

FROM THE DESK OF COMMISSIONER BRUCE G. ROBERTS



A NEW CITY MANAGER: Our new City Manager is Lee Feldman from Palm Bay, FL where he served as City Manager for the past 8 years. He is a graduate of Washington and Lee University, where he received a Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts. He earned a Master's Degree in Governmental Administration from the Fels Center of Government at the University of Pennsylvania. He has also completed the Senior Executive in State and Local Government Program at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. Prior to his appointment as the Palm Bay City Manager, Mr. Feldman was employed by the City of North Miami, Florida, where he

served as the City Manager from May 1996 to October 2002 and as the Deputy City Manager beginning in 1989. Mr. Feldman also served as an Assistant to the City Manager and Assistant City Manager to the City of North Miami Beach. He currently serves as a Vice President (Southeast Region) of the International City and County Management Association and has served as the President of the Florida City and County Management Association and was named the Florida League of Cities' "City Manager of the Year" in 2006. Mr. Feldman is a member of the United States Federal Emergency Management Agency National Advisory Council; serves as Chair of the National League of Cities' City Futures Panel on Public Finance; serves as a member of the National League of Cities Steering Committee on Public Safety and Crime Prevention and Advocacy; chaired the International City and County Management Association's Governmental Affairs and Policy Committee and serves on the Association's Sustainability Advisory Group and has served on the Association's Task Force on Community Tools for Ending Racism. Additionally, he teaches newly elected municipal officials the principles of finance and taxation in Florida and is frequently called upon to speak to professional groups on a variety of municipal issues.

RESIDENTIAL CURBSIDE RECYCLING COLLECTION SERVICES: The City of Fort Lauderdale's recycling contractor will change from Choice Environmental Services to All Service Refuse. Also, the City will transition its recycling collection process to single stream with the contractor co-mingling recycled materials at the curb. For our City's residents, this means they will no longer be required to separate their recycled materials into separate bins. The City's website and printed materials will be changed to provide accurate information regarding the new recycling collection process. Later in the year, when recycling collection services switches from bin service to cart service, a more robust outreach and educational program will be implemented for the City's residential recycling customers.

HURRICANE SEASON has started - now is a good time to remind everyone to make sure you are ready. I know this article is a repeat, however, it is very important for residents to prepare. Though only a few may lose power, we cannot forget the damage that even a tropical storm can do. Part of this preparation should include creating a disaster plan and assembling a disaster supply kit. The kit should include at least three days worth of water (one gallon, per person, per day) and non-perishable food for each person in your family. Other essential supplies you should have readily available include: a can opener, flashlights, a battery-operated radio, batteries, cash, pet supplies, medications, extra eyeglasses, contact lenses and supplies for people with special needs. For a complete list of emergency supplies and other preparedness tips, visit the City hurricane website at <http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/hurricane/index.htm>. If you are interested in helping your fellow residents after a hurricane, I encourage you to join the Community Emergency Response Team (or "CERT"). CERT is a highly trained, volunteer group that assists the City after local emergencies. Through Fort Lauderdale Fire-Rescue, you can receive free training that covers disaster terminology, standard triage, basic first aid, fire suppression, light search and rescue techniques and disaster awareness. After graduation you will be prepared to care for your family and your community, and you will be part of a team that may be called upon to assist the City during an emergency. Free beginner and continuing education classes are available. For more information please call 954-828-6832.

SOME IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES TO KEEP ON YOUR CALENDAR INCLUDE:

- Joint Commission And Budget Advisory Board Workshops - Quarterly Meeting Dates – August 22 AND November 7 (the quarterly budget meetings are tentatively set for the dates listed and have been set for the 8th Floor Conference Room and NOT the Chambers due to audio issues for the audience).
- Starlight Musicals (June 17-August 5): 7-10p.m. – Football Field/Holiday Park – please go to <http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/events/starlight/starlight.htm> for the 2011 Entertainment Schedule.
- July 4th Wade-In: Join the City of Ft. Lauderdale and the Ft. Lauderdale/Broward NAACP in celebrating the opening of the restored Eula Johnson House at 1100 Sistrunk Blvd., and commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the historic Wade-Ins that led to the integration of Ft. Lauderdale Beaches. Ribbon Cutting Ceremony starts at 9:00a.m. followed by the Beach Wade-In Ceremony and unveiling of state historic marker at A1A and Las Olas.
- July 6 Commission Meeting: City Manager’s Proposed Budget and 5-year Financial Plan will be presented.
- August 15: First Pre-Agenda Meeting AFTER Summer Recess
- August 16: First Commission Meeting AFTER Summer Recess
- September 7th and 20th Commission Meetings: Public Hearings on the budget

COMMISSION RECESS: Please note that the Commission will be on recess break from Thursday, 7/7/11 through Monday, 8/15/11. During that time, staff will still be here to assist you, however, Commission will not be in session and meetings will not be scheduled.

OFFICE CONTACT: Robbi Uptegrove – 954-828-5033; email: ruptegrove@fortlauderdale.gov. 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.