

District IV Commissioner Romney Rogers



As the year draws to a close and the City embarks on a new century, I wish you and your family a joyous holiday season and a healthy, prosperous 2012. I am grateful for the opportunity to work with and serve you, as we find solutions so that Fort Lauderdale remains one of the most beautiful and best cities in which to live, work, and play.

Redistricting – The Broward County Supervisor of Elections Office has determined that the City did not have enough time to finalize proposed district lines for the next election. Current boundaries will still be in place for the citywide elections in 2012. We will continue this discussion in January. Please refer to the City's redistricting page at <http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/news/2011/redistricting.htm>.

Shippey House – The efforts of many individuals have helped keep the wrecking ball at bay, and the 98-year-old home of Broward County's second judge, Fred Shippey, is on the verge of being relocated. I want to extend my very special thanks to Alysa Plummer and Jackie Scott of Friends of Shippey House, Inc., and to City staff, especially, Bob Dunckel, Anthony Fajardo, City Manager Feldman, and Mayor Seiler, among others. We received dozens of comments from residents, urging us to do whatever it takes to preserve this unique treasure. For more information, please visit <http://shippeyhouse.org>.

Visioning – To stay current on the City's visioning initiative, "Fort Lauderdale – Our City, Our Vision":

- Visit the Visioning page at <http://www.fortlauderdalevision.org>
- Like us on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/ourvisionftl>
- Follow us on Twitter @OurVisionFTL

IN OTHER NEWS –

- ❖ **Help Us Take A Bite Out Of Crime!** Our Police Department has begun hosting community outreach events in District IV on the 2nd Tuesday and Thursday of every month. These meetings are part of the new initiative, "Your Neighborhood, Your City, Your Police." The first meeting was held on November 8th at the Riverside Park Community Center (555 SW 11th Avenue), and we discussed issues in the western neighborhoods (west of the New River). The November 10th Meeting encompassed the eastern neighborhoods, from the Downtown area to points east. It was held at the Croissant Park Community Center (245 West Park Drive). Meetings begin at 7:30 p.m., and I encourage you and your neighbors to participate.
- ❖ **Reports of Flooding:** If you experience flood damage, please contact the City's 24-hour Customer Service Center directly at 954-828-8000 or online at <http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/customerservice>, so your report can be logged and tracked. The new android app, <http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/lauderserv>, may also be used.
- ❖ **Water and Sewer Rates:** City Manager Feldman has determined that, in comparison to other Broward County providers, Fort Lauderdale remains the lowest-cost provider at the 3,000- and 5,000-gallons/month residential-use levels for systems with both water and sewer (wastewater service). Sixty-one percent of all residential bills in the City are for 5,000 gallons/month or less.
- ❖ **Hardy Park Update:** A new multi-purpose sports field with Bermuda grass is being installed, and two existing light poles will be moved to maximize the playing area. The project includes adding a crown to the field and new turf designed to withstand daily use from youth athletic programs, primarily soccer. Project completion is expected by the end of January. Staff has been working with the neighborhood, and we have ordered some adult fitness equipment to add to the passive-park experience.
- ❖ **911 Dispatch:** A short-term solution has been reached, and District I Commissioner Bruce Roberts (former Police Chief) is serving on the Broward County Consolidated Communications Committee, which is charged with developing a long-term, regionalized solution to this issue within the next few months.
- ❖ As a reminder and as part of our ongoing **Centennial Celebration**, three bronze plaques are planned for parks in my district at Croissant, Snyder, and Abreu. Please watch for announcements on specific dates and times for these events, as well as news about upcoming park openings for Harbordale Park and Tunnel Top Park.

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