

Streetscape Rendering of Sistrunk Boulevard



Commissioner DuBose operates a front loader as he digs a pile of dirt at the groundbreaking



Sistrunk Boulevard Infrastructure Project Groundbreaking - Jan. 12, 2011

SISTRUNK BOULEVARD INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT

This is a major capital improvement project that seeks to upgrade infrastructure and beautify Sistrunk Boulevard. The project area encompasses Sistrunk Boulevard from Federal Highway to NW 24th Avenue. Once the project is completed, residents will enjoy more on-street parking, wider sidewalks, decorative streetlights, median and landscape enhancements, and new bus shelters. Additionally, in some areas overhead utilities will be placed under ground.

From the Desk of Vice Mayor Bobby B. DuBose



I would like to thank the residents of District III for providing me with the opportunity to continue serving as your District Commissioner. The ability to represent our community in the City for the past two years has been a privilege and I look forward to continuing to work on everyone's behalf.

Change is continuously occurring on the corridor and I am thrilled to see plans coming to fruition. This past year was an exciting one filled with new ideas, promising changes, and exciting events. We opened the Midtown Commerce Center, broke ground on the Sistrunk Boulevard Infrastructure Project, moved forward with the Northwest Grocery Store Project, began the rejuvenation and reconstruction of the Eula Johnson House and had the largest attendance in Light Up Sistrunk history.

We all know that our state and city faces many financial challenges, but they can be overcome if we continue to listen and work together. We are striving to balance our budget and continue to provide top-of-the-line services.

Over the past few months, the City Commission chose a City Manager Search Committee. The Committee's mission/purpose was to advise the City Commission on any and all matters with respect to the hiring of a City Manager for the City of Fort Lauderdale; and to hear citizen neighborhood and community concerns and recommendations about the hiring of a City Manager and recommend appropriate action to the City Commission; and to review resumes provided by an outside consultant and prepare a short list of candidates for review by the City Commission; and to perform such duties as may from time to time be requested by the City Commission. At the end of the process, a new City Manager has been chosen in the person of Lee Feldman, the City Manager of Palm Bay. Feldman will assume his duties in the City of Fort Lauderdale on June 13.

Mr. Feldman will be replacing Acting City Manager Allyson C. Love who we hate to see leave our City after 22 years of dedicated service. We wish Ms. Love all the best in her future endeavors and thank her for a job well done!

Since our last communication, I have been elected as 1st Vice President as the Broward League of Cities. The Broward League of Cities is a non-partisan, non-profit organization dedicated to raising awareness and resolving issues facing Broward County's 31 cities and municipalities at the local, county and state level.

As we move forward, I look forward to speaking with you and listening to your concerns. Just as a reminder, District III meetings are held the first and third Mondays of each month at 7 :00 pm at Riverland Firestation and Carter Park, respectively. The Commission will begin its summer recess July 7 and will resume Commission meetings August 15. During the recess, please know that my door remains open.

I am honored to serve the residents and businesses of District III as your City Commissioner. If you have any questions or comments, please contact my office at (954) 828-5011.

Yours in service,

Vice Mayor Bobby B. DuBose



Kids enjoy snow on Sistrunk



Christmas tree sponsored by FPL



Santa, Commissioner DuBose, State Rep. Thurston and State Senator Smith give away toys.

4TH ANNUAL LIGHT UP SISTRUNK

Over 1,500 residents and visitors played in snow, walked the red carpet to see Santa and were wowed by music from area bands and vocalists at the 2010 Light Up Sistrunk extravaganza. Over 200 children received toys donated by Walgreens given away under the 20-foot Christmas Tree by City of Fort Lauderdale Commissioner Bobby B. DuBose, State Senator Chris Smith, State Representative Perry Thurston and Santa.

SAVE THE DATE FOR LIGHT UP 2011 - THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9

NW NEIGHBORHOOD ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

This is a neighborhood pedestrian and safety improvement project, which consists of sidewalk and pedestrian access, lighting and landscaping improvements within the Durrs and Home Beautiful Park neighborhood roads for safety and beautification.



Before

After





MIDTOWN COMMERCE CENTER

Midtown Commerce Center officially opened September 24, 2010. Midtown Commerce Center is the brainchild of Sheryl Dickey. Midtown houses the offices of Dickey Consulting Services, Inc, Liberty Tax, Community Based Connections and the Midtown Urban Art Exhibit in partnership with Creative Pulse, Inc.



SHOPPES ON ARTS AVENUE

Shoppes on Arts Avenue is coming soon to the corner of Avenue of the Arts and Sistrunk Boulevard.

Construction is scheduled to begin in June 2011 and will last approximately 12 months. Once completed, Save-A-Lot will be the anchor for the future *Shoppes on Arts Avenue*, which will also include Bank of America and a Family Dollar.

NORTHWEST GARDENS III

Southern Boundary: NW 8th Street
Northern Boundary: NW 9th Street
Eastern Boundary: NW 12th Avenue
Western Boundary: NW 14th Way

The Carlisle Development Group along with the City of Fort Lauderdale's Housing Authority has begun the construction of a \$32.5-million housing development targeting low-income and very low-income families.

The project comprises 150 units with 66 two- and three-bedroom units and 84 three-, four- and five-bedroom town homes and is aiming at LEED Gold for Homes certification.



Northwest Gardens III Groundbreaking
835 NW 13th Terrace



EULA JOHNSON HOUSE FUTURE HOME OF THE NAACP

The renovation of the Eula Johnson House began in February 2011.

The renovations, which will cost an estimated \$185,000, will be funded by the CRA. The renovations are expected to be completed by the summer. The Eula Johnson House will serve as the NAACP headquarters as well as a welcome center on the Sistrunk Corridor.

Firestation 46



Future: Firestation 46 renderings

MILLS POND PARK - FIRESTATION 46

Firestation 46 is one of the busiest stations in the nation. In 2004, voters approved a \$40 million bond issue to build, renovate and upgrade 10 fire stations. Firestation 46 is in the planning stage.

DISTRICT III PARKS

OSSWALD PARK IMPROVEMENTS

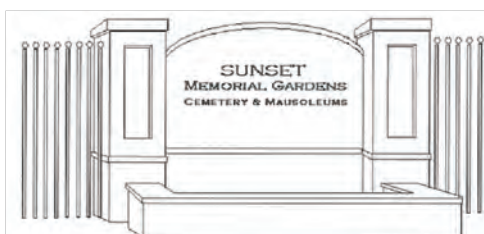
The Osswald Park improvement project will provide upgrades to the existing park to include replacement of playground equipment with new state-of-the-art play equipment, a new play surface, water play features, reconstruction and reconfiguration of the sport fields and the installation of a new energy efficient sport lighting system.



Rendering of the new water splashpad

SHIRLEY SMALL PARK IMPROVEMENTS

The improvements to Shirley Small Park include: a new playground with construction slated to begin in late March 2011; a new pavillion; and the replacement of the park's wall.



Rendering of the new entryway

SUNSET MEMORIAL GARDENS UPGRADES AND ADDITIONS

Sunset Memorial Gardens is located on the corner of NW 31st Ave. and NW 19th St. This cemetery consists of 30 acres. In the next year, the cemetery's entryways and fence will be replaced and a new mausoleum will be constructed.

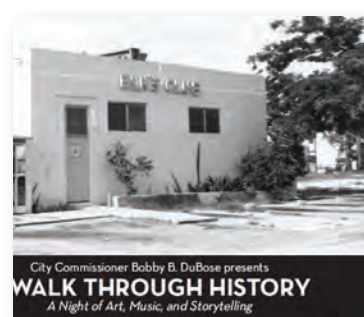
ROCK ISLAND HABITAT FOR HUMANITY HOMES

Habitat for Humanity has begun building in the Rock Island Community. Over the next year, 30 energy efficient homes will be built. To date, five homes have been completed and families have moved in. The homes follow the Habitat Standard: Habitat houses are modestly-sized. They are large enough for the homeowner family's needs, but small enough to keep construction and maintenance costs to a minimum.

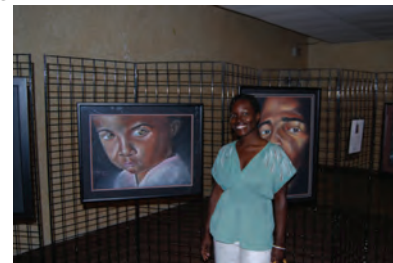


Rendering of the habitat homes

On Feb. 28, 2011 over 200 people filled the banquet hall at the Historic Elks Lodge on 7th and 2nd Avenue in Fort Lauderdale for **A Walk Through History**. Those in attendance were delighted by stories from George Burrows, Sr - the first black licensed electrician in Fort Lauderdale; Dr. Calvin Shirley - one of the first black doctors, who had delivered most of the people in the room that night; Robert Strong, a member of the City's Centennial Speaker's Bureau and the Traiblzers; and Chick Williams - an original member of the Cannonball Adderley Band.



Not only were those in attendance wowed by their stories and the history that was being told, they were also in awe of the artwork displayed, the historic photos and the Centennial displays. George Gadsen spoke about the artwork he is producing for the Sistrunk Corridor and Bobby Henry, owner of the Westside Gazette - the oldest African American Newspaper in Broward County, spoke about written history and how print media has helped inform and empower a people. Original artwork was displayed by artist Nzingah Oniwosan.



Join the City of Fort Lauderdale and the Fort Lauderdale Branch of the NAACP to celebrate the opening of the restored Eula Johnson House on Sistrunk Boulevard and commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the historic Wade-In that led to the integration of Fort Lauderdale Beach.



A FEW FACTS ABOUT EULA JOHNSON:

Civil rights activist Eula Gandy Johnson arrived in Fort Lauderdale in 1935 and soon decided that the Jim Crow Laws in place needed to come to an end.

Known by many as the Rosa Parks of Broward County, Johnson made history on July 4, 1961 when she, along with Dr. Von Mizell and a group of black students from Dillard High School, became the first blacks to wade into the segregated waters of Fort Lauderdale beach. The City of Fort Lauderdale later sued Johnson for being a public nuisance; Johnson won the case. A federal court ruled in her favor and against the city's segregation policies. Johnson, who fought against injustices, was the first female president of the Fort Lauderdale NAACP from 1959 to 1967. Johnson, also, owned a small grocery store and two gas stations on Northwest Sixth Street, which is now Sistrunk Boulevard. In 2001, the City of Fort Lauderdale renamed the length of Northwest 23rd Avenue between Northwest 19th Street and Sunrise Boulevard as Eula Johnson Avenue. Eula Johnson's house, where she lived and from which she operated a gas station, will be transformed into a museum recognizing her contributions. The Fort Lauderdale NAACP will move its headquarters into the home, and - with the CRA's help - turn it into a museum and welcome station.

RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY AT THE EULA JOHNSON HOUSE

9:00 a.m. | Monday | July 4, 2011
1100 Sistrunk Boulevard | Fort Lauderdale, FL

Followed by BEACH-WADE IN CEREMONY

and unveiling of a State Historic Marker
A1A and Las Olas Boulevard
Fort Lauderdale Beach, FL

For details, www.fortlauderdale.gov or (954) 828-4755

UPDATE ON OUR SCHOOLS

This year, our district schools have seen vast improvements. Dillard High School moved from a D to a B school, Sunland Elementary moved from a F to a D school while William Dandy Middle and Riverland Elementary retained their "A" status.

Kudos to: James Griffin, former principal of Rock Island Elementary(2010), was named State Principal of the Year.

Kudos to: Dillard Girls Basketball team who are this year's State Champs, winning their sixth title.



In honor of the City's Centennial, five local legends were inducted into Fort Lauderdale's Walk of Fame on Saturday, May 28, 2011 as part of the second annual Great American Beach Party.



Kudos to: Marcia Pinder for her induction on the Walk of Fame. Marcia Pinder completed her 34th season as the Head Coach of the Dillard High School Girls' Basketball Team, finishing with a 22-7 record and capturing the Lady Panthers' second straight state championship. Earlier in the season, on December 8, 2010, Coach Pinder made history when the Lady Panthers defeated Nova by a score 42-33. The win gave Coach Pinder 761 career victories, making her Florida's all-time winningest high school basketball coach. Coach Pinder's record-breaking career at Dillard High School includes 22 district titles, 9 regional titles, 11 district runner-ups, 8 regional runner-ups, 9 state appearances and 6 state championships (1980, 1982, 2004, 2005, 2010, 2011). She holds a career record of 779-171 and was inducted into the Broward County Sports Hall of Fame in 2002. Under Coach Pinder's guidance and leadership, the Lady Panthers Basketball Program has and will continue to be a model of excellence and consistency.

Congratulations to Dillard Center for the Arts Jazz Ensemble won First Place at the annual Swing Central High School Jazz Band Competition in Savannah, GA.

The Dillard Jazz Ensemble won the prestigious Essentially Ellington Jazz Band Competition, beating 14 other contestants and gaining the privilege of appearing at the special evening benefit concert in Avery Fisher Hall with Marsalis and other pros from the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra.

