

MAY 2017 - DISTRICT 1 NEWSLETTER VICE MAYOR BRUCE G. ROBERTS



WHERE ARE AMERICANS MOVING? HERE ARE THE FASTEST-GROWING — AND SHRINKING— CITIES IN THE U.S.: As reported in the Triangle Business Journal by G.Scott Thomas: Eleven major metropolitan areas, led by the Texas duo of Houston and Dallas-Fort Worth, are growing at a pace of more than 1,000 persons per week, based on population estimates issued Thursday by the [U.S. Census Bureau](#). The federal agency released July 2016 estimates for 382 metros and 3,142 counties across the nation. American City Business Journals, the parent company of Triangle Business Journal, used the new federal data to calculate weekly growth rates. Topping the list was the Houston metropolitan area, which soared from an April 2010 population of 5.92 million to a July 2016 estimate of 6.77 million, translating to a net increase of 2,612.3 persons per week. **The Dallas-Fort Worth area was second with a weekly net gain of 2,474.6 persons. Rounding out the top five were the New York City, Atlanta and Miami-Fort Lauderdale metros, all with population increases larger than 1,500 persons per week.** The other metros above the weekly threshold of 1,000 were Washington, Los Angeles, Phoenix, Seattle, San Francisco-Oakland and Austin.

FXE IS 70 AND STILL SOARING: March 11, 2017 was a historical day in the City of Fort Lauderdale. Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport (FXE) turned 70! Formerly a training center for World War II Navy pilots, including former President George H.W. Bush, today FXE is home to more than 900 based aircraft. Nearly 160,000 aircraft take off and land at the airport annually, ranking it as one of the top 10 of busiest general aviation airports in U.S. Located in the heart of the City's Uptown Business District, Executive Airport plays a vital role in South Florida and the national airport system, serving a variety of private, corporate, and government aviation needs through services and amenities including four fixed-base operators; a 24-hour Air Traffic Control Tower; a Customs and Border Protection facility; 24-hour on-site aircraft rescue, firefighting services, and airport security; a Fort Lauderdale Police Substation; and the John Fuhrer Downtown Heliport (DT1), the only public-use heliport in Florida. A dedicated team of 23 Community Builders provides a safe and secure environment for the 900-acre facility, manages 37 leases, fosters continued business growth for existing tenants, and continually builds community with neighbors. In addition, the City's Aviation Advisory Board makes recommendations to the City Commission regarding airport planning, development, construction, improvements, maintenance, operations, regulations, etc. With a direct economic impact of more than \$839 million, FXE creates jobs, promotes business, provides critical general aviation and emergency services, and serves as a reliever airport for Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport, and other nearby airports, when needed.

NEW PUBLIC WORKS 'LAUDERWORKS' WEBSITE (getting the scoop on Neighborhood Projects underway): Wondering what infrastructure improvements are underway in your neighborhood? The City of Fort Lauderdale has launched a new website that maps-out Public Works projects throughout the City. The fascinating clickable map highlights each of the projects that are underway or planned for the near future. A pull-down feature provides the project title, detailed project description, location, project phase, budget amount, Commission District and managing department. The clickable map is color-coded to indicate the type of project, such as bridges, canals, parks, roadway improvements, seawalls, stormwater, water and sewer.

Link to visit the new LauderWorks website: www.fortlauderdale.gov/LauderWorks

The LauderWorks website compliments the City's recently launched LauderStreet website which provides information about road closures, partial road closures and special events.

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Both websites are updated monthly. For more information, contact the 24-Hour Neighbor Call Center at (954) 828-8000 or visit: www.fortlauderdale.gov

RECOGNIZING AN OFFICER'S EFFORTS: Sergeant Monica Ferrer was recognized for her work in helping Fort Lauderdale obtain the designation of a Purple Heart City. Sergeant Ferrer brought this to the Commission's attention after she discovered a member of her staff was a veteran. There was an overwhelming response thus creating a proclamation "Recognizing the City of Fort Lauderdale as a Purple Heart City." The Purple Heart was the first American service award or decoration made available to soldiers and is specifically awarded to members of the United States Armed Forces who have been wounded or paid the ultimate sacrifice in combat with a declared enemy of the United States. The original Purple Heart was designated as the Badge of Military Merit and was established by George Washington in 1782. The City has a large highly decorated veteran population including many Purple Heart recipients, and appreciates the sacrifices the recipients made in defending our freedom and believe it is important that we acknowledge them for their courage and

show them the honor and support they have earned. This proclamation was presented at a regular commission meeting. Thank you Sergeant Ferrer for making this possible!

GREAT AMERICAN BEACH PARTY: The Great American Beach Party returns Saturday, May 27 with rock legend Eddie Money! The event will take place from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. at A1A and Las Olas Boulevard and will feature live bands, a kid's zone, classic car show, sandcastle contest, art show, military tribute and an amazing precision parachute jump by the U.S. SOCOM Para-Commandoes! Take the stress out of driving and parking by using the Water Shuttle, Water Taxi or Sun Trolley to get to the beach. Look for details soon on the City website.

2017 WALK OF FAME HONOREES: One of the best parts of the Great American Beach Party is the annual Fort Lauderdale Walk of Fame Induction Ceremony. The City of Fort Lauderdale established the Walk of Fame in 2010 at the inaugural Great American Beach Party to pay tribute to the legendary Connie Francis on the 50th Anniversary of "Where the Boys Are," the 1960 film which made Fort Lauderdale an overnight sensation and a "must see" destination for visitors. Walk of Fame Honorees are recognized for their outstanding work and positive contributions to the City of Fort Lauderdale. This year's inductees are Kaye Pearson, founder of the Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show; the Motwani Family, long-time leaders in Fort Lauderdale's Tourism and Hospitality industry; Dr. George L. Hanbury, former Fort Lauderdale City Manager and current President and CEO of NOVA Southeastern University; and the Zloch Brothers - Senior U.S. District Judge William, Jim and Chuck Zloch - for their judicial, business, legal and civic leadership. The Walk of Fame Induction Ceremony will take place on Saturday, May 27 at 6 p.m. immediately following Eddie Money's performance at the Great American Beach Party. The Walk of Fame is a great way to recognize the contributions of our neighbors and their integral role in building community in Fort Lauderdale.

TELEPHONE TOWN HALL MEETING: The telephone town hall meetings facilitate public access to our government and provides us with an opportunity to obtain essential input from our neighbors on a variety of services, initiatives and ongoing projects. The feedback we receive from the questions and polling results help ensure that we are focusing on the issues that matter most to our neighbors and allocating our resources appropriately. If you are available, I will be hosting the evening of June 13 from 7 - 8 p.m. To join, simply call toll free 855-840-6970 from your home or cell phone. Each of our elected officials will host a call this year. To get more information, visit our web page:
[http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/departments/city-manager-s-office/public-affairs-office/telephone-town-hall-meetings.](http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/departments/city-manager-s-office/public-affairs-office/telephone-town-hall-meetings)

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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.