

# City of Fort Lauderdale Civic Packet June 2010

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 6p,  
Tuesday, June 1 and Tuesday, June 15, 2010.  
The first meeting in July has been set for 6p, Wednesday, July 7, 2010.

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## A Reminder to Register Your Hours for "Volunteer Challenge - A Year of Giving Back"

Attention volunteers! Don't forget to register the hours you are volunteering for your community. For information, visit:

[www.fortlauderdale.gov/volunteerchallenge/index.htm](http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/volunteerchallenge/index.htm)

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## Mayor Seiler to Deliver State of the City Address on May 25 at Huizenga Plaza

Mayor John P. "Jack" Seiler and the Fort Lauderdale City Commission cordially invite you to attend the State of the City Address and Advisory Board Reception:

**Date:** Tuesday, May 25, 2010

**Time:** 7p

**Place:** Huizenga Plaza / Bubier Park, 32 E. Las Olas Boulevard (corner of Las Olas Blvd. & Andrews Ave.), Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

**Parking:** City Park Garage, 150 SE 2nd Street, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

**RSVP:** 954-828-4750

Light Refreshments

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## City of Fort Lauderdale Launches 'Pay by Phone' Parking Service

*Pay by cell phone service offers convenience, comfort and safety*

Parking in Fort Lauderdale just got easier, with the introduction of the City's "Pay by Phone" service. Effective immediately, motorists have the option of using a cell phone to pay for parking at over 38 city parking facilities and more than 1900 regulated street spaces in Fort Lauderdale.

"We are happy to introduce this additional payment method to make life more convenient for our residents and visitors," said Diana Alarcon, the City's Director of Parking & Fleet Services.

As an added benefit, when paying by phone motorists may also select the option to receive a text message reminder a few minutes before their time expires and add more time remotely. "With Pay by Phone, there will be no need for hurried trips to feed the meter," Alarcon said.

Registration for the service is free. Motorists register their cell phone number, tag number and Visa or MasterCard number by calling toll-free, 888-680-PARK (7275) or visiting [www.verrus.com/verrus/SignUp.aspx](http://www.verrus.com/verrus/SignUp.aspx). Additional information is available at [www.FortLauderdale.gov/Parking](http://www.FortLauderdale.gov/Parking).

Once signed-up with the free account, users simply call the toll-free number from their registered phone and key in the location number posted on a nearby meter or sign, along with the amount of parking time desired. The amount will be charged to their credit card. A history of transactions is viewable any time the user logs into their account at [www.paybyphone.com](http://www.paybyphone.com).

Verrus Mobile Technologies, Inc., a leader in the pay-by-phone sector, provides Fort Lauderdale's pay-by-phone service. Registered users of the service in Fort Lauderdale can pay by phone in any of the 100-plus other cities served by Verrus, including Miami.

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## Florida House of Representatives Launches Outreach Initiative to Promote Census Count

With the 2010 Census underway, the Florida House of Representatives has launched [www.myfloridacensus.gov](http://www.myfloridacensus.gov) to make sure that every Floridian gets counted. Each Floridian not counted means between \$900 and \$3,000 dollars a year in missed Federal funds. These lost funds will have to be made-up by local taxes or less services.

MyFloridaCensus is a simple online tool that allows anyone in Florida to report whether or not they have been counted in the 2010 Census. With that information in hand, the Florida House of Representatives plans to work with other census partners to help analyze, and thereby minimize, which streets, neighborhoods and communities may go missed in the 2010 Census.

Here are the ways the public can help:

1. Go to [www.myfloridacensus.gov](http://www.myfloridacensus.gov) and input your home address, then click on the button to check whether your residence has been counted by the census. This will put a point on the map to show where people have and have not been reached by the census.

2. Post the [www.myfloridacensus.gov](http://www.myfloridacensus.gov) link on your website or social network site. Here are links to some graphics you can utilize in case you wanted to post a button or banner on the website.

<http://censusvalidator.blob.core.windows.net/resources/mfcbutton.png>

<http://censusvalidator.blob.core.windows.net/resources/mfcbutton2.png>

<http://censusvalidator.blob.core.windows.net/resources/mfcbutton3.jpg>

3. Go to our MyFloridaCensus Facebook page and become a friend and then ask your friends to join as well.

For a video of how the program works, go to:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WeTkMEQuq5g> or you can read the help file at

[http://www.myfloridacensus.gov/h\\_Instructions.htm](http://www.myfloridacensus.gov/h_Instructions.htm)

For questions or concerns, please email: [feedback@myfloridaCensus.gov](mailto:feedback@myfloridaCensus.gov).

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## Celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the SunTrust Sunday Jazz Brunch

*Sunday, June 6*

*11a - 2p*

*Along the Riverwalk from Esplanade Park to Riverfront*

Celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the SunTrust Sunday Jazz Brunch! 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 - 2p on the first Sunday of each month. The scheduled performers for Sunday, June 6, are:

Esplanade Stage – The Brass Evolution

Connie Hoffmann Gazebo – Blues Therapy and Jazz

Peck Courtyard – Jason Beach

Las Olas Riverfront Stage – Rich Hernandez Trio

New this month, the Broward Center is pleased to offer a delectable buffet in the Peck Courtyard for \$19.95 per person. For reservations, please call the Broward Center at (954) 462-0222.

The SunTrust Sunday Jazz Brunch is produced by the City of Fort Lauderdale and is sponsored by SunTrust, Ed Morse Bayview Cadillac, the Broward Center for the Performing Arts, Las Olas Riverfront, News 610 WIOD and 93.9 WMIA. For more information, please call our 24-hour event hotline at (954) 828-5363 or visit [www.fortlauderdale.gov/life](http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/life).

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## 2010 Starlight Musicals start Friday, June 18

The 32nd Annual Bank of America Starlight Musicals Concert Series will begin Friday, June 18 at Holiday Park located at 1300 E. Sunrise Boulevard. This free, outdoor summer concert series will take place every Friday through August 6 from 7p to 10p.

Residents and visitors are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, picnic baskets, family and friends to the park for live entertainment under the stars. The shows take place on the football fields in Holiday Park. Free parking is available on site. Starlight Musicals will feature an exciting lineup of bands ranging from rhythm and blues to tropical rock.

For more information, please call our 24-hour hotline at (954) 828-5363 or visit [www.fortlauderdale.gov/life](http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/life).

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## Parks & Recreation Announces Recreational Lineup

Browse our recreational offerings online! For a complete listing of our recreational offerings, please visit our Recreational Programs page at <http://fortlauderdale.gov/life/guides.htm>. The site offers recreational programming guides for each community center. You may also browse and download our latest activity flyers and find fitness programs for all ages!

## Register Now for Summer Camp and Learn to Swim Classes

Our summer community camps are action-packed with playtime, creative expression and friendly competition. Children will express their imagination with arts and crafts. Sports and fitness activities will encourage strength, coordination and teamwork. Swimming activities will have kids making a splash! Field trips will also be offered as part of our fun-focused camp! Many of our programs fill quickly, so register early to secure your spot!

Jump in this summer and Learn to Swim! Learn to Swim classes are now being offered at our conveniently located community pools. Our aquatic safety program utilizes the American Red Cross Learn to Swim curriculum. Classes are offered in two-week sessions for ages 6 months to adult. Register now and become a responsible swimmer!

For more information on summer camp or Learn to Swim programs, please call (954) 828-PARK (7275) or visit [www.fortlauderdale.gov/summer](http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/summer).

## Join Your Local Swim Team!

Come swim with the Bass Park Piranhas, the Carter Park Stingrays, the Croissant Park Dolphins, the Lauderdale Manors Sharks or the Riverland Park Barracudas! The City of Fort Lauderdale Parks and Receptions is pleased to offer several youth swim teams just in time for summer. Sign your child up early and watch as they build their

endurance, skill, knowledge and competitive spirit while making new friends! For more information, contact your local community pool or visit [www.fortlauderdale.gov/life](http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/life).

**BASS PARK POOL**  
2750 N.W. 19th Street  
(954) 828-5346

**CROISSANT PARK POOL**  
245 W. Park Drive  
(954) 523-1068

**JOSEPH C. CARTER PARK POOL**  
1450 W. Sunrise Boulevard  
(954) 828-5407

**LAUDERDALE MANORS PARK POOL**  
1340 Chateau Park Drive  
(954) 848-5346

**RIVERLAND PARK POOL**  
950 S.W. 27th Avenue  
(954) 321-1237

## Other Recreational Programs

### **Pee Wee Basketball**

June 17 – August 8  
Thursdays, 6p - 7p  
Age: 4-5 years old  
Registration Fee: Residents \$60, Non-Residents \$90

For more information, call (954) 828-4594 or visit Holiday Park located at 1200 G. Harold Martin Drive, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33304.

### **Soccer Summer Camp**

June 14-18  
9a - 12p  
Age: 6-12 years old  
Registration Fee: \$45

For more information, call (954) 497-1636 or visit Osswald Park located at 2220 N.W. 21st Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311.

### **Tennis Summer Camp**

Session I: June 14 – July 2  
Session II: July 5 - 23  
Session III: July 26 – August 13  
Monday – Friday  
9a - 1p  
Age: 6-16 years old  
Fees per Session: Residents \$380, Non-Residents \$570  
Fees per Week\*: Residents \$150, Non-Residents \$225 (\*only if space is available)

For more information, call (954) 396-3620 or visit George English Park located at 1101 Bayview Drive, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33304.

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## You Are Invited: The Neighborhood Development Criteria Revisions (NDCR) Project Open House, June 2

*3p and 6p, Wednesday, June 2  
1st Floor Chambers, City Hall*

The NDCR Open House aims to help residents understand issues related to neighborhood development, involve residents in creating a vision for future neighborhood development and make recommendations for new guidelines to preserve neighborhood character.

All interested persons are invited to provide comments and attend one or both of two Open House informative sessions with Planning and Zoning Department staff and the project consultant which shall be held on Wednesday, June 2, 2010 at 3p and 6p in the 1st Floor Chambers, City Hall, 100 North Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

In addition, the project consultant, Winter & Company will describe the Draft ULDR Modifications Plan at the City Commission Conference meeting set for 1:30p on Tuesday, June 1. The meeting is aired on Comcast Channel 78 and available on streaming video at <http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/pio/channel78.htm>.

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## A New Vision for Fort Lauderdale

In 2010 the City Commission established a Visioning Committee to spearhead a community initiative to outline a vision for Fort Lauderdale's future. The Committee's charge is two-fold:

- Determine the most effective way to reach out to the community to seek input on the vision for Fort Lauderdale from all individuals, including those that are under-represented;
- Use the information obtained to craft a citywide vision that reflects the hopes and viewpoints of all stakeholders and will guide the City Commission in their future policy and decision-making.

Chaired by former City Commissioner Tim Smith, the 11-member Committee represents diverse experience in banking, real estate, development, smart growth and government. Other members of the Committee include Vice Chair Stanley Eichelbaum and former City Commissioner Gloria Katz.

## Share Your Vision With Us

The Committee's primary objective is to gather input from every neighborhood in our diverse community. No idea is too big or small, -- if it's important to you, it's important to the Committee and they want to hear from you!

Please send an email with your ideas to [Visioning@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:Visioning@fortlauderdale.gov). You can also provide input in person at a Visioning Committee meeting. For more information on participating at a Visioning Committee meeting, please see below.

### [Attend an Upcoming Visioning Committee Meeting](#)

The Visioning Committee typically meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 4p in the 8th floor conference room of City Hall, located at 100 North Andrews Avenue.

Members of the public are encouraged to attend Committee meetings, which always include time for public input. If you are interested in attending a meeting to provide input, please consult a meeting agenda or contact the Committee liaison to confirm the date, time and location of the next meeting.

#### Keep Up To Date on Visioning Committee Progress

To review minutes from recent Visioning Committee meetings, or to check the date of the next meeting, visit [www.fortlauderdale.gov/documents/visioning/index.htm](http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/documents/visioning/index.htm).

For more information on the Visioning Committee, please contact the Committee staff liaison, Shannon Vezina, at (954) 828-4743 or [svezina@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:svezina@fortlauderdale.gov).

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### [Suggest Names for the Visioning Effort!](#)

The Visioning Committee is looking for a name for the citywide outreach initiative and overall visioning process, e.g. "New Century, New City," or "One Voice, One Vision." If you have a suggestion of a name to brand this initiative, please send an email to [visioning@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:visioning@fortlauderdale.gov) or contact the Committee liaison at (954) 828-4743.

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### [Preventive Maintenance for Drinking Water Set for June 5 - June 26](#)

The City of Fort Lauderdale is temporarily returning to using free chlorine in its drinking water system. This preventive maintenance procedure will be conducted beginning at 11p on Saturday, June 5 through 11p on Saturday, June 26, 2010.

Free chlorination is a common practice for water systems using combined chlorine disinfection. The chlorination period is anticipated to be transparent to our customers. Some customers may notice a slight change in the taste or smell of their tap water.

This procedure will affect the City of Fort Lauderdale, as well as Lauderdale-by-the-Sea, Oakland Park, Port Everglades Authority, Village of Sea Ranch Lakes, Wilton Manors and sections of Davie and Tamarac.

The City of Fort Lauderdale maintains the highest standards to ensure that clean, high quality drinking water is delivered to water customers. The City's drinking water meets federal, state and local drinking water quality standards.

Water customers who receive a utility bill from the City of Fort Lauderdale may contact the City's 24-Hour Customer Service Center at 954-828-8000 or online at [www.fortlauderdale.gov/customerservice](http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/customerservice) for more information.

Customers who do not receive a utility bill from the City of Fort Lauderdale should call their respective city's customer service phone number for more information.

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## War Memorial Auditorium Celebrates 60 Years

Did you know that War Memorial Auditorium is celebrating its 60th Anniversary this year? The multi-purpose facility first opened its doors in 1950, back when gas was just 27 cents a gallon!

In the past six decades, War Memorial has played host to politicians, circuses, concerts, pageants, graduation ceremonies and a wide variety of shows. In 1958, the venue was filled with the rock 'n roll sounds of Jerry Lee Lewis, Bill Haley, the Everly Brothers and Buddy Holly on the Big Gold Record Stars Tour. More recently, the auditorium was the site of Mickey Rourke's professional boxing debut.

Below find a list of some of the upcoming events that will take place at the auditorium in the next few months. You can also sign up to receive free announcements on concerts, shows and events; simply complete the online form at <http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/wma/subscribe.htm>. For more information on War Memorial, please call (954) 828-5380 or visit <http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/wma>.

MAY 28-31

BELLY DANCE SPIRIT OF THE TRIBES #10

Classes Friday, Saturday, Sunday & Monday 9a

Performances Friday, Saturday & Sunday 7:30p

[www.majanile.com](http://www.majanile.com)

\$30 Advance \$35 DOS on May 28 & 29;

\$25 Advance \$30 DOS on May 30

For information on performances & workshops, call 954-929-7155

[www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com)

JUNE 16

SOUTH EAST FLORIDA APARTMENT ASSN. MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING INDUSTRY SHOW

Wednesday 5:30p – 8p Show;

8p – 9:30p Prize giveaways & DJ Dance Party

[www.sefaa.org](http://www.sefaa.org)

Property members bring business card for admission

JULY 9

NPC SOUTHERN STATESFITNESS, FIGURE & BIKINI CHAMPIONSHIPS

Men and Women

Friday 6p

[www.npcsouthernstates.com](http://www.npcsouthernstates.com)

\$15 General Admission; \$20 Reserved; \$30 VIP

[www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com)

JULY 10

NPC SOUTHERN STATESBODY BUILDING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Men and Women

Saturday Pre-judging 9a

Championships 6p

www.npcsouthernstates.com  
9a Pre-judging \$20  
6p \$15 General Admission \$25; Reserved \$35 VIP  
www.ticketmaster.com

JULY 17-18  
SOUTH FLORIDA BIKE EXPO  
Schedule to be announced  
Free Admission

JULY 24-25  
BUCKLER CRAFT FAIR  
Saturday 10a - 5p  
Sunday 10a - 4p  
www.bucklerpromotions.com  
\$6.00 Adults  
Discount coupon on website

JULY 31 – AUGUST 1  
FORT LAUDERDALE ANTIQUE AND COLLECTOR FAIR  
Saturday 10a - 5p  
Sunday 11a - 5p  
www.dolphinfairs.com  
\$5.00 admission is good for both days

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## Litter Washes into Storm Drains, Waterways

Littering is a "Quality of Life" crime. While this type of crime may be viewed as less serious than violent crimes, studies show that litter has a tremendous impact on the quality of life in communities and can lead to serious criminal and economic problems.

Litter is misplaced waste, often blown by the wind, floating through storm drains or accumulating along curbs or fences. It is estimated that in some areas half the litter accumulation consists of cigarette butts.

Studies also indicate that debris blowing out of trucks is the biggest source of litter along the road; most littering occurs within 16.5 feet of a garbage can; and, 80% of marine debris originates on land, with the remaining 20% consisting of cargo and refuse from freightliners, cruise ships and fishing vessels.

To protect our quality of life for school children, families and future generations, please don't litter.

Here's what you can do to help PREVENT litter in your community:

- Set an example for others, especially co-workers, friends and children, by using trash receptacles for litter disposal.
- Carry a litterbag in your car.
- If you smoke, carry and use a portable or pocket ashtray. Cigarette butts should never be thrown on the ground because they do not decompose.

- Make sure your trash containers are completely closed. Otherwise, trash will blow out of the containers when lifted by the automatic sanitation truck mechanisms.
- Order a free recycle cap for recycling bins to keep recyclables in the container and dry on windy and rainy days. Recycle caps may be ordered by calling the 24-Hour Customer Service Center at 954-828-8000 or by requesting them online.

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## Walk for Haiti - Organized by Parking & Fleet Services

*Let's see how many homes we can build!*

January's earthquake in Haiti claimed more than 200,000 lives, caused countless injuries and destroyed homes of struggling Haitian families. Now, thousands of families are living in tents and makeshift shelters.

Together, we can make a difference. For every \$3,100 raised, we can fund the construction of a house with a latrine.

Please join the City of Fort Lauderdale's Parking & Fleet Services Department for a enjoyable and heartwarming 5KWalk/Run fundraising event.

Saturday, June 5, 2010 at 8a  
Snyder Park  
3299 SW 4th Avenue  
Fort Lauderdale  
\$20 entry fee

All proceeds to fund home construction are utilized by Food for the Poor. The non-profit organization has maintained fundraising and administrative costs of less than 4% of its expenses; more than 96% of all donations go directly to programs that help the poor. 100% of funds raised by this 5K Walk/Run will be directed toward homebuilding in Haiti.

### How to Register

To register, go to [www.foodforthe poor.org/walkforhaiti](http://www.foodforthe poor.org/walkforhaiti)

Onsite registration on the day of the event begins at 7a

For more information, please contact Kim Sisler at 954-828-3700.

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## Residents Invited to Attend Budget Advisory Board Meetings

The City of Fort Lauderdale Budget Advisory Board reviews revenue and expenditure projections and submits recommendations to the City Commission. The City invites residents to attend the upcoming Budget Advisory Board Meetings to hear discussions about the budget for next fiscal year.

All meetings are open to the public. Meetings are held at City Hall, located at 100 North Andrews Avenue. Upcoming meetings:

- June 16 - 6p, 8th Floor Conference Room, Public Works Presentation
- June 30 - 6p, 8th Floor Conference Room, Review of Public Works Information

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## Are You Ready? Hurricane Season Starts June 1

As residents of South Florida, we are never far from the possible dangers associated with hurricanes. The most important step everyone can take to survive a hurricane is to prepare. If you have not completed your hurricane preparations, the time to do so is now.

### Prepare a disaster supply kit now!

Have enough emergency supplies to last for at least 3 days. At a minimum, be sure to include:

- \_ Water (one gallon per person per day)
- \_ Non-perishable, ready-to-eat food (manual can opener)
- \_ Disposable plates and utensils
- \_ Battery-powered flashlight
- \_ Battery-powered radio
- \_ Extra batteries
- \_ First aid kit
- \_ Cash
- \_ Prescription medication (two-week supply)
- \_ Eye glasses or contact lenses
- \_ Toilet paper, soap, wipes, personal hygiene items
- \_ Large plastic garbage bags
- \_ Change of clothes, gloves, sturdy shoes, rain gear
- \_ Blankets and pillows
- \_ Keys (home, vehicle, boat)
- \_ Tools (including rope, duct tape, tarp)
- \_ Unscented bleach
- \_ Supplies for those with special needs (infants, children, seniors and pets)
- \_ Important documents (driver's license, birth certificate, insurance papers, medical records)
- \_ Analog Telephone

### BEFORE HURRICANE SEASON

- Develop a disaster plan for you and your family.
- Visit [www.fortlauderdale.gov/hurricane](http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/hurricane) to determine if your home is in a flood zone or mandatory evacuation zone.
- Obtain materials to secure your home's doors and windows.
- If you live in an evacuation zone, decide in advance where you will go and plan at least two evacuation routes.
- If evacuating, make arrangements in advance for pets.
- If you plan to shelter-in-place, locate a safe room – an interior, first floor room with the fewest windows and doors. Large closets and bathrooms often work best.
- Pick two places to meet if your family cannot return home.
- Select an out-of-state contact for everyone to call if the family is separated.
- Post emergency telephone numbers and teach children how and when to call 911.
- Check your insurance coverage and update if necessary.
- Make plans to secure your boat.
- Trim trees and branches.
- Consider taking disaster preparedness classes.
- Visit [www.fortlauderdale.gov](http://www.fortlauderdale.gov) or call 954.828.8000 to sign up for the City's CodeRED® emergency notifications.

## **DURING A HURRICANE WATCH**

A Hurricane Watch is issued when there is a threat of hurricane conditions within 36 hours.

- Monitor local media for hurricane progress reports.
- Secure windows and doors with shutters or shielding materials (visit [www.flash.org](http://www.flash.org) for more information).
- Review your evacuation plan. Make sure your route is accessible as some roads may be closed or blocked.
- Fuel and service your vehicle.
- Bring in unsecured items such as outdoor furniture, plants, trash cans, recycling bins, bicycles and toys.
- Store tap water to use for cleaning and flushing toilets.
- Store important documents in waterproof containers.
- Check emergency supplies and stock up on any necessary items, including prescription medications and items for those with special needs.
- Turn your refrigerator and freezer to the coldest settings. Open only if absolutely necessary and close quickly.
- Unplug small appliances.
- Get extra cash.
- Secure boats.
- Do not put bulk trash or yard waste out during a Hurricane Watch or Hurricane Warning.

## **DURING A HURRICANE WARNING**

A Hurricane Warning is issued when hurricane conditions - sustained winds of 74 mph or greater - are expected within 24 hours.

- Continue monitoring local media for storm updates.
- Complete preparation activities.
- Turn off utilities if told to do so by authorities.
- Close all interior doors. Secure and brace external doors.
- If you evacuate, leave early, take your emergency supplies and pets. Avoid roads that are closed, blocked or flooded.
- Tell someone outside of the storm area where you are going.
- If you are ordered to evacuate and do not, you risk being cut off from police, fire and emergency medical services for an extended period of time.
- Mobile home residents and those with special needs should always evacuate.
- If you shelter-in-place, take family members, pets and emergency supplies into your safe room and remain there until local authorities tell you it is safe to come out.
- Use battery-powered flashlights. Do not use candles or other open flames as light sources.
- Do not go outside in the calm of the hurricane "eye." The storm is not over. Intense winds will return from the opposite direction.

## **AFTER THE STORM**

- Call the City's Hurricane Hotline at 954.828.8888 and listen to radio 1610 AM for important updates.
- Return home only when local officials tell you it is safe to do so.
- Inspect your home. Call your insurance company if you have sustained damage.
- Stay off the streets. Do not drive until local authorities tell you it is safe.
- Report water main breaks, damaged sewer lines or blocked storm drains to 954.828.8000.
- Stay away from all downed power lines and report them to FPL at 1.800.4OUTAGE.

- Stay away from standing water as there may be live power lines below.
- Use telephones only for emergency purposes.
- Never drive through flooded streets.
- Monitor local media for boil water alerts.
- Throw away spoiled food and personal items that have come in contact with floodwaters.
- Never use a generator indoors.
- Use caution when clearing debris. Wear protective clothing and keep children and pets inside.

**IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS**

**City of Fort Lauderdale:**

Hurricane Emergency Hotline	954.828.8888
24-Hour Customer Service Center	954.828.8000
Police Department Non-Emergency	954.828.5700
Emergency	911
City Commission Office	954.828.5003
City Hall	954.828.5000

**Broward County:**

Emergency Management Agency	954.831.3900
Hurricane Hotline	954.831.4000
TTY Hurricane Hotline	954.831.3940
Special Needs Registry	954.537.2888
TTY Special Needs Registry	954.537.2882
Mass Transit	954.357.8400

**State of Florida:**

Division of Emergency Management	850.413.9900
FEMA	1.800.621.FEMA (3362)
National Flood Insurance	1.888.379.9531
Florida Power and Light (FPL)	1.800.4OUTAGE (1.800.468.8243)
BellSouth (Repair Service)	1.877.737.2478
TECO/People's Gas Company	1.877.832.6747
American Red Cross (Broward Chapter)	954.763.9900

**IMPORTANT WEBSITES**

City of Fort Lauderdale	<a href="http://www.fortlauderdale.gov">www.fortlauderdale.gov</a>
Broward County	
Emergency Management Agency	<a href="http://www.broward.org/disaster">www.broward.org/disaster</a>
State of Florida	
Division of Emergency Management	<a href="http://www.floridadisaster.org">www.floridadisaster.org</a>
FEMA	<a href="http://www.fema.gov">www.fema.gov</a>
Florida Power and Light (FPL)	<a href="http://www.fpl.com">www.fpl.com</a>
American Red Cross (Broward Chapter)	<a href="http://www.arcbcc.org">www.arcbcc.org</a>
BellSouth	<a href="http://www.bellsouth.com">www.bellsouth.com</a>
TECO/People's Gas Company	<a href="http://www.peoplesgas.com">www.peoplesgas.com</a>
National Flood Insurance	<a href="http://www.fema.gov/business/nfip">www.fema.gov/business/nfip</a>
National Hurricane Center	<a href="http://www.nhc.noaa.gov">www.nhc.noaa.gov</a>

Hurricane Evacuation Map:

[http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/hurricane/pdf/evacuation\\_map.pdf](http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/hurricane/pdf/evacuation_map.pdf)

## **GENERATOR SAFETY**

Be sure to observe these guidelines when using a gas-powered generator:

- Always observe the manufacturer's instructions for safe operation.
- Run your generator outdoors in a well-ventilated area. Never run a generator indoors.
- Protect your generator from exposure to rain. Operate under a canopy, if possible.
- Make sure your generator is on a level, stable surface.
- Keep combustible materials away from generators.
- Never plug the generator directly into the main circuit for your home.
- Keep up with your generator engine's maintenance schedule for peak performance and safety.
- Check the oil daily, or after every eight hours of operation.
- Before refueling, turn engine off and let cool at least two minutes.
- Keep gas fresh. Add a gas stabilizer when planning to store your generator unused for 30 days or longer.

Portable generators can be hazardous if used improperly. The two biggest risks are carbon monoxide poisoning from the toxic engine exhaust and electrocution from connecting the generator to the home electrical wiring system.

To avoid carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning:

- NEVER use a generator indoors or in attached garages.
- Only operate the generator outdoors in a well-ventilated, dry area, away from air intakes to the home, and protected from direct exposure to rain, preferably under a canopy or carport or in an open shed.

To avoid electrocution:

- Plug individual appliances into the generator using heavy duty, outdoor-rated cords with a wire gauge adequate for the appliance load.
- Observe the generator manufacturer's instructions for safe operation.
- Do not plug the generator into a wall outlet.
- If connecting the generator into the house wiring is necessary, have a qualified electrician hook up the standby electrical system, or have the local utility install a linking device if available.
- If at all possible, avoid connecting the electrical output of the generator into the house wiring. Instead, connect individual appliances that have their own outdoor-rated power cord directly to the receptacle outlet of the generator, or connect these cord-connected appliances to the generator's electrical outlet via a suitable, outdoor-rated extension cord with a sufficient wire gauge to handle the electrical load.

Never store gasoline in the home. Gasoline, kerosene and other flammable liquids should be stored outside of living areas in properly labeled, non-glass safety containers.

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## **2010 Hurricane Season Update: Residents Must Reregister for Special Medical Needs Shelters**

If you are presently registered for a special medical needs shelter that you plan on locating to in the event of an emergency, it is important that you reregister for this

service prior to the June 1 start of hurricane season. Re-registration is not normally required, but is necessary this year because there has been a change in the medical provider at the shelters, from the Broward County Human Services Department to the Broward County Health Department.

Current registrants should have already received a letter and application form from the Broward County Human Services Department advising them of the change. New applications are also available online. Visit [www.broward.org/atrisk](http://www.broward.org/atrisk), click MEDICAL NEEDS tab and select SHELTER AND TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE APPLICATION.

New applications, which require the input and approval of the applicant's physician, should be returned to:

Broward County Human Services Department  
115 S. Andrews Ave., Room 303  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida, 33301

Applications will be evaluated using Florida Department of Health eligibility criteria. For questions, call Broward County Human Services Department at 954-357-6385 (TTY 954-357-5608 for the hearing-impaired). For more information on emergency preparedness, visit [www.broward.org/hurricane](http://www.broward.org/hurricane), or [www.broward.org/atrisk](http://www.broward.org/atrisk).

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Fresh and organic produce, fruits, juices, coffees/teas, spices, sauces, pastas, seafood, soaps, orchids, pottery, pastries (to die for), kettle corn, homemade lemonade, the best heirloom tomatoes ever, New Orleans style olives and sauces, specialty blends of olive oils, wonderful vinegars, honey, cane sugar and mozzarella – plus much, much more!

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**Keys to Small Business Success**  
**Wednesday, May 26, 2010**  
**9:00 a.m. – 12 Noon**

**Free Workshop for Small Business Owners**

Ft. Lauderdale City Hall – City Commission Chamber  
101 N. Andrews Avenue, 1st Floor, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33301

Join us for an exciting morning of speakers, presenters and a mini-expo! All designed to help your business grow. No fee to attend, but RSVPs are required.

- 9:00 – Noon            Sponsor Expo
- 9:00 a.m.             Registration, Networking, Coffee
- 9:30 a.m.             *Welcome*  
*Dan Lindblade, President & CEO, Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce*
- 9:40 a.m.             *Lending for Small Businesses*  
Panel of leading bankers and business leaders  
Moderator, *Charles Long*, Lender Relations Specialist, U.S. Small Business Administration  
*Keith Costello*, President & CEO, Broward Bank of Commerce  
*Scott Radway*, Senior Vice President, Regions Bank  
*Bruce Boddie*, Vice President, Florida First Capital Finance Corporation
- 10:30 a.m.            *City of Fort Lauderdale Initiatives for Small Business Owners*  
Economic Development Initiatives, Incentives & Programs:  
*Stephen Scott*, Economic Development Director, City of Fort Lauderdale  
CRA and Enterprise Zone Programs:  
*Alfred Battle*, NWCRA Director
- 11:15 a.m.            *Taking Advantage of New Employee Tax Laws*  
*Joe Pintimalli*, President/CEO & Founder, South Florida Payroll Services

Visit [www.ftlchamber.com](http://www.ftlchamber.com) to register on line or  
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