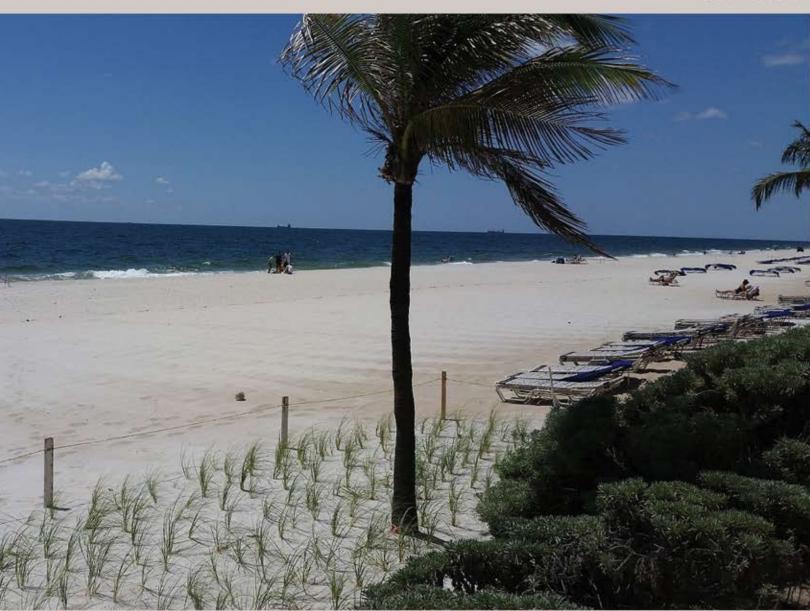
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COMMENTARY: Representative George Moraitis' MAY 2016 Constituent Update

*Despite Florida's fetid reputation as a mine field for the homeless, Fort Lauderdale maintains one of the State's most effective homeless safety nets, as roving teams of Homeless Advocates and FLPD officers annually make roughly 8,000 referrals to critical services for anyone who stumbles over the question "Where did you sleep last night?" Initially developed by District 1 City Commissioner Bruce Roberts during his tenure as Fort Lauderdale Chief of Police, the City's inaugural homeless policy funneled resources into voluntary programs that offer medical assistance, food and housing. A founding cornerstone of the Broward Partnership for the Homeless, the City also subsidizes comprehensive recovery resources for homeless men, women and families at the Partnership's Homeless Assistance Center in Fort Lauderdale.

Working with Homeless Advocates, Police Officers participating in the outreach effort encourage bench dwellers to avail themselves of government-funded or privately subsidized charitable programs that additionally provide counseling, employment preparation, family reunification, transportation, emergency financial assistance and other resources designed to address the causes and consequences of homelessness. Connecting "street people" to this battery of critical services is often the first step in a complex and highly customized course of recovery. If arrested, a referral to the Broward County Homeless Initiative Partnership (BCHIP) triggers a post release contact by a social worker to formulate an appropriate assistance regimen. Initially launched as a partnership between the Fort Lauderdale Police Department and the Broward Coalition for the Homeless, the formula evolved into a national prototype.

Every Fort Lauderdale Police officer knows that the success of this homeless program hinges on the willingness of participants to trade a dangerous lifestyle for a stable home and steady employment — and their ability to achieve that objective. Since the homeless community's experience with local governments in Florida is less than inspiring, assistance is often declined. Citing a 2015 HUD assessment, the National Alliance to End Homelessness estimates that 15% of the homeless population is chronic — unable or unwilling to leave the streets. In 2009, the U.S. Congress provided local governments with a less daunting option for the chronic homeless.

On February 17, 2009, President Barack Obama signed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009, which includes \$1.5 billion for a Homelessness Prevention Fund. Funding for this program, called the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP), is provided to state housing authorities & related agencies, and then distributed to cities, counties, local charities and non-profits. Local grantee jurisdictions include Broward County and the Cities of Fort Lauderdale, Pompano Beach, Sunrise and Hollywood.

HPRP offers a new slant on how jurisdictions might address the litany of root causes traditionally responsible for a shared symptom - homelessness. Instead of linking eligibility for housing candidates to their prospects for a successful recovery, this program reserves eligibility for those candidates most "at risk" for dying on the street. The new protocol cuts to the chase - and places homeless people in homes - a safe environment - prior to helping them reassert control over their lives. Surprisingly, it appears to work. Leery Homeless Advocates who initially disparaged the program have since become staunch supporters. Grantees may use HPRP funds for any combination of four primary eligible activities: (1) Financial Assistance; (2) Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services; (3) Data Collection and Evaluation; and (4) Administrative Costs. To become an eligible beneficiary, a household must be vetted by a case manager to ascertain the type of assistance required; be at or below 50 percent of Area Median Income (AMI); be either homeless or at risk of losing its housing; lack alternative housing options and; lack the financial resources and support networks needed to obtain immediate housing or remain in existing housing.

Using Federal Recovery Act (ARRA) resources to house the homeless, the Fort Lauderdale Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program also assists individuals and families facing eviction, foreclosure, or otherwise at risk for becoming homeless. Intended to target "individuals and families who would be homeless but for this assistance," program funds are applicable to short-term (up to 3 months) or medium-term (up to 18 months) rental deficits, vouchers for motels or hotels, housing relocation and stabilization services. Once a beneficiary is off the street, the program mitigates traditional recovery pitfalls - offering assistance with mediation & legal representation, credit counseling, security or utility deposits, utility payments, moving costs, and case management. If a beneficiary finds work or receives benefits, 30 percent of the income feeds the kitty.

In 2014, Fort Lauderdale used a \$440,000 federal grant to permanently house 22 chronic homeless persons. Participating in a nationwide effort called the "100,000 Homes Campaign", after screening disabled homeless applicants for those most at risk, program beneficiaries were permanently housed in one of the City Housing Authority's apartments. They are provided furnishings, amenities and regular visits by case workers. As observed by Nan Roman, president of the Washington-based National Alliance to End Homelessness, "Research shows that over 85 percent who receive permanent supported housing stay housed - and numerous published studies indicate the savings in health care and corrections costs." In November of 2014, Mayor Jack Seiler announced that the City's "Housing First" initiative was "re-funded for a second year," providing another \$455,000 to house the City's most at risk chronic homeless in 2015. As per Representative Moraitis, in 2016, the legislature again funded the program, approving a \$500,000 appropriation from the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.

With more than 105,000 people already housed in 186 participating communities nationwide, a buzz phrase in the organization's manifesto - "Housing First" - speaks to how it differs from traditional homeless programs, since eligibility isn't contingent on prior graduation from substance abuse counseling or job training. It's also a win for taxpayers. The housing cost is far less than the cost of incarceration, or the endless cycle of emergency room medical care that consequences life on the street.

The HPRP financial aid is meant to be immediate. In noting how program beneficiaries are "quickly re-housed and stabilized," Moraitis references inherent program deadlines. Once the grant agreement is signed by HUD, grantees must minimally disburse 60 percent of the stimulus funds within the first two years and the entire allocation within three years. Although Senate Bill 1534 (enacted as Chapter 2016 – 210, Laws of Florida), A.K.A. "The Homeless Bill", states that the expedited spending timetable precludes beneficiaries from developing "a dependency on the assistance," Congress had another motive. While the Recovery Act was gathering momentum on the Hill, supporters and opponents debated how to best deter local governments from warehousing grant money in budgetary slush funds, until reallocated to a local Slime Mold festival, or a wireless entertainment center in the Town Hall executive washroom. For Representative Moraitis' take on how the City's homeless housing policy is developing, peruse his May 2016 constituent message - [editor]*

EDITOR'S C O M M



STATE REPRESENTATIVE GEORGE MORAITIS

MAY 2016 NEWSLETTER

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

One of the things I love about being a state representative is getting to represent the people of my home town. From the world-class beaches, to Port Everglades, to the myriad of canals that have earned our city the nickname of the "Venice of America," Fort Lauderdale is the place to be! Fort Lauderdale is the eighth largest city in Florida, and the largest city in Broward county, boasting a wide range of booming industries that strengthen our economy and provide residents with a great quality of life.

Just as we are diverse in our industries, we are also a diverse people. On any given day a visitor to our city can hear conversations being spoken in different languages, and at the same time they can view people from all walks of life: from those who are affluent to those who live in the midst of poverty. While we are a city of world class beauty, it remains a sad fact that on any given night there are hundreds upon hundreds of men, women, and children who call the streets of Fort Lauderdale home. While this is disappointing it also provides an opportunity for us to show compassion and work together to help the homeless.

This legislative session, I had the privilege to work with leaders of the City of Fort Lauderdale fighting our homeless problem through my support of the City's Rapid Re-Housing Program. This program is not merely a temporary shelter or soup kitchen, but rather it is a comprehensive homeless strategy that leverages resources and unifies efforts for ending homelessness. This project provides financial assistance and services to prevent individuals and families from becoming homeless, and it also helps those who are experiencing homelessness to be quickly re-housed and stabilized.

The cost of homelessness can be very high. Hospitalization, medical treatment, incarceration, police intervention and emergency shelter expenses can add up very quickly, making homelessness surprisingly expensive for municipalities and taxpayers. The Rapid Rehousing Program demonstrates that a housing-based approach to homelessness is not only more cost-effective than a shelter-based approach, but more effective in the long term.

This initiative is one of the single most important interventions in the fight to end homelessness in our area, and I am pleased to announce our Florida Legislature awarded \$500,000 from this year's budget as a grant to the City of Fort Lauderdale's Rapid Re-Housing Program. It is my hope that these funds will assist the program in preventing people from becoming homeless, as well as help the hundreds who are experiencing homelessness move quickly into their own stable housing. Through these efforts I believe we will build a better future for our community and improve the quality of life for all who call Fort Lauderdale home.

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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): Shane Duncan Band (Country), 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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JULY 9-10: Davie Seafood Festival, Bergeron Rodeo Grounds (Davie), Info.: 561-633-6034

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JULY 16-17: The Bead Mercantile Show, Courtyard by Marriot (Cypress Creek), Info.: 610-241-8349

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JULY 23-24: Dig The Beach Volleyball Fort Lauderdale Open, Fort Lauderdale Beach Park, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Info.: 561-241-3801

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

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AUGUST 12

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AUGUST 20 Dance Party

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BOAT SHOW: BACK IN \(\begin{align*} \text{SUP} \\ \text{Bric Berkovitz} \end{align*}

For the second time in a decade, Fort Lauderdale residents watched plans to improve the Bahia Mar Resort & Marina turn to vapor. During the past 40 years, the 39 acres of Barrier Island real estate stretching from the Atlantic Ocean to the Intracoastal Waterway served as epicenter of the Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show. As the last few years of its Bahia Mar contract wind down, city officials fear that this Fort Lauderdale fiscal engine may weigh anchor and sail into some other South Florida coastal venue, destabilizing our municipal economy and sucker-punching the city budget.

When a 2006 LXR Resorts plan to develop the iconic City property hit the skids in 2013 - South Florida developers Tate Capital, Rok Acquisitions, Rialto Capital Management and RCI Marine picked up the pieces. The new partners formed TRR Bahia Mar LLC to purchase the residual leasehold from LXR corporate parent Blackstone, develop the site and lockbox profits.

After almost two years of negotiating with the City, local residents and the Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show, on June 17, 2016, Miami developer Jimmy Tate sent a letter to city officials formally withdrawing the development application by TRR Bahia Mar LLC, citing how "for reasons beyond our control, the approval process has strayed from its proverbial path." Tate complained "It was unfortunate that a few individuals had turned a collaborative effort between the developer and the community into an ugly debate over certain issues. We have seen ugliness and heard hatred in speeches and comments from members of the community who do not even know us as people..."

The abuse lamented by Tate was largely drawn from a series of unusually long Commission meetings and a late April Town Hall-style meeting. While most of the registered speakers rattled off one of several legitimate concerns, a few resorted to venomous personal potshots. Describing the 8-hour May 10 Commission meeting, New Times reporter Jerry lannelli wrote "Over hours of testimony, the meeting morphed into something out of Rod Serling's nightmares – scores of residents repeated similar concerns about traffic, beach shadows, sealevel rise, and moral rectitude, in what felt like an endless loop where reality had folded in upon itself."

Like most developers, Tate has been called worse. Although miffed about intensifying abuse by disgruntled project opponents, Tate ultimately identified the reason for his group's decision to bail out. Outlining how diminished financial incentives no longer justified their investment, Tate claimed that the project "is no longer economically viable for us." Criticism from local residents and the City forced the developers to scale back two planned 39-story condominium towers to 29 stories. Since condo sale profits generate the project's fiscal fuel, the loss of 230,000 square feet of floor space stripped 49 condo units from the project and tens of \$millions from the developer's bottom line.

In 1962 – three years after Palm Beach socialite Patricia Murphy opened her Candlelight restaurant on Bahia Mar – the City Commission handed her a no-bid 50-year lease that ceded autocratic control of the entire property in exchange for a paper-thin cut of the profits. Ironically, our elected whiz kids viewed this as a strategic coup, and to help reel in the "Mark", they also declared Murphy's income as tax-free (which a court overturned later). In addition to permanently turning Bahia Mar into a tenant's fieldom, this "sweetheart" entitlement left the City without future recourse to a more equitable deal. The heritable lease has since been sold several times – as well as extended.

In negotiating a new 50-year lease with a 50-year extension – as requested by the developer – the city sought to minimally improve on its skeletal financial stake in the city-owned property. In exchange for tailoring the building code to the developer's construction needs, the annual base rent would have jumped from \$300,000 to \$1 million. Revenue shared by the City from the marina, retail and office space would have increased from 4.25 percent to 5 percent. The City would have gotten 1.1 percent of every condo sale and a 1 percent transfer fee if the property changes hands.

Although hamstrung by Patricia Murphy's legacy, the city was providing a dirt-cheap hun-

dred-year lease on one of the most desirable beachfront properties in South Florida, along with a

Chinese menu of zoning fixes, and wanted a bit more. Characterizing the City's re-

prematurely cap the lease terms as another toxic obstacle, late exclaimed "Once we felt the city still wanted more, we didn't see the light at the end of the tunnel."

The proposed development plan was initially conceived to transform an aging Bahia Mar into a magnetic destination site for visitors and city residents, while anchoring a revitalization of adjacent neighborhoods. However, most of the project's citywide support coalesced in response to a threatened relocation of the Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show to a more modern venue – elsewhere on the South Florida coast.

Several neighborhood associations voted



to support the development plan while other local residents complained bitterly about potential gridlock; shadows on the beach, undisclosed lease terms and zoning violations. Although residents in surrounding neighborhoods are split over whether the controversial plan's withdrawal is an answered prayer or a lost opportunity, City officials – and taxpayers – are once again skull-blocked by the prospective loss of a regional economic engine.

TRR Bahia Mar still has a 46-year lease on the property and five years remaining on its contract to host the Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show at Bahia Mar. The deal with the City was contingent on the developer signing the boat show to a 30-year contract. In his letter, Tate admitted having failed to negotiate a lease with Show Management, which operates the Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show, and the event's owner – the Marine Industry Association of South Florida (MIASF) – exclaiming that the lease terms they demanded "are not even close to being fair and equitable."

Following the receipt of Tate's letter by the City, Show Management CEO Efrem "Skip" Zimbalist III and MIASF Executive Director Phil Purcell issued a joint statement to quantify how the boat show was impacted by the news. Admittedly "disappointed" by the developer's withdrawal, Zimbalist and Purcell affirmed having "actively supported" the new design plan and were pleased with its provisions for the boat show. They also committed to work with the developer on any new proposal.

Seemingly perplexed by Tate's aspersive remark about the fairness of their lease demands, Zimbalist and Purcell said that although a long term lease had been generally discussed early in the process, "formal negotiations of specific terms had not yet begun" when the developers withdrew their plan. Having worked with Tate for almost two years, both boat show officials know that the developer's letter is also a poorly choreographed wake-up call. While defusing increasingly antagonistic project opposition, withdrawing the application dramatically sends a simple message to stakeholders about whether or not their specific objectives are negotiable – or a dead end. If a proposed project addition or change is not economically viable (i.e. accompanied by a way to pay for it), it goes. The letter intimates why stakeholders shouldn't confuse the developers with Santa's elves.

In a follow-up interview, Zimbalist expressed an expectation that Bahia Mar and Show Management would agree on a long-term lease in the next year or two, stating "There's still an opportunity to negotiate, whether it is with the current plan or not." Under either scenario, Zimbalist observed that Bahia Mar "is not a world-class facility and needs to be improved." Zimbalist said that Show Management and the MIASF were willing to enter a 30-year contract with the developers and keep the show at Bahia Mar, as long as the rental terms "mirror the ups and downs in the economy over the life of the contract." As for the upcoming 2016 boat show, Zimbalist said Show Management will unilaterally upgrade the site before the November event.

If TRR Bahia Mar and the boat show can cut a 30-year deal without developing the property as a full blown destination site, it would quell the recently rekindled fears of city officials and Fort Lauderdale residents about losing the boat show – and preserve the impressive economic benefits that accrue to the municipal host of South Florida's \$11.5 billion Marine Industry.

Each year, the world's largest boat show dumps more than \$500 million into our local economy – and its departure could splash red ink on every Fort Lauderdale TRIM Notice. Although city officials have repeatedly reassured Zimbalist and Purcell of their commitment to a shared future, without the active cooperation of Tate & Company – the City's tenant and the boat show's landlord – this dog won't hunt. If Mr. Zimbalist's instincts prove reliable, the parties will find common ground. If not, when the current Show Management contract winds down, taxpayers who pick up the looming deficit won't be happy campers. More to come...•



COMMENTARY: Chip LaMarca's MAY 2016 Newsletter By: Eric Berkowitz

*In his May 2016 constituent Newsletter, District 4 Broward Commissioner Chip LaMarca snapshots the Segment II Beach Renourishment and outlines a planned 2020 Segment III South County beach fix. LaMarca also reviews recently expanded services at Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport, examines County progress in transforming the Greater Fort Lauderdale - Broward County Convention Center from a local meeting venue into a world class conference mag-net, details how a May 14 Hurricane Preparedness Open House at the African-American Research Library and Cultural Center helped frame links between planning and survival, and explains how SWIM Central, a County program that teaches kids how to swim, befits May's designation as National Water Safety Month.

Sharp Opens the Sand Bank

In 1965, the 89th U.S. Congress authorized funding to fortify Broward's shrinking beaches (Section 301 of Public Law 89-298, October 27, 1965). Twenty years ago, former Broward Beach Administrator Stephen Higgins gave legs to the Congressional intent by formulating the Broward County Shore Protection Project. After struggling with unprecedented regulatory obstacles for 14 years, Higgins stepped down after rehabilitating South County beaches.

When Eric Myers revived the project two years later, District 4 Broward Commissioner Chip LaMarca agreed to run political interference in Tallahassee and Washington D.C. After scoring a hard fought State Permit (0314535-001-JC) with the help of LaMarca and Nicole Sharp, Myers faced County retirement protocols, and passed the baton to Sharp. To penetrate dilatory federal bureaucracies holding the project hostage, the Galt Mile association and LaMarca recruited Bill Nelson, Marco Rubio, George Moraitis and Lois Frankel. It worked. Newly designated Broward Beach Administrator, Sharp finally brought the chronically snake-bit Segment II Project home.

When construction vehicles rolled into north Broward beachfront staging sites on January 4, 2016, longtime Galt Mile residents blew off two decades of mind-numbing frustration. In the wake of construction crews traveling north from Vista Park in Lauderdale Beach and south from Palm Avenue in Lauderdale-by-the-Sea, the beach behind each Galt Mile association was enlarged by 70 - 100 feet. Finally converging on Regency Tower and Galt Ocean Club by April, the crews embarked on a second pass along the Galt Mile Beach, popping thousands of sea oats into sand dunes configured to each association's specifications.

After they plump the final mile of Segment II beaches in November (from NE 14th Street to Terramar Street), Broward Beach Administrator Nicole Sharp and Beach Program Specialist (and Dune-Meister) Greg Ward will turn their attention to skeletal south county beaches and building a sand-bypass at Port Everglades.

Sand that ordinarily migrates south along the coast collects at the north side of the Port Everglades inlet (adjacent to Point of Americas), where 85% is lost seaward to tidal erosion. As a result, when sand placed along south county beaches during the 2005 Segment III renourishment drifted south into Miami-Dade County, it was never replenished by sand migrating south from beaches in Fort Lauderdale and points north. The \$53.7 million Segment III "replay" will rehabilitate sand-starved South County beaches.

The Port Everglades sand bypass project is intended to transfer 50,000 to 80,000 cubic yards of sand annually from the north to the south sides of the Port Entrance, restoring the currently disrupted littoral drift. The low-tech plan entails constructing an offshore sand trap to collect alongshore migrating sand for transport to the south side of the inlet. When adjacent Points of America residents opposed blasting the sea bottom, the plan was redesigned by raising the lower elevation above the hard rock and widening the trap to maintain sufficient

Re-establishing the natural southerly flow of sand along the coast would also substantially reduce the frequency and scope of future renourishments. Instead, occasional beach fills could address "hot spots" along a more stable County coastline. Since all parties to the cost-sharing agreements ultimately allocate tax revenues to fund these projects, taxpayers would save Smillions.

The sand bypass was originally proposed by former Broward beach Guru Stephen Higgins, who observed "Unless the entire Broward coast is treated and maintained like a single structural entity, this project will fail. The stability of every segment depends on the stability of its adja-cent segments." In 2014, Eric Myers told Galt Mile officials "Every big deep-water inlet is a huge barrier to the drift of sand along the East Coast. Had we built the sand bypass at Port Everglades, beaches in South Broward County would still be healthy."

Nicole Sharp describes the historical "segmented" approach to beach management as an anachronistic exercise in futility, opting instead for a long-term regional plan. Mindful of the accelerated rate that natural resources are degraded by climate change and rising sea levels, Sharp has developed a beach management program that proactively meets the growing risks.

Despite her brief tenure as the County's Natural Resources Administrator, Sharp impressed stakeholders who were initially skeptical about whether she could navigate unprecedented regulatory pitfalls and deliver a result that eluded predecessors for decades. While helping Eric Myers battle FDEP and Florida Fish & Wildlife for the State permit, Sharp was the main closer for the complex agreement with the Army Corps of Engineers, nailing the critical Federal Permit without giving up the farm. When several Galt Mile associations — including Plaza East and Ocean Club — expressed trepidations about sacrificing recreational space for dunes and beach vegetation, Sharp promised to tailor their beaches to meet their needs, conceding the final decision to each association's administration. Instead of mandating compliance, which falls squarely within her wheelhouse, Sharp and Greg Ward used lessons learned by Higgins and Myers to convince project stakeholders — including every Galt Mile association — to support the voluntary inclusion of dunes and dune vegetation on their respective beaches. Virtually the entire Galt Mile has since imparted how the final result exceeded expectations. Not a bad opening act for someone with two years in the driver's seat. For LaMarca's May 2016 message to constituents, Read on... - [editor]*



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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.

Beach Renourishment Update

Broward County's beautiful beaches have never looked better! The Segment II Beach Renourishment project has been completed in most areas just in time for the sea turtle nesting season. The Segment II Shore Protection Project commenced January 4, 2016 and over 80 percent of the project has been completed. Approximately 800,000 tons of sand has been placed (total 1M tons) on our beaches. The 1.4 mile stretch in Pompano Beach and northern Lauderdale-by-the-Sea were completed in full from Southeast 4th Street in Pompano Beach to Sunset Lane in Lauderdale by the Sea. South of the pier in Lauderdale-by-the-Sea, and Fort Lauderdale beach we completed the work through The Galt Ocean Mile and the Lauderdale Beach neighborhood. The northern limits of Hugh Taylor Birch State Park, from Datura Avenue to NE 14th Court, were also completed. In order to complete the Segment II Renourishment project, the remaining sand placement is planned to start after sea turtle nesting season concludes on November 1st, 2016. Sand placement will resume at Northeast 14th Court, which is the northern limits of Hugh Taylor Birch State Park south to Terramar Street. The project also provided for the construction of 1.5 miles of dunes. This will complete the project and we plan to keep the permits open in order to do periodic maintenance and in the case of an emergency due to a storm. This would save us from having to start the arduous permitting process over again from scratch.

The Segment III Shore Protection Project is estimated to begin in 2020 with an estimated cost of \$54 million. The Beach Management Plan was recently completed for the Segment III Shore Protection Project. A truck haul is planned for Dania Beach, Hallandale Beach and Hollywood Beach with an estimated volume of 980,000 cubic yards of sand. Dunes are another great resource that can help sustain local beaches. The Dune Grant Program was initiated in 2015 and is awarded on an annual basis. It assists coastal property owners to create, restore or enhance dunes along their residence.

For more information, go to www.broward.org/beachrenourishment/Pages/Default.aspx

New Services at the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport in 2016
The Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport (FLL) is making great strides by providing new services in 2016. JetBlue added flights to Barbados in April and Aguadilla (Puerto Rico) and Nashville in May. Flights to San Diego and New Orleans will be added later on this year. Spirit added new flights to Philadelphia in April. Norwegian Air Shuttle will add a very exciting new service to Paris in July and Southwest will add the much anticipated entry into

Chip LaMarca's

the international market at FLL with Nassau service starting in August. The outlook for 2016 is very bright. Based on published airline schedules and historical data, FY 2016 should end with total traffic up 9 percent over FY2015. It is also forecasted that FLL could reach 29 million passengers for the 2016 calendar year.

New Convention Center Hotel and Expansion Update

Broward County's Convention Center Hotel and Expansion project is moving forward. The initial plans presented by developer Matthews Southwest Holdings provides a starting point for the project to move forward with revisions that are expected throughout the entire design process. The developer presented plans for an 800 room Convention Center Hotel that would include retail space, restaurants and plenty of open space to take advantage of the Intracoastal Waterway and Broward County's Port Everglades. The hotel would also meet requirements to be LEED Gold certified. While there are still many details about the design, parking availability, transportation and traffic flow, the next steps of the process will provide for reconciliation of the design and negotiations for the final plan. Once the design plan is finalized, developers estimate that construction could begin in 2018 with a soft-opening in August 2020.

For more information, go to www.broward.org/ccexpansion/Pages/Default.aspx

Hurricane Preparedness

Hurricane season is upon us and it is important to be prepared in the case of an emergency. Broward County held a Hurricane Preparedness Open House this month in order to assist residents with hurricane information. Hurricane season is between June 1st and November 30th and it is critical to start planning now. Featured presentations by the Emergency Management Division, Broward Sheriff's Office, American Red Cross-Broward County Chapter and others include topics on how to prepare your family for a hurricane, what to do before, during and after a storm, services available to those with special needs or who are at risk, how to register for important emergency services, and how to receive emergency alerts. For more information, go to www.broward.org/hurricane/Pages/Default.aspx

May Was National Water-Safety Month

Broward County offers many water-based attractions including water parks, parks that provide beach access, cable water-skiing, fishing, boating, and more. This summer while residents and tourist enjoy the many attractions that Broward County has to offer it is important to be aware and understand how to be safe in the water. May was National Water Safety Month, and in observance residents and tourists were encouraged to make water safety a priority. Broward County's primary resource and referral service for available swim programs, SWIM Central, has reached more than half a million children since its inception in 1999.

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,

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NEW LAW FOR ASSOCIATIONS SCREENING

By Eric Berkowi

On June 14, 2016, Executive Director Yeline Goin of the Community Association Leadership Lobby (CALL) alerted the Galt Mile Community Association to a legislative change that impacts how associations must process certain prospective lessees - specifically - the men and women who defend our country with their lives. On August 8, 2015, Florida Senator Aaron Bean (R-Jacksonville) filed Senate Bill 184 – a piñata of eclectic benefits for veterans and active duty members of the U.S. Armed Forces.

Waltzing through vetting committees to unanimous approvals in both houses, the legislation was enacted on April 15, 2016 (Chapter 2016-242). After its July 1, 2016 effective date, the new law will expedite a servicemember's consideration for tenancy in a Florida Condominium, Cooperative or Homeowner Association.

As defined in Section 250.01, Florida Statutes, a "servicemember" is "Any person serving as a member of the United States Armed Forces on active duty or state active duty (sic - when ordered by the Governor or Adjutant General) and all members of the Florida National Guard and United States Reserve

Among other provisions, the Bill created Section 83.683, Florida Statutes., three brief paragraphs that detail how Florida landlords must process tenancy applications submitted by servicemembers. The first paragraph provides that the application must be approved or denied in writing within 7 days - and denials must be accompanied by a reason. If the servicemember meets all other terms of the application and lease, landlords who blow the deadline must approve the rental.

Overriding time frames delimited by an association's rules or declaration, the second paragraph extends the mandate to Florida associations that screen prospective tenants. Unless servicemember rental applications for association units or parcels are approved or denied in writing within 7 days of submissionalong with reason(s) for denial - the tenant must be approved "if all other terms of the application and lease are complied with."

Leery of loopholes engineered by larcenous landlords or associations, the Statute's closing paragraph admonishes "The provisions of this section may not be waived or modified by the agreement of the parties under any circumstances."

To avoid risking a troublesome violation due to an inadvertent oversight, Goin recommends a minor modification to the association's application. Simply ask if the prospective tenant is a servicemember – as defined in Section 250.01, Florida Statutes. Three minutes on the word processor should do the trick.















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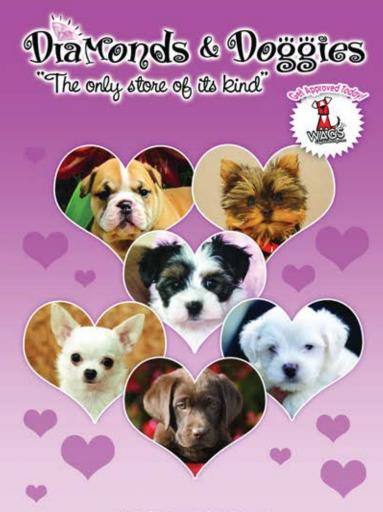


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