

City of Fort Lauderdale Civic Packet January 2011

This Civic Packet contains news and information about events and programs available to residents, businesses and visitors in the City of Fort Lauderdale.

Regular City Commission meetings are scheduled for the first and third Tuesday of each month. Schedules are sometimes changed due to holidays. The Conference Meeting usually begins at 1:30p in the 8th floor Conference Room of City Hall, 100 N. Andrews Avenue; the Regular Meeting usually begins at 6p in the 1st floor Commission Chambers of City Hall, 100 N. Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

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Jazz Brunch Set for Sunday, January 2, 2011

The SunTrust Sunday Jazz Brunch is an ideal way to relax and enjoy Fort Lauderdale's scenic Riverwalk. Listen to the soulful sounds of outstanding local jazz artists on four stages from 11a to 2p on the first Sunday of each month. For more information, please call our 24-hour hotline at 954-828-5363 or visit www.fortlauderdale.gov/life.

Esplanade - Mike Norris Big Band
C. Hoffmann Gazebo - Lee Kevin & the A-List
Peck Courtyard - Akia Knowles & the Swayde Band
Las Olas Riverfront - To be announced

Centennial Events: Celebrate with Us!

Plan to celebrate the Centennial with us! The City will host several free events throughout the year to commemorate Fort Lauderdale's 100th Birthday.

- January 1, 2011, Broward Health and Holy Cross Hospitals give out the 1st Centennial Onesie to the first babies born at each. These hospitals will give a Centennial Onesie to every child (5000+) born in Fort Lauderdale.
- January through December 2011 - Stranahan House sponsored BECON taped programs featuring our historic past and vibrant future, which will allow distant learning students to be a part of the Centennial Celebration.
- January 10, 2011 - Centennial Hugh Taylor Birch Lecture at the Bonnet House.
- January 15, 2011 - Fort Lauderdale Woman's Club Bubble Que & 100th Birthday Celebration - Stranahan Park 5p - 8p
- January 15, 2011 - Centennial Family Picnic at Colee Hammock Park to commemorate the 10 year anniversary of the art installation "Lil Blader" coordinated by artist Nilda Comas.
- January 21, 2011 - Centennial Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at Fort Lauderdale Woman's Club - 11:30a followed with a Birthday Party with 100 year old recipes.
- January 30, 2011 - Centennial Intracoastal Tour by Dr. George.
- February 5, 2011 - Too hot to hide one hour walking tour - start 2p at Women's Club clubhouse featuring history of Annie Jumper, Katherine Rawls, Ivy Stranahan and Frankee Lewis.
- February 7, 2011 – Centennial look at the Bonnet House in the 1930's.
- February 10, 2011 – "My Soul is a Witness" - 6p, Old Dillard Museum - Centennial Celebration of the 10th Anniversary of the book, which is a history of Black Fort Lauderdale.
- February, 25, 2011 - Pineapple Jazz Jam Centennial Celebration at the Stranahan House.
- February 25, 2011 - Dixie Zone/18th Annual Masters Challenge featuring a Centennial tribute at the Fort Lauderdale Aquatic Complex.
- February 26, 2011 - Sistrunk Centennial Parade and Street Festival hosted by Sistrunk Historical Festival cultural organization to celebrate the accomplishments of people of African descent, 11a - 6p, on Sistrunk Corridor (details below).
- March 3, 2011 - Centennial Sue, a friend of Ivy Stanahan and Julia Tuttle, shares memories, 11:15a -12:15p at the almost 100 years old First Presbyterian Church of Fort Lauderdale.
- March 4, 2011 - School Board of Broward County Centennial History Fair.
- March 5, 2011 - "Too hot to hide" one hour walking tour, starts at 2p, Women's Club clubhouse. Featuring history of Annie Jumper, Katherine Rawls, Ivy Stranahan and Frankee Lewis.
- March 10, 2011 - Riverwalk Trust Centennial Tribute to the Seminole Tribe of Florida at Timpano Chophouse and Martini Bar.
- March 12, 2011 - Centennial Parade and Festival celebrating St. Patrick's Day.
- March 14, 2011 – Centennial Life in Fort Lauderdale 1911-1920 lecture at the Bonnet House.
- March 20,2011 - Grand re-opening of the 1922 Southside School located at 701 South Andrews Avenue, with Centennial tribute to one of the first elementary schools in Broward County, which has been listed on the U.S. National Register of Historic Places since 2006.
- March 22 ,23, 24, 2011 - Business Fair demonstrating the economic development links between Fort Lauderdale and Medellin, Columbia, sponsored by Greater Fort Lauderdale Sister Cities International.
- March 25, 2011 - Tropical Sinfonic Concert at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts, commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Sister City

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- March 26, 2011 - Centennial Bonnet House Tour by Dr. Paul George.
 - March 27, 2011 - Centennial Birthday Party, 100th Anniversary of the incorporation of Fort Lauderdale, on the Riverwalk.
 - March 27, 2011 - 9a and 11:30a Dr. Paul George will host a Walking Tour of Historic Downtown Fort Lauderdale.

Let's get your Centennial event on our calendar! It's easy. Complete the free registry application and submit via email or U.S. Mail. Visit <http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/centennial/participate.htm>

Learn about the History of Fort Lauderdale

As part of a year-long celebration of its 100th birthday in 2011, Fort Lauderdale and its Centennial Celebration Committee are committed to offering all residents an opportunity to learn the city's history.

Centennial Historian Susan Gillis has worked with nearly two dozen volunteers to form a Speakers Bureau for presentations to community groups and school children. The free presentations include slide shows and mounted historic photographs of the city from the collections from the Fort Lauderdale Historical Society and the Broward County Historical Commission.

The two topics for the Speakers Bureau are Fort Lauderdale: A Brief History and Fort Lauderdale 100 Years Ago.

To obtain a speaker for your organization, please contact Shannon Vezina in the city public information office at 954-828-4743, svezina@fortlauderdale.gov or download the speaker request form from www.fortlauderdale.gov/centennial from the "Participate" button at the right side of the home page.

Also available on that site are forms for registering community groups' Centennial projects and requests for historian assistance in research the history of local organizations and neighborhoods. A calendar of already-registered events may be found under the Centennial Events button.

Heavy construction to begin on Sistrunk Boulevard in January

Planning for the City of Fort Lauderdale's Sistrunk Boulevard Infrastructure Project has been completed and construction is set to begin in January. Motorists are advised to expect traffic congestion in and around the Sistrunk Boulevard area and are urged to drive slowly for the safety of construction workers and the public.

The Sistrunk Boulevard Infrastructure Project is a major capital improvement initiative that will upgrade and beautify Sistrunk Boulevard. The project area encompasses Sistrunk Boulevard from Federal Highway to NW 24th Avenue.

The project is estimated to take 14 to 16 months to complete.

The project will reduce portions of Sistrunk Boulevard from four lanes to three lanes, place overhead utilities underground, provide more on-street parking, wider sidewalks, decorative streetlights, median and landscape enhancements as well as new bus shelters.

For up-to-date information, visit www.fortlauderdale.gov/sistrunkproject, watch channel 78 or call the information hotline at 954.828.4756.

Sistrunk Parade and Festival Is Gearing Up for 2011!

As an official Centennial Event, the Sistrunk Parade and Festival heads into the 32nd year of providing entertainment and festivities to the City of Fort Lauderdale.

The Sistrunk Parade and Festival is one of the premier events along the Sistrunk Corridor and attracts over 300,000 visitors.

With great food, arts and crafts, and live local and national entertainment, the Sistrunk Parade and Festival has created an avenue for community partnership, family oriented activity and fun-in-the-sun for all.

Again, this year, the Sistrunk Festival is turning Delevoe Park into a kid's zone. Come out for bounce houses, face painting, cotton candy, hotdogs, storytelling, entertainment and much more.

Sistrunk Parade and Festival

9a - 6p, Saturday, February 26, 2011

The Sistrunk Parade begins at Mount Olive Baptist Church, 400 NW 9th Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311.

The Sistrunk Festival is held at Delevoe Park, 2520 NW 6th Street, Fort Lauderdale, FL.

Any resident interested in being a vendor should register with the Sistrunk Historical Festival, Inc. For information about vendor registration visit the Sistrunk Historical Festival website – www.sistrunkfestival.org - or contact Denise Rodgers, Executive Director at 954.687.3472. Any non-registered vendor will be cited and shut down according to City Ordinances. For more information, visit the city website at www.fortlauderdale.gov and click on municipal code.

For more information, visit the City website at www.fortlauderdale.gov and look under "What's New". Also, watch Channel 78 for information and updates.

If you have questions about the Sistrunk Parade and Festival, please contact Denise Rodgers, Executive Director of the Sistrunk Historical Festival at 954.687.3472.

Website Design and Marketing Seminar Set for January 19

You are invited to enhance your online marketing skills at a free Website Design and Marketing seminar on January 19 at Holiday Park.

Description: Business Education Seminar presented by The City of Fort Lauderdale

5p - 7p

Holiday Park, 800 NE 8 Street, Fort Lauderdale

Phone: 954-828-4347

E-mail: awilson@fortlauderdale.gov

Website: <http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/cra/programs/enterprise.htm>

The UNHCR World Tour Photo Exhibition in Fort Lauderdale January 10-15

The City of Fort Lauderdale is proud to co-sponsor and host an extraordinary photo exhibition depicting the plight of urban refugees.

The UNHCR World Tour Photo Exhibition, titled "Invisible in the City: Lives of Urban Refugees," is scheduled for 10 a.m. - 8 p.m., January 10 - January 15, 2010, at ArtServe, 1350 E. Sunrise Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale.

Internationally acclaimed photographer Zalmi created the exhibit, which has toured Shanghai, Geneva, Milan and New York. Zalmi's work has been published in several magazines and newspapers, including the New York Times Magazine, Time Magazine, Le Temps, Newsweek and La Repubblica. He has worked for a number of International Organizations and NGOs, including Human Rights Watch, International Committee of the Red Cross, UN Office On Drug and Crime and the UN Refugee Agency. Zalmi's work has earned him several international awards, the latest being the Visa D'Or from the Visa Pour l'Image International Photojournalism Festival and a grant by Getty Images.

Fort Lauderdale is the only host city for the 50-piece exhibit in South Florida during the limited U.S. tour.

Residents and visitors are invited to a special reception to celebrate the opening night of the exhibition from 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. on Monday, January 10, 2011, at ArtServe.

Co-sponsors for the event include ArtServe and the Broward Human Trafficking Coalition.

City of Fort Lauderdale announces rebates up to \$1,000 under the 'Smart Watts' Energy Efficiency Rebate Program

Residents may qualify for up to \$1,000 in cash rebates for energy efficient improvements under a new City of Fort Lauderdale program aimed at improving energy efficiency, protecting the environment and lowering monthly energy bills.

Rebates will be offered on a first-come, first-serve basis for the purchase and installation of heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems (HVAC), solar or gas on-demand water heaters, solar panels, Energy Star windows or doors and insulation. The program provides a 50% match of up to \$1,000.

The City plans to distribute \$235,000 in federal grants.

HOW IT WORKS

Residents submit a short application for program participation approval that includes an FPL Energy Survey Report, proof of owner occupancy, the type of improvement and a written estimate of the work. At the time of approval, the City will earmark the funds needed to issue the rebate check. Approved applicants have four months to complete the work and submit a request for their rebate check, along with proof of purchase and permit documentation.

If an applicant does not submit the rebate request within four months of approval, the unused funding will be reallocated to applications placed on a waiting list.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Applicants must own and occupy the Fort Lauderdale property being improved.
- Applicants must obtain a free FPL Energy Survey (available online) and submit a copy of the FPL Energy Report.
- Home improvements must meet Energy Star qualifications and/or Florida Building Code, depending on the item selected.
- Applicants or their contractors must obtain necessary permits.
- Energy efficient systems must be installed by a certified FPL Participating Independent Contractor or licensed Florida installer.
- Purchases and installations must occur after November 15, 2010.

The Smart Watts program is funded through a grant from the U.S. Department of Energy's Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program using funds allocated under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. There is a limit of one rebate per household.

For more information and an application package, visit www.fortlauderdale.gov/rebates or contact the 24-Hour Customer Service Center at 954-828-8000.

Holiday Tree Disposal Options Announced

The City of Fort Lauderdale makes holiday tree disposal easy for residents:

- Place the tree inside the green yard waste cart
- Leave the tree out for bulk trash pick-up
- Take the tree to one of Broward County's designated parks as part of the Chip-A-Tree Program
- Take the tree to one of Broward County's three Trash Transfer Stations

Yard Waste Cart Disposal Option

If trees are placed in the yard waste cart, they must be cut into pieces so the lid can close completely. To reduce collection and disposal costs, the City strongly encourages residents to recycle trees using the yard waste cart.

Bulk Trash Disposal Option

Residents who choose to use the bulk trash pickup option are asked to leave trees next to the bulk pile. To properly recycle trees, remove all decorations, lights, tinsel, nails, tacks, tree stand or any other decorative materials.

For more information about holiday tree disposal in the City of Fort Lauderdale, please contact the City of Fort Lauderdale's 24-hour Customer Service Center at 954.828.8000 or online at www.fortlauderdale.gov/customerservice.

Broward County Chip-A-Tree Program

Residents may take advantage of Broward County's Chip-A-Tree Program by disposing of holiday trees at one of the County's designated parks during the period of December 26, 2010 through January 23, 2011. The collected trees will be chipped and used for landscaping throughout the County's park system.

Chip-A-Tree Program Information and Guidelines

- *All sites will be closed on New Year's Day, Sunday, January 1st and Martin Luther King Day, January 17th.*
- *Trees may be dropped off at designated locations within the park between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. except on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at parks that are closed.*
- *Remove all decorations, wires, lights, plastic bags, and stands before leaving the tree.*
- *Artificial trees will not be accepted.*
- *Only personal vehicles will be allowed to leave trees; no truckloads.*
- *There is no fee to drop off the holiday tree for recycling. The parks' regular weekend and holiday gate entrance fee of \$1.50 per person will not be charged for those just dropping off their trees for recycling.*

For a list of designated Broward County park drop-off locations, please visit www.broward.org/Parks/ProgramsClasses/Pages/chipatree.aspx. For more information about the Chip-A-Tree Program please call 954-357-8177 or e-mail praglin@broward.org.

Broward County Trash Transfer Station Option**

Residents may take advantage of Broward County's Yard Waste Program and drop off their trees and at one of the County's three Trash Transfer Stations. Proof of residency is required. Broward County residents may dispose of household yard waste, including holiday trees, up to four times per month at no charge. There are three drop-off locations, which are open from 8a to 4p on Saturdays:

- North Station - 2780 N. Powerline Road in Pompano Beach
- Central Station - 5490 Reese Road in Davie
- South Station - 5601 W. Hallandale Beach Boulevard in West Park

** Proof of residency includes a current driver's license/photo ID with a utility bill (water, electricity, cable, telephone) and/or tax notice (name and address must match). For more information about the County's Yard Waste Program or drop-off locations, visit www.broward.org/WasteAndRecycling/Recycling/Pages/TrashTransferStations.aspx or call 954.765.4999.

Did You Know?

For each real Christmas tree harvested, up to three new seedlings are planted in its place, depending on farm size and current field rotation. Young trees in their rapid growth years have a high rate of photosynthesis and thus produce more oxygen than older trees.

Sanitation Schedule Unchanged on New Years Day

There will be no scheduling changes to any City of Fort Lauderdale sanitation services (garbage, bulk trash, yard waste and recycling collection) for New Year's Day, Saturday, January 1, 2011.

For more information about the City of Fort Lauderdale's holiday sanitation schedule, please contact the City of Fort Lauderdale 24-hour Customer Service Center at 954-828-8000 or online at www.fortlauderdale.gov/customerservice.

Fort Lauderdale Offers First Medication Take Back Event

Fort Lauderdale residents who are cleaning out their garages, sheds and homes to gather items for drop off at the City's annual Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Event can add one more place to check for item: their medicine cabinets.

As part of its annual Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Event, the City of Fort Lauderdale is sponsoring its first Medication Take Back Event. In addition to collecting HHW, the City will also be accepting unused, unwanted or expired medications. There is no cost to drop off medications and residents may remain anonymous; however, residents dropping off HHW will be required to provide proof of residency.

If you have medications you no longer need or want, this is a great opportunity to safely dispose of them. By properly disposing of medications at the Take Back event you will help:

- Prevent prescription drug abuse
- Prevent accidental overdoses
- Prevent accidental poisoning of children and pets
- Reduce environmental pollution
- Decrease the amount of waste sent to local landfills
- Protect our drinking water supply, local waterways and native wildlife

The Medication Take Back Event will be held the same day as the HHW event, which is Sunday, January 23, 2011 from 8a to 3p at 101 N. Andrews Avenue, just west of City Hall in Fort Lauderdale.

Start checking your medicine cabinet today for items to drop off at the Take Back event. Your participation in the event can help keep everyone safe – you, your family, friends, pets and your planet.

What to Bring

- Medicated syrups, liquids, ointments, creams, shampoos, and lotions
- Medication samples
- Medications with incomplete or missing labels
- Over-the-counter medications
- Pet medication
- Prescription medications (controlled and non-controlled)
- Prescription inhalers
- Unknown tablets and capsules
- Vitamins

What not to bring:

- Aerosol cans
- Bandages
- Chemotherapy/radioactive substances
- Injectable solutions
- Medical waste of any type
- Medications generated from businesses /doctor's offices
- Needles/sharps
- Syringes
- Thermometers (These items may be disposed of at the HHW drop off the same day.)

Helpful Guidelines

- Leave all medications in their original containers with the name of each medicine visible if the labels are still intact.
- Remove all patient information (patient's name, doctor's name and prescription number) or black it out with a permanent marker.
- Make sure containers do not leak. Tighten the lids or place the medication in a plastic baggie if it is leaking.

City of Fort Lauderdale staff, along with a Fort Lauderdale police officer, will be on site to collect the medications. Once collected, the medications will be disposed of and destroyed in a safe, environmentally friendly manner according to state laws and regulations.

For more information about the medication take back event, please contact the City of Fort Lauderdale at 954-828-8000 or online at www.fortlauderdale.gov/customerservice.

Medications should never be flushed down the toilet or poured down the sink. According to the Department of Environmental Protection, doing so can contaminate Florida's aquatic environment.

For more information about how to safely dispose of medications, please visit www.dep.state.fl.us.

Community Appearance Board Announces October 'WOW Award' Winner

The WOW Award for October 2010 was presented to James Farrick, who is a resident of the Victoria Park neighborhood located in District II.

James has lived in this mid-century modern home in Victoria Park since 2002. He feels very fortunate to have been the first person to see the house when it was put up for sale. This cozy two bedroom one bath home, built in 1952, was perfect for him. It had all the "bare bones" he needed to make this more than 50-year-old home his own.

It was important to James to keep the integrity of the home and retain the charming character for which Victoria Park is known. The house, originally painted yellow, is now a soft, cool green with black shutters, white front and garage doors. The lawn

and front garden are surrounded by a picturesque white picket fence. Since moving in, James replaced 90 percent of the plantings, including the Bermuda grass. Every attempt was made to make the garden low maintenance, with water conservation and the needs of the environment taking precedence. Plants were strategically placed for optimum growth with minimal maintenance. An attractive architectural detail is found on the side of the garage, where an open, flowing white sculptural pattern allows for airflow into the garage.

James has created a very appealing, attractive home that fits comfortably in this Victoria Park neighborhood. His efforts merit the October WOW Award.

The Fort Lauderdale City Commission and the Community Appearance Board proudly presented the WOW Award to James and thank him for enhancing his community and the City of Fort Lauderdale.

WOW Award Recognizes Stellar Fort Lauderdale Properties

If you see a house that makes you stop and say "WOW," or you think your house has the "WOW" factor, nominate it for a monthly WOW award. The Community Appearance Board recognizes residential properties throughout the City that contribute to the aesthetic appeal of the neighborhood through its WOW Award Program. Board members nominate homes for a WOW award and residents may also nominate their homes or a neighbor's home for an award. Nominations may be for landscaping, renovation, property maintenance, overall exterior beauty and style, and neighborhood enhancement.

If a property is selected as a WOW winner, the homeowner will receive special recognition at a City Commission meeting, a gift certificate from a program sponsor, and a WOW Winner yard sign to display on their property. The owner's home will also be featured on Channel 78, the City's government access cable station, and possibly be featured in local and City publications.

For more information about the WOW Award Program or to nominate a home for an award, please visit www.fortlauderdale.gov/neighborhoods. Nominations can be made online!

Join the Community Appearance Board

The Community Appearance Board recognizes residential properties throughout the City that contribute to the aesthetic appeal of the neighborhood through its monthly WOW Award and annual Community Appearance Awards programs. If you are a Fort Lauderdale resident and would like to become a member of the City's Community Appearance Board, please visit www.fortlauderdale.gov/clerk/boards.htm. Board members are appointed by the City Commission and are charged with presenting educational programs and events that acknowledge excellence in design, landscaping and property management that improves the overall appearance of the City of Fort Lauderdale.

For more information about becoming a Community Appearance Board member, please <http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/clerk/boards.htm>.



The UNHCR World Tour Photo Exhibition
Invisible in the City: Lives of Urban Refugees



Join Us

10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
January 10 - 15, 2011

ArtServe
1350 E. Sunrise Boulevard
Fort Lauderdale

*Special reception to celebrate the opening
night of the exhibition from 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. on
Monday, January 10, 2011.*

The UNHCR World Tour Photo Exhibition, "Invisible in the City: Lives of Urban Refugees" has toured Shanghai, Geneva, Milan and New York.

Internationally acclaimed photographer Zalmay's work has been published in several magazines and newspapers, including the New York Times Magazine, Time Magazine, Le Temps, Newsweek and La Repubblica

Fort Lauderdale is the only host city for the 50-piece exhibit in South Florida during the limited U.S. tour.

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