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COMMENTARY:

Chip LaMarca's April 2016 Newsletter

By: Eric Berkowitz

In his April 2016 Newsletter, District 4 Broward Commissioner Chip LaMarca welcomes Broward Navy Days Fleet Week festivities to Port Everglades, notes that the F-35 Lightning "Joint Strike Fighter" will make its civilian debut at the Fort Lauderdale Air Show, enumerates "BrowardPetFix" spay/neuter programs such as SNIP, Portable Sterilization Units, Trap-Neuter-Release (TNR), and Returned-to-Field (RTF), applauds two restaurants in Broward County's Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport (Shula Burger in Terminal 1 and Food Network Kitchen in Terminal 3) for their recognition by USA Today "10Best" Readers' Choice National top 10 list, and cites a Sea Turtle Conservancy grant that enabled Broward County to protect nesting Sea Turtles by crafting and installing informational signs at county-wide beach access locations.

Among the vessels visiting Port Everglades for Fleet Week is the USS Cole. For the men and women stationed on the ship, the war on terror began on Thursday, October 12, 2000. Nearly one year before the attacks of 9/11, while located off the coast of Yemen, the U.S. Navy destroyer Cole was attacked by suicide bombers from a cell within the al-Qaeda network; and supervised by Osama bin Laden. While the USS Cole was refueling at a port in Aden, Yemen, two suicide bombers navigating a small motorboat full of explosives sidled up along the ship's port side, exchanged greetings with sailors who had begun lining up for lunch in the galley, and stood at attention just before the explosives blew a hole 40 feet wide in the side of the ship at 11:18 a.m. Bahrain time, killing 17 crew members and wounding 39 others. After more than 550 tons of steel was replaced for \$250 million, the fully operational vessel was turned into a floating memorial - with 17 large gold stars on its deck.

Despite the Thunderbirds renowned aerial acrobatics, the headliner at the Fort Lauderdale Air Show is the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter. Three years behind schedule and roughly \$200 billion over budget, the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter program finally became operational in July of 2015. In development for nearly 15 years, the single-seat Lockheed Martin F-35 is the most lethal and versatile aircraft of the modern era. This 5th Generation fighter combines advanced stealth capabilities, radar-jamming abilities, supersonic speed, extreme agility and state-of-the-art sensor fusion technology and its specialized helmet display gives pilots a 360-degree view of their surroundings.

Pet owners and animal advocates will appreciate the lineup of programs included in "BrowardPetFix", the County Animal Care and Adoption's comprehensive spay/neuter initiative. SNIP replaces the former SPOT Program, which sunset last year. Along with Portable Sterilization Units, Trap-Neuter-Release (TNR), and Returned-to-Field (RTF), the program provides pet owners with spay/neuter services while humanely stemming the proliferation of feral felinity.

Shula Burger and Food Network Kitchen at Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport won recognition in the Best Airport Grab-And-Go Dining category in 10Best Readers' Choice travel award contest sponsored by USA TODAY. Chicago's O'Hare Airport is the only other airport on the list with two winning restaurants. Acquired by USA TODAY in January of 2013, 10Best.com uses a team of local travel experts who live in the city they write about so the content is constantly updated, providing users with original, unbiased and experiential travel content.

Florida beaches serve as nesting grounds for approximately 80 percent of the global population of Loggerhead sea turtles - and 90 percent of the US population. Green sea turtles mostly nest along the southeast coast of Florida while Leatherbacks, the rarest species of sea turtle, nest almost exclusively on the east coast of Florida. Broward County is ground zero. As LaMarca points out, the signs were installed to warn English and Spanish-speaking beachgoers against disturbing the nesting sites - or using the eggs to shoot beach-top 8 ball. For LaMarca's April 2016 message to constituents, Read on... - [editor]

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Chip LaMarca's

APRIL 2016 Newsletter

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The new portable sterilization unit also provides sterilization services for owned dogs and cats in the community, as well as Community Cats. The sterilization services are only provided by appointment and it is currently stationed at Delevoe Park, 2520 NW 6th St., Fort Lauderdale. The sterilization unit will stay at Delevoe Park for about six months and then it will move to another targeted area in Broward County where the services are in high demand. Spay/neuter services can be scheduled by calling the Humane Society at 954-463-SPAY. Through the TNR program, Community Cats are sterilized, vaccinated against rabies, ear-notched, and returned to the neighborhood in which they were found. Broward County Animal care partnered with many veterinary clinics to provide these services. The RTF program is for healthy Community Cats that enter the Animal Care's Adoption Center, where they are sterilized, given a rabies vaccination then placed back in the neighborhood in which they were found. To apply to the SNIP Program, or for details regarding any other BrowardPetFix program, visit Broward.org/Animal.

Dear Broward County Residents,

I am honored to serve as your County Commissioner, representing our coastal communities each day from Deerfield Beach to Fort Lauderdale. Here are some recent highlights from Broward County.

Broward Navy Days Fleet Week

During Fleet Week 2015, more than 8,000 South Florida students, residents and veterans toured the visiting Navy and Coast Guard ships. Fleet Week 2016 is just around the corner. Beginning May 2nd through May 9th Port Everglades will host the USS Bataan amphibious assault ship, the destroyers USS Farragut and USS Cole, and Coast Guard cutters Robert Yered and Dependable and others at the signature event. Due to security restrictions at Broward County's Port Everglades, tours must be reserved well in advance of the ship arrivals and each visitor must undergo security clearance. Registration to tour one of the vessels is open.

For more information, including schedules, ship tours and registration information visit <http://www.browardnavydaysinc.org/>

Fort Lauderdale Air Show

The 2016 Fort Lauderdale Air Show is back, set for May 7-8, 2016, and the promoters have many new aerial surprises for this year. The show will feature multiple jet demonstration teams from three nations. Our headliners, the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds, will perform along with their North American counterparts, the Canadian Air Force Snowbirds. We also welcome the Breitling Jet Team from France as they all perform over the crystal blue waters of the Atlantic Ocean and Fort Lauderdale's beautiful beach. This year's show will also be the very first civilian air show in history to feature the F-35 Lightning "Joint Strike Fighter".

For more information, please check out the show's Facebook page at Fort Lauderdale Air Show or their website at <http://fortlauderdaleairshow.com/>

New Comprehensive Spay/Neuter Initiative

The Animal Care and Adoption's comprehensive spay/neuter initiative BrowardPetFix includes all spay/neuter programs designed to service Broward County residents and reduce the number of unwanted pets throughout the community. The programs include sterilization options for owned dogs and cats, as well as programs specifically for Community Cats.

The new programs are: SNIP, Portable Sterilization Units, Trap-Neuter-Release (TNR), and Returned-to-Field (RTF). SNIP is open to all Broward County residents who have an owned dog or cat. SNIP services include spay/neuter surgery, a rabies vaccination, and a Broward County Registration License Tag. SNIP sterilization services are provided through a network of veterinary providers. Broward County residents must apply online to the program at

Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood Int'l Airport Restaurants Recognized in National Top 10 List

USA Today and their readers have recognized two restaurants in Broward County's Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport in their National top 10 list. The contest sponsored by USA Today names the two winners, Shula Burger in Terminal 1 and Food Network Kitchen in Terminal 3, in the Airport Grab-And-Go Dining category in 10Best Readers' choice travel award contest. See the full list of winners.

The contest is promoted across USA Today Travel Media Group's digital and mobile products and social media outlets. Nominees are announced and promoted by USA Today and through Gannett media outlets, including the websites of its 81 local newspapers and 43 television stations.

Informative New Sea Turtle Signs

Sea turtle season is well underway on the beautiful white sand beaches of Broward County. Broward's beaches support vital nesting grounds for loggerhead sea turtles, green sea turtles and leatherbacks. In order to help in the protection efforts during the sea turtle season the Sea Turtle Conservancy has awarded Broward County a grant to create and install permanent informational sea turtle signs at heavily-used public beach access locations throughout the County. In partnership with the municipalities, the County has selected the locations for the informational signs to be installed April 26-27, 2016. The signs will be in English and Spanish and will be beneficial in providing beach goers with safe sea turtle practices.

For more information on how to help create a more sustainable environment for sea turtles, contact the Broward County Sea Turtle Conservation Program at 954-519-1255.

The Resident's Guide to Government provides a convenient resource to help people stay connected to their local government. It includes contact information for County officials and Federal, State, and local agencies. Visitors can subscribe to E-news and social media sites. Sign up at Broward.org/District4 to receive email updates from our office. If there is anything that we can do to assist you with your vision for a better Broward, please do not hesitate to contact our office at 954-357-7004 or by email at clamarca@broward.org.

As always, it is my honor to serve you.
Best regards,

Chip LaMarca
Broward County Commissioner, District 4 •

COMMENTARY: Bruce Roberts' May/June 2016 Newsletter

By: Eric Berkowitz

*In his May 2016 Newsletter, City Commissioner Bruce Roberts alerts constituents to the City's preliminary exploration of an independent Emergency 911 (E911) service, applauds the ISO Certification merited by the City's Strategic Management System and strong Water and Sewer Bond Ratings assigned by Standard & Poor's and Moody's Investor Services, summarizes the progress of FDOT's rehabilitation of A1A along the Galt Mile, updates FLPD's planned approval of a Body Camera Program, solicits requests to investigate Properties that may be unregistered vacation rentals, and invites constituents to attend two FDOT public meetings - a May 24 review of planned improvements to the I-95 interchanges at Commercial Boulevard and Cypress Creek Road and a May 25 discussion about the Wave Streetcar Project.

Emergency 911: Reversing Course

Anyone who uses E911 to successfully dodge an imminent threat is forever changed by the realization that few governmental services are as critically important to our lives. As described by Commissioner Roberts, a city plan to explore abandoning the floundering County-run system and regain control over local 911 dispatch services are an emergency response to recent events. Since Fort Lauderdale - until now - advocated a county-wide 911 dispatch, the City decision to consider a 180-degree reversal of its policy begs some additional context.

More than a decade after 80% of Broward's electorate voted to consolidate eleven disparate emergency 911 (E911) services operated by the County and various municipalities, a committee was empaneled in 2011 to craft a consolidation roadmap. Co-chaired by Sunrise Mayor Mike Ryan and Broward Commissioner Lois Wexler, the Broward County Consolidation Communications Committee (BCCCC) included City Commissioner Bruce Roberts, County Commissioner Chip LaMarca, former Broward Sheriff Al Lamberti, city managers, municipal police and fire chiefs, mayors, city commissioners and the medical director for the Broward Sheriff's Office EMS. After banging heads for almost two years, County and Municipal negotiators agreed that Broward County would fund and implement the restructured service.

Approved by the Broward Commission on May, 6, 2013, the consolidation plan was launched on October of 2014. County call centers in Coconut Creek, Sunrise and Pembroke Pines would service the North, central and South Broward regions. Except for Coral Springs and Plantation, which stuck with their in-house dispatch services, Broward's remaining 29 municipalities agreed to participate in the consolidated County system.

Almost immediately, a rift between the Sheriff's Office and the Broward Commission led to a series of foul-ups, as staffers who were insufficiently trained by the Sheriff's office nearly tanked the County Board's consolidation plan. After slowly improving over the next year, Director Rick Carpani of the Broward County Office of Regional Communications and Technology - who directed the consolidation program - bailed out for a job in the private sector. Despite attempts by Carpani's staffers to pick up the slack, municipal project stakeholders grew increasingly alarmed as ongoing dispatch blunders nurtured a high-profile media sideshow.

Although most of the project's municipal participants stood fast, encouraged by a 90% reduction in misdirected calls and unprecedented interoperability, on February 18, 2016, City Commissioner Bruce Roberts informed the Galt Mile Advisory Board that Fort Lauderdale was considering an independent emergency service. This seemed strange - for several reasons. First, Fort Lauderdale was one of the project's staunchest advocates, as Fort Lauderdale City Manager Lee Feldman had played a key role in leveraging the County to fund and operate the system. When bungled calls by dispatch employees were treated like comic relief by local media, Lee Feldman characterized the plan's drawbacks as fixable, repeatedly commenting "Its advantages outweigh its disadvantages."

More on the Cell Phone Glitch

Secondly, creating another system would resurrect a threat mitigated by the consolidation. Cited by the FCC as responsible for 10,000 deaths annually, it was one of the primary reasons why the county's municipalities had agreed to finally consolidate dispatch services. When incidents that occur in neighborhoods bordering two different systems are reported by cell phone, if the cell tower that relays the signal is programmed to send 911 calls to the wrong dispatch center, the call must be bounced back to the proper jurisdiction, wasting precious minutes that often spell the difference between life and death. Since roughly 80% of emergency calls are made from cell phones, about half the calls initiating from Fort Lauderdale neighborhoods bordering other municipalities on the north, west or south would be misdirected, and plagued with response delays.

In the mid-1990s, when cellphones were largely used outdoors (because sufficient "signal" was rarely available indoors), the FCC set an industry deadline: two-thirds of cellphone calls must transmit location data to 911 by 2002. Unlike the pinpoint accuracy of GPS units deployed by the military, the "off the shelf" GPS in ordinary cellphones only met the FCC standard if used outdoors. As cell phones increasingly replaced land lines, when a 911 system's computer aided dispatch (CAD) is unable to digitally prompt a cellphone's location data, the carrier's system sends an estimate based on the location of cell towers carrying the transmission - a slow and inaccurate process.

The glitch won't be fixed anytime soon. After meeting with the nation's 4 largest wireless carriers last year, the FCC implemented new rules that require carriers to steadily increase the percentage of cellphone calls to 911 that transmit accurate indoor and outdoor location data. Drafted in part by the carriers, the new rules call for delivery of location data for 40% of cellphone calls by 2017 and 80% by 2021. Although the carriers could admittedly correct the problem within one year by fitting every new cellphone with technologies such as Bluetooth and Wi-Fi, since that would require a \$25 million investment to retool production lines, the carriers convinced the Agency to ignore the deadly repercussions - and approve the extended timetable. Lastly, installing new hardware, correcting myriad "bugs" in next generation software while building "category-5 hardened" Emergency dispatch infrastructure will herniate Fort Lauderdale family budgets. Absent a windfall grant, the projected \$8 million annual price-tag for actualizing the plans discussed in Commissioner Roberts' Newsletter will be exclusively borne by City taxpayers.

County Falls Asleep at the Wheel

Why would City officials explode our tax bills, suffer an increase in misdirected emergency calls and risk a frenzy of media-hyped blowback over project pitfalls? The answer is simple. Fort Lauderdale officials no longer believe that the Broward Board will fulfill its promise to build a countywide 911 Emergency System - and they aren't alone. When the County's consolidation Director bolted last November, and left the project without a technological rudder, instead of instituting a replacement process to keep the project on track, County officials took a six-month siesta.

As co-chair of the Broward County Consolidation Communications Committee, Sunrise Mayor Mike Ryan has consistently been one of the consolidation effort's most vocal advocates. Like Roberts and Feldman, Ryan rationalized the steady stream of inaugural-year fiascos as growing pains. When the project director abruptly left, Ryan joined with every municipal stakeholder in requesting an expedited replacement process.

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Sunday Jazz Brunch
Riverwalk, Downtown FL
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Info.: 954-396-3622

6 Commissioner Bruce Roberts: Pre-Agenda Meeting
Beach Community Center, 6 p.m.
Info.: 954-828-5033

7 BINGO
Galt Towers Social Room
(4250 Galt Ocean Drive)
7:30 p.m.
Info.: Cyndi Sanger: 954-563-7268

Fort Lauderdale City Commission Meeting
City Hall
Regular Agenda: 6 p.m.

8 BINGO
Regency South Party Room
7 p.m.
Info.: Bob Pearlman: 954-547-4063

Moonlight Sea Turtle Walks
Museum of Discovery and Science
9 p.m. to 1 a.m.
Info.: www.mods.org

12 Bru's Room Benefit Car Show
Bru's Room of Sunrise
Noon to 3 p.m.
Info.: 954-410-5536

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Disney's Beauty and the Beast
Broward Center for the Performing Arts
Tix.: www.browardcenter.org

19 Peterson's Hotrods & Harleys
Annual Father's Day Car Show
Peterson's Harley-Davidson of Miami
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Info.: 305-651-4811

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Info.: 954-426-8436

4 July 4th Family Celebration
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Fort Lauderdale Beach
Info.: 954-396-3622

12:30 - 4:30 p.m.: Family Activities,
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4 p.m.: Live Music & Entertainment
9 - 9:30 p.m.: Fireworks - FREE!!!

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JUNE 10: Sushi and Stroll Summer Walk, Morikami Japanese Gardens, 5:30 p.m., Info.: morikami.org

JUNE 11: WI Caribbean Heritage Day, Huizenga Plaza, Noon to 10 p.m., Info.: 954-761-3920

JUNE 11: Deerfield Beach Summer Music Festival, Oleta McKeithen Recreational Complex, Performer(s): DJ Big Man Kelly; Joey Gilmore; Skotth Bonnett Band; Howard Hewitt, Noon to 6 p.m., Info.: 954-480-4429

JUNE 18: 17th Annual Wilton Manors Stonewall Parade & Street Festival, The entire length of Wilton Dr., 9 a.m. to After-Dark., Info.: 954-357-2895

JUNE 18: 2016 International Picnic Day, Peter Feldman Park (310 NE 6th St.), 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Info.: 954-766-4572

JUNE 24: Starlight Musicals, Holiday Park, Performer(s): Valerie Tyson Band (Classic R&B/Soul), 7 to 10 p.m., Info.: 954-828-5363

JUNE 25-26: Fort Lauderdale Gun & Knife Show, War Memorial Auditorium, Info.: 954-828-5380

JULY 4: Lauderdale-by-the-Sea July 4th Events, El Prado Park, 10 to 11:30 a.m.: Parade; Noon - 4 p.m.: Food, Games/Contests; 9 to 9:30 p.m.: Fireworks, Info.: 954-640-4210

JULY 4: Old Fashioned Fourth & Collectible Car Show, Flamingo Gardens, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Info.: 954-473-2955

JULY 8: Starlight Musicals, Holiday Park, Performer(s): Jimmy Stowe & the Stowaways (Tropical Rock), 7 to 10 p.m., Info.: 954-828-5363

JULY 8-9: 36th Annual NPC Southern States Championships, War Memorial Auditorium, 6 p.m., Info.: 954-763-2718

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<p>16</p> <p>Beauty & the Beast (Through 6/19) Broward Center Tix.: ticketmaster.com</p> <p>G.M.C.A. Advisory Board Meeting Nick's Italian Restaurant, 11 a.m.</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Starlight Musicals Holiday Park Performer(s): Chain Reaction (Journey Tribute Band) 7 to 10 p.m. Info.: 954-828-5363</p> <p>Friday Night Sound Waves Live Music Series Fort Lauderdale Beach Hub at Las Olas and ATA Performer(s): Grace and The Victory Riders 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Info.: ari@finswflb.com</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Fort Lauderdale Bus Loop The Beach Route, Fort Lauderdale 5:30 p.m. Info.: 954-574-6000</p> <p>3rd Annual Marine Industry Day Esplanade Park, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Info.: 954-524-2733</p>
<p>23</p> <p>Moonlight Sea Turtle Walks Museum of Discovery and Science 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Info.: www.mods.org</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Music On Main Street Oakland Park City Hall 6 to 10 p.m. Performer(s): Solid Brass Band Info.: 954-630-4251</p> <p>Friday Night Sound Waves Live Music Series Fort Lauderdale Beach Hub at Las Olas and ATA Performer(s): Across the Universe 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Info.: ari@finswflb.com</p>	<p>25</p> <p>44th Annual Freedom 5K Quiet Waters Park 7 a.m. Performer(s): Solid Brass Band Info.: 954-461-5515</p> <p>Davie Pro Rodeo Davie Pro Rodeo Arena 7:30 p.m. Info.: 954-680-8005</p>
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<p>7</p> <p>Shrek the Musical, Jr. (Through 7/16) Broward Center Tix.: ticketmaster.com</p> <p>Moonlight Sea Turtle Walks Museum of Discovery and Science 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Info.: www.mods.org</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Music Under the Stars Pompano Beach Great Lawn 7 p.m. Performer(s): Zero to Sixty (Rock) Info.: 954-786-4111</p> <p>Friday Night Sound Waves Live Music Series Fort Lauderdale Beach Hub at Las Olas and ATA Performer(s): Party Express 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Info.: ari@finswflb.com</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Citywide Yard Sales Jaco Pastorius Park, Oakland Park 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Info.: 954-630-4507</p> <p>24th Annual International MangoFest Featuring Mangos of CUBA (Through 7/10) 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Info.: fairchildgarden.org</p>

JULY 16
2nd Annual Fun Fit 5k Challenge
Tradewinds Park, 7 p.m.
Info.: 954-461-5515

JULY 16
5th Annual Boca Burger Battle
Sanborn Square Park, (72 N. Federal Hwy), Downtown Boca
6 to 10 p.m.
Info.: 561-338-7594

JULY 16-17
Flamingo Gardens Wet-n-Wild Weekend
Flamingo Gardens, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Info.: 954-473-2955

JULY 23
Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Drop-off Events
Mill Pond Park, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Info.: 954-828-8000

JULY 26-30
BugFest Mini-Season Dive Festival
Lauderdale-By-The-Sea
Info.: www.bugfestbythesea.com or 954-640-4209



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First Saturday of Every Month: Beach Cleanup, Commercial Blvd. & the Beach LBTS (Meet at Pavilion), 9 to 9:30 a.m., Info.: 954-776-1000

First Saturday of Every Month: North Beach Art Walk, 3280 NE 32nd St, 7 to 11 p.m., Info.: 954-537-3370

Second Saturday of Every Month: Beach Sweep, Fort Lauderdale Beach Park, 1100 Seabreeze Blvd., 7 to 11 a.m., Info.: 954-593-8501

Mondays: Food Trucks at ArtsPark, 5:30 to 10 p.m., Youngs Circle in Hollywood

Sundays: Tour-the River Ghost Tour, Stranahan House & Water Taxi, 7:30 p.m., Tix.: 954-524-4736

Saturdays: Saturday Night Under the South Florida Stars, Fox Astronomical Observatory at Markham Park, Sunset to Midnight, Info.: 954-384-0442

Daily: Yoga on the Beach, Ocean Manor Resort (4040 Galt Ocean Dr.), 9:30 a.m. (weather permitting), Mats supplied, \$10 donation, Open to the Public, Info.: 754-779-7519 or 516-840-1455



Elkanah Tisdale's original Gerrymander, as it appeared in the Boston Gazette, March 26, 1812. (From James Parton, *Caricature and Other Comic Art* [New York: Harper and Brothers, 1877], p.316)

After four trials, three special sessions and eight rulings from the Florida Supreme Court, the lines delimiting Florida's State Senate districts and Congressional districts were finally redrawn. Although the new district boundaries may minimally impact many jurisdictions, not so for the Galt Mile.

A congressional district map and state Senate map used to define political boundaries since 2012 were both struck down by the courts this year when a coalition of voting rights groups spearheaded by the League of Women Voters and Common Cause provided evidence that districts were designed to protect either the Republican majority or incumbent Democrats.

Fair Districts: Reclaiming Florida Elections

In early 2010, a redistricting reform advocacy group called "Fair Districts Florida" (AKA "Fair Districts Now") populated petitions with more than a million signatures to insure that Constitutional Amendments 5 and 6 were placed on the November 2010 Florida ballot. Subsequent approval by at least 60% of the electorate would amend the State Constitution and change the way state legislative districts (Amendment 5) and congressional districts (Amendment 6) were drawn. Among other criteria, the amendments would require that districts be contiguous, compact, roughly equal in population size and use existing city/country boundaries when possible.

Angry Republican Legislative leaders cobbled together a third amendment (HJR 7231) which they planned to group with the other two on the November 2010 ballot.

GERRYMANDER: A TALLAHASSEE TEAM SPORT

By: Eric Berkowitz

Although HJR 7231 (Amendment 7) contained many of the same provisions included in the two grass roots reforms, sponsoring lawmakers sought to conceal a critical omission. The Florida Supreme Court voted to boot Amendment 7 from the ballot, declaring its ballot summary “confusing and lacking critical information,” since it failed to disclose omitting the requirement that districts be contiguous, enabling lawmakers to stitch together geographically disparate voter blocks friendly to a particular party or incumbent, or dilute communities considered a political obstacle. The Galt Mile could have conceivably been pasted into a district in downtown Jacksonville, the Big Cypress Indian Reservation... or the Krome Detention Center. The court also rejected a last ditch Statehouse maneuver to excise Amendments 5 and 6 from the ballot.

Despite legislator attempts to subvert the citizens’ ballot initiative, 63% of the voters in the November 2010 election successfully fitted the Florida Constitution with redistricting standards based on factors unrelated to party and/or incumbency, replacing nearly two centuries of cultural reassignment, racial & ethnic gerrymandering and partisan vote dilution.

The Florida Constitution had long viewed gerrymandering as a legal enterprise – like iron man paintball, Karaoke or racial profiling (see Patriot Act) – prior to approval of the amendments, and it was practiced with impunity by generations of “good old boys” from the majority party in Tallahassee, Democrat and Republican. Since many Florida Legislators treat constitutional dictums as irrelevant decorative accessories, the reforms in Amendments 5 and 6 were accompanied by a unique enforcement strategy.

Mills: Enforcing the Constitution

Jon Mills [Dean Emeritus, University of Florida Levin College of Law; Florida House of Representatives (1978-1988); Speaker (1987-88); Founding Director, Center for Government Responsibility (1973-80) (1988-present); Professor of Florida Constitutional Law; Style and Drafting Chair of the 1998 Florida Constitution Revision Commission; Florida Federal Judicial Nominating Committee (2009); American Bar Association-Advisory Commission to the World Justice Project (2007-08); etc.], an impeccably credentialed constitutional authority and principal author of the amendments – sought to preclude backsliding lawmakers from circumventing the new criteria by installing a legal mechanism that would enable a court to determine when district boundaries were manipulated for personal and/or political purposes.

In the past, the official redistricting public record was limited to comments that preceded creation of new district maps. Therefore, nothing in the redistricting paper trail indicated when lawmakers failed to correct deficiencies about which they were unquestionably aware (and often helped to create). Mills armed the amendments with language insuring that “The public, the press and non-governmental organizations will have an opportunity to comment before and after the Legislature draws

the initial maps.”

This simple protocol provided process watchdogs with an opportunity to officially document evidence of a district’s constitutional inadequacy. In other words, any failure by the Legislature to comply with constitutional standards would become part of the public record. Within 15 days of a plan’s legislative approval (by joint resolution), the Attorney General must petition the Florida Supreme Court for a declaratory judgment confirming the plan’s validity. This is where it gets interesting.

If the legislature corrects shortcomings identified in the public record, the amendment’s purpose is served. However, if the legislature ignores the warnings and creates districts that are constitutionally deficient, the public record would contain evidence that the non-compliant districts were created by lawmakers who were fully aware of their deficiencies, thereby demonstrating intent to favor a party or incumbent, a key threshold for disqualification. The gambit worked. In 2015, attorneys representing the coalition of voter rights groups used Mill’s legal slip knot to demonstrate that the House and Senate maps all favored incumbents.

Congressional Mapping Mockery

After three years of bouncing around the courts, coalition suits filed in the Second Judicial Circuit began coming to fruition in 2015, beginning with a challenge to the State’s Congressional district map for violating Florida’s Constitutional Fair District provisions. When Circuit Court Judge Terry Lewis declared Florida’s Congressional Districts unconstitutional on July 10, 2014, he accused Republican operatives of “conducting a secret, organized campaign that made a mockery of the Legislature’s transparent and open process of redistricting.” Opening his scathing ruling with a quote from George Washington’s Farewell Address of 1796, an incredulous Lewis warned that “cunning, ambitious, and unprincipled men will be enabled to subvert the power of the people and to usurp for themselves the reins of government, destroying afterwards the very engines which have lifted them to unjust dominion.”

Having sent the legislative leadership back to the drawing board, Lewis later examined maps reconfigured by lawmakers in the House and the Senate as well as three maps provided by the coalition. On October 9, 2015, Lewis’ selected a map entitled “Coalition CP1”, which trampled the fewest city and county borders. In a December 2, 2016 split opinion, the Florida Supreme Court upheld Lewis’ decision by a vote of 5-2.

In an opinion brief, the State high court wrote, “Our opinion today – the eighth concerning legislative or congressional apportionment during this decade since the adoption of the landmark Fair Districts Amendment – should bring much needed finality to litigation concerning this state’s congressional redistricting that has now spanned nearly four years in state courts.”

The new voter boundaries will shake up Congressional representation in jurisdictions across the State, including Broward County. Some of the communities in District 22 – where the Galt Mile will remain – were relocated to adjacent districts, and replaced by other neighborhoods.

The two parallel congressional districts running north-south through Broward and Palm Beach counties, District 22 along the beach represented by Lois Frankel (D-West Palm Beach), and the inland District 21 served by Ted Deutch (D-West Boca), are turned on their side. District 21 will be entirely in Palm Beach County, while District 22 will run from Coral Springs east to the coast, then south to Fort Lauderdale, but also includes Boca Raton. During her tenure, Frankel has worked with the Galt Mile's neighborhood association and Broward officials to achieve local objectives. When NOAA Fisheries blocked the long-delayed Segment II beach renourishment, Frankel helped rattle the dilatory Commerce Department agency. She also lobbied the Army Corps of Engineers Civil Works Committee to green light Port Everglades infrastructure improvements.

Although Deutch and Frankel both live in the newly drawn District 21, they had been slow to indicate who will run in the district or whether either will seek election in Broward District 22 where neither resides. They had also both agreed to avoid running against one another. Deutch was expected to stay in Palm Beach and Frankel in Broward. After the Supreme Court ruling, they seem to have swapped districts. Deutch announced his intention to run in District 22, explaining "My connections to Broward are long and they are deep, and I'm proud of them." Frankel said she would serve her Palm Beach constituency in District 21. If Deutch stays in District 21 and Frankel keeps her bandwagon in District 22, neither will have to order new letterheads.

In District 21, Automotive Repair Instructor Sean David Standard, a West Palm Beach Republican, filed papers with the FEC on January 28, 2016, indicating his intent to run. Boca Raton Republican Joseph Bensmihen, proprietor of geriatric management companies Boca Home Care and United Elder Care Services, announced his candidacy in District 22. He'll face Fort Lauderdale realtor Andrea McGee in the Republican primary.

In District 23, embattled DNC Chair Debbie Wasserman Schultz faces a Primary challenge from Democrat Wall Street reformer Tim Canova, an attorney and Professor of Law and Public Finance at Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad College of Law. In the general election, investigative journalist and 5-time Congressional candidate Republican Joe Kaufman plans a 6th reach for the brass ring. Completing a crowded field are Independent David Mendenhall and Stephanie Anderson (NPA).

Court Dumps Scam Senate Maps

After ruling against a Senate District map submitted by Senate leaders in December, on January 5, 2016, Leon County Circuit Judge George Reynolds (Tallahassee) also selected Senate District map version 2012-CA-2842 submitted by the coalition (named for the Case Number of League of Women Voters of Florida, et.al. vs. Kenneth Detzner, et.al.), citing its compliance with the same Constitutional Fair Districts directive. On January 20, Majority Leader and future Senate President Bill Galvano (R-Bradenton), who drafted the rejected Senate map, convinced current Senate President Andy Gardiner (R-Orlando) that the Legislature shouldn't oppose the court-sanctioned maps, despite prospective legal issues open to appeal. The new Senate map was etched in stone on February 8, when the door closed on the appeals process - at least until the 10-year redistricting cycle is once again triggered by completion of the census.

In 2016, Floridians will vote for State Senators in every district. To stagger the four-year Senate terms going forward, candidates who successfully run in even-numbered districts will only serve two years, while those in odd-numbered districts will serve full four year terms.

Since the Galt Mile's District 34 State Senator, Maria Sachs (D-Delray Beach), has essentially been a "No-Show" for her Broward constituents, Galt Mile officials relied primarily on District 93 Statehouse Representative George Moraitis (R-Fort Lauderdale) to further the neighborhood's legislative agenda - occasionally turning to District 29 Senator Jeremy Ring (D-Parkland) - as well as other pro-association State Senators - for help with companion legislation in the other house.

Bogdanoff vs. Sachs

When egregiously gerrymandered Florida Senate voting maps enraged Senate Democrats in 2012, they were offered an olive branch - the demise of former District 25 Senator Ellyn Bogdanoff. A two-step political decapitation, after erasing incumbent Bogdanoff's marginally Democratic-leaning District 25, her

Broward coastal constituents were lumped into incumbent Maria Sachs' heavily Democratic District 34 in Palm Beach - setting the stage for the sole Florida Senate race in 2012 that faced off two incumbents.

Bogdanoff's Broward support crossed party lines. While her Democrat constituents may have disagreed with her conservative political agenda, they appreciated the bills she sponsored to protect their associations and benefit their neighborhoods, including legislation that enabled associations fully compliant with the fire code to "opt out" of a mandated fire sprinkler retrofit costing \$millions, and a series of omnibus association bills that enhanced unit owner rights and home values while eliminating costly glitches in the Condominium and Cooperative Acts. Bogdanoff also sponsored bills that expanded the use of exculpatory DNA testing, delivered economic measures that helped restore the Florida maritime industry while drafting anti-bullying legislation that evolved into a nationwide template.

In contrast, Sachs sponsored legislation to regulate the parasailing industry, added Mandarin and Farsi to the language curriculum in Florida Public Schools and co-sponsored an anti-texting while driving bill. Not surprisingly, Bogdanoff's strong bi-partisan showing by Broward voters wasn't enough to offset Sachs' overwhelmingly Democratic South Palm Beach constituency. Bogdanoff lost her seat by a 5% margin. In a second bite at the apple two years later, she lost by a margin of 4%.

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Fears by Broward voters that Sachs would favor the interests of her Palm Beach base were soon realized. Despite opening a second District office in Broward Government Center, Sachs was slow to harvest constituent input below the county line. On September 11, 2013, she traveled to the Beach Community Center to participate in a community discussion about Citizens Property Insurance while occasionally gracing a few Broward civic groups or associations with a luncheon appearance. In the four years since 2012, she attended two meetings with the Galt Mile Community Association. During the last one, when members expressed concern about the seemingly interminable obstacles to beach renourishment, Sachs mummified the room by describing her longstanding support for keeping our beaches clean. When other attending officials quietly explained that they were discussing the need to protect coastal communities from storm surge by reclaiming fast disappearing beaches, Sachs scrambled, adding "I support that, too."

South Florida Senate Bingo

The revised Senate maps will place Sachs in a newly crafted District 31 with two other Democrat Palm Beach Senate incumbents, Joseph Abruzzo (D-Wellington) and Jeff Clemens (D-Lake Worth). Since Clemens has long represented the central Palm Beach coast, he will likely run in District 31, which includes the northern part of Sachs' current district and the eastern part of Abruzzo's. Since the adjacent District 29 contains Sachs' Boca Raton power base, and most of Abruzzo's current district, it appears that the two Democrat incumbents will soon slug it out. The district also dips into Broward, encompassing Parkland and Coconut Creek.

Since Chris Smith (D-Fort Lauderdale), Eleanor Sobel (D-Hollywood), and Jeremy Ring (D-Parkland) will all fall prey to term limits, except for a small strip of south Broward in Minority Leader Oscar Braynon's (D-Miami Gardens) north Dade district, the rest of Broward County is up for grabs. Smith hopes to pluck the District 9 seat on the Broward Commission from Dale Holness in November. With the announced departure of Hollywood Mayor Peter Bober, Sobel plans to take on Hollywood City Commissioner Patty Asseff for the job. Having just accepted a bid of more than \$2 million for his 8900 sq. ft. Parkland palace, it is unclear where popular Yahoo! millionaire Jeremy Ring will resurface.

There is no shortage of applicants for the open Broward Senate seats. Founder of Lauren's Kids, child sex abuse activist Lauren Book hopes to inherit Sobel's constituents. Although they had both originally coveted the seat that will soon be vacated by Jeremy Ring, the homes of Former State Representative Jim Waldman of Coconut Creek and attorney Gary Farmer of Parkland are now located in the small clump of inland north Broward attached to the expansive Palm Beach District 29, where Sachs and Abruzzo are preparing for battle. Looking to fill Chris Smith's shoes in the redrawn District 33 are Statehouse Representative Gwen Clarke-Reed (D-Deerfield Beach) and former State Representative Perry Thurston. To date, no Republicans have expressed their intention to venture candidacy in a county knocked by Tallahassee Republicans as "The Killing Fields".

Having initially signed on to serve a Broward constituency, Waldman and Farmer want no part of the imminent political crossfire by Palm Beach Senators in District 29. After engineering expedited relocations to comply with residency requirements, they plan to move their contest to District 40, which will house Broward's coastal communities from Deerfield Beach to Hollywood - including the Galt Mile. Since the district falls entirely within Broward County, district residents will no longer be treated as red-headed stepchildren - and the Galt Mile will once again have a voice in the State Senate, someone conversant with County and local agendas. If Lauren Book wants to avoid a three-way dog-



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fight, the 30 year-old daughter of megabucks lobbyist Ron Book will consider launching her political career in District 32, which includes all of West Broward.

Lawmakers vs. Voters: Purging a Rats' Nest

Until now, legislative leaders have successfully dodged the intent of the Fair Districts Constitutional reforms, preserving political protocols that allow lawmakers to choose their voters by pasting together blocks friendly to a particular party or incumbent. Using the courts to equip the 2010 constitutional mandate with teeth, the voter groups hope to flip the script, enabling Floridians to explore the novel prospect of voters choosing their lawmakers. Who knows? If it catches on, it may spread to other States. •

Stonewalled by the county for months, apprehensive municipal project participants began tracking a litany of dispatch failures that were no longer attributable to any employee learning curve - but the absence of expert oversight. A system responsible for the lives of Broward residents was being mangled by inexperienced departmental subordinates who were unqualified to manage any E911 program, much less one of the largest and most complex emergency response consolidations ever attempted in the United States.

Alarmed by the lack of a response from County officials, Associations representing the County's police chiefs and fire chiefs issued a December 10, 2015 Joint Position Statement detailing how County PSAPs were operating "in a vacuum devoid of experience and expertise." Together with the Broward League of Cities, they urgently warned the County Board about "the lack of public safety operational experience in the county's operation."

Although their concerns were echoed by city officials (and hundreds of angry Broward residents) fearful of a growing toll measured in crime victims, medical disasters and burnt-out properties, County Commissioners remained mute, fueling suspicions that the Broward Board was unwilling - or unable - to address the leadership vacuum. Instead, County Administrator Bertha Henry announced that the selection process to restore a qualified E911 director would begin once project consultant Fitch & Associates issued their report. While the public took this to mean that the county and the consultant would soon restore oversight, officials familiar with the \$100,000 Fitch contract knew better.

Frustrated and angry, on February 2, 2016, Ryan sent a letter to the Broward Board questioning why the County administration hadn't lifted a finger to replace the director of a regional Emergency response system. Since the County agreement with Fitch provides for a process divided into two 120-day phases beginning with data collection and analysis, with a report capping each phase, an incredulous Ryan points out that six to eight months would pass before a search committee is empaneled.

After announcing the Broward job offer and receiving nationwide applications, a selection committee must investigate the candidates before conducting interviews and debating their qualifications. Unless they stumble on a top flight prospect that is collecting unemployment benefits, Ryan observes that the selectee must be provided sufficient time to give notice and "unwind from an existing job." Given the County's search-selection protocols for "top management", Ryan laments that another six months would pass before an experienced director could begin to unscramble opera-

tional impediments, virtually insuring more than an additional year of response delays marked by thousands of avoidable casualties.

Skull-blocked by County intentions to "go a full year without a director possessing the necessary public safety experience to manage and oversee one of the most important functions of local government," Ryan told the County Board "The Broward League of Cities, as well as the police chiefs and fire chiefs associations, have called upon the Board of County Commissioners or the Charter Review Commission to initiate discussions regarding the creation of an Office of the Director of Public Safety Communications that would be independent of the county administration's office. The decision to delay replacing the E911 director proves yet again what so many have been saying: we must change the management of the E911 system and it begins with taking that responsibility away from the county administration."

The Gambit

Since the County system's dispatch failures due to lapsed management are eminently correctible, Roberts, Feldman, Ryan and dozens of municipal stakeholders are stupefied by the Broward Board's decision to allow our last line of defense against crime, fire and medical crisis to muddle through for another year without qualified management. They also contend that the County's service suffers from underfunding, a complaint also lodged by BSO. Roberts commented, "I don't think we can wait too much longer. We were assured we would not have any degradation of services."

While Fort Lauderdale's plan is unlikely to force the county to surrender control of the consolidated system to a more qualified independent entity, laying in the groundwork for a self-directed E911 may convince the County to expedite installation of an experienced director. It could also catalyze other municipalities to follow Fort Lauderdale's lead, amplifying pressure on the County.

If the gambit works, every Broward resident wins. If it doesn't, and stakeholder suspicions prove correct about the county administration's inability to operate a successful E911, when City officials embark on convincing Fort Lauderdale residents that coughing up \$8 million annually will buy significantly more protection than the county delivered, at least they will be equipped with an operational plan. Roberts' early spring message to constituents also flips a message to the County from Seiler & company - "Your move." For Commissioner Roberts May / June 2016 Newsletter in its entirety, read on... - [editor]*

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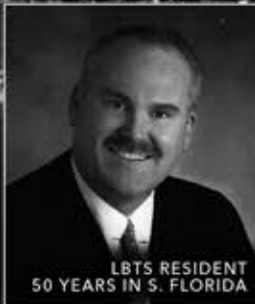
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FORT LAUDERDALE WORKING TO BRING 911

COMMUNICATIONS BACK: Select staff within the City, are working to return 911 operations, including call takers and dispatch, to the City of Fort Lauderdale. In January, a team was formed with key members from Information Technology Services (ITS), Fire, Police, Human Resources, Public Works and the City Manager's Office. The team meets weekly to discuss options regarding location, layout, technology needs, hiring and training of 911 staff, and project management. Team members suggest non-emergency public safety calls be incorporated and consolidated with 911 operations. One consideration is to cross train non-emergency call takers and 911 call takers as a best practice. The team has determined that hiring a consultant with expertise in developing, managing and operating a 911 Communications Center is necessary. A Request for Proposals (RFP) is being developed to establish the requisites for the consultant. Team members contacted Broward Sheriff's Office for our City's data and statistics to be incorporated in the RFP. The current vision will allow the consultant to manage the entire project, providing a turn-key solution. The chosen consultant will design the project and provide a cost analysis, implement the project and hire and train staff with input from Police and Fire management, and operate the center for a given amount of time. The consultant will then turn over operations to the City. Team members are currently researching any possible grant money available for this solution. The RFP should be completed and submitted sometime in May. Choosing a suitable location has been a challenge. The old Bank Atlantic building on West Cypress Creek Boulevard and in close proximity to the City's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is currently being considered. The team has toured the location and is evaluating possible space. For essential technology connection, it will be necessary to run fiber optics between this building and the EOC. Public Works has been consulted to perform the task of dredging underground to lay and connect the fiber between the buildings. The building's wind load

rating is a concern amongst team members. They are currently evaluating materials being used for roof renovations. It is imperative that the City's 911 Communications Center withstand a Category 5 hurricane. The team will continue to meet weekly and put continuous effort into developing a detailed project plan and total cost for this vital undertaking. In the meantime, please continue to advise us of problems you may encounter with the current system.

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- Drainage improvements on the west side of the road
- Concrete curb and driveway construction
- Installation of FPL service points, though they may be relocated at 40th Street
- New mast arm and pedestrian signals installation
- Paving for the first layer of asphalt north of 34th Street (was completed on April 7)

Ongoing/Upcoming Activities:

- Brick paver installation is ongoing and is expected to be completed soon
- Lighting installation on the west side of the road
- Completion of west side activities is expected in May and traffic will then be shifted to the west to allow work to begin on the median

Overall Time Update:

- The project is expected to be completed in summer 2017
- The contractor is scheduled to be working 10 hours/4 days per week, but recently have been working five days lately

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