

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT



JANUARY - JUNE 2021

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Broward Municipal Services District Neighborhoods

The **Broward Municipal Services District**, Unincorporated Broward County, consists of 11.4 square miles and has a population of approximately 16,148.*

The Broward County Commission serves as the local government and municipal authority. Services provided by the County include business and housing developments, library and wellness programs, neighborhood parks and community assets, zoning and code enforcement, sustainability planning, solid waste and recycling services, and highway engineering.

Central County

*Boulevard Gardens, Franklin Park
Roosevelt Gardens, Washington Park*

Commission District 9



Broadview Park

Commission District 7



Hillsboro Pines & Hillsboro Ranches

Commission District 2



* Source: Population data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2015-2019 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates. Land area was updated by using Planning and Development Management Division, GIS Section's latest annexation information (August 2018).

Broward Municipal Services District Highlights

This Semi-Annual Report highlights accomplishments as well as projects underway in the Broward Municipal Services District (BMSD), from January through June 2021, in the following areas. This report is available in a printer-friendly format online at Broward.org/MunicipalServicesDistrict.

Managing the BMSD



Broward County government is implementing programs and services in the BMSD to help strengthen neighborhoods in the community, for today and for the future.

Promoting Safe Streets



Investments in the community include small business development, housing and construction projects, and enhancements to parks and libraries.

Investing in Our Community



Comprehensive community planning includes safe streets designed with vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians in mind.

Building Healthy & Vibrant Places



Parks, libraries and community facilities are popular places to promote arts and culture and healthy living activities, including community clean-ups and recycling.

Enhancing a Safe Community



Community safety is a partnership between residents, law enforcement, fire rescue and local government. Priorities include code enforcement and drug education activities, as well as public safety infrastructure improvements.



Environmental Protection and Growth Management Department

Planning and Development Management Division (PDMD)

The National Association of Counties (NACo) 2021 Achievement Award was awarded to PDMD for its program titled “[Crowdsource Data and Code Enforcement](#)” in the category of Civic Education and Public Information. The application was developed by GIS Analyst Raquel Bensadoun, and the project included ILA with 28 cities and Code Enforcement.



Code Enforcement is a shared responsibility in Broward County, between the County government and its 31 municipalities. Traditionally, zoning and building code enforcement is a municipal government function. However, this model was ill-suited to address the need for Countywide enforcement of COVID-19 Emergency Orders during the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. As Executive Orders were issued by the State and Emergency Orders were issued by the County, new mechanisms for crowdsourcing data from the public to influence code enforcement actions were developed. This ultimately resulted in the ability for the public to directly contact the County with COVID-19 concerns and track the results of their requests for service through a public-facing GIS dashboard. The project exemplified intergovernmental collaboration, public crowdsourcing, and use of innovative technologies that shared and analyzed data with constituents and decision-makers alike.

Overall, Broward County received 18 Achievement Awards from the National Association of Counties (NACo), including Best in Category for Broward County Transit’s [Paratransit Rider’s Choice](#), and an award to Environmental Planning and Community Resilience Division’s for [Boosting the Success of the Broward Solar Co-op](#) and [Future Conditions Map Series: 100-Year Flood Elevation Map](#).

Planning/BMSD

COVID-19 Vaccination Project

The Broward Municipal Services District’s (BMSD) COVID-19 Vaccination Project was launched last March to assist area residents. The program involved pre-marketing, neighborhood canvassing, and registering BMSD residents for vaccination appointments. Planning and Development Management Division (PDMD) coordinated in partnership with Parks and Recreation Division, the Transportation Options Program (TOPs), Office of Public Communications (OPC), Enterprise Technology Services (ETS), ADEPT Marketing, Florida Department of Health in Broward (FDOH), Urban League of Broward County, and Broward Sheriff’s Office (BSO). PDMD mailed postcards to BMSD residents to encourage them to get vaccinated and expect canvassers to visit their residences to make vaccine appointments. GIS developed a dashboard that monitored and managed the canvassing operations. BSO Sgt. Randy Gresham, staff at BMSD Parks and Code Enforcement Officers distributed palm cards featuring a QR code for the County’s Vaccine Information webpage. The BMSD Liaison posted messages, video testimonials and the “[I Did It](#)” Campaign on social media. More than 4,365 homes were visited and 286 residents from Broadview Park, Central County and North County were registered for vaccinations.





MLK DAY of Service

The PDMD staff collaborated with Rebuilding Together Broward on the Annual Martin L. King, Jr. Day of Service (MLK DOS) January 16, 2021. Six homeowners in Boulevard Gardens were selected to have their exterior homes painted. Also, four homeowners on NW 30th Avenue benefited from the Tree Trust grant to have trees planted in their yards.



Street Renaming Public Meetings

PDMD staff planned, publicized, and presented three Public Meetings to educate Washington Park residents and the BMSD community on the Board of County Commissioners' proposed Street Renaming of NW 7th Street for the late Congressman Alcee Hastings, NW 8th Street for Harry & Harriette Moore, and NW 6th Court for Judge Zebedee and Dr. Kathleen Wright. The road segments all are between NW 27th Avenue - 31st Avenue.

ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING AND PERMITTING DIVISION

Boulevard Gardens' Beautification Project

EPPD and PDMD joined with NatureScape to conduct tree outreach, education, and installation on NW 30th Avenue in the 200 – 300 block. The project was made possible by a \$6,331 grant awarded by the Tree Preservation Trust Fund. The fund paid for the purchase of thirteen trees, planting, and some maintenance. On March 2, 2021, the trees were planted and secured within the swale areas and Broward Highway Maintenance Division have watered the trees since they were planted.



HOUSING FINANCE AND COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT

The Housing Minor Home Repair Program is designed to help preserve affordable housing and assist income eligible homeowners with repairs to their homes throughout Broward County, including in the BMSD. Two homes are currently being rehabilitated in the BMSD. Qualified homeowners of owner-occupied single-family properties can apply when funds are available.

The Housing Purchase Assistance Program provides assistance to income eligible homebuyers in the form of a down payment and closing costs. During the period of January – June 2021, Purchase Assistance was provided to two homebuyers in the BMSD—one funded with State of Florida SHIP funds and the other with Federal Community Development Block Grant funds.

[Housing Finance and Community Redevelopment](#) • [Broward Municipal Services District Map BMSD-1](#)

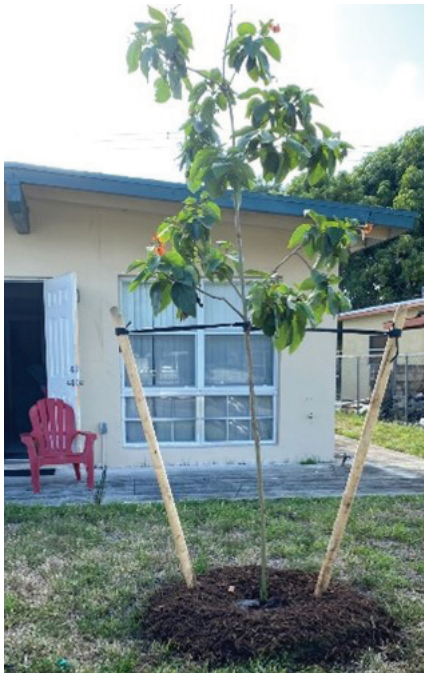


ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND COMMUNITY RESILIENCE DIVISION

Boulevard Gardens is Spreading Roots!

NatureScape and the National Wildlife Federation's Connectivity Project funded trees that were planted in January and March in Boulevard Gardens on NW 30 Avenue. The trees improve and conserve important stop-over habitat for migrating songbirds. The Geiger trees with their red blossoms beautify the block and attracts hummingbirds. The mango trees provide fruit for the homeowners, while the pollinating insects provide much needed food for baby birds. Overall, the benefit of trees ranges from providing shade for cooler streets, reducing energy needs, improving property values, and helping to calm traffic.

BMSD residents also benefited from the Water Matters Day Re-Leaf event at Central Broward Regional Park, near the BMSD. Trees were given out to residents in a socially distanced event. [NatureScape \(Broward.org\)](https://www.naturescape.org/Broward.org)



Broward Habitat Connectivity Project

Creating Habitat for Migratory Birds

Made possible by support from the following Community Foundation of Broward Funds:

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PROMOTING SAFE STREETS

Transit

On June 23, Broward County Transit (BCT) hosted a grand opening ceremony for the new Lauderhill Transit Center (LTC), located at 1359 NW 40th Avenue on State Road 7, just northwest of the BMSD boundary. Broward County and City of Lauderhill Commissioners participated in a ribbon-cutting ceremony and addressed the benefits the LTC adds to the community.

During the event, BCT joined forces with the Florida Department of Health-Broward and offered free Pfizer COVID-19 vaccinations to the public, resulting in 132 people getting vaccinated.

The 3,000 square-foot eco-friendly facility is equipped with multiple public restrooms, customer amenities including free Wi-Fi, and a customer service window for passengers to purchase tickets and obtain trip planning information and serves 8,000 customers daily. LTC is the County's first net-positive building, utilizing solar panels that generate more electricity than it is expected to consume.



Trevor Fisher, Acting Public Works Director, and Chris Walton, Transportation Director at the Grand Opening at Lauderhill Transit Center (LTC).



\$ INVESTING IN OUR COMMUNITY

Office of Economic & Small Business Development (OESBD)

The Broward Municipal Services District Revolving Loan Fund is one of the components of the **BMSD Economic Development Toolbox**. The goal of the Fund is to enhance not only the potential long-term impact of existing businesses in the BMSD as an important aim of business retention and expansion activities, as well as potentially create opportunities for new private investment in the area. Specifically, increase the potential for additional customer traffic, further investment, and increase employment as enhancements to businesses located on the commercial corridors of the BMSD.

[Central County Community Development Corporation \(cccdcorp.org\)](http://cccdcorp.org)

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BROWARD MUNICIPAL SERVICES DISTRICT REVOLVING LOAN FUND (BMSD-RLF)

OPEN

Despite the pandemic, January through June 2021, OESBD kept BMSD businesses informed via the BMSD quarterly business newsletter. The January and May editions featured the launch of the NW 27th Avenue Inspector Trainee Pilot Program. As part of the County's planned Safe Streets Improvement Project on NW 27th Avenue between Sunrise and Broward Boulevards, the program will leverage construction activity to employ residents who live in the BMSD (and other underserved communities). OESBD partnered with CareerSource, OIC and the Urban League of Broward to recruit residents for this on-the-job training program. They also educated BMSD community of this opportunity that will afford interns to obtain the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Construction Training Qualification Program certifications in three different disciplines.



BUILDING HEALTHY & VIBRANT PLACES

Library

Broward County Library (BCL) implemented a free “Lifting & Advancing Black Business” (LABB) program at the African American Research Library & Cultural Center (AARLCC). Business owners participated in LABB to network, strengthen business skills, and unify their efforts. By providing this service, BCL has empowered business owners to use technology and social media to promote and expand their brands.

BCL debuted the original play “Let the Good Times Rolle: The Life and Legacy of Esther Rolle at 100” in the BMSD at the African American Research Library and Cultural Center (AARLCC). Held during Women’s History Month, the play acknowledged the many talents of Emmy Award-winning actress and Pompano Beach native Esther Rolle, in the special drive-in outdoor performance.

The Library Journal also named BCL’s Regional Manager, Makiba Foster a 2021 “Mover & Shaker” for her leadership at AARLCC.





BUILDING HEALTHY & VIBRANT PLACES

Parks & Recreation

Broward County Parks and Recreation partnered with local affiliates and hosted its **7th Annual Soup and Salad Bowl**. Broward Municipal Services District seniors attended this fun and safe event. All attendees remained in their vehicles and watched healthy cooking demonstrations that took place on a stage at Carter Park. LED screens and FM transmitters were used to give participants visibility of the stage. Live music, trivia, and interactive games kept the seniors engaged and they were gifted with T-shirts, coffee mugs, salad bowls, and gift cards to commemorate the event.



Pictured above (right) are Jakari Wallace and Eleanor Oberle.

Choose Peace Week is an annual event spearheaded by United Way of Broward County, created to promote safe, and violence-free environments, and celebrate peace and inclusivity. Weekly activities were held that promoted peace and taught the youth how to live peacefully with one another. Parks' Out-of-School-Time Program campers participated in the poster contest with the theme "Shaping Peace Together," which inspired plenty of creativity from the campers while also teaching them to love one another. Some of the campers' artworks were showcased on the Choose Peace Website. [Choose Peace/Stop Violence | United Way Broward](#)



Created by Ian Hjortensjo

Celebration of the Hands

Neighborhood Parks' Out-of-School-Time Program participated in the Early Learning Coalition of Broward's event Celebration of the Hands. The "hands" serve to remind legislators and advocates that thousands of Florida's children, youth, and families are affected by decisions made during the legislative session. Every year since 1986, children in early-learning programs, schools, and individual families across the state have created hand-crafted artwork for a stunning visual display at the Capitol Rotunda during Children's Week Florida. This year's event was April 5-9. Pictured (right) are London Lamar, Azaria Young and Kiore Bosket.





Cultural

The Broward County Cultural Division held a Ribbon Cutting on June 22

Walking Sticks with Stories to Tell, a new site-specific artwork commissioned by Broward Cultural Division's Public Art & Design Program, was installed in the BMSD on Sistrunk Boulevard. The sculptural installation by Washington-based artist Claudia Fitch references the traditions of West Africa and transforms a high-traffic area located at the SE corner of NW 27th Avenue at the African American Research Library and Cultural Center. It is part of the Northwest 27th Avenue Safe Streets Improvement Project, a multi-modal street design to encourage public transport, bicycling and walking.

Comprised of five, vividly hued freestanding sculptures that reflect the West African traditions of the linguist staff, ornamental hairpin, Adinkra symbols and kente cloth colors, *Walking Sticks with Stories to Tell* embraces the rich cultural heritage of West Africa as well as the stories of those who live, work and go to school in the Sistrunk neighborhood. During the project's development, community outreach activities facilitated by the artist provided the underlying themes for the artwork's concept and imagery. Among those participating in workshops were students from neighboring Dillard High School's advanced art program (see Dillard mascot at the top of a sculpture).

View more about the process of creating *Walking Sticks with Stories to Tell* in [this video](#).





ENHANCING A SAFE COMMUNITY

SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING

The residents of the Broward Municipal Services District (BMSD) received uninterrupted solid waste, recycling, and bulk collection services since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. Due to CDC guidelines and restrictions, all prescheduled Community Cleanup events were suspended, although the many volunteers that traditionally attended each Community Cleanup event were greatly missed. To sustain debris and litter free communities within the BMSD, Solid Waste and Recycling Services modified the traditional Community Cleanups that typically consisted of volunteer groups and the BMSD collection contractor. A temporary schedule was implemented to collect illegally discarded waste utilizing the BMSD collection contractor, Coastal Waste and Recycling. Under the temporary schedule, **102.97 tons of illegally discarded waste was collected** from January through June 2021.





Code Enforcement

Code Enforcement Inspectors worked to educate BMSD residents, property and business owners about property maintenance standards. The focus remained on performing public nuisance abatement investigations for a wide variety of issues, including, heavily overgrown vacant lots, junk or wrecked vehicles stored outside, unsecured vacant structures, and improper storage of junk items and trash that require immediate attention by the property owner. Code Enforcement officers cite these and other conditions that may pose a threat to the health, safety, and welfare of the community. Many of the corrections were made by landlords. 878 violations for annual inspections were cited during this six-month period.

JANUARY - JUNE 2021 PERIOD STATISTICS

- Conducted **1,960** field inspections
 - Performed **1,689** community standards inspections
 - Performed **268** land clearance inspections
 - Performed **3** junk vehicle inspections
- Opened **924** code enforcement cases
- Initiated **689** proactive enforcement cases
- Responded to **235** cases due to citizen complaints
- Issued **75** administrative citations
- Achieved compliance on **1,001** cases

Public Nuisance Abatement Activities

- Declared **134** Land Clearing Public Nuisances
- Ordered **29** public nuisance lots abated by vendor
- Cited **12** violations for unsecured vacant property
- Opened **124** cases for improper vehicle storage
- Issued **28** violations for prohibited open air storage

Property Maintenance and Minimum Housing

- Issued **301** violations for property grounds maintenance
- Inspected **111** cases for building maintenance violations
- Opened **3** substandard housing cases

Activities to improve property maintenance

- Issued **170** landlord registration violations
- Performed **356** annual rental property inspections
- Brought **122** cases into compliance before abatement required
- Complied **84** violations before notice necessary





ENHANCING A SAFE COMMUNITY

Broward Sheriff's Office/BSO and BROWARD SHERIFF FIRE RESCUE



Deputy Francene Reid (pictured above) participated in the BMSD Community Fair held at the Samuel Delevoe Park in June. She is assigned to the Central Broward/Lauderdale Lakes District in the Department of Community Services. Community Services has various responsibilities, including Crime Stoppers, Youth & Neighborhood Services, Civil and Court Services. [Department of Community Services | Broward County \[sheriff.org\]](http://sheriff.org)



BSO Fire Rescue sponsored Summer Sizzle for the fifth year in a row. Summer Sizzle is a Safety Education Summer Camp supported by The Fire Chief's Association of Broward County.

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Thank you to the County Agencies and Community Partners for the services you provide to the Broward Municipal Services District's (BMSD) residents. Your collaborations, programs, commitments and investments are essential to improving the quality of life within the BMSD.

BROWARD COUNTY AGENCIES

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County Administration
Cultural Division
Emergency Management
Environmental Licensing and Building
Permitting
Grants Coordination Section
Housing Finance and Community
Development
Human Services

Libraries
Office of Management and Budget
Office of Economic and Small Business Development
Office of Public Communications
Environmental Planning and Community Resilience
Parks and Recreation
Planning and Development Management Division
Public Works
Solid Waste and Recycling Services

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

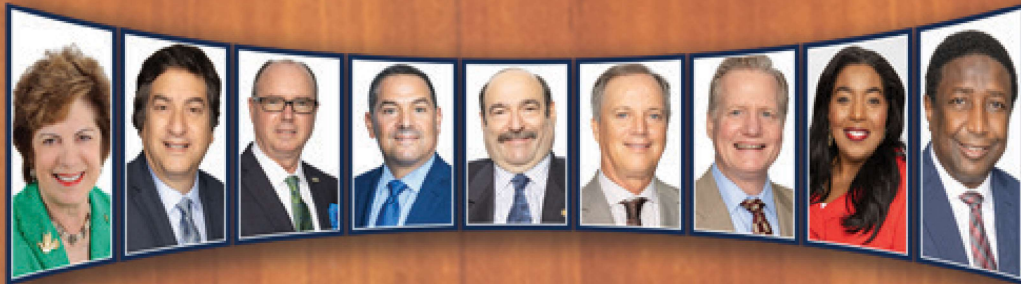
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Broward County Public Schools
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OIC of South Florida
Urban League of Broward County
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