

# BROWARD LEAGUE OF CITIES

*31 cities*

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TO SEAGRASS





The seal of the Broward League of Cities is a circular emblem. The outer ring is gold and contains the text "BROWARD LEAGUE" at the top and "OF CITIES" at the bottom in dark blue serif font. The center of the seal features a light blue background with a white pelican feeding its young in a nest. The nest is situated on a green tree branch. A gold ribbon banner across the middle of the seal contains the text "Established 1957" in dark blue serif font.

# **MISSION**

Identify and help resolve issues affecting municipalities within Broward County

Promote municipal authority and represent the interests of municipalities and their residents

Strive to increase public knowledge of municipal services, issues, concerns, accomplishments and responsibilities

Provide leadership on issues of local, regional, state and national concern



The following pages capture the essence of our 31 cities and towns. Each is wonderfully unique, offering its own brand of diversity, vibrant culture and sense of community. Each provides their residents with options for parks and recreation, culture, public safety and community services that combine to create an exceptional quality of life. Business opportunities, from startups to Fortune 500 companies, attract employers and enhance our cities' economies. From the breathtaking coastline of the Atlantic Ocean to the expansive Florida Everglades, our cities, each in their own way, make Broward County the best place to live, work and play. Here, you can truly have it all.

At the foundation of each city are the people who live here. They are the driving force behind making their communities and their neighborhoods so remarkable. They are the ones who determine, by their vote, which local leaders best represent their interests.

Local self-government, Home Rule, makes a positive difference in the lives of our residents. The closer government is to the people, the more effective, fair and responsive it is. Local elected officials, who are residents of the communities in which they serve, are the most qualified to understand what services their residents need and depend on, how to create the most effective environment for economic development and prosperity, and the best ways to preserve the unique qualities that make each of our communities special.

Home Rule ensures that government stays close to the people it serves. It helps its residents maintain their city the way they want and enables local elected officials to meet the expectations of their residents.

The Broward League of Cities is a non-partisan, non-profit organization dedicated to raising awareness and resolving issues facing Broward County's 31 cities at the local, state and federal levels.

The League's members are elected officials from Broward County's 31 municipal governments and a representative of Broward County government as well as more than 125 government, non-profit and business associate members. They collaborate to exchange ideas and experiences to develop platforms that will benefit the community as a whole. The organization continues to grow and evolve as it explores and examines new ideas, programs, initiatives and services that will provide an enhanced quality of life to residents in Broward County.

Our member cities strongly support Home Rule - the ability to establish local ordinances and resolutions. This allows our cities to grow and flourish and reflects the trust our residents have in municipal officials. As city leaders face different opportunities and challenges in each of our communities, we also work together to solve mutual problems and ultimately to provide choices that meet the unique needs of our residents. The result is that within our 31 cities, we have many wonderful options. We are certain you will find a city that meets your needs.

We invite you to turn the pages and enjoy discovering each of our one-of-a-kind cities that we call HOME!

# CITY OF COCONUT CREEK

## *Butterfly Capital Of The World*



Coconut Creek, the “Butterfly Capital of the World,” is a well-planned city with a unique environmental consciousness nestled between Miami and Palm Beach. It is home to the world’s largest butterfly aviary - a zoo, of sorts, for butterflies. The City is widely recognized as a progressive community that touts an abundance of trees, waterways, attractive landscaped roads, beautiful parks, and butterfly gardens throughout its neighborhoods. Coconut Creek is the first in the State of Florida and eleventh in the country to be certified as a Community Wildlife Habitat. In 2017, it received the Tree City USA Growth Award from the Arbor Day Foundation and re-certification for

the Sustainable Communities Program from Audubon International.

Spotlighted as one of the “Best Cities to Live in America” by Money Magazine, and a “Top Ten Place to Live” in Florida by Movoto and NerdWallet, Coconut Creek is home to 59,000 residents. Residents enjoy exceptional outdoor activities such as movies and concerts in the park, as well as the Butterfly Festival and 5K Butterfly Run, which are annual traditions. In a 2016 residential survey, 97% rated Coconut Creek as an “Excellent” or “Good” place to raise a family and 99% rated the overall quality of life in Coconut Creek as “Excellent” or “Good.”

The City also supports a diverse and growing business community. The City’s MainStreet Project, home to the Seminole Casino Coconut Creek and the Coconut Creek Promenade, a 23-acre upscale shopping and restaurant center, has received the “Award of Excellence” for its Design Standards by the Florida Chapter of the American Planning Association (FAPA). When complete, the City’s MainStreet area will be bustling with over 250 acres of businesses, upscale housing, and beautifully landscaped parks and greenways; all requiring green certified construction. Amazingly, this area is geographically centered in the City and will act as a focal point for future growth. It will showcase a pedestrian-oriented, mixed-use community, organized around substantial, centralized and contiguous recreational open space and alternative transportation options.

The City has worked hard to create a pedestrian-friendly Master Plan for Coconut Creek Parkway, which is also known as the Education Corridor. It serves as a park-like corridor that includes benches, bus pavilions, landscaping and a 15’ wide lighted bicycle and pedestrian path. Thousands of students attending Broward College, Atlantic Technical College, and Coconut Creek High School enjoy this welcoming strip.

Coconut Creek is the ideal location for “green” businesses, entrepreneurs, and growing families.



# CITY OF COOPER CITY

*Someplace Special*



Cooper City is a beautiful residential city, well-loved by residents and non-residents alike. Not long ago, Family Circle magazine named it one of the 10 best places to raise a family. Abundant with parks, an excellent school system, and a welcoming community, it is a perfect environment for families to work and play.

Cooper City's schools, which are all A-rated, are a big attraction for new residents. Cooper City High School is nationally acclaimed as a Blue Ribbon School and one of America's Best High Schools by The Washington Post and Newsweek. Of the schools located in the city, all the elementary and middle schools are ranked in the top 15% in Florida by schooldigger.com.

Residents are extremely proud of their close-knit community. The neighborhoods are friendly and the residents support each other. People and institutions work together for the betterment of the City.

Founder Morris Cooper envisioned a well-planned community of former orange groves and cattle grazing land reclaimed from the Everglades. Cooper purchased the land after it was devastated by floods in 1947. By 1959, Morris Cooper's development housed 85 residents. That same year, a Special Act of the Florida legislature created Cooper City. With the annexation and development of the former Waldrep Dairy property – now Monterra, Cooper City has grown to a town encompassing

approximately seven square miles with more than 33,000 residents.

The City follows the Commission-Manager form of government with a mayor and four commissioners serving staggered four-year terms, with term limits of three consecutive terms. The commissioners are dedicated to doing what is best for the community and they hold the staff in high regard. City employees are talented and wear many hats. They pride themselves on being accessible to residents and on working hard to solve their problems.

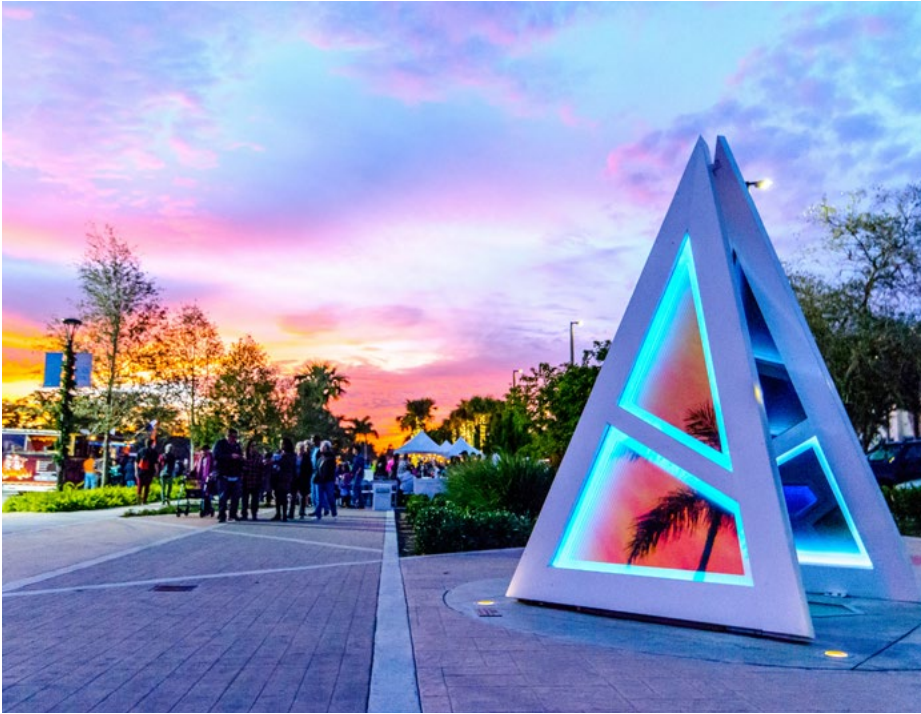
The City is in good financial health, financially conservative and reserves are sufficient. The total budget is \$57.3 million with the General Fund portion being \$35.6 million. Throughout the years, the focus of city leaders has been to provide necessary services to a rapidly expanding community while preserving the special place Cooper City has become.

Cooper City has earned the reputation of being called "Someplace Special". Cooper City is proud of its strong sense of community, excellent park and recreational facilities and exceptional schools. Our mission is to provide excellent services and facilities to support a high quality of life for our residents.



# CITY OF CORAL SPRINGS

*Everything Under The Sun*



One measure that sets Coral Springs apart is our attention to fiscal responsibility. Both Fitch Ratings and Standard and Poor's have re-affirmed the City's AAA rating, a recognition from the market that saves our community millions of dollars.

Our Coral Springs Police were recently reaccredited "with Excellence" in the areas of law enforcement and communications. Our fire department earned a Class 1 rating by the Insurance Services Office; they are among only 24 in this class in the State of Florida. Our residents can rest assured that officers, firefighters, as well as all city staff, are always doing their best to keep everyone safe.

Our Economic Development Office is leading the business retention and expansion efforts in the City of Coral Springs, assisting local businesses to stay and grow here, and supporting issues that enhance our area's economic competitiveness. The EDO has all the necessary resources to work with any size business. In 2016, the Economic Development Office retained 1,520 jobs and helped create 1,093 new positions in Coral Springs.

In addition, the City's new 74,000 square-foot Municipal Complex has opened its doors. It houses City Hall, the Community Redevelopment Agency and the Coral Springs Regional Chamber of Commerce,

along with offices for elected officials to meet with their constituents. A 607-space parking garage serves both municipal and commercial purposes. The project is expected to trigger more redevelopment.

Last but not least, we value open dialogue with our residents and businesses and are always exploring new ways to engage our community – from emerging trends in social media to publications. The City of Coral Springs prides itself on customer-focused government and providing quality services to our residents.

Whether you live, work or play here, thank you for choosing Coral Springs.

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# CITY OF DANIA BEACH

*Sea It, Live It, Love it*



The City of Dania Beach was incorporated in 1904 as Broward's first city. The City is located immediately south of the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport, Port Everglades, and the Broward County Convention Center.

Dania Beach is a major player in South Florida's academic, marine, and tourism industries. The American Maritime Officer's Simulation, Training, Assessment and Research Center, with state-of-the-art bridge and engine room simulators, offers advanced merchant marine training.

The City's 120 slip marina, located between the Intracoastal and the Atlantic Ocean, Bass Pro Shops and Diver's Direct are major attractions for people interested in outdoor sports, boating, and fishing.

SeaTech, FAU's Institute for Ocean and Systems Engineering is the na-

tion's first ocean engineering program. The world-class faculty is engaged in research and technology development in the areas of acoustics, marine vehicles, hydrodynamics and physical oceanography, marine materials, and nanocomposites.

The City's recreation program includes a beach and fishing pier, pools, tennis courts, neighborhood parks and community centers that provide a wide variety of programs for youth, adults and senior citizens.

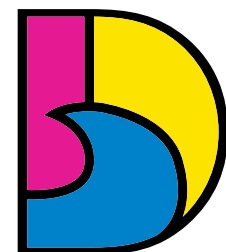
Dania Beach has earned its Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold certification from the US Green Building Council, the nation's lead governing body on sustainable design. The Dania Beach Nanofiltration Water Treatment Plant is the first LEED Gold Certified Water Plant in the world. The Dania Beach-Paul DeMaio Library building also achieved LEED Gold certification.

Dania Pointe will soon make Dania Beach Broward County's preeminent lifestyle destination. The mixed-use development has close to 1 million square feet of retail, restaurants, Class A offices, hotels, luxury apartments and public event space.

Dania Beach has implemented Oasis - Rebuilding Neighborhoods, an innovative community project that is improving the city one street at a time. The goal is to foster neighborhood pride and improvement, and through a "ripple effect" induce owners and tenants in the City to work together to beautify the City, increase property values and reduce crime.

The Dania Beach Casino features 900 Las Vegas-style slot machines, a 24-table card room, nationally-known artists and live Jai-Alai. Grampa's Bakery, Jaxson's Ice Cream Parlor & Restaurant, Quarterdeck, Rustic Inn Crabhouse and Tarks are some of our local favorites.

The DCOTA Design Center, The Wiener Museum of Decorative Arts, The Gallery of Amazing Things and The Holocaust Documentation & Education Center bring visitors from all over the world right to the heart of our beautiful city.



**DANIA BEACH**  
SEA IT. LIVE IT. LOVE IT.

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# TOWN OF DAVIE

## *Live, Work, Learn And Play*



The Town of Davie prides itself on being the place to live, work, learn and play. Davie is one of the largest municipalities, spanning 36 square miles with a population of over 101,000 permanent residents. Davie is the crossroads for commerce and transportation in the Broward County area with three major interstates traversing the town (I-75, I-595 and Florida's Turnpike). Davie is located just minutes from the Fort Lauderdale/Hollywood International Airport and Port Everglades.

Davie's open green spaces, numerous parks and more than 187 miles of trail system along with the opportunity to live an equestrian lifestyle are amenities that are hard to find in today's growing South Florida. In addition to our extensive trail network, Town and County open space and parks encompass over 1,800 acres of recreational opportunities.

You can always find a myriad of equestrians, bicycle enthusiasts, athletes, and exercisers enjoying the divergent pursuits available in the Town.

The Town's economic development priorities include diversifying the tax base, enhancing the quality of life and promoting sustainable growth. The Town's development focus is its two redevelopment areas, the Regional Activity Center (RAC) and the Transit-Oriented Corridor (TOC). The RAC is designed to accommodate large-scale development and includes 853 acres of land zoned for research and development and more than 1,300 acres zoned for educational, commercial, industrial and residential uses. The TOC accommodates a wide range of uses that promote interaction with the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport and Port Everglades.

The Town is home to the Miami Dolphins Training Facility located on the Nova Southeastern University Campus, and the Bergeron Rodeo Grounds. The Rodeo Grounds have been a main attraction for Davie residents and visitors for over 40 years. The Town annually hosts the Southeastern Circuit Pro Rodeo Finals, the largest rodeo east of the Mississippi River. Originally established for rodeos, this venue now holds events such as concerts, monster truck shows, horse shows, dog shows, car shows, airboat shows specialty shows, and industrial shows.

The Town of Davie is the nexus of higher education in South Florida where several nationally known colleges, technical institutes, and universities make up the South Florida Educational Center (SFEC). Nova Southeastern University, Broward College, University of Florida, Florida Atlantic University, McFatter Technical/Vocational School and several Broward County Public School facilities make up the SFEC. The proximity of these institutions creates a synergy unlike any other place in the United States.



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# CITY OF DEERFIELD BEACH

## *Much More Than Just Another Pretty Beach*



innovation and provide lucrative jobs to residents. The City's leadership is actively pursuing economic development initiatives to support these advanced industries and attract complementary firms to contribute to the stability of the local economy.

Deerfield Beach's family friendly Blue Wave award winning beach is just a toe in the water of what the city is about. Leisure takes a front seat for people seeking an active lifestyle. From surfing to volleyball, from boating to waterskiing, Deerfield Beach has it all.

Considered by many to be the best beach in South Florida, the beach area is a fun, walkable place to catch some rays, enjoy great food and refreshments and shop for beach gear. Visitors come to Deerfield Beach for its laid-back lifestyle and the unique small village feel.

A few steps away from the island, the new Pioneer Grove District is transforming the downtown with new housing, commercial and retail activity and the City's newest park all within walking distance of the future Deerfield Beach commuter rail stop on the FEC railway. The City's progressive leadership is investing in the City and is committed to providing the highest level of service for residents. This commitment extends to the business community as well. The City is home to industry giants like JM Family, Publix and the Sun Sentinel. It is also home to 482 advanced industry firms that excel in



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# CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

*Venice of America*



Incorporated on March 27, 1911, the City of Fort Lauderdale lies on the east coast of South Florida midway between Miami and West Palm Beach. Encompassing nearly 36 square miles with an estimated population of 179,063, Fort Lauderdale is the largest of Broward County's 31 municipalities and one of the 10 largest cities in Florida. Situated amid seven miles of golden sandy beaches, the Intracoastal Waterway, the New River, and a myriad of scenic inland waterways, Fort Lauderdale truly lives up to its designation as the "Venice of America."

An advantageous economic climate has helped the City of Fort Lauderdale establish itself as a world-class

international business center and one of the most desirable locations for new, expanding or relocating businesses. Once known strictly as a tourism-based economy, Fort Lauderdale now supports a diverse range of industries, including marine, manufacturing, finance, insurance, real estate, high technology, avionics/aerospace, film and television production.

Fort Lauderdale offers an outstanding quality of life, highlighted by a semi-tropical climate, rich natural beauty and array of cultural, entertainment and educational amenities. Blessed with over 3,000 hours of sunshine each year and pleasant year-round ocean breezes, world-famous Fort Lauderdale Beach offers

endless opportunities for recreation, relaxation and enjoyment. The picturesque Riverwalk serves as the cornerstone of the City's arts, science, cultural and historic district which features the Broward Center for the Performing Arts, Museum of Discovery and Science, Museum of Art and Old Fort Lauderdale Village and Museum. Las Olas Boulevard has gained international acclaim as Fort Lauderdale's centerpiece of fashion, fine dining and entertainment. In addition, the City's downtown area is home to Broward College, Florida Atlantic University, Florida International University, the award-winning Broward County Main Library, federal, county and school district offices.

Through the cooperative efforts of residents, businesses and local government, Fort Lauderdale has evolved into a City that offers the best of both worlds - an attractive business environment and an exceptional quality of life.

Fort Lauderdale is an outstanding place to live, work, play, visit and raise a family, and the City looks forward to continuing to build upon its success to meet the challenges of the 21st Century and beyond.



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CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE



# CITY OF HALLANDALE BEACH

*Progress. Innovation. Opportunity.*



Hallandale Beach is a city in Broward County, Florida, United States. The City is named after Luther Halland, the son of a Swedish worker for Henry Flagler's Florida East Coast Railroad. As of the 2010 census, the population was 37,113.

The area was settled in the late 1800s as a farming community in Dade County. When Broward County was created, Hallandale became part of the new county. Hallandale was incorporated as a town on May 14, 1927. By that time, there were 1,500 residents, street lights, and electricity in the community. In August of 1999, the City officially changed its name to Hallandale Beach. Our City is a full-service City that provides various services including Police,

fire, parks, public works, code enforcement, building and planning services.

Hallandale Beach parks offer lush tropical scenery, public athletic facilities, playgrounds, community centers, and a world-class beach. From bocce courts to the historic village, there's something for everyone at the parks in Hallandale Beach! We are very proud to have two beachfront parks and currently have a private public partnership agreement with Etaru restaurant at our North City Beach Park facility.

The City is known as the home of Gulfstream Park (horse racing and casino) and Mardi Gras Casino, a greyhound racing track which hosts

the World Classic. It also has a sizable financial district, with offices for a number of banks and brokerage houses. Due to the large number of tourists who eventually retire in the City, Hallandale Beach has one of the fastest-growing populations in Broward County and in Metro Miami.

Hallandale Beach is conveniently located between Fort Lauderdale and Miami, next to Aventura with access to the Fort Lauderdale/Hollywood and Miami International airports, Port Everglades, Port of Miami, and I-95. Visitors, as well as residents, enjoy beautiful beaches, exciting pari-mutual wagering, and comfortable hotels. Hallandale Beach offers a wide choice of sporting activities year round including tennis, golf, swimming, boating and salt water fishing. Evenings offer a choice of fine or casual dining and nightclub entertainment for all ages and outdoor fun. Merchandise of every kind can be found in shopping centers, individual boutiques and malls, conveniently located throughout the city.



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# TOWN OF HILLSBORO BEACH

## *Florida's Magnificent Mile*



The Town of Hillsboro Beach is beautifully situated on a narrow peninsula between the shimmering Intracoastal Waterway and the clear blue Atlantic Ocean. The Town's southern boundary is punctuated by the Hillsboro Inlet and the majestic and historic Hillsboro Lighthouse. The town's total length is about 3 miles and at its widest part is only about 900 feet.

The Hillsboro Lighthouse is one of the Town's most prominent attractions. As early as 1855 this portion of the Atlantic Ocean was designated as being hazardous for the safe navigation of shipping, and the Federal government was requested to fund a lighthouse to provide the necessary warnings to mariners. This request, however, was rejected

17 times over the years, and took an additional 46 years before the Federal government in 1901 finally agreed to provide \$90,000 to build a "first-order light at or near Hillsboro Point." After various construction delays and with major components of the lighthouse coming from such diverse locations as Detroit, Michigan and Paris, France, the lighthouse was finally put into service in 1907. This structure marks the northern end of the Florida Reef and extends 138 feet skyward. It is capped with a 5.5 million candlepower light, making it one of the tallest and most well-lit lighthouses on the east coast of The United States and provides an outstanding view in all directions. The lighthouse is open for tours on a very limited basis conducted by the Hillsboro Lighthouse Preservation Society.

Unique to the Town is that it has only one road running north-south for the entire length of the Town. Travelers will see views of large estate homes and beachside condominiums. The Town is almost exclusively residential. There are approximately 50 single-family residences, and the remaining residents live in condominiums. There is only one hotel for visitors and there are no commercial properties within the Town. The Town takes pride in the protection of its high concentration of turtle nests during the nesting season. At the south end of Town is the Hillsboro Inlet which provides safe navigational passage for boats crossing between the Intracoastal Waterway and the Atlantic Ocean. Located within the Hillsboro Inlet is a marina containing an extensive fleet of charter boats available for excellent daily deep water fishing trips and other marine excursions.

The Town's official population is approximately 2,000, although the population increases significantly in the winter months as property owners return to seasonally occupy their residences.





# CITY OF HOLLYWOOD

*See Life*



It's all about location and the City of Hollywood has it - on the Atlantic coast in the heart of South Florida between Fort Lauderdale and Miami.

Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport is on the City's northern edge and Port Everglades, one of the world's busiest cruise and shipping ports is within its borders. Hollywood boasts nearly seven miles of breathtaking beaches and Florida's only oceanfront Boardwalk. With easy access to major employment centers, Hollywood is the perfect fit for companies looking to expand. Hollywood is home base to Memorial Healthcare System, one of the nation's leading healthcare systems, and offers Broward County's

only free-standing children's hospital—Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital. Hollywood has a thriving education sector serving the educational needs of residents of all ages. Private, public and charter K-12 schools in Hollywood offer a wide array of excellent learning environments. The City also provides ready access to 40 colleges and universities and is home to the award-winning Sheridan Technical Center, Barry University's College of Health Sciences, Nova Southeastern University's Center of Excellence for Coral Reef Research and the Union Institute and University. With its perfect location, Hollywood puts you at the doorstep to a wealth of world-class educational opportunities in South Florida.

Hollywood is a city of diverse neighborhoods. From affordable starter homes to contemporary condominiums to luxury waterfront living—there's a dream home for everyone. If you like downtown living with everything in walking or biking distance, it's in Hollywood. There's a home to fit every lifestyle and budget. Hollywood is a warm and welcoming community and destination with natural allure, major attractions and cultural activities including year-round festivals and events. Downtown Hollywood is a dining and cultural destination.

From scenic bike trails and eco-walks to full-moon kayaking and nighttime guided sea turtle excursions, Hollywood is an eco-friendly paradise rich in outdoor recreation. The City of Hollywood boasts more than 60 public parks offering recreational amenities with a full range of activities to satisfy every outdoor enthusiast. Hollywood makes the most of its natural assets.

With its strategic location, proactive business environment and outstanding quality of life, Hollywood is a place to See Life.

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# TOWN OF LAUDERDALE-BY-THE-SEA

*Relax...You're Here!*



The Town of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea is a small seaside village with more than two miles of beautiful sandy beaches and an iconic pier that attracts annual visitors from around the world. With its low-rise downtown buildings and mid-century modern architecture, the Town exudes old Florida charm while celebrating its present-day connection to the ocean. Located just north of Fort Lauderdale, the Town's hotels, restaurants, stores and ice cream shops are all within a few short blocks. With free live music events every Friday night between November and May, the Town's downtown oceanfront center attracts

hundreds of residents and tourists. Because of its near-shore coral reefs and popularity with scuba divers, Lauderdale-By-The-Sea is "Florida's Beach Diving Capital." It is also home to SS Copenhagen, a 19th Century British steamship that wrecked off the Town in 1900. The shipwreck is not only the most-visited Florida Underwater Archaeological Preserve in the state, it is also listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Town's annual Christmas-By-The-Sea celebration is one of South Florida's most popular holiday events, attracting 7,000 people in December 2017.



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# CITY OF LAUDERDALE LAKES

## We Care



The City of Lauderdale Lakes was incorporated on June 22, 1961. The City comprises an area of approximately four square miles in Broward County, with its center at the crossroads of State Road 7/U.S. 441 and Oakland Park Boulevard.

At the time of incorporation, there were approximately 300 residents in the area. The physical appearance of the city was vastly different than it is today. State Road 7, then a two-lane undivided road, was the main thoroughfare through the City. The community was predominantly rural, with most of the land used for farming and grazing. In the early days, the City's only fire truck was staffed by five volunteers, and the "fire station" was nothing more than

a parking lot on State Road 7. The first city hall was located in a construction trailer on a development site.

Today, Lauderdale Lakes has more than 35,000 residents of a variety of ethnicities, many of Caribbean descent that reside in the community. The City of Lauderdale Lakes has operated as a Mayor/City Commission/City Manager form of government. Together, the Commission and City Administration has established a Strategic Plan and a Financial Plan with goals and objectives that are being implemented to enhance the health, wealth and well-being of our great City.

The City of Lauderdale Lakes, through its Strategic Planning Session in

2017, developed a vision statement to become a "Vibrant, Connected, Diverse, and Safe Community" with core values of "Respect, Integrity, Openness, and Honesty." With this vision and core values in mind, it is the mission of The City of Lauderdale Lakes to provide innovative and excellent municipal services in an effective and efficient manner. Through these efforts, it is evident that the City of Lauderdale Lakes is well on its way to making this vision a reality. It is through these same efforts that the City is pursuing an aggressive program to create jobs, build its tax base, boost property values, stimulate small business development, attract new businesses, revitalize its commercial corridor, upgrade its infrastructure, maintain parks and beautify its neighborhoods. All while celebrating its unique cultural diversity, improving its quality of life and serving its residents with the highest standards of professionalism and excellence.



**"WE CARE"**

# CITY OF LAUDERHILL

## *An International Neighborhood with a Hometown Feel*



an All America City that has "An International Neighborhood with a Hometown Feel." Here, is the place for you!

The City of Lauderhill in its early years was known as a dairy country - the home to the McArthur Dairy Farm. It soon gained national recognition for the Jackie Gleason Inverrary Classic as the golf tournament to many U.S. Presidents and Hollywood superstars. It was the predecessor golf tournament to the Honda Classic bringing much distinction and fame to Lauderhill.

This City is well-known for its cultural diversity and celebrates its variety through the performing arts at a beautiful 1100-seat Lauderhill Performing Arts Center and the Central Broward Regional Park located in our downtown popular Entertainment District. With 42 different languages spoken in Lauderhill, our authenticity is frequently admired and often imitated, but never exactly replicated!

Nothing beats the real thing!  
Lauderhill is it!

Our shops, restaurants, sports and businesses are a direct reflection of our mix and showcase our diversity. We offer residents and visitors alike our flavors and varieties that no other city can boast. As we say in Lauderhill, Visit...Experience.... Explore...and Enjoy!

Lauderhill is centrally located in South Florida between three international airports, seaports and minutes from the Florida Turnpike and I-95.

We offer small businesses and light industrial businesses the opportunity to be our "big business." Lauderhill asserts a vast array of housing inventory which is accompanied by 24 award-winning parks. We are



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# CITY OF LIGHTHOUSE POINT



Lighthouse Point is a small town that wishes to remain so. The leisurely lifestyle appeals to its residents who have no need to be concerned about future expansion. Tucked in among many other communities, it cannot expand. Any worry about the threat of amalgamation into a larger entity is being diminished by preserving city certification. Through providing full service and continuing to work closely with the Florida and Broward

League of Cities and other appropriate government agencies, the City is optimistic for the future.

Characterized by informal affluence and a leisurely pace, the attractive neighborhoods are quiet, tree-shaded, and water-laced. 80% of residences are single family homes, many of which front on the City's 18 miles of waterways.

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# CITY OF MARGATE

*Together We Make It Great*



The City of Margate encompasses nine square miles of tree-lined streets, 30 miles of canals and is home to more than 57,000 residents. The City was created as a municipal corporation in 1955 known as the Town of Margate, and in 1961, the Town was incorporated as a City. Margate is perfectly situated in northern Broward County only 7.5 miles from the Atlantic Ocean and approximately 20 minutes from the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport and Port Everglades.

"Margate" is said to have derived its name from the first three letters of founder Jack Marqusee's last name and the first four letters of gateway, since it was considered a "gateway" to western Broward County.

The City is widely known for its exceptional hometown quality of life and delivery of excellent municipal services. With more than 500 dedicated City employees, the City provides a wide range of services including police and fire protection, emergency medical services, water and wastewater services, storm-water services, recreation, public improvements, streets, planning and zoning, and general administrative services. The City of Margate boasts 19 parks and recreational facilities including the Margate Sports Complex, Firefighters Park, and the Calypso Cove Aquatics Facility.

In addition to an award winning police department and an ISO Class I fire department, other recognitions

and awards include Playful City, USA; Tree City, USA; the National Association of Town Watch's "National Night Out" Award; and the Government Finance Officers Association Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Program. The City of Margate has also been recognized as the 6th highest performing agency out of 125 sector partners in the Department of Energy's Better Buildings Challenge.

In 2017, the City of Margate was ranked the 4th safest City in Florida of its size by SafeHome.org and the Margate-Coconut Creek Fire Department's Advanced Life Support team won the Florida Cup, making this the 3rd time they've won the Cup in six years.

Economic development is on the rise in Margate! The City is pursuing long-term economic growth by attracting new businesses, supporting improvements to existing businesses, providing exceptional recreational/cultural opportunities, and building a positive image for the community where people can live, work, shop, and enjoy entertainment in one central location. The City's top five major employers include Global Response Corporation, Northwest Medical Center, the City of Margate, Broward County Schools, and JM Lexus.

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# CITY OF MIRAMAR

## *Beauty And Progress*



The City of Miramar is a vibrant, richly diverse and forward-thinking destination. It is recognized for its majestic royal palms, wide and accommodating boulevards and an unbridled enthusiasm for opportunity, growth and development. Incorporated in 1955, Miramar is centrally located between the Miami and Fort Lauderdale metro areas and less than 30 minutes to the Miami and Fort Lauderdale airports and seaports. South Florida's major thoroughfares, Interstate 75, and the Florida Turnpike, are located within Miramar with connections to Interstate 95 and the Sawgrass Expressway. Miramar is credited with an exponential increase in population from 50,000 over the last ten years to 138,449; thus making it the 4th largest city in Broward County while boasting a median age range of 33.6 with young families.

Named twice as one of the top 100 of "America's Best Places to Live" by Money Magazine, Miramar offers the largest commerce park in the region, which includes a foreign trade zone and has a highly skilled workforce. This has been made possible by the strategic implementation of various hubs in its eastern (Historic Miramar), central and western corridors. They have facilitated the reasons why residents enjoy access to health-care, childcare, highly-rated schools, senior services, library services, education, public transportation, arts, entertainment, sports and culture amongst their quality of life.

Recognized by the South Florida local chapter of the national organization, American Society of Public Administrators as the 2017 Public Organization of the Year, the City of Miramar continues to attract corporate relocation, small and mid-

sized businesses and development. Whether its deliberate infrastructure management, constructing public safety facilities such as the only LEED Gold Certification police department headquarters in the State of Florida or world-class, state-of-the-art entertainment venues like The Miramar Amphitheater at Regional Park, a 4,900 capacity, canopy covered destination, it is clear why the City of Miramar is home to more Fortune 500 companies than any other city in Broward County.

From the time of its founding, Miramar has been and continues to be a family-oriented community. Miramar has 11 elementary schools, 3 middle schools, 2 high schools, various charter schools and a special needs school, as well as 8 institutions of higher learning. There are 22 neighborhood parks, 1 regional park and 10 community parks.

COMING SOON...we are proud to announce the addition of the American Tennis Association Tennis Complex & Education Museum "Right Here" at Miramar Regional Park -- expanding the City's tourism, development and cultural platforms.

Come, visit and experience why It's **Right Here** in Miramar™!



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# CITY OF NORTH LAUDERDALE

*A Fun City In The Heart of Broward*



North Lauderdale is a cozy, five square mile city in the center of Broward County. Its pivotal location has enabled North Lauderdale to attract 42,000 residents from all over the world to secure a place in the sun, stake a claim in South Florida's vibrant economy and build a future for their children. It is a community proud of its diversity and uniqueness. The City is recognized for its exceptional programs for children, winning national awards for its recreation programs, "100 Best Communities for Young People" for two consecutive years. In 2016, North Lauderdale's City Commission developed a new tagline resonating their commitment to families and their children, "A Fun City in the Heart of Broward."

North Lauderdale wasn't always at the center of things. At its creation in 1963, it was a new frontier consisting mainly of farmland. Recognizing a rare opportunity to work with a blank slate, famed architect Morris Lapidus turned his attention to planning a city that would become North Lauderdale. "The City of Tomorrow" was the first city Lapidus laid out. Fifty-five years later, his influence and vision can be seen in the whimsical "beacons" lending the city prominence and in the distinct, amoebic shape of Boulevard of Champions.

The City has continued its place-making by becoming the only city in Broward County to be home to the 99th wall by the renowned artist

Wyland. This beautiful artwork draws visitors and residents into our city as they travel along McNab Road past the master planned commercial project that includes retail, restaurants and family entertainment to the civic corridor of the city housing city hall, county library and a charter school. Hampton Pines Park is located at the west entrance of the City providing a fitness trail, picnic shelters, fishing and boating for families. Services and businesses that cater to our young families is a priority to our city.

As Broward County experiences its development boom, the attraction of new industry creates the need for quality, affordable housing and businesses to serve the residents. North Lauderdale, a quiet, accessible suburb to larger cities, answers the call for places to live close to employment hubs, with good transportation, quality of life and affordable housing. North Lauderdale has seen one exciting project after another open its doors, making the city a more and more attractive place to live.





# CITY OF OAKLAND PARK

## *A City On The Move!*



With the trendiest craft breweries and cafés in Broward, a richly diverse population, affordable real estate, and numerous redevelopment projects underway, there's no wonder that the City of Oakland Park has been dubbed as "Making a Scene," by *Fort Lauderdale Magazine*.

Nestled between Pompano Beach and Fort Lauderdale, and only a few minutes from the beach, the City of Oakland Park is ideally located, attracting a wave of new homeowners and developers. In 2017, Oakland Park had the fourth highest increase in property values in Broward County and thanks to the City's fiscal stability, the property tax rate was lowered for the fourth consecutive year! With land prices and leases lower than neighboring cities, along with the support and incentives that the

City's Community Redevelopment Agency offers, it's easier for businesses to locate or expand in Oakland Park.

The City's renaissance can be experienced everywhere – especially in the Downtown Culinary Arts District where residents and visitors can stroll along Main Street, enjoy the Jaco Grand Plaza Fountain and shop at "Proud to be Oakland Park" businesses. Thousands are drawn to Downtown Oakland Park for a vast array of community events like *Oktoberfest*, *Taste of Oakland Park*, *Dancing in the Street* and *Holiday Village*, which offer family-fun and an avenue for locals to showcase their businesses.

There's no shortage of recreational activities in Oakland Park's 8 square miles. Residents enjoy year-round

youth and adult sports leagues, senior's *Active Adults* program, after-care and summer camps, and the *Ethel M. Gordon Oakland Park Library* where children enjoy lab experiments, puppet shows and other free programs. The *Municipality Equality Index Report* by the Human Rights Campaign scored Oakland Park at 99 out of 100, confirming the City as an inclusive community.

The City's commitment to investing in a greener community is apparent with projects like the Stunson Nature Trail next to Royal Palm Park, which will soon feature an interpretive nature trail; the "Recycle Right" initiative; the spring and summer Tree Giveaway; and the Tree Assistance Program, which plants trees on the properties of our homeowners with special needs. The Capital Improvement Program has invested millions of dollars into mobility and safety improvements, including drainage projects, landscaped medians, and increased bicycle lanes and sidewalks.

Without a doubt, Oakland Park offers something for everyone. Visit Oakland Park today, and discover why it is "A City on the Move!"



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# CITY OF PARKLAND



The City of Parkland is situated in the northwest corner of Broward County. Bordered by Palm Beach County to the north, the Everglades to the west, and Coral Springs and Coconut Creek to the south and east respectively, Parkland is a neatly-manicured city with a population of 30,000 that is known for A-rated schools and a family-friendly environment.

As if the name Parkland did not sufficiently convey it, families equals parks and Parkland has nine throughout the city that provides recreation and relaxation opportunities for everyone. Pine Trails Park is in the heart of the city and one of Broward County's premiere recreation and sports facilities. It is home to an amphitheater that hosts concerts every month via the hottest concert series in South Florida:

Eats 'n' Beats. Two performances, 20 food trucks, free admission and an unmatched family environment make this concert series a resident favorite.

Pine Trails Park is also home to the Parkland Recreation and Enrichment Center (P-REC), a 25,000 square foot facility featuring a full-court gymnasium and extensive athletic and enrichment programming for all age groups. Throughout the park are natural grass and synthetic surface athletic fields, open space, two inclusive playgrounds, multiple pavilions, plenty of space for walk-athons, 5K runs and carnivals.

Across town, from November through April, one will find the infamous Parkland Farmers' Market—the largest outdoor farmers' market in the county. Two Sundays each month, people

not just from Parkland, but from the tri-county area flock to the Equestrian Center at Temple Park in central Parkland to buy organic and conventional produce, baked goods, unique gourmet items, cooking supplies, arts and crafts and more. The market is appropriately held in the heart of tailgate party season—and there is no better place for tailgate supplies. It is also appropriately placed at Parkland's Equestrian Center which provides the perfect relaxing backdrop for a Sunday stroll.

Traveling north from the Equestrian Center, one will find the new Parkland Tennis Center at Quigley Park. Though the park itself is not new, it was recently transformed into a country club-like facility with sub-surface irrigated clay courts. The 12 courts that comprise this boutique tennis facility are the best courts available anywhere in the world.

No one should let the name Parkland fool them. This city in the great northwest of Broward County is about more than parks. With three elementary schools, a middle school, and a high school—all A-rated—and a regular mention in the safest cities in the county, the state, and the nation, Parkland is one great place in which to live and visit.



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# TOWN OF PEMBROKE PARK

## *The Small Town That Means Big Business*



Not so long ago, the area we know as Pembroke Park was made up of nurseries, quarries and mobile home parks. The Town was incorporated on December 10, 1957, and named Pembroke until 1959, when it was renamed the Town of Pembroke Park. The Town has a population of 6,000 residents before the winter season when the population doubles with the arrival of our Canadian residents ("snowbirds.") Pembroke Park is a perfect location if you are looking for warm weather and accessibility to major transportation hubs. The Town is centrally located between Fort Lauderdale and Miami with direct access to roadways including Interstate 95 (I-95), which is a main highway on the East Coast of The United States. So, come and explore Pembroke Park "The small town that means BIG business."

Bring Your Business Here!

The Town has over 4 million square feet of industrial warehouse space

which provides a perfect climate for any distribution or manufacturing business. Expanding business will be easy because Pembroke Park is located between major airports, seaports, roadways and railway systems. Our industrial base includes major companies such as Coca-Cola, HD Supply, Mohawk Industries, Prologis Inc. (industrial & warehouse company), Seneca Industrial Holdings, LLC (warehousing and distribution center), etc.

The Town is always looking at efforts for revitalization to our existing business district to fit the needs of retail and service industries. This makes our town an excellent place for start-up and existing companies wanting to do business. Currently, the town is home to over 600 businesses.

In order to keep the tax rate low, the Town's Commission continues to work hard to keep an all-inclusive tax rate. The Town's tax rate makes

it much more business friendly and attractive to current and future Fortune 500 companies.

### Affordable Living

We know that businesses benefit the community through revenue; likewise we discovered that the people who are employed and use their services benefit the business industry in return. To accommodate those individuals the Town has various options for affordable living including apartment rentals, townhomes, villas, mobile homes and recreational vehicle communities.

Pembroke Park provides affordable living for permanent residents, as well as "snowbirds" returning annually. The Town is an attractive destination because of its close proximity to beaches, shopping malls, recreational and leisure activities.

Welcome to Pembroke Park!



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# CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES

*Join Us – Progress With Us*



The City of Pembroke Pines, praised as a diverse yet inclusive community, offers a strong family-friendly environment with great education, medical amenities and a growing business and economic sector. The City's new Charles F. Dodge City Center adds dimensions to the area's offerings with a 175,000 square foot facility designed to accommodate banquets, conventions, meetings, trade shows and performance events. This unique venue is complemented by a new city hall and exhibition art gallery. Just adjacent to the Center is a privately developed 160 acre mixed-use project with residential units, hotels, retail shops, restaurants and entertainment venues specially designed to be a welcoming destination for all.

Having been ranked as one of Money Magazine's Best Places to Live, Pembroke Pines has grown to be the 11th largest city in the state of Florida with more than 165,000 residents spread over 34.4 square miles. It is conveniently located, being only a 30-minute drive from both Miami and Fort Lauderdale, with easy access to three major highways, seaports and expanding commercial, retail and industrial space, the result of the City being an economic development leader.

While families are well served with A-rated schools, including the City's award-winning municipally owned and operated charter school system, Pembroke Pines is also regularly recognized as a great place to retire due to outstanding senior programs

and services. The City is home to some of the most renowned senior centers in the U.S., specifically the Carl Shechter Southwest Focal Point Senior Center Campus, which serves as a prototype for senior centers nationally. In addition to housing seniors 55+, it offers adult day care services, activities, programs and daily classes.

Pembroke Pines prides itself on its cultural offerings, providing many activities and facilities to accommodate residents in search of leisure pursuits or creative outlets. The City Center's Great Hall attracts world-renown musicians, comedians and theater productions; the Pembroke Pines Theater of the Performing Arts has been rated "Best Community Theater" for two consecutive years; Studio 18 in the Pines serves as an art gallery and workspace for local artists to exhibit their work and hosts art shows; the Fletcher Art and Cultural Center hosts guitar, drama, art and piano classes year round for all ages; and the Frank C. Ortis Art Gallery and Exhibit Hall or "The Frank" fosters an exceptional cultural climate within the community through various exhibitions, performance and art-based projects.

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# CITY OF PLANTATION

*The Grass Is Greener*



The city of Plantation was incorporated in April, 1953 and has grown into a vibrant, urban municipality over its 65-year history. Located in central Broward County, 22 square miles in size with a median age of 40.6 years old, Plantation is the ninth largest city in the county with a residential population exceeding 90,000.

Plantation has been recognized for more than 35 consecutive years as "Tree City USA," creating safe, friendly neighborhoods and stable, inviting business communities. Residential

neighborhoods include historical homes, large estate properties, and condominiums in mixed-use districts. Residential property values continue to increase, even during recessionary periods.

Residents are treated to a range of quality businesses; excellent public and private schools; and low crime rates. Recreational offerings include golf, tennis, swimming, equestrian, aquatics, in addition to the traditional recreational activities (flag and tackle football, soccer, lacrosse, softball,

baseball, etc.). The Plantation Preserves Golf Course & Country Club, the Frank Veltri Tennis Center, Central Park Aquatics Center, and our Equestrian Center are some of the unique and highly recognized world-class, facilities where these activities are offered.

There are over 5,400 registered businesses in the city, ranging from small local businesses to international corporate headquarters. We offer a variety of business markets; one of the lowest millage rates in the county; a highly-educated labor force; and a progressive local government committed to quality redevelopment. The city is home to some of the top major employers in the county, including DHL Latin regional headquarters, Motorola Solutions, Magic Leap and Westside Regional Medical Center. Plantation has an active chamber of commerce with over 900 members.

Plantation is rich in amenities, provides a competitive business environment and beautifully landscaped residential communities. It is a true urban environment intermixed with a "hometown" lifestyle. Plantation offers the best of business and residential worlds, and has the perfect environment to live, work and play!



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# CITY OF POMPANO BEACH

## *Florida's Warmest Welcome*



Pompano Beach boasts some of the most beautiful beaches, calming breezes and clearest waters in South Florida. The City is named after a species of inshore tropical game fish, which swim abundantly in the area's warm Atlantic Ocean waters.

The topography and temperatures of the ocean just east of the beach are perfect for a variety of sports fish like mahi-mahi, wahoo, tuna, snapper and many others perfect for world-class fishing. The Hillsboro Inlet features wooden fishing decks popular with visitors and residents.

For scuba divers Pompano Beach has magnificent coral reefs that you can swim to from shore and enjoy the splendid gifts of nature. For the serious divers Pompano Beach is known as the "Wreck Capital" of Florida with eighteen shipwrecks just offshore.

Pompano Beach offers all sorts of water adventures from traditional kayaking to flyboarding.

Children can enjoy the beach playground or the interactive water fountain while parents exercise or relax on the great lawn, all overlooking the ocean.

For golf enthusiasts, the Greg Norman Signature Pines Course along with the Palms Course accommodates all skill levels. The Pompano Beach Golf Course offers a full practice facility, PGA professional instruction, club fitting and a fully stocked pro shop.

Dining in Pompano Beach is always a fun experience. Whatever your pallet, casual American, authentic European, Latin, fine seafood or a great steakhouse, the City has it all.

For unique shopping, Festival Flea Market is the place with 500 kiosks and boutiques, a food court and an antique market, all open daily.

Try your luck at the smoke-free Isle Casino Racing Pompano Park with 1,500 slots and live action poker tables with six restaurants. It is the winter capital of Harness Racing, also offering simulcasting of harness and thoroughbred racing, Jai Lai games and greyhound racing from 20 venues across North America.

There are always fun events, festivals, concerts and exhibits happening in the City with its diverse and growing Arts District. For the cultural enthusiast, enjoy the City's new iconic Cultural Center, visit the latest exhibits at the Baily Contemporary Arts (BaCA) and the historic Ali Cultural Arts or attend a concert under the stars at the Amphitheatre.

The City has earned a spot among Trip Advisor's top 10 up and coming destinations. Even though close to the action of South Florida, the City offers the charm of a small town. Pompano Beach is truly Florida's Warmest Welcome.

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# VILLAGE OF SEA RANCH LAKES



The Village of Sea Ranch Lakes, incorporated in 1959, was the vision of Robert H. Gore for a simple and secure beachside community. The private community is bordered on the east by the Atlantic Ocean, the west by the Intracoastal Waterway and has two interior lakes, Lake Seneca and Lake Cayuga. The Village

encompasses not only the residential neighborhood but the Sea Ranch Lakes Plaza at the south end of the Village. It's patrolled by the Sea Ranch Lakes Police Department and its Chief, James O'Brien. The Village exemplifies the old Florida ideals of community and family, where everyone waves!



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# TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES

## *Preserving Our Rural Lifestyle*



The Town of Southwest Ranches is approximately 13 square miles, located in Southwest Broward County, and home to almost 7,500 residents. The Town is a rural environment, filled with grazing animals, nurseries, farms, exquisite and unique scenery and an abundance of wildlife.

The zoning in the Town is almost entirely rural residential and agricultural. We also have a growing amount of zoning for recreation and open space, which preserves land for residents' enjoyment. The newest zoning district is for community facilities that serve the community.

Southwest Ranches was formed to stop encroaching development, and "Preserve Our Rural Lifestyle," which includes donkeys braying, roosters crowing, and no sidewalks.

In the fall of 1996, a proposed bill was introduced to the Broward County Legislative Delegation requesting to annex all the unincorporated area between Griffin Road to the north, Sheridan Street to the south, Flamingo Road to the east and SR 27 to the west, known today as Southwest Ranches.

Hundreds of citizens from the Southwest Ranches area called for the right to form their own city. As a result of this grassroots effort, the State Legislature passed a bill in the 1997 session calling for a vote of the citizens of Southwest Ranches in March of 2000.

On July 3, 1999, many of the Southwest Ranches homeowners associations sponsored a parade and picnic to declare the area's independence. Many local, state and federal repre-

sentatives spoke at the event, which was a huge success!

Many of the Southwest Ranches Homeowners Association members voted to move forward and request a local bill to allow incorporation in 2000 instead of 2001. The bill was approved by the Legislature.

On March 14, 2000, residents voted overwhelmingly to form a new town rather than to be annexed. The next step for a new city would be the creation of its charter. The charter was to be drawn up and an election forming the city held in 2001. However, leaders realized that if a charter could be drawn up sooner, it could possibly be approved as early as 2000. A charter committee was formed to draw up a city charter. The committee met almost weekly during July and in August 1999, formulated a new charter. On June 6, 2000, the charter was approved by the residents and the city became one of thirty municipalities. Council members were elected on July 25, 2000, and the Town was officially in business.



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# CITY OF SUNRISE

## *Your Business And Entertainment Destination*



The City of Sunrise is one of South Florida's economic powerhouses, built on a foundation of business, tourism, and entertainment. It's a diverse suburban/urban community with an estimated population of more than 93,000 – a number that's expected to increase substantially over the next 20 years. This growth is due to Sunrise's convenient location in the heart of the tri-county area, as well as City leaders' commitment to creating a vibrant economic climate that continues to attract new businesses and upscale housing to the area.

Sunrise is home to Sawgrass Mills mall – the second-most popular tourist attraction in Florida after Disney World. Another significant asset is the 20,000-seat BB&T Center. This

county-owned arena is the home of the Florida Panthers of the National Hockey League, and one of the top ten indoor concert venues in the nation.

The largest office park in South Florida, the 600-acre Sawgrass International Corporate Park, is also situated in Sunrise. The corporate park has significant industry clusters in healthcare, insurance, technology, biomedical, and financial services. And it's just across from American Express' newly constructed 400,000-square-foot regional headquarters, which houses 3,200 employees.

In addition to attracting high-profile corporate headquarters, Sunrise is the site of several emerging mixed-use developments. The 50-acre Metropica

development will feature some of the tallest structures in western Broward, including a 28-story condominium tower. In addition to 20 acres of condominium/residential development, the project will feature 20 acres of commercial retail, including restaurants, entertainment venues, upscale retail, and a hotel. The adjacent 10 acres will be devoted to Class A office space. In addition, plans for Westerra, a 32-acre mixed-use project that also aligns with the City's live-work-play philosophy, is moving forward.

The City is also committed to investing in its own facilities and infrastructure. In 2014, Sunrise voters overwhelmingly approved general obligation bonds for the purpose of enhancing, improving and developing parks and recreation amenities. Construction of several of these leisure services projects began in 2017, and many more are in design. Additional plans call for the construction of a new city hall that will completely reshape Sunrise's municipal campus.

Whether it's facilitating the expansion of its business sector or providing services and amenities that enhance residents' quality of life, Sunrise is committed to and proud of its vision for the community.



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# CITY OF TAMARAC

*The City For Your Life*



Tamarac is an undiscovered gem: a community of residential, commercial and recreational areas nestled in the center of Broward County. Covering 12-square miles, the City is focused on quality of life and economic development. Tamarac's median age continues to grow younger, as more and more, people are recognizing the City as a great place to spend their lives.

That growth is fueling significant home construction on both the east and west sides of the city, filling a void for working families. And, as those homes are occupied, new stores are opening to serve them. New businesses are calling Tamarac home, including the Advensus USA customer service center which will employ up to 500 people.

One very significant piece of the City's future is Tamarac Village. This combination of residential and retail development will become the City's downtown. A metamorphosis is taking place on the site of the city-owned Colony West Golf Club, with a new clubhouse as well as a 120-room Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott. Redevelopment is also a primary focus for the City: repurposing older buildings into new and attractive reuse options.

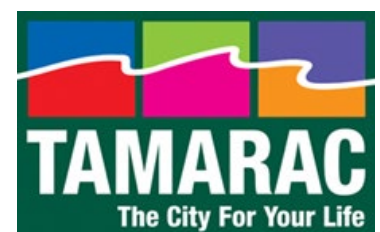
Tamarac strategically plans for the future based on feedback from its residents. Every few years, it surveys Citywide to find out what big picture issues are on their minds. And, every day, it surveys the people with whom we interact to find out how it is doing on delivering what they've asked for.

Surveys have shown an increased desire for better educational opportunities in Tamarac. The City was instrumental in the establishment of Millennium 6-12 Collegiate Academy, where students are able to simultaneously earn a high school diploma and an associate's degree from Broward College. All at no cost.

With sound financials, Tamarac is able to devote resources to optimizing city services. Tamarac Fire Rescue has received the best possible ISO rating, one of just a small percentage of fire departments in the U.S. The City's IT department has been recognized as tops in the nation for using technology to improve citizen services, transparency and citizen engagement.

The momentum is building. We're on the cusp of a new Tamarac and we invite you to join us.

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# CITY OF WEST PARK

*The City of Positive Progression*



The City of West Park, Broward County's newest municipality, was incorporated on March 1, 2005, and is located in southeast Broward County. Known as The City of Positive Progression, West Park is strategically located near three major highways, the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport, and the Atlantic Ocean. With approximately 15,000 residents, West Park is a diverse and multicultural city with longstanding residents alongside newcomers.

Residents' children attend nearby public or private institutions that offer excellent quality education. West Park also knows about fun, boasting national designation as a Playful City USA. Residents and visitors enjoy recreational activities at Mary Saunders Park and McTyre Park which operate as nature getaways and host to a variety of activities for youth including a year-round after-school program and the popular Camp BRAVERY summer camp.

West Park values the eldest members of the community, evidenced by the vibrant Senior Program at McTyre Park which offers daily meals, physical activities, and weekly excursions. The City also runs a free bus shuttle transporting residents to various points of interest. Other programs include a Citizens Academy where residents participate in interactive sessions to learn about municipal government and an active Youth Council that participates in various civic engagement activities.

The City has a thriving commercial and industrial community and offers great incentives for businesses, including an annual Small Business Grant program. West Park's real estate market is comprised of a wide range of styles and sizes; the price points of homes are flexible, making it easy to blend price and preference.

Through celebrations, fun, and charity, the City hosts many events that

bring the community together including a monthly Free Fresh Foods Distribution, along with the annual Earth Day Recycling Fair, Mother's Day Brunch, Father's Day Celebration, Back to School Supplies Giveaway, Thanksgiving Feed the Needy Feast, and Holiday Toy Giveaway events. The City also publishes the monthly West Park Community Newspaper.

The West Park City Commission includes a mayor, vice mayor and three commissioners. City Commission meetings are held the first and third Wednesday each month in the Commission Chamber, City Hall, 1965 South State Road 7, West Park, FL 33023 at 7 pm.

The City of West Park continues to foster a community of support, growth and advancement and is a great place to live, work, and play!



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# CITY OF WESTON

*Your World Is Here*



We welcome you to discover Weston. The City of Weston is ranked as one of the top cities in the country in which to live by Money Magazine, Family Circle and USA Today, and residents could not agree more.

A master-planned community, Weston is picture perfect in every way. Weston is in southwestern Broward County bordering the world-renowned Florida Everglades, yet only twenty minutes to Florida's famous beaches. Weston's culturally diverse 66,000 residents enjoy a vibrant community spread across 27 square miles, having a lifestyle, appearance, and management that many cities around the world wish to emulate.

Weston has the distinction of having:

- A-rated public and charter schools and excellent private schools
- Outstanding public safety with the lowest crime rate per capita in Broward County

- An ISO Class 1 Fire Department rating
- Class 2 Building Code Effectiveness rating
- 242 open space and park acres that play host to cultural and community events and tens of thousands of registrants in organized sports leagues
- The lowest ad valorem millage rate in Broward County at 2.3900 mills
- AAA credit ratings
- Only 10 city employees in a progressive contract-style of municipal management
- Visually distinctive, Weston has flowing waterways, 50 miles of bike lanes, and extensive landscaping that is without dispute one of the City's greatest assets. Rows of prestigious Royal Palms and lush multi-layered foliage line berms, medians and rights-of-ways throughout the City.

There is no place better than Weston for your business. With immediate

access to I-75 and I-595, Weston connects to the tri-county area, Florida's west coast, and seaports and airports with ease. From retail to restaurants, and from Class A office to warehouse, Weston can accommodate and service your business needs. World-class healthcare is provided by the Cleveland Clinic Florida, Broward Health Weston and the Nicklaus Children's Hospital Pediatric Care Center. Weston is home to nationally recognized hotels and resorts offering accommodations for every need. To accommodate your family and your workforce Weston has a range of housing types and sizes in immaculate communities.

City staff, contract and volunteer partners continuously work to deliver quality services in every area that our residents and business owners deserve in return for their investment in Weston.

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# CITY OF WILTON MANORS

*Life's Just Better Here*



If you're looking for a small-town feel coupled with big city fun, Wilton Manors is your destination of choice. With 13 miles of waterways, 15 National Wildlife Certified parks, two walking trails and a nature preserve, the City of Wilton Manors offers countless opportunities for kayaking, paddle boarding, walking, biking and spending the day outdoors. In addition, parks provide ample venue space for weddings and special events. Richardson Historic Park and Nature Preserve offers the historical Manor and Carriage Homes as well as a 5.4-acre park with a natural habitat, boat dock and river boardwalk.

Wilton Manors is also home to hundreds of species of flora and fauna throughout the year, from the Yellow-Bellied Sap Sucker in winter to the Gray Kingbird in the summer.

Locals and visitors alike are invited to explore the natural oasis Wilton Manors provides with a self-guided nature tour throughout seven parks.

Whether you want to learn square dancing or spend story time with your child, there is a wide array of fun activities for people of all ages. Hagen Park Community Center offers multiple classes for children to seniors, including hula dancing, Island City Summer Camp, fitness boot camp and dog obedience classes.

After your day of play, the Island City, as it's fondly called by locals, offers plenty of nighttime entertainment options including more than 30 bars and restaurants, 20 boutiques, and 15 art galleries. The City offers a rich cultural scene with more than 40 annual events and festivals including the Island City Canoe Race,

the Wilton Manors Art & Entertainment Expo, Stonewall Parade and Festival and Wicked Manors.

The annual Stonewall Parade and Street Festival and Wicked Manors draw more than 35,000 attendees each year. Wilton Manors is also home to the notable Stonewall National Museum and Archives and Pride Center, which provide an array of cultural events, exhibits, a food bank, support groups, workshops and so much more.

Musical artists of all different genres rock the stage during the Music at Mickel Concert Series, happening from January through April. On the third Friday of each month, guests are invited to bring their families, friends and a picnic to Mickel Park while enjoying a free night of music under the stars.

With abundant nature, avid nightlife and a close-knit community, it's easy to see why "Life's Just Better Here" in Wilton Manors.



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# BROWARD COUNTY



Broward County is a culturally rich, diverse, and economically strong county of 31 municipalities and almost 2 million residents. The county provides a number of quality services to residents and businesses that make the community a great place to live, work, play, and do business. Broward County operates the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport, the fastest growing large hub airport in the US, as well as Port Everglades, one of the largest cruise passenger ports in the world.

October 2015 marked the 100th year of Broward's charter as a county in the state of Florida, a milestone celebrated with a year-long community-wide celebration themed Broward 100: Celebrating the Art of Community. Broward 100 partnered with the community to commemorate, through a celebration of arts and culture, Broward County's diversity,


creativity, beauty and uniqueness. The celebration was grounded with a historical perspective but more importantly, it looked forward to the County's bright future.

As Broward County continues to thrive, opportunities for growth have never been as robust as they are now. Broward's Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport continues to grow with new local business vendors and enhanced service and additional destinations. Broward County is in the process of completing a multi-billion dollar expansion. The county is also moving forward with plans to expand the Greater Fort Lauderdale/Broward County Convention Center and add a new on-site headquarters hotel. And Broward County's Port Everglades, the third largest passenger port in the world, is expanding its channels to allow for larger vessels.

Over more recent years, Broward has become a destination not only for a burgeoning tourism industry but also for top national companies and small businesses that continue to expand with the healthy growth and excellent reputation of Broward County.

The County Commission is comprised of nine members elected by district in partisan elections. Each Commissioner must be a resident of the district for which he or she seeks election. The Mayor's functions include serving as presiding officer, and as the County's official representative. The Commission appoints the County Administrator, County Attorney and County Auditor. The Commission also appoints numerous advisory and regulatory boards.





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