

*Vice Mayor Romney Rogers, Commissioner, District IV*



**Summertime is Here!** All we have to do is step outside and check the temperature gauge to know summer has arrived. I hope you, your friends and family will find some time to enjoy it!

**Hurricane Season:** The Hurricane Season is upon us, running from June 1<sup>st</sup> through November 30<sup>th</sup>, so now is the time to prepare. Part of your preparation should include creating a disaster plan and assembling a disaster supply kit. For useful information and helpful links, please visit the city's new hurricane website at <http://ci.ftlaud.fl.us/hurricane/index.htm>.

**Genia Ellis Recognized:** Neighborhoods, USA (NUSA) has announced the selection of Who's Who in America's Neighborhoods. President Bill Clinton was keynote speaker at the May 28<sup>th</sup> ceremony at which the first National Recipients were announced. Genia Ellis of the Harbour Inlet Association was one of three Americans named. The award recognizes those individuals whose work mirrors NUSA's mission: to build and strengthen neighborhood associations; to encourage neighborhood involvement in the decision-making process in local governments; and to promote productive communications and collaborations between neighborhood associations, local governments, and the public/private sectors. Congratulations, Genia, on this well-deserved award!

**Mayor's Challenge:** Speaking of volunteerism, the city is fast approaching its Centennial Celebration, and our citizens are being asked to volunteer for community-service projects in honor of the city's 100 years of incorporation. A barometer at City Hall registers about 35,000 hours to date – well on the way toward reaching our goal of 100,000 volunteer hours. Remember to log your hours, including service on city boards and committees, at <http://ci.ftlaud.fl.us/volunteerchallenge/index.htm>.

**Pedestrian Safety:** Fort Lauderdale continues to take steps to ensure enhanced pedestrian safety on Las Olas and citywide. See, for example, the new "Featured Item" box on the city's home page at <http://ci.ftlaud.fl.us/index.htm>.

**Pay by Phone Parking:** Don't forget the city's new Pay by Phone Parking system: Just park your car, make a quick phone call, and then head for your destination. An optional text message will remind you before time expires. There's also an option of calling back and extending your parking session from anywhere, subject to meter time limits. When you pay for your parking by phone, your parking space and parking time are automatically displayed on a handheld device used by the parking officer. The regular parking charge plus a 35-cent convenience fee (25 cents if you de-select the optional 10-cent text message reminder cost) will be charged to your credit card. A history of transactions is then viewable any time you log into your account. For details on this service and how to sign up for a free account, go to [http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/parking/pay\\_by\\_phone.htm](http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/parking/pay_by_phone.htm).

**Association Meetings:** I have been attending several homeowner and civic association meetings and am looking forward to participating in all the HOA meetings in the coming months. Please let me know which date would be convenient for your association and which issues you would like me to speak about, or if you would prefer a general update on city issues.

**Events:**

- ❖ The city's free Fourth of July Spectacular will take place on Sunday, July 4<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Fort Lauderdale Beach. For details, go to <http://ci.ftlaud.fl.us/events/july4/index.htm>.
- ❖ 2010 Starlight Musicals is underway at Holiday Park through August 6<sup>th</sup>. Call the 24-hour hotline at 954-828-5363 or see <http://ci.ftlaud.fl.us/events/starlight/starlight.htm> for information.

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