

## Paving begins in South Middle River

District funds allocated for Holiday Park dog play area and Poinsettia Heights projects

At long last, paving has started on the last dirt roads in Fort Lauderdale.

In late March, city officials joined residents of the **South Middle River** neighborhood to break ground on paving Northwest 14th Street west of Andrews Avenue. The work fulfills promises made last year to pave that street and the adjacent dirt section of Northwest 15th Street.

This is truly a testament to how the neighborhood united and demanded the city make needed improvements. Years had passed since the city first pledged to upgrade the streets, and city officials said as recently as last spring that work would not begin for another decade.

With your help, we changed that.

In addition to installing pavement, the work will include landscaping, storm drainage and solar pedestrian lighting. Construction on 14th Street should be completed in July. We'll then work on paving 15th Street.

There is good news to share with **Victoria Park** and **Poinsettia Heights** as well.

At the City Commission's April 1 meeting, the commission authorized me to allocate money from a District 2 parks account to help build a dog park in Holiday Park and pay for two other projects in Poinsettia Heights.

Those projects are the replacement of aging decorative street signs and the re-stamping of speed humps along Northeast 18th and 19th streets.

With \$50,000 from the District 2 parks fund, we now must only find private donations of about \$30,000 for the dog park. The plan is to fence in about 1.5 acres of land in Holiday Park east of War Memorial Auditorium with separate spaces for large and small dogs.

Work has begun on replacing the **Sunrise Boulevard** bridge over the Middle River. As construction commenced, residents and business owners in the Gateway shopping area expressed concern over the elimination

of left turns from Sunrise onto Northeast 20th Avenue.

The Florida Department of Transportation planned to prohibit left turns there throughout the two years of construction. The city stepped in, and we've developed a

solution to accommodate left turns during most of construction without harming beach access.

FDOT has also finalized plans for the reconstruction of the section of **State Road A1A** between Sunrise Boulevard and Northeast 18th Street damaged during Hurricane Sandy in 2012.

The city worked closely with FDOT on the design. The project includes an enhanced gateway entrance at Sunrise, a 10- to 13-foot promenade, on-street parking, bike lanes, lighting and an extended wave wall. Work will start this summer and will take two years to complete.

The Police Department's most recent data shows the amount of property crime in District 2 has declined over the last couple months. This is even true in areas like **South Middle River** and **Middle River Terrace** that have been plagued by burglaries.

While this is a good trend, we are not retreating from our work to gain better control over the juvenile offenders who've been largely responsible for the crime problems.

I recently joined Mayor Jack Seiler, the city manager and the police chief for a second meeting with court



officials and the judges who handle juvenile delinquency cases in Broward County.

We made progress on the city's offer to buy GPS tracking devices that the judges could then order juvenile offenders to wear either as part of probation or a condition of their release from a state detention center.

To pay for the monitoring, the city would tap its Law Enforcement Trust Fund account, which is money collected through the seizure of contraband and assets used in crime.

The judges are strongly interested in adopting the program. We are waiting for the state Department of Juvenile Justice to review the idea and expect to know more soon.

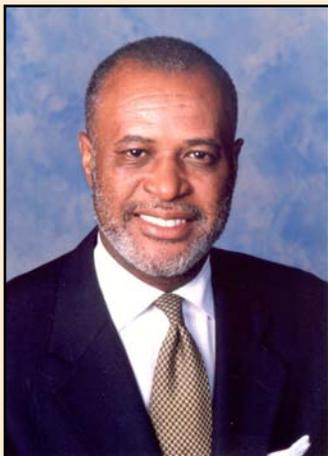
As a final note, please mark your calendar for my upcoming telephone town hall meeting. The event will be from 7 to 8 p.m. May 14. Call toll free (855) 269-4484 to join in.

Sincerely,

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## Mourning the death of Carlton Moore

It was with great sadness that our community was informed recently of the death of Carlton Moore, a man who served on the Fort Lauderdale City Commission for over 20 years and with whom I had pleasure of serving during my first term on the commission from 2003-2006.



Getting close to Carlton was not an easy thing. He usually referred to you by your last name. Yeah, just your last name. Yet he blended with many of the disparate elements that make up our very complex city.

While he was a man with swagger and a sharp dresser, he was often in the trenches, fulfilling his mission to lift the community that he represented from years of poverty and disenfranchisement.

Like me, he grew up in the '50s and '60s, but whereas discrimination and depravation were but textbook concepts in my world, in his world, it was life all around him. Carlton braved many challenges in his life, both personally and in the political world. Each left a mark on who he was and what he later became.

But in all, and as the outpouring of sadness could be witnessed at the memorials held in his honor, he was truly a champion to his people and his constituents. May his memory be eternal.

## Telephone Town Hall

Join Commissioner Trantalis is a special telephone town hall meeting on May 14. The event will be from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Talk to the commissioner about city programs, services or ideas to improve Fort Lauderdale. Residents with listed phone numbers will receive a call before the start of the meeting. Neighbors can also call in to join the conversation.

To participate, call that night toll free (855) 269-4484.



Commissioner Trantalis marches with Mayor Jack Seiler in the March 8 St. Patrick's Day Parade on Las Olas Boulevard.



Commissioner Trantalis joins Broward County Mayor Barbara Sharief in welcoming a delegation from Durban, South Africa, that was in town to share initiatives on how to cope with global climate change.



Commissioner Trantalis helps honor the winners of the 2575 Las Olas Triathlon that occurred March 16 on Fort Lauderdale's beach.