income residents.

The Central County CRA was created in 2005 without a redevelopment trust fund. Therefore, the CRA has no funding to expend on affordable housing. However, other funding sources have been used to support development of affordable infill housing units in Central County.

Achievement of Goals:

The 2012 update to the CRA plan established a goal to: Promote the development of an attractive, predominantly single-family residential community that has a unique sense of place, and supports a vibrant local business community, and reflects the values and character of residents.

OBJECTIVE 1: Enhance the established predominantly low density residential character of the Community, and support the introduction of new compatible housing.

OBJECTIVE 2: Increase property values and community aesthetics.

OBJECTIVE 3: Improve the health and safety of community residents.

OBJECTIVE 4: Develop active and passive recreational opportunities within the Community to support family activities and enhance quality of life.

OBJECTIVE 5: Enhance the livability of the Community.

OBJECTIVE 6: Seek opportunities in support of successful commercial and employment based (re)development, which is compatible with the existing and future predominantly lower density residential character of the community.

OBJECTIVE 7: Provide safe, efficient and accessible transportation infrastructure and services to Community residents and businesses.

OBJECTIVE 8: Promote the Central County Community as a great place to live.

BrowardNEXT 2.0:

On March 28, 2019, the Board of County Commissioners adopted BrowardNEXT 2.0 Comprehensive Plan Update, which included a new Land Use and Community Planning Element for the BMSD [see <https://www.broward.org/BrowardNext/Pages/ComPlanDocs.aspx>] This Plan includes specific goals, objectives and policies for Central County which were developed with input from the community through extensive public outreach and meetings in 2017-2018. Although these new goals, objectives and policies have not formally replaced the goals within the 2012 CRA Plan, they are being implemented.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Thank you to the County Agencies and Community Partners for the services you provide to the Broward Municipal Services District's (BMSD) residents. Your collaborations, programs, commitments and investments are essential to improving the quality of life with the BMSD.

BROWARD COUNTY AGENCIES

County Administration
Cultural
Emergency Management
Grants Coordination
Housing Finance
Human Services
Library
Office of Management and Budget
Office of Economic and Small Business Development
Office of Public Communications
Parks and Recreation
Public Works
Resilience Environment
Solid Waste and Recycling
Transit
Urban Planning

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
OIC of South Florida
Urban League of Broward County
YMCA of South Florida





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