

# SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT



**January - June 2024**

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 January through June 2024, in the following areas. This report is available in a printer-friendly format online at [Broward.org/MunicipalServicesDistrict](http://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



Comprehensive community planning includes safe streets designed with vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians in mind.

## Investing in Our Community



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

## 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.



## Resilient Environment/Natural Resources



The Underwater campaign was sponsored by the Broward County Resilient Environment Department, Cultural Division, the Community Foundation of Broward, and the Xavier Cortada Foundation. *The Underwater: Broward* is a community-led climate action campaign that uses the power of art to engage others and inspire local action around climate change. During each event led by the artist, participants learned about local climate issues, discovered their home's elevation, and were encouraged to discuss the impacts of sea level rise in their community.

The inaugural Central County Climate Conversation was held in the BMSD at the African American Research Library and Cultural Center (AARLCC). Residents participated in an interactive discussion on climate impacts to the local community and Broward County actions to increase resilience. Exhibits included environmental programs, community organizations, and advocacy groups who shared information on opportunities to learn about and become involved in community climate action.

## Building Code Division

In May and June, Building Code and Code Enforcement Inspectors attended community events and homeowners and civic association meetings. Inspectors interacted with BMSD residents, provided information on County Code and State Statutes, and took complaints.





## Emergency Management

The annual Hurricane Preparedness Open House was held June 8th at AARLCC. Residents took advantage of educational materials on preparing for a storm and spoke with Broward County agency representatives who shared tips, answered questions, and distributed free giveaways and refreshments.





# MANAGING THE BMSD

## Urban Planning Division (UPD)

Martin L. King Jr. Day of Service in the BMSD is an annual project to spruce up the homes of eligible homeowners. On January 13, Rebuilding Together Broward (RTB) painted and landscaped three homes in Boulevard Gardens. This year, UPD sponsored a luncheon and invited volunteers and community leaders. Parks, Public Works, Broward Sheriff's Office, UPD, RTB and Commissioner Robert McKinzie participated.



Before



After



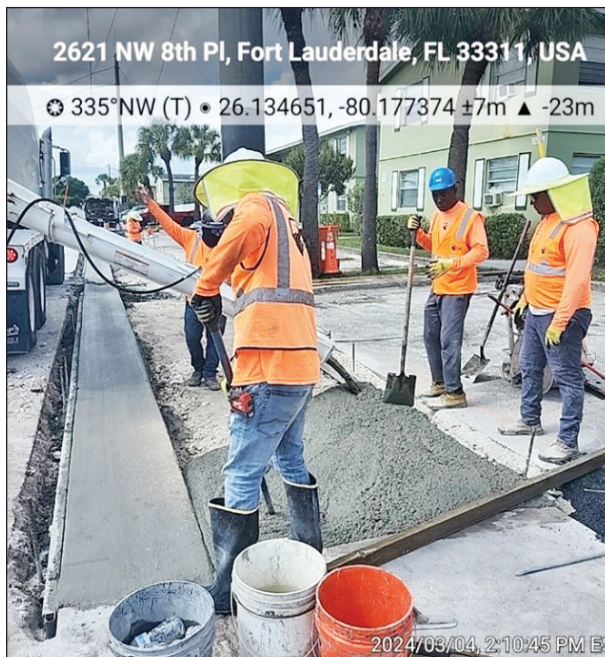
## Public Works

The Highway and Bridge Maintenance Division (HBMD) completed the Boulevard Gardens drainage infrastructure inspections and cleaning project and began the Washington Park and Broadview Park drainage infrastructure inspections and cleaning projects.

Sidewalk improvements, ADA-accessible pedestrian curb ramps, and swale improvements were done in Franklin Park and Washington Park.



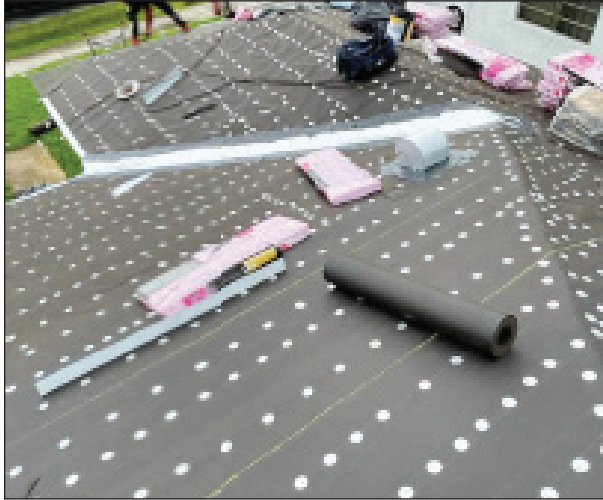
*Pictured above HBMD pressure cleaned, made minor repairs, and repainted entrance signs in Broadview Park, Washington Park, and Roosevelt Gardens.*



# INVESTING IN OUR COMMUNITY

## Housing

January - June, minor home repairs were completed on six BMSD homes. Work done included reroofing, installing impact resistant windows and exterior doors, replacing gutters and HVAC, and as needed upgrading electrical. Photos here show one site.



## Transit

Broward County Transit (BCT) and African American Research Library and Cultural Center (AARLCC) organized tours as part of AARLCC's Festival, *Rootedness: Celebrating 50 Years of Black Literature and Culture*. BCT coordinated the routes and provided tours that were scheduled over three days. The small business and economic tours were narrated by the Fort Lauderdale Community Redevelopment Agency. Below are pictures from one of the tours.





# INVESTING IN OUR COMMUNITY

## Office of Economic and Small Business Development (OESBD)

OESBD participated in numerous events and sponsored economic development activities in the Broward Municipal Services District (BMSD) the first half of 2024. Events included business skills classes, site visits, micro-grant training sessions, and public forums. The various events raised awareness, expanded opportunities for education and outreach, as well as contributed to district vibrancy.



*Pictured above are Neighborhood Revitalization Symposium panelists.*

The free in-person Africana Arts & Humanities Festival featured a Neighborhood Revitalization Symposium series. Participating organizations included OESBD, Film Lauderdale, Urban league of Broward County (ULBC), City of Fort Lauderdale Community Redevelopment Agency, Small Business Administration, Grow America, and Dickey Consulting. The program provided individuals and small business owners with information, tools, resources, and opportunities focused on economic development and educational materials for entrepreneurs. A second program showcased Sandy-Michael E. McDonald, OESBD Director, and J.R. McFarling, ULBC Small Business Development Officer, who shared their best practices and knowledge.

OESBD launched its Small Business Micro-Grant Pilot Program that will provide working capital for small businesses located within Broward County. The program is intended to assist the smallest of Broward businesses that need financial assistance. The grant funds will be evenly distributed through all commission districts which equates to 11 awards per district and one remaining grant of \$2,500 for the BMSD. OESBD hosted various virtual and in-person application training workshops and recorded several informational videos that were posted on [YouTube](#). Flyers regarding the program were distributed to businesses throughout the BMSD.



**Small Business Micro-Grant Pilot Program**

The Broward County Office of Economic and Small Business Development (OESBD) will assist the smallest of Broward businesses that need financial assistance. Qualifying applicants will be reimbursed for eligible expenses in the amount of \$2,500.

**Application Process**  
Applications must be submitted online along with all required documents and receipts for eligible expenses. Please scan the QR code or visit the website for more information.

**Technical Assistance Sessions**  
Save the dates for OESBD technical assistance sessions to explain the details of the program and application process:

- Virtual Technical Assistance event on May 15, 2024
- In person Technical Assistance event on May 20, 2024
- Virtual Technical Assistance event on June 3, 2024

Applications will be accepted starting in May 2024!

**SCAN ME!** 

<https://bit.ly/49iyifX>

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OFFICE OF ECONOMIC AND SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

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# BUILDING HEALTHY & VIBRANT PLACES

## NatureScape

Broward County Public School (BCPS) students participated in the 2024 Water Matters Day BCPS K-12 Infographic Challenge. This year’s theme, “Save Water, Embrace Nature,” highlighted the importance of water conservation in protecting our natural environment. Students conducted research and created an infographic that informed the community on 1) Endangered Species Act of 1973, 2) the importance of water conservation in protecting threatened and endangered plants and animals, 3) provided examples of threatened and endangered plants and animals of the Everglades and, 4) provided ways to help conserve and protect threatened and endangered plants and animals. Infographics are graphic visual representations of information, data, or knowledge intended to present information quickly and clearly. Entries were judged on relevance to the four topics, correct use of research/ data, creativity, originality, conciseness, organization, and correct spelling and grammar appropriate to the entrant’s grade level.



Pictured above left - right: Dr. Lisa Milenkovic, Commissioner Steve Geller, Noah Merceron, and Commissioner Beam Furr. Noah, a student at Meadowbrook Elementary School located in the BMSD, was runner up for the elementary school level. There were over thirty elementary school entries this year.

## Human Services

The Nancy J. Cotterman Center (NJCC) participated in the 2023-2024 Broward Aware! Protecting Our Children Campaign which is designed to promote child safety and wellbeing in Broward County. The campaign focused on preventing child abuse and neglect and included various activities and events throughout the County to support the mission. NJCC participated in the culminating event, Family Fun and Resource Day, held April 13, 2024, at the Reverend Samuel Delevoe Memorial Park. The event provided attendees the opportunity to learn about the various service providers in the community, attend mini-lectures, and learn about NJCC’s services for survivors of sexual violence, child abuse and human trafficking.





# BUILDING HEALTHY & VIBRANT PLACES

The Family Success Administration Division (FSAD) provided emergency assistance and case management services through three programs to mitigate residents experiencing homelessness, evictions, foreclosures, loss of utility services (i.e., electric and water) and assist with tuition, financial management, employment, transportation, nutrition, and childcare.

FSAD offered services through the following programs:

1. Family Success Centers (FSC)
2. Community Action Agency (CAA)
  - a. Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)
  - b. Low Income Housing Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
3. Financial Capability Program (FCP)

FSAD’s programs and community outreach activities from January – June 2024 included the following service outcomes:

PROGRAMS	MTGS.	COMM. OUTREACH	ZIP CODE 33073	ZIP CODE 33311	ZIP CODE 33317	TOTAL EXPENDED
CSBG	11	63	0	26	6	\$ 42,637.03
LIHEAP			11	136	5	\$ 141,832.38
FCP	9	7	2	14		\$ 10,000.00
FSC			2	18		\$ 72,051.30
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>\$ 266,520.71</b>

## Cultural

*The Underwater: Broward* art program visited ten public schools, including Dillard High School, and presented climate workshops to over 1,000 students. Workshop participants created artistic elevation markers and received a hand painted elevation mural for their school campus.

Pictured to the right: Dillard High School students who participated in *The Underwater: Broward* climate and art workshop.





## Library

In February, Broward County Library's African American Research Library and Cultural Center (AARLCC) began Black History Month with a screening of "Crossing the Waters: The Impact of Bahamian Pioneers in South Florida." Commissioner Hazelle Rogers, The Right Honorable, Former Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas, Perry G. Christie and Bahamas Consul General Curt G. Hollingsworth gave greetings during the program. The movie was followed by a discussion with the director, Dr. Michelle Dallas, historian Dr. Enid Pinkney, and Attorney Yolanda Cash-Jackson. The sold-out crowd of over 350 attendees enjoyed a reception and the sounds of a Bahamian junkanoo band.



As part of Broward County Library Division's 50th anniversary, AARLCC organized the inaugural Africana Arts & Humanities Festival titled "Rootedness: A Retrospective on 50 Years of Black Literature and Culture" March 20-23, 2024. This four-day event featured panel discussions, presentations, movie screenings with talkbacks, a symposium on neighborhood revitalization, and guided tours. The festival paid homage to the spirit of





the 1970s by exploring the works of Toni Morrison, Alex Haley, and other influential Black creatives from that era.

To engage younger audiences, the festival hosted an intergenerational discussion on hair pride featuring Coretta Scott King Award-winning authors Camille Yarbrough and Kahran Bethencourt of CreativeSoul. The event concluded with a children's hair show curated by Natural Trend Setters, celebrating the beauty and creativity of Black hair.

During Haitian Heritage Month, AARLCC welcomed over 300 students for a private screening of "Once on This Island - the Broadway Musical," further enriching community engagement and cultural appreciation.

## PARKS

The NewGen program was recognized by the National Association of County Parks and Recreation Officials with the first award for innovative programming in 2024. Now in its third year, the NewGen program is a transformative initiative by Broward County Parks and Recreation that has addressed the critical needs of at-risk youth in underserved communities. The program has exposed teenagers to job training, public speaking and



## BUILDING HEALTHY & VIBRANT PLACES

interacting with professionals. With 23 participants in NewGen Leaders (16-18 years old) and 55 in NewGen Protégé (pre-teens and early teenagers), this program effectively equips young people with valuable life skills and career preparation tools, empowering them to overcome existing barriers and reach their full potential.



Pictured above: NewGen visited the Holocaust Memorial on Miami Beach and met a Holocaust Survivor. They also attended a Central County Community Advisory Board meeting.



On February 2, 2024, Broward Municipal Services District neighborhood parks hosted the 11th Annual Senior Red and White Ball. Participants in the parks' Senior Programs, along with the neighboring city park's Senior Programs, enjoyed a night full of fun activities, and the seniors dressed to impress in their finest red and white attire. The evening began with a welcome reception that included a photo booth with props and a red-carpet entrance complete with a welcome line of volunteers encouraging guests to dance their way into a night of fun. Attendees enjoyed entertainment provided by the Miami Sound Byte Band and were kept smiling by their hosts, Kemma Foreman and Jakari Wallace. Dinner was served by volunteers and the NewGen Leaders staff, and dancing followed. The evening was capped off with the crowning of the Annual King and Queen along with several raffles. The Senior Red and White Ball provides seniors an opportunity to socialize with their peers and enjoy an evening designed just for them; it also helps seniors improve their self-confidence, and self-esteem.





# BUILDING HEALTHY & VIBRANT PLACES

## Solid Waste and Recycling

Solid Waste and Recycling created a Hurricane Edition Talkin' Trash Newsletter and mailed it to BMSD residents and distributed it at public meetings.



**RESIDENT GUIDE TO DISASTER DEBRIS REMOVAL**

**TALKIN' TRASH NEWSLETTER HURRICANE EDITION 2024**

BEFORE A HURRICANE	AFTER A HURRICANE
<p><b>Do:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Use your next bulk waste collection day to get rid of unwanted items.</li> <li>✓ Trim trees and shrubbery regularly. Cut weak branches and thin out foliage. This decreases the chance that plants will be uprooted.</li> <li>✓ Refresh your supply of heavy-duty plastic garbage bags for household garbage.</li> </ul> <p><b>Don't:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>X Trim trees once a hurricane watch or warning is announced.</li> <li>X Put recycling and bulk waste items at the curb during a watch or warning. Materials will not be collected due to the haulers having to prepare for the upcoming storm.</li> <li>X Take bulk waste items to the Residential Drop-Off Center during a watch or warning as facilities will be temporarily closed.</li> </ul> <p><i>For information about hurricane preparation, visit <a href="http://Broward.org/hurricane">Broward.org/hurricane</a> or call 954-765-4999.</i></p>	<p><b>Do:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Watch the news for information regarding the reinstatement of garbage and recycling services.</li> <li>✓ Understand that all services will resume as soon as possible after an emergency, although it may be several weeks before bulk waste collections are reinstated and hurricane debris is removed. The first priority will be to remove hurricane debris prior to reinstating bulk waste collection.</li> <li>✓ Keep waste separated at the curb for easier collection (household garbage, tree trimmings, and miscellaneous debris and trash). Refer to chart on the back.</li> <li>✓ Cut all tree limbs into sections of 4 feet in length and 50 pounds or less and stack neatly at the curb.</li> <li>✓ Place all debris curbside. (Collection contractors can only pick up debris from the curb.) It may take several weeks to clear debris, even in the event of a weaker hurricane such as a Category 1.</li> <li>✓ If your utility or phone/cable provider cuts down branches or trees in your yard, it is your responsibility to properly prepare the debris for collection as indicated above.</li> </ul> <p><b>Don't:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>X Use paper bags or cardboard boxes for putting out household garbage.</li> <li>X Rely on County personnel and collection contractors to remove debris from locations other than curbsides or public roadways.</li> <li>X Risk property damage or personal injury by placing debris near a fence, mailbox, poles or on top of power line equipment.</li> <li>X Place garbage and recycling at the curb until an announcement has been made that these services have resumed.</li> <li>X Place items in front of vacant lots—they won't be collected.</li> </ul>



## Code Enforcement

Code Enforcement Inspectors educated BMSD residents and property and business owners about property maintenance standards. They performed inspections of community standards violations including heavily overgrown vacant lots, improper storage of inoperable vehicles, and accumulation of junk items and trash that require immediate attention. Inspectors focused on conditions that posed a threat to the health, safety, and welfare of the community. In addition, under the BMSD annual rental inspection program, Code Enforcement was instrumental in identifying corrections needed to be made on tenant-occupied properties, brought those to the landlords' attention and saw an increase in improvements made by the landlords.

### JANUARY - JUNE 2024 PERIOD STATISTICS

- Conducted **1,540** field inspections.
- Opened **688** code enforcement cases.
- Cited **700** code violations.
- Achieved compliance on **919** cases.
- Issued **94** administrative citations with penalties.
- Performed **390** annual rental property inspections.

### Property Maintenance and Community Standards

- Declared **31** land clearing public nuisances.
- Opened **200** cases for improper vehicle storage.
- Issued **24** violations for prohibited open air storage.
- Cited **63** occurrences of improper bulk trash placement.
- Issued **127** violations for property grounds maintenance.
- Inspected **50** cases for building maintenance violations.
- Opened **131** rental registration cases.



Code Inspectors have encouraged residents to be respectful of their neighbors by ensuring that they do not create excessive sound or noise on an ongoing basis. Residents should be ensured of an environment free from activities that jeopardize health or degrade the quality of life. While law enforcement commonly responds to complaints of higher-than-normal levels of noise related to certain activities such as loud music, social events, and public disturbances, Code Inspectors often educate residents of County ordinances. For example, between the hours of 7pm to 7am, noise from a loudspeaker in residential areas is unreasonably loud if it is plainly audible inside of another person's residence across a property line when their doors and windows are closed.



## Broward Sheriff's Office

Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO) supported the BMSD Annual MLK Day of Service January 13, 2024. Pictured here are BSO deputies interacting with youth volunteers.



# ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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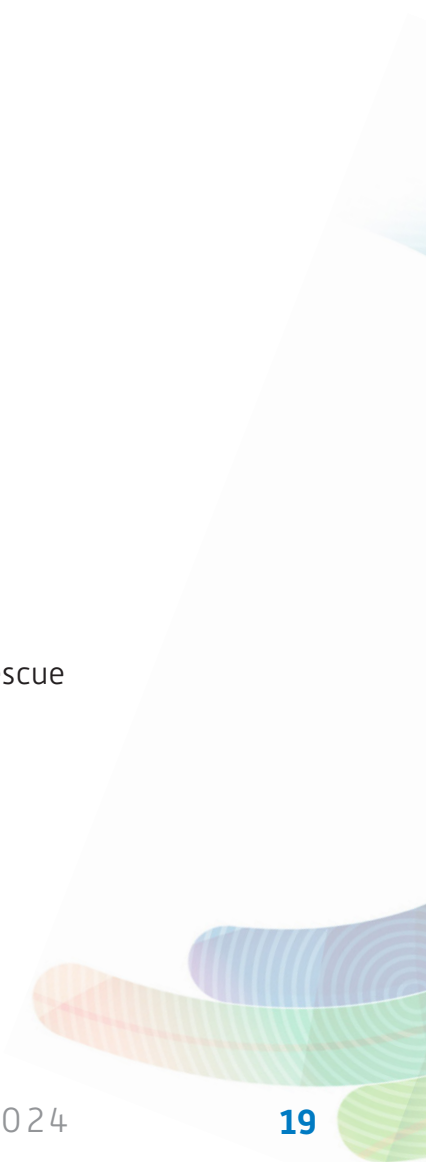
Thank you to the County Agencies and Community Partners for the services you provide to the Broward Municipal Services District's (BMSD) residents. Your collaborations, programs, commitments, and investments are essential to improving the quality of life within the BMSD.

## **BROWARD COUNTY AGENCIES**

Building Code  
County Administration  
Cultural  
Emergency Management  
Grants Coordination  
Housing Finance  
Human Services  
Library  
NatureScape  
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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