

**JULY 2015 DISTRICT 1 NEWSLETTER  
COMMISSIONER BRUCE G. ROBERTS**



**2015 HURRICANE SEASON:** The Atlantic Hurricane season has started but the City's preparations began months ago. City departments developed "Continuity of Operations Plans" with comprehensive strategies to provide essential services to our neighbors in the event of an emergency. The City has also trained staff, providing detailed instructions on how to complete required Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) forms for the Public Assistance Grant Program. The City of Fort Lauderdale is ready- hopefully you are too. If you would like more information on preparedness, please go to <http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/departments/fire-rescue/emergency-management/hurricane-preparedness>

**ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT:** The City's Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR) is now available! Neighbors can review the report for a basic overview of City finances in straightforward terms and plain language! The information in the PAFR is drawn from the City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, which provides a more technical and detailed look at the City's financial position and operating activities. The financial reports can be viewed at <http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/departments/finance/financial-reports>

**100 BEST FLEETS IN THE AMERICAS:** The City of Fort Lauderdale was recently ranked in the 100 Best Fleets in the Americas as the #36<sup>th</sup> Best Fleet in 2015. The award was announced at the 2015 National Association of Fleet Administrators (NAFA) Institute & Expo that took place in April at the Orange County Convention Center. With more than 38,000 public fleets in North America, this is a significant accomplishment. The 100 Best Fleets program identifies peak performing fleet operations, reviewing 12 areas of operations, and reviewing 12 areas of competency including accountability, use of technology, collaboration, efficient turnaround and resources stewardship to name a few. Fleet operations has transformed in the last few years under the leadership of the Fleet Service Program Manager, Carlos Berriz. We have better procedures in place to track fuel use, idling and vehicle performance. Our vehicle replacement program takes a comprehensive view in collaboration with the stakeholder departments to get the right vehicle for the right job. By including the fleet fence line as a site for ISO 14001 certification for Environment and Sustainability Management System, we have improved safety, waste diversion and chemical management at the site. As our next step in continual improvement for fleet operations, Public Works Sustainability Division Fleet Services plans to apply for NAFA Sustainable Fleet Accreditation Program. This new program is designed to recognize fleet operations working towards improving air quality in reducing emissions, increasing fuel efficiency and reducing fuel use. The program will give us access to benchmarking data that will help us identify areas for improvement, and measure progress in comparison to other similar fleets. The Sustainable Fleet Accreditation Program will support initiatives listed in our Sustainability Action Plan and in the Press Play Strategic Plan to further our commitment to a sustainable community.

**CARBON MONOXIDE:** Midnight, April 23, Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue received a call for a fire alarm with a carbon monoxide detector activation. Fire crews and the Hazardous Materials team responded. Upon arrival, firefighters found a car that was left running in a garage of a three-story townhouse. Crews entered the home wearing their air packs. They found a man unconscious on the third floor, who was transported in serious condition to Broward Health. Firefighters searched the three remaining rooms and evacuated the occupants. Fortunately, one of the rooms was equipped with a Carbon Monoxide detector. Had it not been for their carbon monoxide alarm, which detected the CO gas as it began to spread throughout the entire complex, it is likely that we would have had another tragedy similar to the incident in Wilton Manors where a family and neighbors were overcome by CO gas. Carbon monoxide is a colorless odorless "silent killer" that robs the body of oxygen. It comes from charcoal grills, portable generators,

vehicles in closed spaces, or any other wood or gas fueled appliance. Many new vehicles run very quietly and use a keyless ignition. This often causes drivers to falsely think that they have turned off their vehicles, which could prove fatal if there is not a carbon monoxide detector to warn occupants. We urge all of our neighbors to learn how to prevent Carbon Monoxide Poisoning and to purchase carbon monoxide detectors for their homes.

**SUN TROLLEY EXPANDS SERVICE:** The FREE Uptown Link joined the Sun Trolley’s fleet in April. With this addition, the Downtown Fort Lauderdale Transportation Management Association, which administers the Sun Trolley and Riverwalk Water Trolley, now serves passengers in the Uptown Business District, located off Cypress Creek Road in Fort Lauderdale. The Uptown Link Route is a free midday shuttle service, operating between 10am and 3pm, Monday to Friday. Passengers can Wave N’Ride anywhere along the two routes to travel to and from Calvary Chapel, the Cypress Creek Tri-Rail Station, the Citrix Loop, Kaplan University, the Radice Corporate Park, and lunch spots in the area. The vehicles are comfortably air-conditioned, offer bike racks and are wheelchair accessible. For more information on the Uptown Link routes, visit [www.suntrolley.com/uptown-link](http://www.suntrolley.com/uptown-link). Additionally, the Sun Trolley operates seven other routes as well as the FREE Riverwalk Water Trolley. To learn more, visit [www.suntrolley.com](http://www.suntrolley.com)

**IMPORTANT DATES TO CALENDAR:**

- 7/3/2015 City Hall will be closed due to 4<sup>th</sup> of July Holiday
- 7/4/15 HAPPY 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY
- 7/6/15 Pre-agenda Meeting, 6pm Beach Community Center
- 7/7/15 Commission Meetings: 1:30pm, 6pm City Hall
- 7/8/15 **COMMISSION RECESS BEGINS FOR THE SUMMER**

**During recess, City Hall remains open and the Commission office remains open – but there will be no commission meetings or pre-agenda meetings scheduled. Commissioners will be available on an as-needed basis.**

- 8/17/15 Pre-agenda Meeting, 6pm Imperial Point Hospital, South Entrance
- 8/18/15 Commission Meetings: 1:30pm, 6pm City Hall
- 8/31/15 Pre-agenda Meeting, 6pm Beach Community Center
- 9/1/15 Commission Meetings: 1:30pm, 6pm City Hall
- 9/3/15 First Budget Hearing, 6pm City Hall
- 9/8/15 Second Budget Hearing, 6pm City Hall

**MORE CITY NEWS:** For additional City news, please visit “City News: June Newsletter” at <http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/departments/city-manager-s-office/public-affairs-office/city-newsletter>

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In addition to hosting two pre-agenda meetings twice a month, I am also available to attend your HOA meetings to update your neighborhood on what is going on in the City as well as answer any questions/concerns you may have. Please contact Robbi to schedule.

**EMAIL LIST:** If you would like to be on our email list so that you receive information pertaining to the City – especially District 1 (i.e. news releases, meeting notices, events), please let Robbi know and she will add you.