

## District IV Commissioner Romney Rogers



I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all the input you have provided on the many issues that come before the Commission. I would also like to call your attention to the items below that may be of interest to you and your neighbors.



**Sign up for CodeRED® and City News Alerts:** City residents and businesses are encouraged to sign up for CodeRED® emergency notifications. This is a high-speed telephone communication service that enables the City to send emergency notifications to registered phone numbers. For details and to enroll, go to [http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/code\\_red.htm](http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/code_red.htm). Registration is fast, free, and easy.  
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**Upcoming Elections:** As a reminder, the City will hold its next primary election in conjunction with the National Presidential Preference Primary, on Tuesday, **January 31, 2012**. This year, the primary will be held for the Mayor's Office and District II, as there are more than two candidates for these seats. The City will hold its next general election on Tuesday, **March 13, 2012** (see <http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/clerk/election.htm>).

**Fighting Neighborhood Crime:** Our Police Department continues to hold its informative community-outreach events in District IV on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday and Thursday of every month. Upcoming West Sector meetings are set for **February 8<sup>th</sup> and March 14<sup>th</sup>** at the Riverside Park Community Center, 555 SW 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The **February 9<sup>th</sup> and March 8<sup>th</sup>** Meetings, for the East Sector, will be held at the Croissant Park Community Center, 245 West Park Drive. Meetings begin at 7:30 p.m., and I encourage you and your neighbors to attend.

- Please remember to keep valuables out of sight in your car while it is unattended. Items such as wallets, purses, GPS systems, and garage door openers will only entice thieves. To review the Police Department's web page for advice on how to safeguard not only yourself, but also your belongings, go to <http://www.flpd.org/index.aspx?page=72>.
- Don't forget, you can consult <http://www.RAIDSonline.com> for reports on crime in your neighborhood.

### **Getting Around in District IV –**

- All boat traffic using the **Tarpon River between SW 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue and SW 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue** will be restricted due to bridge maintenance on US 1 until Spring 2012. Boat traffic will still have access to the Intracoastal Waterway during bridge maintenance, and vessels may approach to within 100 feet of the bridge.
- **I-595 Express Corridor Improvements Project:** See The Express News at <http://www.i-595.com/index.asp>.
- During sanitary sewer and water main improvements, portions of **Riverland Road** are restricted to LOCAL TRAFFIC only. See the closures and detours [Map 1](#)  and [Map 2](#) .

**Pre-Agenda Meetings:** Our meetings begin at 5:30 p.m. on the Monday before a Commission Meeting (unless that Monday is a holiday). The agenda is discussed, as well as any other topics that may arise. On the first Monday of the month, we're in the 8<sup>th</sup> Floor Cafeteria at City Hall, and on the third Monday, we're in the 8<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room at City Hall. Please call the office if you have any questions or need details.

**Office Contact:** MJ Matthews at 954-828-5028; e-mail: [mmatthews@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:mmatthews@fortlauderdale.gov). Please also note that I'm available to attend your HOA meetings to update your neighborhood on City issues, as well as to answer your questions or concerns. Simply contact MJ to schedule. If you would like to be on our e-distribution list for notifications and general information, please let us know and your e-mail address will be added.

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS –**

- ❖ **Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>**, is the **Sailboat Bend Centennial Home and Garden Tour**. I hope you can join us at 11:00 a.m. for this tour, which will showcase Sailboat Bend's historic homes, private gardens, and historic public facilities. To volunteer or otherwise contribute to this event, contact [secretary@sailboatbend.org](mailto:secretary@sailboatbend.org).
- ❖ **Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup>**, is the deadline for students to submit entries in the Drop Savers Water Conservation Art Contest to celebrate Drinking Water Week, May 6-12, 2012. See <http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/dropsavers>.
- ❖ **St. Patrick's Day** festivities are set for **Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup>** (street striping) and **Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup>** (parade and festival). More detailed announcements are forthcoming.