



From the desk of

STEVEN GLASSMAN

Fort Lauderdale City Commissioner, District 2



December 2018 Newsletter

Dear Neighbors,

On December 4, the City Commission voted unanimously to support and place two separate Bond proposals - **Parks (for up to \$200 million) and Police (for up to \$100 million)** on the ballot for a special election on **Tuesday, March 12, 2019.**

Iconic public spaces like Riverwalk and our Beachfront, gems of Fort Lauderdale, were made possible by the 1983 and 1993 Parks Bonds. The Parks Bond would support signature projects that include major improvements and upgrades to Holiday Park, Joseph Carter Park, Lockhart Stadium, and a new Tunnel Top Park above US 1 at the Henry Kinney Tunnel. Once the signature projects are completed, additional improvements would be undertaken at all parks across the city through public comment and advisory boards. The budget includes \$30 million to purchase property to expand our green spaces throughout the city. In 2018, many cities and municipalities approved ballot measures to raise billions in creating and maintaining parks and public spaces in their communities. Fort Lauderdale is the urban center of the county and the center of a Southeast Florida region of 6 million people, with over 12 million tourists each year in Broward County and nearly 300 new residents each day. The Parks Bond will create and renovate public spaces in our city to accommodate our visitors and, more importantly, our residents and their families.

The Commission also agreed to pursue a Police Bond for a new Police headquarters. The current headquarters located at 1300 West Broward Blvd. was constructed in 1958 (60 years old) and its size and functionality has become obsolete. Safety is our top priority and we must provide the proper resources to accommodate our Police officers and their administration. In fact, during a hurricane, the building is so unsafe that it must be evacuated! The building has approximately 85,000 gross square feet which cannot support the present workforce of 525 sworn officers and a total of 727 sworn and non-sworn personnel. The number of individuals needed to support the rapid growth in visitors and residents will also increase. The funds would support an estimated 165,000 square foot facility and parking garage at the same central location.

The bonds would be paid off over a 30-year period. Based on preliminary estimates, the owner of a single-family home with a taxable assessed value of \$300,000 after a homestead exemption would pay about \$3 a week more in City taxes.

I support these quality of life initiatives which will increase our public safety and ensure the preservation, addition, and enhancements of our green and open spaces. We will have more updates and information regarding the Bond Proposals after the New Year!



Parks Bond Back Up



Police Bond Back Up

State Legislative Priorities

The Commission received a state legislative update at the Conference meeting on December 4 from our contracted firms Ericks Consultants, Inc., Ronald L. Book, P.A., and The August Company, LLC, who assist the City with lobbying efforts at the State level. These firms advocated for the City's interests during the 2018 legislative session and will continue advocating for the City's interests during the upcoming legislative session and throughout the year. Issues discussed were vacation rental regulations, school resource officers, texting and driving violation and general home rule issues.

The City's draft priorities provide direction to City staff, lobbyists, and other interested parties as to the official position of the City of Fort Lauderdale regarding issues, pending legislation, and funding requests that would affect the City. The draft legislative priorities and funding requests have been compiled based upon the City's 2019 Commission Annual Action Plan and other previously identified priorities. I have asked staff to provide a report on the progress of our past efforts. Below are the draft 2019 State Legislative Priorities and Funding Requests and the Florida League of Cities Legislative Action Agenda.

Draft 2019 State Legislative Priorities and Funding Requests

Florida League of Cities Legislative Action Agenda

Flagler Village One-Stop Shop Site

At recent commission conference meetings, I have repeatedly brought up the topic of the one-stop shop site as I have wondered why we have not activated the area for at least a temporary use. I agree with the Downtown Master Plan which calls for the site to be an open, green public space. It is important to move forward with the first steps in creating this vital area in this ever growing and dense neighborhood. Working with the creative talents of Mass District, FAT Village and Flagler Village, I am hopeful we can create a place for gathering, relaxing, engaging in art activities and more. I have asked the City Manager for demolition costs to move forward so the community can better enjoy the neighborhood.

Homelessness Update

As many of you may have heard, our community took the first step with our Homelessness initiative by ending the encampment at the Broward Main Library last week. Individuals received various services including Rapid Rehousing and being reunited with family members. Staff and volunteers continue to work with clients to provide services and a path to permanent housing. I have asked staff to look at other pockets of our community to provide the same approach and continue to help the at least 2,300 individuals experiencing homelessness in our region. This is the first time that the city, county, and business community have come together in such a profound collaboration.

How You Can Help

-Companies and individuals can donate, and landlords can sign up to assist at UnitedWeEndHomelessness.org or by calling 954-462-4850.

-Individuals, families and community organizations wishing to participate in collaborative efforts to end homelessness are encouraged to call 954-357-6101 or email AWayHome@Broward.org.

-For more information on the Homelessness Collaborative in Broward, visit Broward.org/EndHomelessness.

-You can also follow the Homelessness Collaborative in Broward on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) at BCHomelessness.



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Together We Can Make a Difference

The City of Fort Lauderdale receives regulatory approval for an important Force Main Project along Las Olas Boulevard and Lift Station on Riviera Isles Drive

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) has approved the City's plans to construct a new force main along Las Olas Boulevard from Lido Drive to Merle Fogg Park. The FDEP also approved improvements to the Riviera Isles Drive Lift Station, which moves wastewater from area neighborhood sewer mains to the wastewater treatment plant. The new force main will connect to the new sub-aqueous force main crossing the Intracoastal Waterway which was completed last year. In 2017, the City was recognized by the Design Build Institute of America's Florida Region with the prestigious "Project of the Year Award" for the successful use of directional boring to install new water and wastewater force mains deep under the Intracoastal Waterway. Last May, the City completed the installation of over one-third mile of new 16-inch force main along Las Olas Boulevard from SE 17th Avenue to Lido Drive. Completion of all of the projects has been deemed a top environmental priority to prevent wastewater overflows into waterways surrounding the Finger Isles and other neighborhoods. The City is finalizing the construction schedule for this work in coordination with planned stormwater and transportation projects. An updated schedule will be available when the design plans are completed in spring 2019.

Mark Your Calendar!

Monday, December 10 from 6:00PM-8:00PM

Centennial Fort Lauderdale Light Up

New River Inn Building: 231 SW 2nd Ave.

Saturday, December 15 from 8:30AM-Noon

Neighborhood Tree Giveaway!

Osswald Park: 2220 NW 21st Ave.

Saturday, December 15 from 6:00PM-11:00PM

Seminole Hard Rock Winterfest Boat Parade

Click for Road Closures

Sunday, December 16, 2018 from 7:30AM-10:00AM

5th Annual Fort Lauderdale Jingle Bell Jog

DC Alexander Park: 501 S. Fort Lauderdale Beach Blvd.

Click here for Road Closures

Monday, December 31 from 4:30PM-1:00AM

Downtown Countdown: New Year's Celebration

SW 2nd Street and SW 5th Avenue

Please visit the Fort Lauderdale Calendar for a complete list of events and details.

City of Fort Lauderdale Calendar



Steve Glassman

Fort Lauderdale City Commissioner, District 2



Bravo to Bob Golden at the Las Olas Beach Club for curating a most impressive exhibition about the history of the Lauderdale Beach Hotel! Commissioner



Commissioner Glassman attended the Las Olas Isles Homeowners Association joined by Assistant City Manager Chris Lagerbloom and Public Works Assistant

Glassman joined Mayor Trantalis and Vice Mayor Sorensen to view this permanent gallery displayed in the halls on the amenities deck. Historic preservation and new development are not mutually exclusive and it is a win-win when we preserve a historic structure and incorporate it into something new.

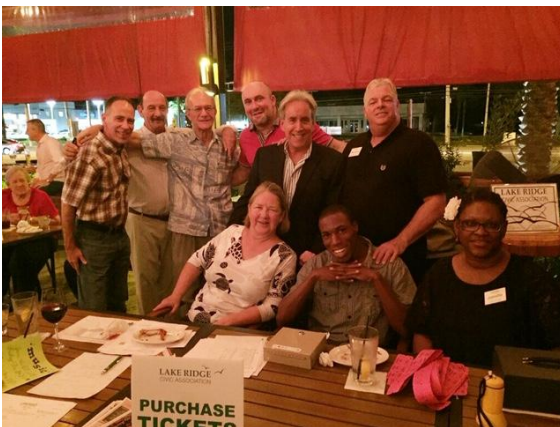
Director Joe Kenney. They covered many topics and issues of concern to the neighborhood. Congratulations to the new Executive Officers and Board of Directors from all the Isles. (Pictured: Brady Quinn)



Commissioner Glassman presented a proclamation to Celebrity Cruises President and CEO Lisa Lutoff-Perlo then toured the new state of the art ship. The cruise industry has an incredible economic impact on our community and we are honored to welcome this new ship to Port Everglades.



The Las Olas Chabad Jewish Center's Chanukah Festival included indoor and outdoor games, bounce houses, petting zoo, potato latkes, donoughts, and, of course, the lighting of the menorah. Commissioner Glassman joined Rabbi Chaim Slavaticki who hosted more than 500 people throughout the day!



The Lake Ridge Civic Association holiday party with President Michael Albetta, the Board, and residents. Happy Holidays!



The Mayor and City Commissioners participated as celebrity waiters for the the Broward Partnership's 18th Annual Breakfast for Champions of the Homeless. Congratulations to all the organizers, sponsors, volunteers, and donors. We are a caring, giving, and loving community.

Wishing everyone a Wonderful Holiday Season-
Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas and a very
Happy and Healthy New Year!



The greatness of our community starts with passionate citizens like you.

Please do not hesitate to contact our District 2 Commission assistant, Pratima Raju, with any questions, comments or thoughtful suggestions at praju@fortlauderdale.gov or 954-828-5923.

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