

This edition of the BMSD Newsletter features services and programs for seniors. Broward County departments and partnering agencies offer a variety of services for seniors. This publication lists services, resources, and activities to inform and assist elderly residents. We encourage you to refer to this for additional information regarding the many services offered to our senior residents.

311 Call Center

311 Broward is a single point of contact for the services and programs offered by the more than 65 agencies comprising the Broward County government. Callers are provided a fast, simple, and convenient way to reach trained professional information specialists without the frustration of being transferred to voicemail or from agency to agency. 311 Broward handles calls in any language and has English, Spanish, and Creole-speaking specialists on staff. The center is open **Monday through Friday between 8:30 AM and 5:00 PM**. You simply press 311 on your phone, or download the app by scanning the QR code. Browardcountyfl.qscend.com/311/



Elderly and Veterans Services Division (EVSD)

The Broward County Human Services Department's Elderly and Veterans Services Division (EVSD) provides programs and resources designed to help eligible Broward County residents maintain their independence, remain safe in their homes and communities, and connect with agencies to request essential services.

A Starting Point for Help: Customer Relations Unit

Residents can connect with EVSD's Customer Relations Unit (CRU), which serves as a centralized intake and referral resource for individuals seeking assistance; call **954-357-6622**. EVSD connects residents with resources that can help improve their quality of life, such as programs for seniors and individuals living with Alzheimer's disease or related dementias.

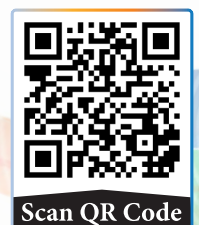


Helping Older Adults Maintain Stable Housing

EVSD's **Elder Housing Initiative** Program assists eligible Broward County residents who are aged 60 or older, have a disability, and are homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness. The initiative can provide rental subsidies to help eligible residents maintain housing while they work toward securing a permanent, affordable housing option, such as senior-subsidized or Section 8 housing. Once permanent housing assistance is secured, the new housing program may assume the level of rental assistance previously provided by EVSD.

Eligibility, funding and availability vary by program. Residents are encouraged to contact the appropriate agency for an assessment and the most current information regarding services. Scan the QR code to learn more.

Broward.org/ElderlyAndVeterans



Homeless Assistance

The Broward County Housing Options, Solutions, and Supports Division (HOSS-D) helps to improve the lives of individuals and families experiencing homelessness in Broward County and protects Broward County residents from discrimination in housing, employment, and public accommodations. If you are experiencing homelessness, call the **Homeless Helpline at 954-563-4357**, 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM daily.

Emergency Management Operations' Vulnerable Population Registration (VPR)

The **Vulnerable Population Registry (VPR)** is used to help evaluate the needs of residents in their communities and to assist in planning a response when there's an emergency. While registering in the database is not a guarantee that you will be provided services or placed on a priority list for responders, it does help responders to be better prepared to meet residents' needs during recovery.

When you register, the information that you enter will allow municipalities and Broward County to gather information on those that are at risk due to a disability, frailty, or health issues and elect to stay at home in the event of a hurricane or other disaster. Please remember that registration in the database does not guarantee that you will be provided with services. If you have a true emergency, contact 911. Scan the QR code to sign up for VPR.

<https://webapps2.broward.org/VulnerableRegistry/Welcome.aspx>

Additionally, the Vulnerable Population Registry does not automatically sign you up for a special needs shelter or evacuation transportation. For sheltering and transportation information, scan the QR code. Broward.org/AtRisk/SpecialNeeds

Vulnerable
Population Registry



Scan QR Code

Shelter/
Transportation



Scan QR Code

Broward County Transit (BCT)

BCT's **paratransit service is a shared-ride** service for people with physical, cognitive, emotional, visual, or other disabilities that functionally prevent them from using the BCT fixed-route bus system permanently, temporarily, or under certain conditions. The estimated travel time of a Transportation Options Program (TOPS!) trip is similar to the same trip, including transfers and walking time, on a fixed-route bus. The one-way fare per trip is \$3.50 and is paid to the driver upon boarding the vehicle. Passengers must have the exact fare since drivers do not make change. For more information, scan the QR code. Broward.org/BCT/Paratransit.

Paratransit



Scan QR Code

Parks and Recreation

The Boulevard Gardens Community Center Senior Program is committed to keeping residents ages 50 plus active, connected, informed, and engaged within the community. The program provides a welcoming environment where seniors can participate in a variety of activities focused on fitness, health and wellness, education, socialization, arts and crafts, recreation, and fellowship.

Throughout the year, the seniors participate in fitness and wellness activities, educational presentations, community outings, luncheons, arts and crafts, and special events designed to promote health and keep those aging active. Recent Seniors Keeping Active With Dignity (SKAWD) activities have included a diabetes awareness presentation with ChenMed, a Medicare workshop, boxing fitness sessions, a cookout at Quiet Waters Park, community luncheons, and group trips to the Hard Rock Casino, Dania Beach Fishing Pier, and Tanger Outlets.

Community partners are invited to connect with seniors and share their valuable resources and services. Recent and upcoming partnerships include health education, hearing screenings, senior wellness activities, transportation services, and more information that helps older adults remain independent and connected to available community resources.



Pictured above are members of SKAWD

SAVE-THE-DATE: Seniors' Red and White Ball, Friday, February 5, 2027, location TBA. For more information, please call Parks and Recreation at 954-357-6867.

Solid Waste & Recycling

Rear door collection is a service that Solid Waste and Recycling provides to BMSD residents with disabilities that prevent them from putting out their trash cans or bulk waste themselves. SWRS offers this service at \$1.75 per month or \$21 per year, with a doctor's note. Please send an email to Recycle_recover@broward.org to request this service.

Area Agency on Aging of Broward County

Growing older should not mean facing life's challenges alone. The Area Agency on Aging of Broward County (AAABC) connects older adults, caregivers, and families with resources to help them live safely, independently, and with dignity. Through the Elder Helpline, Broward County residents can access information and assistance with nutrition, transportation, in-home services, health and wellness, Medicare, caregiving, and other community resources. AAABC's services include free SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders) Medicare counseling, caregiver support and navigation, nutrition programs, health and wellness classes, senior-focused technology, and services that support aging safely at home. Most AAABC services are provided at no cost to eligible individuals. However, two programs, Alzheimer's Disease Initiative (ADI) and Community Care for the Elderly (CCE), may require a small co-pay based on the client's income, generally ranging from 1% to 3% of the cost. **For information and assistance, call the Elder Helpline at 954-745-9779 or visit adrcbroward.org.**

Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO)

Don't worry about leaving your **"Home Alone."** Sign up for BSO's free Vacation Home Watch program. Deputies will check on your residence for signs of a break-in or suspicious activity. Scan the QR code to request this service from BSO.



L.A. Lee Mizell Center YMCA

Free Food Distributions are held every 4th Tuesday of the month, at 9:00 AM at Franklin Park, 2501 Franklin Drive/22nd Road, Fort Lauderdale 33311. Broward Parks, Farm Share, the YMCA and the Broward Sheriff's Office coordinate the free drive-up or walk-up service.



Pictured above are vehicles lined up and the L.A. Lee Mizell Center YMCA staff who distributed food.

Broward County Property Appraiser

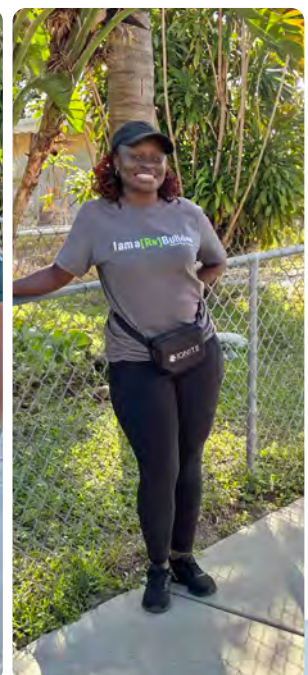
Owner Alert is a free service that notifies you if a deed changing ownership of your property has been received by the Broward County Property Appraiser. Deed fraud occurs when a property deed or title transfer is executed and recorded illegally without the authorization or knowledge of the true and current owner. Criminals record fraudulent deeds transferring ownership and then try to mortgage, sell, or rent your property. This is a free service to protect you and your property from fraud. Sign up at <https://web.bcpa.net/owneralert/TermsConditions>.



Rebuilding Together Broward (RTB)

RTB sponsors its **Safe & Healthy Homes Program**, a year-round initiative that preserves affordable homeownership and improves the safety and independence of low-income residents. Through essential home repairs, accessibility upgrades, and hazard remediation, the program helps seniors, veterans, and individuals with disabilities remain safe in their homes.

Broward County contracts with RTB to serve BMSD eligible homeowners. Annually, RTB organizes the Dr. Martin L. King Jr. Day of Service in partnership with Broward County agencies, the Broward Sheriff's Office, corporations, and residents. The type of work done includes removing overgrown bushes, replacing the fascia boards, painting the exterior, and planting shrubs and flowers. For additional information, call 954-772-9945 or visit Rebuildingtogetherbroward.org/programs.



Pictured above are Vice Mayor Robert McKinzie, volunteers and Laurette Jean, BMSD Administrator, who worked on two homes in Franklin Park.

In the Community

Senior residents of the BMSD care about their community, and they are engaged in improving the quality of life in their neighborhoods. Thanks for all you do!



Pictured above, 1st row, left to right: Barbara Smith, Ann Sapp Caridad Gutierrez, Barbara Williamson, Pastor Rosius Frai, and Teresa and Martha Pugh; 2nd row left to right: Marquis Curry, Emma Bryant, Ethel Mitchell, and Eddie Pierce.

Destinations in Your Community

Broward County Libraries Division

[African American Research Library and Cultural Center](#)

2650 Sistrunk Boulevard
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311
Tel: 954-357-6282

Broward County Parks Division

[Boulevard Gardens Community Center](#)

2870 NW 4th Street
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311
Tel: 954-357-6867

[Franklin Park](#)

2501 Franklin Drive
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311
Tel: 954-357-7080

[Lafayette Hart Park](#)

2851 NW 8th Road,
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311
Tel: 954-357-7970

Human Services Department

[Edgar P. Mills Multi-Purpose Center](#)

900 NW 31st Avenue
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311
Tel: 954-357-5001

[Reverend Samuel Delevoe Memorial Park](#)

2520 NW 6th Street/Sistrunk Blvd.
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311
Tel: 954-357-8801

[Roosevelt Gardens Park](#)

2841 NW 11th Street
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311
Tel: 954-357-8700

[Sunview Park](#)

1500 SW 42nd Avenue
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33317
Tel: 954-357-6520



Broward.org/MunicipalServicesDistrict | Broward.org/MunicipalServicesDistrict/Neighborhoods

954-357-7794 | AskBMSD@broward.org

Meetings Held In Your Neighborhood

Please check links below to review meeting schedules

- [Broward Municipal Services District Boulevard Gardens](#)
- [Broward Municipal Services District Broadview Park](#)
- [Broward Municipal Services District Franklin Park](#)
- [Broward Municipal Services District Roosevelt Gardens](#)
- [Broward Municipal Services District Washington Park](#)
- [Broward Municipal Services District Northern County](#)
- [Central County Community Advisory Board](#)

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