



# SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT

JULY - DECEMBER 2024

Investing in Our Future. Improving Our Community. X

# 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 16,275 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 COUNTY COMMISSION

## MESSAGE FROM YOUR DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

### Vice Mayor Mark D. Bogen – District 2 Commissioner



Dear Hillsboro Pines and Hillsboro Ranches Residents,

I am reaching out to you today as your new Broward County Vice Mayor and your District County Commissioner. Recently, my fellow County Commissioners chose me to serve as their Vice Mayor this year.

It's truly an honor, as I have served the citizens of Broward County for the last ten years and previously as Mayor in 2019.

I remain committed to all Broward County residents and will continue to fight for the health and safety of all Broward County citizens. I will continue to champion the reduction of PFAS, harmful chemicals when ingested, in our drinking water by encouraging investing in superior filtering methods that exceed federal requirements.

I also will continue to support my initiative for free heart scans that save lives by identifying potential health risks that might not have otherwise been found.

My office stands by to support your needs so that we may continue to make Broward County the best place to live, learn, work and play.

Sincerely,

Vice Mayor Mark Bogen

### Senator Steve Geller – District 5 Commissioner



Dear Broadview Park Residents,

Throughout my time serving you on the Broward County Commission, I have worked diligently to advance the interests of our community. Your concerns have guided my decisions, and your feedback has been invaluable in helping me better serve Broadview Park.

I remain committed to working tirelessly on your behalf. My focus continues to be on enhancing our community's quality of life and addressing the challenges we face together.

I wish you and your loved ones a happy, healthy, and prosperous 2025. Thank you for the privilege of serving as your County Commissioner.

Warm regards,

Steve Geller



# BROWARD COUNTY COMMISSION

## MESSAGE FROM YOUR DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

### Robert McKinzie – District 8 Commissioner



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

It has been an honor to serve as the District County Commissioner for Roosevelt Gardens, Franklin Park, Washington Park, and Boulevard Gardens.

Our community has faced many challenges, and we have been overlooked for many decades. Yet, time and again, we have remained a resilient community, built on strength, determination, and the dreams of generations before us.

As your County Commissioner, I am committed to building on the foundation of resilient and setting the stage for a brighter, more equitable future for our community.

This means advocating for the resources we need – a safe, clean affordable community with a revitalized commercial corridor where everyone has the chance to thrive.

Over the past two years, I have worked with County staff to implement many initiatives. Some of these initiatives include:

- Approved a BMSD Economic Development Program to revitalize the commercial corridors in the BMSD.
- Approved gap financing for senior affordable housing development and other redevelopment projects.
- Spearheaded the rezoning of abandoned commercial properties that will be used for redevelopment projects such as affordable housing.
- Created a dedicated team, including a BMSD Administrator, to provide municipal services to residents and businesses.
- Increased outreach efforts of the County’s Taskforce to address homelessness in the BMSD.
- Distributed 4,100 sandbags at Delevoe Park during storm activation for Hurricane Milton.
- Increased the presence of Code Enforcement throughout the BMSD community particularly in the Franklin Park community.
- Completed a large-scale solar canopy at Delevoe Park which provides shade and shelter for patrons using the basketball court.

But there is so much more work needed. In the coming months, I will be working on several projects designed to address long-standing inequities and invest in the future of our community. Some of the upcoming projects and initiatives include:

- Implement a Clean Initiative to address illegal dumping and trash in the BMSD.
- Develop a plan to have dedicated law enforcement personnel for Central County communities.
- Acquire and redevelop commercial properties that have been abandoned by property owners.
- Complete drainage improvements in Boulevard Gardens to address flooding issues.
- Build 12 affordable single-family homes in Roosevelt Gardens, Washington Park, and Boulevard Gardens.

Let us continue to move forward together, united by a shared vision of progress and the belief that our best days are still ahead.

Thank you for your trust and for being an integral part of this community.

Yours in service,

Commissioner Robert McKinzie





# MEET YOUR MUNICIPAL SERVICES TEAM



## Laurette Jean – BMSD Administrator

Mrs. Jean oversees all of the programs and services provided to residents and businesses in the Broward Municipal Services District (BMSD) including addressing community concerns.

## BMSD Community Services Team in Action



The BMSD Municipal Services Team includes representatives from Code Enforcement, Human Services, Building Code, Parks, Libraries, Economic & Small Business Development, Communications, Transit, and many more.

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

## BMSD Vision



Our vision is to build a safe, clean, and opportunity-rich community where everyone thrives.

## 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.





## **BMSD 2024 Highlights**

Several years ago, our BMSD residents and business owners established community priorities. Since that time, Broward County government has worked to address the needs in alignment with the community priorities. Through thoughtful planning, open communication, and collaborative efforts, we continue to deliver programs and services that strengthen our community and build a bright future. Here are a few highlights of our accomplishments over the past year:

- Implemented aggressive Code Enforcement that addressed community leaders' concerns, removed graffiti, educated homeowners of County ordinances, and quickly identified violations.
- Sponsored Office of Economic and Small Business Development trainings for entrepreneurs that improved skills, insights, tools, resources, and support for successful enterprises. Economic Development Program funded business façade projects for several businesses.
- Renovated the African American Research Library and Cultural Center's auditorium to better serve the public and offer amenities.
- Installed Wayfinding Signs and decorated light poles on NW 27th Avenue between Broward Boulevard and Sunrise Boulevard to highlight the BMSD venues and communities.
- Funded trees and plants that residents planted to beautify their yards.
- Added Solid Waste & Recycling bulk trash pickups, coordinated neighborhood cleanings, and focused on beautification of communities.



## Building Code Division

**The 8th Annual BMSD Wellness Jamboree was held Saturday, October 19 at the Reverend Samuel Delevoe Memorial Park.**

Broward County's Wellness Jamboree featured health screenings, fitness workouts, giveaways, activities for kids, and County agency programs and services were introduced to residents. This year's Jamboree hosted nearly 285 residents and fully engaged with community leaders, exhibitors, and educators. Special thanks to our partners for a fun-filled day:

- Broward Sheriff's Office Fire Rescue and Law Enforcement
- MLK Montessori Academy's Drumline
- Broward Community & Family Health Center
- Florida Power & Light
- UnitedHealthcare
- RapSnacks
- Starbucks
- Publix
- T.E.C. Auto Paint & Body
- Economy Property Rentals
- Dickey Consulting Services
- Tricom Management Group
- Tires Pro
- Wawa
- Holy Cross Health
- BrowardHealth Point
- Urban League
- U.S. Veterans Affairs
- University of Miami Medical
- Florida Department of Health
- Broward County Public Schools – Family and Community Engagement
- Boys and Girls Club
- Area Agency on Aging
- Community Action Agency
- Hispanic Unity
- Florida Blue
- Broward County's participating agencies

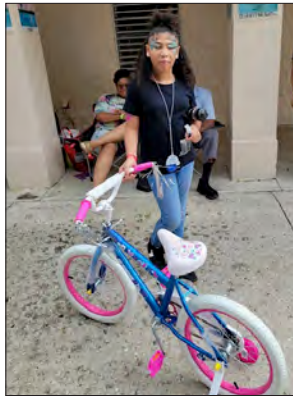






# MANAGING THE BMSD

## 8th Annual BMSD Wellness Jamboree





## Building Code Division

The Building Code Division (BCD) colleagues donated Christmas gifts to the children at Developmental Disabilities Ann Storck Center. BCD brought joy to the faces of the children!





## Urban Planning Division

On November 9, the Broward County Historic Preservation Board sponsored its annual Pioneer Day. Longtime BMSD homeowner and community advocate, Yvonne Sumlin-Garvin, was recognized to honor her compassion for her community and her exemplary leadership. Mrs. Sumlin-Garvin served as BSO's District 5 Community Council Vice President, Correspondence Secretary for the Washington Park Civic Association, and Youth Director. She graduated from Florida Atlantic University and Dillard High School. Her husband and family attended the Pioneer Day event and accepted the award.



Yvonne Sumlin-Garvin



Pictured left to right: Ollice Davis, Henry Garvin Jr., husband, and Clarice Davis, niece.



# PROMOTING SAFE STREETS

## Public Works - Highway and Bridge Maintenance Division

Highway and Bridge Maintenance Division completed several improvements in the BMSD including new sidewalk installations, cleaning the swales, and ADA curb ramps improvements in Boulevard Gardens.



## Construction Management Division/Office of Economic & Small Business Development

In partnership with the Office of Economic & Small Business Development, the Construction Management Division oversaw five projects that were awarded grants for exterior and site improvements in the BMSD. The two projects include:

**3 Store Plaza - 973 NW 27th Avenue:** This project received the Certificate of Completion from the Broward County Building Department on December 4th. This renovation project consisted of the following exterior improvements:

- Exterior painting
- Sitework,
- Landscaping
- Irrigation
- New gutters and downspouts,
- New concrete walkway, bike rack,
- New decorative perforated metal panel at side of the building
- New parapet
- New ADA parking space and ADA sign
- New fencing
- New bollards
- New building tenant signs and monument signs
- New exterior LED lights for building and parking lot.



## BRIHM - 681 WAL-BRI INC:

This project received the Certificate of Completion from the Broward County Building Department on August 5th. Exterior and site improvements consisted of a new drainage system, grading of swales, new asphalt pavement, new pavement markings, and an exterior building sign.





# INVESTING IN OUR COMMUNITY

## Housing

Five Minor Home Repair or Special Needs/Barrier Free projects were completed for residents in Washington Park, Boulevard Gardens, and Franklin Park an additional 15 Minor Home Repair and Special Needs/Barrier Free projects in the BMSD are underway and will be completed soon.

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



On September 5, OESBD Director Sandy-Michael E. McDonald attended a Community Forum hosted by the African American Research Library and Cultural Center (AARLCC). The event provided BMSD residents with an opportunity to express feedback while learning about Broward County's business resources, services, and programs.

On October 19, OESBD participated in the Broward County Convention Center Expansion and Omni Hotel Project Job & Resource Fair held at Lafayette Hart Park. Staff interacted with attendees and shared information about available training and certification programs that can enhance professional skillsets.

On October 29, OESBD staff attended the Economic Services Division's Seasonal Career & Education Fair that was held at the Urban League of Broward County (ULBC) in the BMSD. OESBD hosted an exhibitor table and shared detailed information with the attendees about small business development and small business growth opportunities.





## Human Services – Housing Options, Solutions and Supports Division (HOSS-D)

On November 26, staff participated in an outreach event in conjunction with Broward Addiction and Recovery Center, Code Enforcement and the Homeless Task Force to address a community concern in Franklin Park. This joint effort resulted in the cleaning up of a nuisance property, outreach to provide services to unhoused individuals encamping on the property and addressing the unsafe structure concerns. Several persons accepted treatment, and one was reunited with his family. Human Services staff actively worked to respond to reports of public camping and sleeping in Broward County. HOSS-D also worked with a continuum of care providers to support those individuals and families with shelter and services.

## Family Success

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

FSAD's programs helped stabilize 522 households and expended over \$500,000 to provide various services to residents in the BMSD. These programs include the following:

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)

## Broward County Libraries

In August, the African American Research Library and Cultural Center (AARLCC) hosted their signature event entitled ***Cultural Conversations*** with featured author Dr. Charlene Desir and Dr. Pamela Hall. They discussed their book, ***Education & Restoration of Pan African Haitian Youth: A Guide to Building Diasporic Literature Programs***. They offered a dynamic framework for developing youth-focused Pan-African Haitian and African American summer programs.

On December 14, AARLCC hosted ***Soulful Christmas 2024***, a heartwarming holiday celebration. The event, which attracted over 1,500 attendees, featured pictures with Santa, storytelling, music, giveaways, and performances by ***Hued Songs***, a local performing arts group.



# BUILDING HEALTHY & VIBRANT PLACES



On December 28, AARLCC commemorated the 3rd Day of Kwanzaa, "Collective Work and Responsibility," with a celebration that included music, drumming, dance workshops, crafts, storytelling, and an educational presentation on the history of Kwanzaa by Simunye. Author Queen Mother, Olori Iya Orite Olasowo-Adefunmi also shared her book, *Seeds of Awakening*.







## PARKS

**SAND BAGS**  
**DELEVOE PARK**  
**Tues. Oct 8**  
**9AM-6PM**  
 or while supplies last

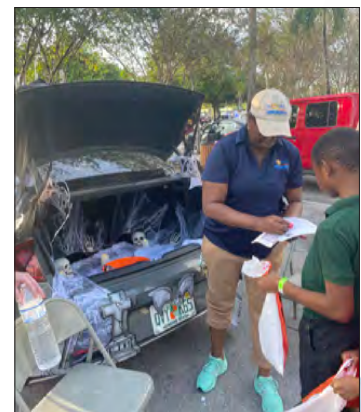
For  
**BMSD**  
 residents




On October 6-8, 4,100 sandbags were distributed at Reverend Samuel Delevoe Memorial Park to BMSD residents in preparation of Hurricane Milton. Special thanks to Commissioner McKinzie and his staff, Parks and Public Works colleagues, and volunteers who filled bags and assisted our residents.

## Second Annual Trunk-or-Treat Event

Parks and Recreation’s neighborhood parks hosted its second free Trunk-or-Treat event at the Reverend Samuel Delevoe Memorial Park on October 24. The event offered a safe and family-friendly alternative to trick or treating. Participants interacted with a variety of organizations and county agencies such as the Broward Sheriff’s Office, African American Research Library & Cultural Center, Transit, Broward County Public Schools, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated, and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated who introduced their services to the community. 600 people attended and received candy, books, giveaways, and enjoyed music, and themed decorations.





# BUILDING HEALTHY & VIBRANT PLACES

## Winter Camp

Parks sponsored a free Winter Break Camp for children ages 6 -17 at Reverend Samuel Delevoe Memorial, Franklin, Lafayette Hart, Roosevelt Gardens, and Sunview Parks. Winter Break Camp students received free lunches and snack meals daily. There was an increase in attendance of 3.2% from last year. The camp consisted of a New Year’s Eve Celebration, the Museum of Science & Discovery STEAM Bus, a Kwanzaa Celebration, *Sparez* Bowling, *Dancing with the Parks*, Snow Bowling, Gingerbread House Making and Field Day.



## Dr. Harold Reitman Unit of the Boys & Girls Club

In September, the Reitman Unit held an Open House for community leaders and professionals. Coach Markes Thomas, Center Director, lead a tour and the guests participated in a lunch discussion about the Reitman Unit’s programs, successes and future initiatives. Pictured left to right: Deloris Moody (MLK Montessori Academy), Rev. Jesse Scipio (Boulevard Gardens Community Group, Inc.), Audrey Ljung, (Broward County Human Services Department), Thomas, Willowstine Lawson, (Broward County Building Code Division), and Ruben Bell (Boulevard Gardens Community Group, Inc.).



## Code Enforcement

The Building Code Division and the Public Works Department collaborated to remove abandoned shopping carts throughout the Broward Municipal Services District communities. The initiative underscores the County’s commitment to fostering a cleaner and more welcoming environment for residents and visitors alike.



## Public Works

In the fall, Broward County’s Public Works Department replaced the damaged canopy at Fire Station # 23 in Broadview Park. In 2025, the Public Works team will conduct additional facility improvements at this fire station.



## Broward Sheriff’s Office (BSO)

In November, BSO Central Broward District 5 surprised several residents with Thanksgiving meals for the holiday. Pictured here are BMSD homeowners with BSO Lieutenant Gresham and Deputies Arnett and Monteiro.



# 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, Dr. Harold Reitman Unit  
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





### **Broward County Board of County Commissioners**

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